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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Hour of ten having arrived, would the Members and our friends in the gallery please rise for the prayer. Pastor VanderKloot, Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Springfield, Illinois.

PASTOR VANDERKLOOT:

(Prayer by Pastor VanderKloot)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, March 23rd, 1993.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

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

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Geo-Karis moved the approval of the journals just as read. There being no objections, so ordered. Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I move that reading and approval of the Journals of Wednesday, March 24th, and Thursday, March 25th, in the year 1993, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journals.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Geo-Karis moves we postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objections, so ordered. Committee Reports, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Maitland, Chair of the Committee on Appropriations,

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reports Senate Bills 313 and 524 Do Pass; and Amendments numbered 12, 13 and 14 to Senate Bill 312 Be Adopted.

Senator Watson, Chair of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Bills 124, 671, 730, 926, 987 and 1096 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 7, 38, 221, 278, 389, 421, 464, 504, 792, 928 and 993 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Hawkinson, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary, reports Senate Bills 33, 248, 344, 460, 483, 602, 619, 759, 773, 775, 778, 779, 870, 893, 902 and 1033 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 3, 206, 231, 246, 273, 310, 325, 351, 423, 433, 447, 452, 486, 576, 650, 678, 719, 739, 786, 842, 847, 869, 880, 911, 956, 1032, 1034 and 1078 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Woodyard, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, reports Senate Bills 488 and 586 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Butler, Chair of the Committee on Commerce and Industry, reports Senate Bills 2, 189, 498, 499, 609, 615 and 973 Do Pass; Senate Bills 104, 347, 571, 632, 743 and 910 Do Pass, as Amended; Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 96 Be Adopted, and Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 97 Be Adopted.

Senator Karpel, Chair of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Bills 554, 684, 937, 1024, 1025, 1077, 1082 and 1084 <sic> Do Pass; and Senate Bills 142, 493, 531, 718, 900 and 941 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator DeAngelis, Chair of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Bills 185, 387, 522, 590, 606, 707 and 1087 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 5, 95, 380, 384, 391, 473, 502, 584 -- or 548 that is, 549, 551, 552, 553, 591, 672, 1036, 1037 and 1039 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Resolutions, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

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Senate Resolution 207 is offered by Senator Stern.

Senate Resolution 208, by Senator Klemm.

209, by Senator O'Malley.

Senator DeAngelis offers Senate Resolution 210 and 211.

Senate Resolution 212, by Senator Watson.

And Senate Joint Resolution 39, offered by Senators Stern,
Berman and Carroll.

They're all congratulatory, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HARRY:

And Senate Joint Resolution 40, offered by Senator Philip.

It's substantive.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Executive Committee. The Chair now intends to go to Motions
in Writing, on page 24 of the Calendar. There are three motions
on this Order offered by Senator Berman, Welch and Hall. Senator
Berman. Read the motion.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move that Senate Bill 80 remain on the Order of 2nd Reading
until the Rules Committee or the applicable standing committee
makes a report to the Senate on the Floor amendment numbered as
Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 80.

Filed by Senator Berman.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Berman, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR BERMAN:

I'll withdraw that motion, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Beg your pardon?

SENATOR BERMAN:

I'll withdraw that motion, Mr. President.

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Thank you, Senator Berman. Senator Welch, on the next motion.
Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Yes, we have a -- I believe I filed a motion, or an amendment...

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Excuse me, Senator Welch. Would you please read the motion?

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move that Senate Bill 105 remain on the Order of 2nd Reading until the Rules Committee or the applicable standing committee makes a report to the Senate on the Floor amendment numbered as Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 105.

Filed by Senator Welch.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Yes, Mr. President. I filed a amendment to this bill, which we didn't have time to hear in committee. Do you want me to explain the amendment to the -- to the Floor?

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Welch, I am instructed by the Parliamentarian that this motion is out of order. Your motion would have an effect of denying a sponsor control of their bill, thus calls for the suspension or amendment of the rules. Being -- being improperly framed, the motion is out of order. Senator Hall. Motions in Writing. Senator Welch, you don't have your light on. Senator Welch, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR WELCH:

Yes, to question the -- the ruling. I don't know how the motion in writing could be on the Calendar and yet be out of order at the same time. And the bill -- the bill went through the

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committee. We have a amendment proposed, and the only way to hear it is to have the amendment go back to the committee for a hearing. The amendment is filed on the Floor. The amendment then goes to the committee and comes back.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Welch, there are -- there are numerous motions on the Calendar that are properly framed. We are going to get to there, and you will have your chance.

SENATOR WELCH:

Okay.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Hall, for the same reason that -- that Senator Berman and Senator Welch's motion is out of order, so is yours. So, the Chair so orders. Now we'll go to Motions to Discharge. The Chair now moves to the Order of Motions to Discharge on page 24 of the Calendar. I'll remind the Membership, this motion to discharge requires thirty-six affirmative votes. Given the -- the number of motions on file, the Chair would suggest the debate be limited to the sponsor's explanation and the opposing view. If there are any Senators so desired, please seek recognition. On page 24, the bottom of the page, Senate Bill 54. Senator Collins. Read -- read the motion.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to discharge the Committee on State Government Organization and Executive Appointments from further consideration of Senate Bill 54 and that the bill be placed on the Calendar on the Order of 2nd Reading.

