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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

The Senate will come to order. Will our Members be at their desks, and our guests in the gallery please rise. Our prayer today is by the Reverend Rick Wenneborg, Chatham Christian Church, Chatham. Reverend.

THE REVEREND RICK WENNEBORG:

(Prayer by the Reverend Rick Wenneborg)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Wednesday, November 3rd, and Thursday, November 4th, 1993.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Mr. President, I move that the Journals just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Butler moves the approval of the Journals just read. There being no objection, it is so ordered. Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

A Message to the President.

Dear Mr. President - I hereby resign my position as State Senator for the 41st Legislative District, effective immediately. I have valued my opportunity to serve in the General Assembly, but the law requires that I resign the Senate seat, as I have just been elected Chairman of the Regional Transportation Authority. Submitted by Senator Thomas J. McCracken, Jr., December 2, 1993.

A Message from the Secretary of State.

Dear Mr. Secretary - This office is forwarding herewith a copy of the Certificate of Appointment and Oath for Kirk W.

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Dillard, who was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Thomas J. McCracken, Jr., in the Office of State Senator, 88th General Assembly, 41st Legislative District.

Dated December 15th, 1993, and submitted by George H. Ryan, Secretary of State.

A Message from the President.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Due to the resignation of Senator Tom McCracken, the following Members have been appointed to replace him on committees. These appointments are effective immediately.

To the Committee on Rules - Senator Doris Karpziel; to the Committees on State Government Operations and Executive Appointments, and Judiciary - Senator Kirk Dillard; and the Committee on Executive - Senator Steve Rauschenberger.

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Message from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

A Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution 93.

(Secretary reads HJR No. 93)

Adopted by the House, January 12, 1994.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator DeAngelis moves to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of House Joint Resolution No. 93. Is there leave? Leave is granted. The motion by Senator DeAngelis to adopt House Joint Resolution 93, all in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The resolution's adopted. The following Senators have been appointed as a Committee of Five from

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the Senate to wait upon His Excellency, Governor Jim Edgar, and invite him to address the Joint Assembly. Those appointees are Senator Hasara, Senator Syverson, Senator Lauzen, Senator Hall and Senator Stern. All Members are encouraged to be in the House at noon for the Governor's State of the State Message. The Senate will stand at ease until the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The Senate will please come to order. And I would like to announce a Republican Caucus in my office as soon as we stand at ease. The Senate will come back in Session at 2 o'clock. So the Senate stands at ease until 2 o'clock. There is a Republican Caucus in my office. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. For those who can hear me, we will have a -- a Democratic Caucus after we come back in at -- after 2 o'clock. So, just to let everybody know what we're doing. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senate stands at ease.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE)

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The Senate will please come to order. Introduction of Bills.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

(Senate Bill 1143.)

(Bill within parentheses inadvertently not read into record.)

Senate Bill 1144, offered by Senator Petka.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1145, offered by Senator Karpziel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1146, offered by Senator Klemm.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1147, offered by Senators Hawkinson, Butler, Klemm
and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1148, offered by Senator DeLeo.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1149, offered by Senators Palmer and Stern.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1150, offered by Senator Hendon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1151, offered by Senator Jacobs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1152, offered by Senator Severns.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1153, offered by Senator Dudycz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1154, offered by Senators Butler and Geo-Karis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1155, offered by Senators O'Malley and Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1156, offered by Senator Thomas Dunn.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 1157, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1158, offered by Senator Stern.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1159, offered by Senator Stern.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1160, offered by Senator Stern.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1161, offered by Senator Stern.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1162, offered by Senator Stern.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1163, offered by Senator Stern.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1164, offered by Senator Shaw.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1165, offered by Senator Hendon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1166, offered by Senator Hendon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Mahar, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR MAHAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. With leave of the Body, I would ask to be shown as the lead sponsor on House Bill 1249, with Senator Geo-Karis as the hyphenated cosponsor.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Mahar moves to change the sponsorship of House Bill 1249, from Senator Geo-Karis to Senator Mahar. Are there any objections? No objections. So ordered. Senator Mahar.

SENATOR MAHAR:

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Sorry. It's just the opposite, myself and then Geo-Karis.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Okay. You want hyphenated...

SENATOR MAHAR:

I want to be the -- the chief sponsor.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Okay. Okay. Senator Mahar as chief sponsor. Senator Geo-Karis as cosponsor. Any objections? No objections. So ordered. Will the Members please come to the Floor? We have a little ceremony honoring a retiring employee of twenty-five years. So if we'd get -- everybody get to the Floor, we'd appreciate it. Senator Carroll, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you, Mr. President. For purpose of the record, just to announce that Senator LaPaille is absent today. He is over on a mission to Israel, and he called and asked that we announce for the record that he would not be in attendance today or tomorrow.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Thank you. The record will so indicate. Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 920, offered by Senator Trotter.

