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PRESIDENT ROCK:

The hour of twelve having arrived, the Senate will please come to order. Will the Members be at their desks, and will our guests in the gallery please rise. Our prayer this afternoon by the Reverend William Oaks, Elliott Avenue Baptist Church, Springfield, Illinois. Reverend.

THE REVEREND WILLIAM OAKS:

(Prayer by the Reverend William Oaks)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Thank you, Reverend. Reading of the Journal, Madam Secretary. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I move that reading and approval of the Journals of Thursday, June 27th; Friday, June 28th; Saturday, June 29th; Sunday, June 30th; Monday, July the 1st; Tuesday, July the 2nd; Wednesday, July the 3rd; Thursday, July the 4th; Friday, July the 5th; Saturday, July the 6th; and Sunday, July the 7th, in the year 1991, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journals.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

You've heard the motion as placed by Senator Hall. Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and it is so ordered. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 6-7-1 offered by Senator Jacobs, President Rock and other Members.

Senate Joint Resolution 82 offered by Senator Lechowicz, President Rock and all Members.

One is congratulatory and the other is a death resolution.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Consent Calendar. If I can have your attention. Wand-TV,

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WMAQ-TV, WICS-TV, WCIA-TV and WLS-TV have requested permission to shoot some videotape. Without objection, leave is granted. Senator Vadalabene, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR VADALABENE:

Well, thank you, Mr. President. I've been waiting very patiently to have someone tell me what the score was last night. I finally found out - the Cardinals beat the Cubs - 7 -- 8 to 7 in 12 innings. And Pate Philip is over here on this side crying -- crying his eyes out. He said he lost six bucks last night.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Two out of three isn't bad in anybody's book. Is that right, Senator Maitland? That's correct. That's how you know when you win. When you get -- yeah, I understand. Thanks very much. All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, if I can turn your attention to Page 9 on the Calendar. Page 9 on the Calendar. On the Order of Secretary's Desk, Concurrence, there are a number of Senate bills on that order. The Chair has been advised that the sponsors wish to non-concur in a list of the following appropriation bills. So with leave of the Body, we can take these on one roll call, and the motion will be to non-concur in the House amendments to the following bills - if you'll start at the bottom of Page 9: Senate Bill 302, Senate Bill 303; top of Page 10, Senate Bill 304, Senate Bill 306, Senate Bill 310, Senate Bill 311, Senate Bill 334, Senate Bill 336, Senate Bill 337, Senate Bill 338, Senate Bill 339, Senate Bill 340, Senate Bill 341, Senate Bill 344, Senate Bill 346, Senate Bill 348, Senate Bill 352, Senate Bill 354, Senate Bill 356, Senate Bill 357, Senate Bill 358, Senate Bill 360, Senate Bill 361, Senate Bill 366, Senate Bill 367, Senate Bill 369, Senate Bill 371, Senate Bill 372, Senate Bill 373 and Senate Bill 374. Senator Maitland and Etheredge would move that the Senate non-concur with all House amendments to those bills just read. Discussion on the motion? If not, all in favor of

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the Motion to Non-concur, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The Senate does non-concur with those House amendments, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Page 13. Any other Member have a bill on the Order of Concurrence that he or she wishes to address? On Page 13. ...(machine cutoff)...right. On the Order of Secretary's Desk, Non-concurrence. Bottom of Page 13, on the Order of Conference Committee Reports. Page 14, on the Order of Conference Committee Reports. Senator Dunn. Senator Dunn.

SENATOR T. DUNN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to request a No vote, so that I can put this in a second conference committee.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

The number is what?

SENATOR T. DUNN:

434. Top of the page -- 14.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Top of Page 14. On the Order of Conference Committee Reports, Madam Secretary, please. House Bill 434.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

First Conference Committee Report on House Bill 4-3-4.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Dunn.