Filed by Senator Collins.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Collins, would you explain your motion?

SENATOR COLLINS:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate.

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This bill -- the necessity for discharging this bill is because it did not have an opportunity to have a hearing. It was on the schedule, and the committee, for whatever reason that day, did not meet. The bills were posted; there were witnesses here to testify. And so this issue has never been heard before this Body. And this discharge motion is designed to give the police pursuit bill, which is of interest to a lot of people across the State, because innocent people are -- are dying because of -- or for whatever reasons, in -- in -- in accidents incurred during police pursuits in their efforts to apprehend criminals. And so...

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

May we have some order, please. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

I think because of the lives -- at least approximately nine people in Illinois has been killed already this year - innocent people - and at least those people in those families ought to have the satisfaction of knowing that this Body cared enough to at least debate and deliberate on that issue, if nothing else. So, therefore, I -- I move that -- that the Committee on State Government be discharged from further consideration of Senate Bill 54 and that it be placed on the Order of 2nd Reading.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. -- Mr. -- Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, our committees have been working very, very hard to arrive at the solutions, and I don't think these motions are going to be any -- any...(microphone malfunction)... productive. I feel that we should go along with the committee work, since they've worked so hard, and ask...(microphone malfunction)... I'm not on. I ask that the motions be denied.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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Senator Dunn, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR R. DUNN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I -- I'd just like to note for the Members that on last Tuesday, State Government Operations and Executive Appointments Committee tried to convene to take testimony on thirty-five bills. I know both of the staffs had worked hard and we had these thirty-five bills before us, but for some reason or other, the Democrats in that -- failed to show up for the committee. We didn't have a quorum; so we adjourned the committee, and the bills, as far as I'm concerned, are dead. And according to our rules, I think they're re-referred to the Rules Committee after the deadline, and I'd urge that we not adopt this resolution <sic> and vote No.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Any further discussion? If -- if -- if not, Senator Collins moves to discharge the committee from further consideration on Senate Bill 54. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Yeah...

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Collins, for what purpose?

SENATOR COLLINS:

Well, Senator Jones asked, but I would like to close on the statement because there's some misinformation here.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

All right. Go -- go right ahead then, Senator Collins. Senator Jones, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just a comment or two as it relate to the previous speaker, as it relate to a quorum on committee. He indicated that the Democratic Members did not make a quorum. I think the rules and the way the committees are set up, it's the

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Majority's responsibility, because it take a majority of those Members who are appointed to the committee to have a bill voted out. So I don't think that is a rational reason as to why the -- the spokesperson should be in objection to this motion. We do not constitute the quorum. It is the Majority side who constitutes the quorum. So, therefore, that should not be the rationale as to why this motion should be denied.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Dudycz, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Well, thank you, Mr. President. Just -- regarding Senator Collins' motion to discharge the committee, I don't know whether you are aware that the topic that you have -- the subject matter of the police pursuit procedures that you have in your bill is also being addressed in Senate Resolution 143, which I am sponsor. I welcome you to join me as a cosponsor on my Senate resolution, and then we could address your concerns in that manner. And I would also vote -- would ask that everybody vote against this motion.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Senator -- to the last sponsor, I'm sure that he's been here long enough to know that a resolution does not have the enforcement of a piece of legislation. A resolution, more or less, is just that, asking that someone do something without any enforcement behind it. It is only in effect as long as this Session is in effect. I think this is an issue far more important, then, to be studied. There have been studies across this country. There have been studies commissioned in the State of Illinois, and I'm -- I'm sure the sponsor don't know about

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those. I think the taxpayers and the people of -- the citizens of those families who've been killed - the innocent victims here - most certainly don't want to hear this issue being studied. They want to hear and see some action's being taken. There have been great deliberations and a lot of work has gone into Senate Bill 54. The police departments across this State already are familiar with the New Jersey statute, which that bill is patterned after. And so there's no need for a study. We know the problems; we just need to take action. As to Senator Geo-Karis: Senator Geo-Karis, this bill has not been heard in committee, and so you were inaccurate about it. It never was heard. It ought to be given an opportunity to be heard. And, yes, I will be happy to have Senator Dudycz join with me as a joint hyphenated sponsor, because this is not a -- a political issue for me. This is about saving lives.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Thank you, Senator Collins. I'll remind the Membership, it takes thirty-six affirmative votes. Would you request a roll call, Senator? Want a roll call? All right. Any further discussion? If not -- if not, Senator Collins moves to discharge from committee the further consideration of Senate Bill 54. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Has everybody voted who wish? Has everybody voted who wish? Has everybody voted who wish? Take the record. On the question, there are 25 Ayes, 28 Nays, no voting Present. The motion, having failed to receive three-fifths vote, is declared failed. We have a request from WICS-TV to -- to record this meeting, if there's leave. Leave is granted. Senator Collins. Senator Collins, you have a -- you have a second motion on Senate Bill 58. Senator Collins. Oh. You want to hear...

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to...

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Take it out of the record. Senator Hendon. Senate Bill 165. I'm sorry. I thought you asked me not to do it, Senator. You want to roll it, Senator? All right. I'm sorry. I thought you indicated to me you didn't want to call it. Senate Bill 74, motion. Senator Jacobs. Read -- read the motion.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Pursuant to Rule 7-9, I hereby move to discharge the Senate Revenue Subcommittee on Tax Increases and the Senate Revenue Committee from further consideration of Senate Bill 74 and that Senate Bill 74 stand on the Order of 2nd Reading.