Senate Resolution 921, offered by Senator Topinka and all Members.

(Senate Resolution 922.)

(Resolution within parentheses inadvertently not read into record.)

Senate Resolutions 923 and 924, offered by Senator Topinka.

Senate Resolution 925, offered by Senator Stern.

Senate Resolution 926, offered by Senator del Valle.

Senate Resolution 927, offered by Senator Trotter and all Members.

Senate Resolution 928, offered by Senator Rea.

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Senate Resolution 929, offered by Senator Stern.

Senate Resolution 930, offered by Senator Syverson.

Senate Resolution 931, offered by Senator Trotter.

Senate Resolution 932, offered by Senator Topinka.

Senate Resolutions 933 and 934, offered by Senator Topinka and
all Members.

Senate Resolution 935, offered by Senator Topinka.

Senate Resolution 936, offered by Senator Syverson.

Senate Resolution 937, offered by Senator Stern.

Senate Resolution 938, offered by Senator Vadalabene.

Senate Resolution 939, offered by Senator DeLeo.

Senate Resolution 940, offered by Senator Fitzgerald.

Senate Resolution 941, offered by Senator Hall and all
Members.

Senate Resolution 942, offered by Senator DeAngelis and all
Members.

Senate Resolution 943, offered by Senator DeAngelis.

Senate Resolution 944, offered by Senator Jacobs.

Senate Resolution 945, offered by Senator Woodyard.

Senate Resolution 946, offered by Senator Trotter.

Senate Resolution 947, offered by Senator Jones.

Senate Resolution 948, offered by Senators Cullerton and
DeLeo.

Senate Resolution 949, offered by Senators Karpziel and Fawell.

Senate Resolution 950, offered by Senator Woodyard.

Senate Resolution 951, offered by Senator Donahue.

Senate Resolution 952, offered by Senator LaPaille.

Senate Resolution 953, offered by Senator LaPaille.

Senate Resolution 954, offered by Senator Jones.

Senate Resolution 955, offered by Senator Collins and all
Members.

Senate Resolution 956, offered by Senator Klemm.

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Senate Resolution 957, offered by Senator Demuzio.

Senate Resolution 958, offered by Senator Lauzen.

Senate Resolution 959, offered by Senator Jones.

Senate Resolution 960, offered by Senators Peterson and Geo-Karis.

Senate Resolution 961, offered by Senator Syverson and all Members.

Senate Resolution 962, offered by Senator DeAngelis.

Senate Resolution 963, offered by Senator Lauzen.

Senate Resolution 964, offered by Senators Butler, Fitzgerald and Peterson.

Senate Resolution 965, offered by Senator DeAngelis.

Senate Resolution 966, offered by Senator Hasara.

Senate Resolution 967, offered by Senator Thomas Dunn.

Senate Resolution 968, offered by Senator Petka.

Senate Resolution 969, Senate Resolution 970, both offered by Senator Petka.

Senate Resolution 971, offered by Senator Ralph Dunn.

Senate Resolution 972, offered by Senator Ralph Dunn.

Senate Resolutions 973 and 974, offered by Senator Shadid.

Senate Resolution 975, offered by Senators -- Senators Shadid and Hawkinson.

Senate Resolution 976, offered by Senator Shadid.

Senate Resolution 977, offered by Senator Jones.

Senate Resolution 979 <sic> (978), offered by Senator O'Malley.

Senate Resolution 979, offered by Senator Donahue.

Senate Resolution 980, offered by Senator Jones.

Senate Resolution 981, offered by Senator Jones.

Senate Resolution 982, offered by Senator Karpel.

Senate Resolution 983, offered by Senator Geo-Karis.

Senate Resolution 984, offered by Senator Dudycz.

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Senate Resolution 985, offered by Senator Fitzgerald.

Senate Resolution 986, offered by President Philip and all Members.

Senate Resolution 987, offered by Senator Topinka.

Senate Resolutions 988, 989, 990, 991 and 992, offered by Senator Topinka.

Senate Resolution 993 and Senate Resolution 994, offered by Senator Demuzio.

Senate Resolution 995, offered by Senator Molaro.

Senate Resolutions 996 and 997, offered by Senator Demuzio.

Senate Resolution 998, offered by Senator O'Daniel.

They're all congratulatory and death resolutions.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Consent Calendar.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 999, offered by Senator Geo-Karis.

Senate Resolution 1000, offered by Senator del Valle.

Senate Resolution 1001, offered by Senator Topinka.

Senate Resolution 1002 <sic>, offered by Senator Topinka <sic>.