SENATOR T. DUNN:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. I'd like to request a No vote and put this in a second conference committee report.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt the First Conference Committee Report on House Bill 434. Those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. All voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 4

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voting Aye, 39 voting Nay. The Conference Committee Report is not adopted, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. And Senator Dunn has requested the appointment of a second committee on conference. Any other Member, on Page 14, have something they wish to address? Page 15? Bottom of Page 15, on the Order of Conference Committee Reports, there's a report with respect to Senate Bill 1171. Madam Secretary, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1171.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. The First Conference Committee went down in the House, and therefore, I would like to request that my friends vote No, so we can go to a second conference committee.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt the First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1171. Those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. And the voting is open. All voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there is 1 Aye, 41 Nays. The Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1171 is not adopted, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. And Senator Demuzio has requested that a second committee of conference be appointed. Any other Member on that order of business? Any further business to come before the Senate? Senator Philip, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR PHILIP:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President. Wish the record would indicate that, unfortunately, Senator Keats had a automobile accident on his way down last night, and he's in the Morris Hospital. He's -- he's doing fine, but the car was totaled. And

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he doesn't know whether he's going to get out today or -- or tomorrow or what -- when. And -- and Senator Schuneman is in for tests today and will not be here.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

The record will so reflect. Senator Raica, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR RAICA:

Thank you, Mr. President. Question of the Chair, I guess, first.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Yes.

SENATOR RAICA:

Do we -- does the Chair plan on moving any other paperwork today?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

The Chair has requested, as we went through the Calendar, if any Member wished to move some paper. The -- the Secretary informs the Chair that there is no paper to move. If you have something on the Calendar you wish to move, let's have at it. Senator Raica.

SENATOR RAICA:

Thank you, Mr. President. I guess I'd like to rise on a point of personal privilege, if I may.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

State your point.

SENATOR RAICA:

You know, we've been here for -- for a while now - we should have been out of here the 3rd, and this is no disrespect intended on any of the -- the Leadership of -- of either side or the Chair, but I just want to say that -- maybe it'd be better off if - and I don't know if I put this in the form of a motion whether it would be honored or not - that the general Membership of the General

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Assembly adjourn - allow the leadership to get together and put egos aside and put things together and hopefully get this issue resolved, and then bring us back when the whole package is put together, since we're not part of what's going on anyway. It'd save the taxpayers back home a whole lot of money, and I don't think it's a bad idea.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. We, too, have Senator Jeremiah Joyce who's absent today because of the death of his mother, and also, Senator Cullerton is not here today because of the birth of an additional child. And I don't know how many that makes now, but whatever --

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Lechowicz, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR LECHOWICZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I'd like to have leave of the Body to suspend the appropriate rules for the immediate consideration of Senate Joint Resolution 82. It's a death resolution of a Member of this Body -- former Member.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

That request is in order, and we will do that as the last order of business today. All right. Can I ask the Membership to please take their seats. Ask the Members and the Staff to please take a seat. Resolutions, Madam Secretary. Please read the resolution.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution 82 offered by President -- pardon me -- by Senator Lechowicz, President Rock, Senator D'Arco and all Members.

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(Secretary reads SJR No. 82)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Steve came into the Senate when I did in 1978. We were elected and started serving in 1979. He loved the Senate and he loved the House. He loved this country. He worked very hard to do his best for his constituents. And he was the founder of the Greek Night, which I was his co-chairman, but he -- he was the one who engineered it and did an excellent job at the -- which we enjoyed at the Mansion a number of times. For those of you who don't know it, Steve and his sister were left orphaned by the death of their parents many years ago. And his sister lives in Greece and is married to the Minister of the Maritime Commission, Aristotle Pavlidis. And Steve enjoyed his little niece. Steve's mother and father are buried in Chicago, but the sister has requested that his body be -- transferred over to Greece, so that she can have him close by. And the wake is tonight. I believe it's Salerno's-Galewood Funeral Home. And those of you who wish to remember Steve kindly, make a donation to a charity of your choice, because Steve loved people and he loved being an American. And we will miss him. He was fifty-two years of age when he had a terrible heart attack in his business and died shortly thereafter on the -- I believe it was the 5th. And we certainly wish his sister, Kathryn Pavlidis, all of our sympathy. And we shall miss you, Steve. You served us well.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator Brookins.