Signed by Senator Jacobs.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. And I do apologize to you, Mr. President. I thought we may have another day to come back to these, and it sounds like we will not. So I feel that at least the issue should be raised. Senate Bill 74 did get a full hearing in committee; so I am not standing up to argue the fact that this bill did not get a good hearing in committee, because it had a full two hours of -- of discussion. However, I think that it's an issue that is important enough that it should be discussed by this whole Body. I know that it was not a partisan issue, but there was some procedural question as to who is going to handle the bill and at what time and how many of these type bills we're going to have out. But this is a bill that sixteen hundred witness slips were put in, on behalf of this bill. Sixteen hundred witness slips. Sixteen hundred mayors, county officials and other elected -- local elected officials. And we do not have a recorded vote on this issue. I think we owe those people a recorded vote. I think it's

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a discussion that should continue on; it's a dialogue that should continue on. And it's not only the fact that the local people have not had the opportunity. I think, in all candor, there is enough votes in this Body to get a bill at least moving along that will ensure that the municipalities get a fair hearing on this. Now, the question of the permanency in this particular bill, of making the surcharge permanent, does not seem to be part of the issue, because there is a bill out already that says that the surcharge will be -- be made permanent. Our only argument is to where that money may be distributed. And I -- I guess I'm a little bit fearful that we're going to play the same shell game. Whenever we made the -- the surcharge permanent for education, we did so and -- and that has brought in, over the last two years, seven hundred million dollars. But yet, at the same time, education has only received an increase of two hundred and some million dollars. I am afraid that we're playing the same shell game that we have with the Lottery with making the income tax permanent and where that money goes. If, in fact, we're truly going to give it to education or if we're truly going to give it to the cities and the county officials, that's what we should do. And for that reason alone, I think that this bill should be discharged from committee, put on 2nd Reading, for the purpose of good dialogue so we can get a recorded vote so all of the mayors and all the local officials, and all of the local property tax owners <sic> who will probably bear the -- the effects of a property tax increase if something is not done along this line, so that we can record that vote and send it home so each of our mayors and each of our county board chairmen and each of our township officials and everyone else up and down the line knows how we feel on this issue. And I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator DeAngelis, for what purpose do you arise?

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SENATOR DeANGELIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I am pleased the sponsor acknowledged the fact that this had a very long and lengthy hearing. Senator Jacobs, there's an old song that I used to remember when I was a kid called "You Always Hurt the One You Love". And frankly, I think you're jeopardizing the extension of the surcharge by promoting a bill that has a limited amount of application in terms of its distribution. We are early in the Session. There's another Senate bill out there, 937, that has moved forward, will probably, in fact, extend the surcharge, and once that's done, it might be more appropriate to demand whatever part you think of that should go to the locals. But by taking this bill, which restricts - restricts - the distribution, in fact, you might lose support for the extension of the surcharge. I urge that we defeat this motion.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Senator, I understand what you're saying, but yet, at the same time, I think to really get a good dialogue and to really get -- a recorded vote, I think, is all we're really asking for. I think to bring this to the attention of each and every local official and to let those local officials know how we represent them, that that is only a fair and equitable means of -- of ensuring the democratic process. I think also that -- in regards to your -- to your comment about the limitations of the distribution, I think that makes the argument even stronger, because what that does, then, that gives us a position from which to negotiate. You know what I'm looking for; I have no idea what you're looking for, and I think that makes a tremendous amount of difference whenever we, you know, effectively debate this bill and send a message back to the people who we represent, including the mayors and aldermen and

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the county board members of this great State.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Welch, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR WELCH:

Well, I wanted to speak in support of Senator Jacobs on this bill, if that's okay.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Go right ahead, Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Senator DeAngelis, you're quoting songs. Let me quote a line to you from an old Beatles song, and it goes: "Keep playing those mind games", and that's what you seem to be doing. A lot of Members here, especially the suburbanites, have been quoted in newspapers as saying that they want to bring this money back to the suburbs; they think that they're going to get a fairer deal from the income tax surcharge extension under Denny Jacobs' bill by continuing revenue sharing, than by Governor Edgar's bill. This is your chance to show it, Ladies and Gentlemen. All of the freshmen here who think that you can give those speeches and then you don't get to vote on it, this is your chance. You can't go back home and say we didn't have the opportunity to vote for the extension of revenue sharing; this is it here today. Don't go back this weekend to your districts and say that we want to give more money to our cities for revenue sharing, we want more money back in DuPage and Kane County for revenue sharing, because this is your vote to put your money where your mouth is. If you don't vote for this proposal by Senator Jacobs to discharge the revenue-sharing bill from subcommittee, don't go back home and say you're for it when you're recorded as voting No. Don't go playing mind games back home. I would urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Weaver, for what purpose do you arise?

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SENATOR WEAVER:

Point of order, Mr. President. Are we...

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Are we discussing -- are we discussing the motion, or are we discussing the bill?