They're all substantive.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Messages from the House.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Message from the Secretary of State.

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Sir - In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I am forwarding herewith the enclosed Senate bill, as vetoed by the Governor, together with his objections.

Senate Bill 240.

Respectfully, George H. Ryan, Secretary of State.

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I also have a Message from the Senate President.

Dear Mr. Secretary - This is to advise that I have appointed Senator Walter Dudycz as Vice Chair of the Senate Rules Committee. This appointment is effective immediately.

Signed by Senator James "Pate" Philip, Senate President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will the Senate please come to order. Twenty-five years ago Betty Comstock came to work for the Illinois Senate. And, Betty, very honestly, you've almost been here as long as I have. Several years later she became the Chief Journal Clerk. While a registered Republican - and very proud of it - during all these years she has served this Body, its Presiding Officers, the Secretary of the Senate, of both political parties, faithfully and loyally. One of the...(applause)...yeah. One of the first Presiding Officers happened to be the first elected President of the Illinois Senate, our dear old friend, Bill Harris. Bill.

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM C. HARRIS:

Well, thank you -- thank you, Mr. President. One thing that any Member of the Senate learns, immediately, was that Betty Comstock, whose title had always been Journal Clerk of the Secretary of the Senate Office, if you needed help involving the Office of the Secretary, Betty Comstock was the person to contact, because it made no difference whether it was a direct responsibility, she was there to help. Betty, without exceeding my allotted time, I do want to say, thank you, thou good and faithful servant, and I wish you happiness and many, many years of enjoyment and retirement. God bless.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Now we'll hear from the longest-serving President in the history of the Illinois General Assembly, our good friend - and we certainly miss him - Senator Philip Rock.

THE HONORABLE PHILIP J. ROCK:

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Thank you, Mr. President. I am delighted, obviously, to be here, and I will take the liberty of speaking also on behalf of Cecil Partee and Tom Hynes, who could not be here. There is a song with which I'm sure all are familiar, and it's called the "Wind Beneath my Wings", and the whole idea is that there are, in life, some unsung people; that all of us in the institution itself has a certain amount of -- of glory, basks in the spotlight from time to time. And the fact of the matter is that the people who really make it work, don't get any recognition, or very little. Betty Comstock is one of those people. The institution of the Senate of the State of Illinois, the people of Illinois, are better because of what she has done. And we are very, very grateful. Betty, thank you.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Now, Betty, on behalf of the Members of the Illinois General Assembly, and all of your friends and loved ones, we'd like to present you with this very small token of our appreciation. And I will just read it. "Presented to Betty Comstock with the appreciation for your many years of service to the Illinois General Assembly. Members and Staff of the Senate and the People of Illinois. January 12, 1994." And I think Phil Rock said it so -- so well, and I think sometimes some of us forget. What would we do without our outstanding staff and those people who are in the -- in the back rooms and in the basements and in the offices doing all this work and do it so well. And she typifies everything good in government. Betty, we're certainly going to miss you, and maybe you'd like to say a few words, and maybe introduce your family.

MRS. BETTY COMSTOCK:

Thank you very much. I just did my job. But not without the help and support of all my -- of all my co-employees in the Secretary of the Senate's Office. Can't do it without everybody.

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One person can't do it all. And the support of my family. My brother, Bob - now don't make me cry - and this is my brother, Jerry; my daughter, Theresa; my husband, Bill; my grandson, Kyle; my granddaughter, Breanna; my mother. I didn't see you. She said she wasn't going to come. This is my sister-in-law, Jayne; my other daughter, Pat. And, of course you all know my friend, Mr. Fernandes, and my other friend, Mr. Wright. I should be able to call them Ken and Ed today, don't you think? Thank you very much. It's been an honor and a privilege, and I thank you.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Thank you, Betty. There's a little reception up in Room 400, immediately. So, without further ado, Betty, once again, thank you very, very much. Long life and continued success.

(Applause by the Illinois Senate)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will the Senate please come to order. Senator Carroll, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you, Mr. President. Another one. Senator Molaro is home recuperating from an illness and could not be with us today. We would like the record to so reflect.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The record would so reflect. Senator Cullerton, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Mr. President, I would like to respectfully ask for a Caucus of the Democratic Membership, tomorrow morning at 10 a.m., in Senator Jones' Office. That's tomorrow morning at 10 a.m., for a Democratic Caucus.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Thank you, Senator Cullerton. Senator Donahue, for what

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purpose do you arise?