SENATOR BROOKINS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Assembly. Let me say that I did have the opportunity to serve with Steve Nash in

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the House of Representatives. And Steve was a fun-loving guy and an organizer. I can remember our first NFL conferences, where Steve would point out the restaurants that we needed to go to to eat and have dinner, and where to go. He actually organized you. He'd call your room. He got you together. He arranged your transportation. He got you to the proper restaurant at the proper time. He loved people. It did not make a difference to him who you were, what you were - he loved people. So I'd like to say on behalf of myself and my -- and my seatmate, Ethel, and other Members, that we will truly miss Steve Nash.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator D'Arco.

SENATOR D'ARCO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Steve Nash was a friend of mine. I knew him many years, both in the Legislature and outside the Legislature. He was one of the kindest and most gentle human beings I've even met. He always was looking out for someone else's interest other than his own. He cared very deeply about people and he always had a kind word to say about someone. As Senator Brookins said, he was a great social organizer. We went to Greece with him, and he organized all the events - and Senator Carroll is smiling - and Senator Carroll was with us and former Senator Daniel O'Brien was with us and other people, and Senator Geo-Karis, Senator Lechowicz, and he was just a great organizer. He just wanted everybody to have fun, enjoy themselves. And he was a dedicated politician. He served the Democratic party well and his country well. And he cared about America and its people. And we're going to miss him dearly.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator Lechowicz.

SENATOR LECHOWICZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.



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This is a sad day. It was a shocking day the other day when I heard about the untimely death of a colleague and a friend. I just couldn't believe when I received the phone call what really transpired. But there's no question about -- that Steve enjoyed the relationship he established with people from all walks of life. I had the opportunity of meeting Steve in college. We both attended Wright Junior College, and then I graduated and went into another school, but we -- we maintained the relationship that we established at that school with the friends that we established during that period of time, and embellished upon it. I was happy to work on his behalf of winning an election for the Senate and the House. And there's no question about it, as far as the relationship he established in both Chambers -- was a good relationship. There's no question as far as he -- if he put his mind to establishing an event, it was a successful event. When he discussed having Greek Night here at the State Capitol with Symeon Frangos and others from the Greek Community in Chicago who had restaurants, they made sure that the type of a -- of a festivity that was held here in Springfield in behalf of that evening was the epitome of any type of a social event that's been here then and since then. But I think the most important thing as far as -- that I remember from Steve Nash was his commitment to the New Horizon School for Mentally Retarded. This is a school that this General Assembly helped about ten years ago when we provided some additional funds to that institution for the ability to have that school expand and take in a larger caseload, and Steve was always very active with Gloria Majewski, myself, and others in making sure that that school had the proper funding for the coming year. As Adeline pointed out, he was an orphan - and there were two of them, Kathy and Steve, and they were very, very close. What hasn't been pointed out, though -- there's another Gentleman by the name of Jim Regas, who has always been close to the family.

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He's taken care, and made sure that Steve and Kathy received the proper amount of money that they needed while they were growing up, as well as -- he's going to be escorting the body to Greece this coming Wednesday to make sure that his final resting place is something that his family is aware of, and Kathy is able to take care of, because she's now living permanently in Greece. There's no question that Steve Nash was a good Member of this General Assembly, and I would hope that the words that were said here today would be passed to Kathy and to Jim, so they realize the importance of the type of work that he did was appreciated. And as well as, I'm sure that he's up there now twirling that big cigar of his saying, "I appreciate being with all of you and have a good day." And Mr. President, I would hope that -- I'll now move to -- immediate adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 82. And as a matter of respect, would ask all the Membership to rise in acceptance.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

The Gentleman has moved the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 82. Those in favor will please rise. The resolution is adopted. And the Senate stands adjourned until eleven o'clock tomorrow morning. Eleven o'clock on Tuesday, July 9th.

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