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

We're discussing the motion. Senator Karpiel, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Well, thank you, Mr. President. In response to the last speaker, those of us suburban legislators who say that we're for the extension and not necessarily for the -- for the portion of the surcharge going to municipalities, what we are saying, Senator, is that we would like time to negotiate other places that that money may go. It's not so sure that all of us legislators from the suburbs are for the revenue sharing so that it goes back to our districts. We would like to see some go back to our districts, perhaps in other places like education or in other formula, such as aging, DCFS and other ways. Or perhaps maybe we'd like to see the money go -- put into our pensions that are underfunded or pay up our bills that were due. So don't -- don't quote suburban legislators that we're for the revenue sharing necessarily. We need time to work this out.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Klemm, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR KLEMM:

Well, thank you, Mr. President. You know, many of us don't even know what that bill says because we didn't serve on that committee. So the issue before us is quite simply whether, in fact, that bill should be discharged, whether it did receive a

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full hearing. The chairman of the committee said that the committee did evaluate it. I think it would be misleading to try to say that we are now debating the merits of that bill, and that our vote isn't any indication, other than the simple motion to discharge, and that would be unfair to leave that to the people in the audience.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Jacobs, to close.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President, I -- and I thank you for your indulgence. I really do. And I guess the only thing I would leave you with is, number one, there is a lot of discussion as to negotiation. I think you have to have parameters under which you -- you negotiate. And I think with the -- the bill that currently is out there, without this piece of legislation being put back on the burner, there is no bargaining chips out there. It's strictly then going to be the way the bill decides to come down -- again, without public hearing. And, Senator Klemm, even though I respect you a lot, I disagree with you entirely. I believe this is a test as to how you feel on whether or not any of this money should go back to the cities. I agree, a compromise is going to have to be necessary. We're not saying that it's going to end up being a hundred percent for cities. But I'll tell you what: at least it's a bargaining point from which to start. And I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Jacobs moves to discharge the Committee on Revenue Subcommittee Tax Increases and the Senate Revenue Committee from further consideration of Senate Bill 74. All those in favor will signify by voting Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have you all voted who wish? Have you all voted who wish? Take the record. On the question, there are 25 Nays, 22 -- 25 Yeas, 22

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Nays, 2 voting Present. The motion fails. Senator Hendon. Senate Bill 165. Read the motion.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to discharge the Committee on Judiciary from further consideration of Senate Bill 165, and that the bill be placed on the Calendar on the Order of 2nd Reading.

Filed by Senator Hendon.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I beg for your attention for just a few brief minutes, as I will give you my full attention when you have the Floor. This Bill, 165, did receive a hearing in committee, but I feel so strongly about this bill, and I feel it is so important that the entire Senate should have a right to vote for it. Each of us should go on record as to where we're going to stand on this family values issue. And I pray that you'll not just vote along party lines one way or the other on this issue, or it will fail. And if it fails, the children of my district and the children of other districts will have to continue to see daylight prostitution going on in broad daylight every day during the day, every night during the night, on their way to school, when they're trying to go to church. It is wrong to just go after the prostitutes and not go after the customers. This is America; this is capitalism; things are supply and demand. Now every Session, we have a pastor or a minister or a preacher get up there and pray to this Body that God will help us to do the right thing. What this particular bill simply goes after - customers of prostitutes who pick up and solicit prostitutes in the broad daylight in front of children like these children up here. And it is wrong for us to punish the women and let the men go free. It is a family values and a moral

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issue. This bill is in effect in other states. It is constitutional. But yet, the opponents will tell you -- they will talk about the rights of the tricks, the rights of the johns, the rights of the customers of these prostitutes. If they're with the prostitutes, in the cars, having sex, they are criminal. They are breaking the law, and they should be punished. This is a conservative issue. You cannot go back to your districts and claim to be about law and order, and yet, vote against this motion to discharge. The opponents of this legislation will say that it is too harsh to confiscate the car of the customer. But if the illegal activity takes place in the vehicle, then the vehicle should be seized. This issue is very important to me for one other reason. We always talk about the overpopulation in the prison system. Well we have to get creative, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, on how to keep people from going to jail in the first place. I contend that if little girls see these prostitutes out there on the streets every day during the broad daylight on their way to school, then they too will be influenced to be prostitutes. I also contend that if little boys see these prostitutes out there in broad daylight, then they will begin to look down on our little girls and think that all of our women are whores, all of our women are prostitutes, all of our women are harlots. We must take this criminal activity out of the face of our children. This bill does not go after prostitution in a hotel or prostitution in a bar or prostitution in a whorehouse, behind closed doors; simply goes after prostitution outside in front of our children. And I beg you to vote Yes to discharge this committee.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Further discussion? Senator Petka.