SENATOR DONAHUE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would request the immediate consideration of a commemorative resolution, Senate Resolution 979. And I would move to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Donahue moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution 979. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Donahue has moved for the adoption of Senate Resolution 979. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The -- the resolution is adopted. Senator Karpziel, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Thank you, Mr. President. On -- I would like to move to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 982, which was read into today.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Karpziel moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution 982. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Now Senator Karpziel has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution 982. Those in favor will signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Senator Karpziel, you'd like to make a little announcement?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Yes, please. The reason that we needed immediate consideration is to have this printed and ready for tomorrow. Senate Resolution 982 is a death resolution for Senator Grotberg's

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ex-secretary, my ex-secretary, Virginia Landon. A lot of you know her from the Red Riding Hood Company, where she -- sold Illinois State pins and things of that nature. She died recently. There will be a memorial tomorrow -- a memorial service in her honor tomorrow, at 6 p.m., at Bisch and Son Funeral Home here in Springfield. If we're still in Session and any of you are still around, I certainly would appreciate it. She would appreciate it if you could attend. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Thank you. Senator Carroll, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you, Mr. President. Another announcement. If we can have attention for one second, we want to congratulate grandfather Senator Arthur Berman. His daughter, Marcy Padorr, and her husband, Joey, have presented him with a new voter, a son, Jacob Alan Padorr, last Tuesday evening. Congratulations, grandpa.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

If -- if I could have your attention once again, and -- and perhaps I can -- I can try to explain what's going to happen the rest of this week. First of all, we're going to stand at ease at the call of the Chair, this afternoon. We're going to come in tomorrow morning at 11 a.m. Hopefully, everything will be concluded, and we could finish the business of the Senate sometime tomorrow afternoon. If that does not happen, it would be the intent of the Chair to come in on Friday morning. Well, I feel the same way you do about it. But if we can't get it done by tomorrow afternoon, it'll be -- it'll be early Friday morning, and we would hope to -- to conclude the business of the Senate on -- first thing Friday morning, and get everybody out of here by noon for a long weekend. Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

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I was distracted a little earlier and I -- did I hear you say that we're going to be adjourning until tomorrow morning?

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

No. We're standing at ease with the call of the Chair. There may be some paperwork from the House. I don't anticipate any vote or doing anything mechanically, other than receiving Messages.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, that's -- that's the answer. You're coming back just to shuffle paperwork. When we adjourn, in a few minutes, or -- or recess, there's no need for the Members to come back, because there won't be any action.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

That is correct. All right. The Senate stands at ease, with the call of the Chair. We will be in tomorrow at 11 a.m.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

...(microphone cutoff)...will reconvene. Chair recognizes Senator Maitland, for the purposes of an announcement.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you, Madam -- thank you, Madam President and Members of the Senate. Thank...(microphone malfunction)...

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...(microphone cutoff)...recognizes Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you, Madam President and Members of the Senate. The Senate Committee on Appropriations will meet tomorrow at 9:30, in Room 212.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

...(microphone cutoff)...you, Senator Maitland. The Senate stands in recess till the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

The Senate will come to order. Senator Donahue, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR DONAHUE:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Donahue.

SENATOR DONAHUE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd just like to reinform the Members on Appropriations that there is a meeting in 212, at 9:30 tomorrow.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Thank you. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports that the following Legislative Measures have been assigned to committees: referred to the Appropriations Committee - Conference

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Committee Report No. 1 to Senate Bill 532; referred to the Committee on Education - the motion to concur with House Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11 to Senate Bill 881; referred to the Committee on Environment and Energy - Senate Bill 1138; to the Committee on Environment and Energy -- or re-referred from the Environment and Energy Committee to the Rules Committee is House Bill 1249; referred to the Committee on Local Government and Elections - the motion to concur with House Amendments 1, 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 1043; and Be Approved for Consideration - the motion to concur with House Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 to Senate Bill 433, and House Bill 1249.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1167 is offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill 1168, offered by Senators Cronin and Barkhausen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

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Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution 104 is offered by Senator Philip.

Senate Joint Resolution 105, by Senator LaPaille.

Senate Joint Resolution 106, by Senator Sieben.

And Senate Resolution -- or Senate Joint Resolution 107, by Senators Karpel, Fawell and others.

They're all congratulatory and death resolutions, Mr. President.

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Senate Joint Resolution 108 is offered by Senators Shaw and Hendon.

Senate Joint Resolution 109, offered by Senator Stern.

Senate Joint Resolution 110, by Senators Maitland and Palmer.

Senate Joint Resolution 111, offered by Senators Topinka and Philip.

And Senate Joint Resolution 112, by Senator Topinka.
They're all substantive.

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We'll stand at ease at the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

The Senate will come to order. If there's any <sic> further business to come before the Senate, the Senate will stand adjourned until tomorrow at 11 o'clock. The Senate is adjourned.

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