SENATOR PETKA:

Thank you very much, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. I didn't realize that this was going to be a debate on the merits

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of the issue; however, I don't believe it's the proper form. I would be happy, at an appropriate time, to debate the issue. This bill was heard in subcommittee. It was given a fair and impartial and thorough hearing, as, I might add, every other sponsor who brought the bill to -- brought their bills to the subcommittee. Numerous deficiencies were pointed out in the legislation. For that reason, the -- the bill was held in subcommittee, and then, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Senate, I might point out that we -- there was a procedure to discharge the subcommittee which was not even followed. So I believe that the correct vote at this time is a No vote.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

...all due respect, Mr. President, to honorable Senator Petka, the only people who -- who spoke against this bill was some liberal lawyers, who -- who you all claim to detest most of the time. Other than that, nobody. And the only thing the lawyers said was about the decency and the rights of the tricks. That's all they talked about: the rights of the customers, the rights of the customers, the rights of the customers. If a customer is involved in a criminal activity, they are a criminal. They leave their rights right there when they pick up that prostitute and take that AIDS and spread it back into the general population. So I am discussing the issue. Because without the motion to discharge, we would never get an opportunity to hear the issue. At least today, each Senator in this Chamber will get an opportunity to either vote for sin or vote for something that is godly. They can either vote for Jesus and God, or they can vote for Satan, because this outdoor prostitution is the work of evil people, pimps and prostitution - organized crime. So either you can vote and have a vote where you can go back to your district

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and say, "I did the right thing; I stood up against crime." Or you can go back and say, "I stood up for the johns." It's up to you.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Further discussion? Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Thank you very much. Perhaps you don't realize, but that was the first time I have ever heard Senator Petka being referred to as a liberal Senator. I've heard him said -- said a lot of things about him, but that's certainly not one of them. My understanding is, this is already on the books, and we don't really need this. I would suggest No.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Hendon, to close.

SENATOR HENDON:

To close, Mr. President: Once again, I ask that you not look at this on a partisan basis. The short time that I have been here, everybody knows I vote my conscience every time. I'll vote with the Republicans; I'll vote with the Democrats; I'll vote with the few Independents we have around here, regardless. And I just ask that you give me the same consideration. This is not on the books. Right now, if a man is caught in his car with a prostitute, he is charged with obstruction of traffic. This will simply confiscate the car. It costs them five hundred dollars to get the car back, and we can balance the State's budget. The State of Michigan, three years ago, raised over two million dollars from Detroit alone. We can balance the State budget and get rid of something that's in -- in front of our children. And I ask you to vote Yes. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Hendon moves to discharge the Committee on Judiciary from further consideration of Senate Bill 165. All those in favor,

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signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. Roll call. Voting is open. All those in favor, Aye. Those opposed, Nay. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 26 Yeas, 20 Nays, none -- 2 voting Present. The motion fails. Senator Smith. Senate Bill 692. Read the motion, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to discharge the Committee on State Government Organization and Executive Appointments from further consideration of Senate Bill 692 and that the bill be placed on the Calendar on the Order of 2nd Reading.

Filed by Senator Smith.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 692 - I request that we hear this bill, for this bill calls for the Department of Public Health to examine the impact of community violence on the public health of Illinois residents, especially our young people. Based on its findings, the Department shall, if warranted, declare community violence a public health epidemic and recommend to the General Assembly strategies and programs aimed at reducing and preventing community violence. We've seen it on television this past week and it's been in Boston. It's happening across America. The disorders associated with violence witnessed by our children include persistent sleep disturbance, flashbacks, inability to concentrate, and a fatalistic attitude toward the future that leads to increased risk-taking. The Federal Center for Disease Control is proceeding to treat community violence as a public health problem and many hospitals in America have begun treating patients for conditions related to the living with violence. Our

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young people are in great jeopardy because of this violence. And I'm asking that you be kind and put this bill on the roll so that it can be heard and passed in this Senate. The young people of our city, the parents of our city, are appealing to us to come to their aid.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Any further discussion? Further discussion? Senator Dunn.

SENATOR R. DUNN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This motion is inappropriate and I move that it be defeated. Urge its defeat.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Collins, to close. Excuse me, Senator Smith. I apologize.

SENATOR SMITH:

Mr. President, in regard to my colleague on the other side of the aisle, when you're talking about your children and the future of this State and this country, I don't see how anything is inappropriate if it's not <sic> helping our young people. They have no one to come into these halls and speak on their behalf. And so I merely say that this is an important issue, and it deserves the hearing of our entire Senate. Please, give me a Yes vote and let this be released from the committee.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Dunn, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR R. DUNN:

Thank you. I'd like to tell the distinguished Senator that I didn't -- wasn't referring to her bill. It may be very appropriate, but the motion is inappropriate, because the bill was in committee and the people didn't show up for committee. We only had four Members there. We adjourned, and the bill is dead and still in -- in committee. So I move that we defeat this motion.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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Senator Smith, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR SMITH:

The purpose of this motion -- if you read here, it just states that motion to discharge the Committee on State Government Organization and Executive Appointments from further considerations for Senate Bill 692, that the bill may be placed on the Calendar. You didn't have a meeting. It wasn't because I wasn't there; I was there. And so I'm asking you -- I've done my part, and all I'm asking you to do is to please put this bill on committee <sic> to be heard.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Smith moves to discharge the Committee on State Government for further consideration of Senate Bill 692. All those in favor, signify by voting Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have you all voted who wish? Have you all voted who wish? There are 25 Yeas -- take the record, excuse me. Take the record. There are 25 Yeas, 23 Nays, 11 not voting. The motion fails.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator del Valle. Read the motion.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to discharge the Committee on State Government Organization and Executive Appointments from further consideration of Senate Bill 697 and that the bill be placed on the Calendar on the Order of 2nd Reading.

Filed by Senator del Valle.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator del Valle.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 697 addresses the need to immunize children. It was a bill that was to be heard in the State Government and Executive Appointments Committee. I was

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there for the hearing. The hearing did not take place. We had witnesses who came in and could not testify because a hearing did not take place. It is extremely important that we bring this matter to the Floor. Currently, only fifty-seven percent of children two years old and under outside the City of Chicago have the basic immunizations recommended by the Illinois Department of Public Health. This is an important public health matter, and we should give this bill an opportunity to be debated on this Floor. So, therefore, I move for discharge of committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? Senator Dunn.

SENATOR R. DUNN:

I urge the defeat of this motion for the same reason given on the other motions. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator del Valle, you wish to close? Senator del Valle has moved to discharge the Committee on State Government Organization and Executive Appointments from further consideration of Senate Bill 697. All those in -- all those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed, vote Nay. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 25, the Nays are 22. The motion, failing -- having failed to received the thirty-six votes -- affirmative votes, the motion fails. Senator LaPaille, on 701? Read the motion, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to discharge the Committee on State Government Organization and Executive Appointments from further consideration of Senate Bill 701 and that the bill be placed on the Calendar on the Order of 2nd Reading.

Filed by Senator LaPaille.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

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Senator LaPaille.

SENATOR LaPAILLE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 701 got caught in the turmoil that occurred at the State Government hearing this week, was not able to be heard. I had been given assurances by the Assistant Leader, DeAngelis, that this was one bill that he had put an up arrow on for me, and I was hoping to get it out of the Senate Government Committee. So -- inside joke between Senator DeAngelis and I. The bill would seek to provide incentive payments to day-care centers and programs throughout the State for providing quality care and care above the minimum standards. We all hear of the horror stories of day-care centers and programs, but there are a lot of good day-care centers out there providing day-care services for our children. The bill is supported by the Illinois Association for the Education of Young People, National Academy of Early Childhood Accreditations, the National Child Care Association, Child Welfare League, as well as the National Association of Family Day Care. This bill would be amended. It was the plan to make it permissive by DCFS and to remove the immediate effective date; so the cost would not be borne immediately, and it would be up to the Governor when to make it effective. This is the year of the children, according to Governor Edgar, and I don't think of a better bill to reward programs that provide quality day care for all Illinois children. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? Senator Dunn.

SENATOR R. DUNN:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is certainly a good sponsor and probably a good bill, but it's a terrible motion. I urge that we defeat it, as stated before.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

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Senator -- Senator LaPaille, you wish to close?

SENATOR LaPAILLE:

I ask for the support of the Senate to discharge this bill and put it onto the Senate Floor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator LaPaille moves to discharge the Committee on State Government from further consideration of Senate Bill 701. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed, vote Nay. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 25 Ayes, 26 Nays. The motion, having failed to receive the thirty-six votes, declared lost. Senator Severns, on Senate Bill 807? Read the motion.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to discharge the Committee on State Government Organization and Executive Appointments from further consideration of Senate Bill 807 and that the bill be placed on the Calendar on the Order of 2nd Reading.

Filed by Senator Severns.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Severns.

SENATOR SEVERNS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I, too, regret that this bill didn't have a chance for a hearing and that's the purpose of the motion. Since 1984, the Auditor General of this State has cited that we are lacking in the commodity inspection program, something that permits us not to control expenditures in the way that we should, as it relates to commodities. I know of no objection to this bill, and I also know that, based on the evidence cited in the several reports of the Auditor General, there is a need for it. At a time when dollars are so tight and we need to examine and exhaust our ability to save the expenditure of unnecessary dollars, I think this is a

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bill that provides that opportunity and would urge a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Dunn.

SENATOR R. DUNN:

Thank you. I should say dittos. Urge to defeat the motion. It's just not timely.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Severns, do you wish to close?

SENATOR SEVERNS:

Just to say, Mr. President, that I -- I don't think there's ever a wrong time to have good fiscal policy in place. This bill provides for it, and a Yes vote confirms it. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Severns moves to discharge the Committee on -- from local -- from State Government on Senate Bill 708 -- 807, excuse me. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 24 Ayes, 25 Nays. The Senate Rules require thirty-six votes; so the motion fails. Senator Cullerton, on Senate Bill 932? Read the motion, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to discharge the Committee on State Government Organization and Executive Appointments from further consideration of Senate Bill 932 and that the bill be placed on the Calendar on the Order of 2nd Reading.

Filed by Senator Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This bill deals with the responsibilities of the Department of Commerce

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and Community Affairs, and they do support this concept. It deals with the specific problem of the loss of manufacturing jobs in our -- our State, and it addresses one of the causes of that loss; that being the fact that many times people who own their own business - kind of a -- family-owned businesses - they don't provide for the succession of the owner if that owner dies or retires. A situation where a family business -- the children don't want to take on the -- the business after the father retires. And so what this bill does is -- and again, as I said, after cooperating with DCCA in this matter, in order to avoid the -- the danger that these existing firms will permanently cease operations, we add to the -- the law, which created a business assistance office, and we say that that business assistance office should go about the business of educating business and business networks about succession, providing technical assistance to the owners of companies to make succession plans, and to help and identify people who might want to buy these businesses. I think it's an excellent idea. And, Senator Dunn, procedurally, you know, it's unfortunate, I guess, because, you know, I offered this bill as a -- as a Senator, as a representative of my district. It was assigned to the committee. I'm not on the committee; so I'm not responsible for whether or not there's a quorum. And it just seems to me that, you know, if we had been in the -- if this had happened last year, the -- you would have looked at the thirty-two bills, would have met with the minority leader from that committee, gone over and come up with an agreed list. And procedurally, this would be the time and the appropriate time for us to decide whether or not we wanted to even debate this bill. This is the last day; it's Motions to Discharge. And I guess I just don't understand why, you know, your Members are being asked to not support some of these motions, whether they be for Republicans or Democratic sponsors, because it is the appropriate

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way to do it. Again, it -- it -- I'm not on the committee. I had no control over whether or not this bill was called or not. It was unable to be called. It was literally unable to be voted on. And so, in order for us to consider this issue, this is the appropriate time to -- to vote for it. I think you should consider the merits of the bill and give me an opportunity to vote for it, and have you vote for it, on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

There any discussion? Senator Dunn.

SENATOR R. DUNN:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Senator makes a good argument for the bill, but the bill is not what we're talking about now. We're talking about procedure; that these bills could have been heard in committee on Tuesday. We were all there ready to go - the Republican side. I -- I correct that: There were four of us there, and we could have had four Democrats. We could have had an eight-Member committee, and we'd have brought out some probably good -- good bills. But, the Democrats saw fit to ask us to put on about six or eight -- on an Agreed Bill List that we didn't think were suitable. And so, therefore, I have to oppose this and hope that the rest of you will. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there further discussion? Senator Cullerton may close.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Well, again, I would just not talk about the merits of the bill; I'll talk about the procedure. Again, I'm -- I'm not stating whether or not the strategy was a good one or a bad one, but I don't see why now, at this point in time, you can't go over the list of the bills and decide which ones you do agree with and let those out. If you don't like all eight of them, take two or three of them - the ones that have merit. This is the only way in which we can decide how to vote. I don't see why the -- not only

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the sponsor of the bill, but the other Members of the -- of the Senate cannot have the opportunity to vote for the bill and debate it on 2nd -- or I'm sorry, 3rd Reading just because of what happened in -- in the committee in the disagreement as to what the strategy was. So, for that reason, I would urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Cullerton moves to discharge the Committee on State Government from further consideration of Senate Bill 932. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? On that question, there are 25 Ayes, 23 Nays. And the Senate Rules require thirty-six votes in the affirmative; so the motion fails. Senator LaPaille, on Senate Bill 1013? Read the motion, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to discharge the Committee on State Government Organization and Executive Appointments from further consideration of Senate Bill 1013 and that the bill be placed on the Calendar on the Order of 2nd Reading.

Filed by Senator LaPaille.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator LaPaille.

SENATOR LaPAILLE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is another bill that went before the State Government Committee this week, was unable to be heard. And if you care about Illinois business and putting people back to work, you would be voting to support the discharge of this bill. Currently, Illinois businesses pay approximately 1.3 billion dollars in unemployment insurance benefits to Illinois workers that are unemployed. We have job placement officers that work for the Bureau of Employment Security that attempt to put people back to work. Their rate the last year was only seventeen percent. What this bill would say is that you would take federal

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administrative dollars - so no State funds would be used - federal administrative dollars to establish an incentive payment to these job placement officers to try to put people back to work quicker and get them off the unemployment rolls. If you use a .01 percent commission - a very small commission - to the job placement officers and they were able to put workers back just four weeks earlier, we would save Illinois businesses ninety-seven million dollars in unemployment insurance payments for one year, by just putting a person back to work four weeks earlier in Illinois, and the cost to the Federal Administrative Fund would only be 2.7 million. So if you think that a 2.7-million-dollar investment of federal funds to save Illinois businesses ninety-seven million dollars in unemployment benefits is a good return, you'd vote to support this discharge.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Dunn.

SENATOR R. DUNN:

I urge the defeat of this motion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Any further discussion? Senator LaPaille.

SENATOR LaPAILLE:

In closing: Again, if you -- if you believe that 2.7-million-dollar investment in federal funds to save Illinois businesses ninety-seven million dollars in unemployment benefits, you would vote to support this discharge, and I ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator LaPaille moves to discharge the Committee on State Government from further consideration of Senate Bill 1013. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 25 Yeas, 19 Nays. As the -- as the Senate Rules require

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thirty-six votes in the affirmative, the motion fails. For what purpose does Senator Collins arise? Senator Collins. ...can't hear you. Are you -- want to switch to another mike?

SENATOR COLLINS:

Hello?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Yes. I would like for the record to show that Senator Palmer is absent today due to illness in her family. She had an emergency last night, and she had to return back home.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Thank you. The record will so reflect. Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, just to report that Senator Robert Raica is back home convalescing. He's had some problems with his recent surgery.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

The record will so reflect. We will now move to the Order of Motions to Suspend the Rules, page 26 of the Calendar. I would remind the Membership that the motion to suspend the rules, unless otherwise specified, requires thirty votes. The motion to suspend is not debatable. I would refer the Membership to Senate Rule 7-17 and Robert's Rule 25, page 223. Senator Welch, do you wish to -- consideration on your motion? Read the motion, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to suspend all applicable Senate Rules and move that Senate Bill 85 remain on the Order of 2nd Reading until the Rules Committee or the applicable standing committee makes a report to the Senate on the Floor amendment numbered as Senate Amendment 1

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to Senate Bill 85.

Filed by Senator Welch.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Mr. Chairman, this bill was reported out of the Agriculture Committee, and in that committee, there was an agreement reached that the bill would be held on 2nd until an amendment was agreed to by the -- one of the parties testifying and the Senators involved. And we have filed that amendment, and the amendment rests on 2nd Reading. I don't believe it's been heard in the committee yet. So for that reason, we're trying to keep this bill on 2nd Reading till we have a hearing on the amendment in the Agriculture Committee to put the amendment on the bill. So...(microphone cutoff)...all we're asking is, the bill stay on 2nd Reading so that we can have the amendment confirmed or adopted or approved, I guess, by the Agriculture Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

You've heard the motion. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Secretary. What is your point, Senator Welch?

SENATOR WELCH:

My point, Mr. President, is that in committee the bill was moved to 2nd Reading on the agreement that it would be held for an amendment. And that's the purpose of this motion, is to hold it for the amendment. Now the bill came out of the committee with that understanding. Now I don't know how we can go ahead and suddenly reject the agreement in the committee after the Senators in that committee agreed to it. That's how the bill got out of the committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

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On this question, there are 25 Ayes, 24 Nays. The motion fails. Senator Woodyard, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR WOODYARD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I don't want to belabor this, but in response to Senator Welch's motion, yes, I've agreed that we will hear that amendment, and we certainly will hear that amendment, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Palmer has filed a motion. Senator Carroll. Senate Bill 100. Mr. Secretary, read the motion. Senator Carroll.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to suspend all applicable Senate Rules and I move that Senate Bill 100 remain on the Order of 2nd Reading until the Rules Committee or the applicable standing committee makes a report to the Senate on the Floor amendment numbered as Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 100.

Filed by Senator Carroll.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

...President, I was trying to get your attention before the Secretary even read it to see if the Senator would agree to hold the bill. The amendment has been filed and assigned to Rules. And -- and if he would, then there's no reason to proceed with the motion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

What purpose Senator Fawell rise?

SENATOR FAWELL:

Thank you, Mr. President. A -- inquiry of the Chair. Doesn't the sponsor still have control of the bill, and can't he just leave it on 2nd until that amendment is heard?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

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The sponsor always controls his bill, Senator Fawell. Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you, Mr. President. And I guess maybe Senator Fawell is joining me, and what I'm asking was just if the sponsor would so do, so that we did not need to proceed with any kind of motion. The amendment has been filed. It's, I guess, currently now in the Rules Committee, and whether it'll be reported out of Rules and sent to committee or sent to the Floor -- if we knew that the bill wasn't moving until at least Rules has taken some action, or the committee, there's no need to go ahead with the motion. So I was asking, if the President would find the sponsor, if that were acceptable.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Have you communicated with the sponsor?

SENATOR CARROLL:

Personally, I have not. I thought...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Do you wish to continue with your motion?

SENATOR CARROLL:

I'd like -- if the sponsor would -- would respond, if he would be willing to hold it till at least -- Mr. President, as Chairman of Rules Committee, until the committee has taken some action.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

I don't really know who the sponsor is. Senator DeAngelis.

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

Senator Carroll, I am almost affronted by your question. Of course, if you've got an amendment, it will be considered, yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Rather than affront you the day after your birthday, I would

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withdraw the motion, then.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

The motion's withdrawn. Senator Welch. Read the motion, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to suspend all applicable Senate Rules and I move that Senate Bill 110 remain on the Order of 2nd Reading until the Rules Committee or the applicable standing committee makes a report to the Senate on the Floor amendment numbered as Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 110.

Filed by Senator Welch.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Mr. President, maybe it would be in order to ask the sponsor if they are willing to hold the bill on 2nd Reading for the amendment to go to Rules. Is that possible?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

I don't know who the sponsor is, Senator Welch. Have you spoken with the sponsor?

SENATOR WELCH:

Senator -- Senator Mahar would be the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Mahar is not in the Chamber. Do you wish to proceed with your motion?

SENATOR WELCH:

Could we go back to this Order of Business next Tuesday before we do...(microphone cutoff)...3rd Reading?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

We're trying to go through this Order of Business today. I can't guarantee that we'll get back to it next Tuesday. Do you wish to proceed with your motion?

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SENATOR WELCH:

No, I'll take my chances next week.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

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

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just as a point of personal privilege. I...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

State your point.

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

I think that we ought not to be rushing into determining in advance that someone's not going to do something when you haven't even talked to that person. And I don't think it's necessary to file a motion in anticipation of being aggrieved by some other party. I think that, you know, we have dialogues here. I think we ought to just talk to each other first, before we decide to do this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Those that have motions filed should maybe follow your advise, but they're filed; we're on that Order of Business, and we're going to continue right on through. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I was just curious as to what motion would the Gentleman suggest that we do file, if we don't have a commitment from the sponsor that he's going to leave the bill on 2nd Reading in order for amendments to be heard? I mean, sure, this is -- this is prospective, but what would -- what would you suggest would be the procedure and the motion if -- if -- if -- failing that -- that motion?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Well, Senator Demuzio, I think it's been common practice to

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speak to the sponsor of the bill and ask that it be held, and one's word is normally good around here. Senator DeAngelis.

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

Well, underling Demuzio, let me point out to you that we in this Body are filing motions on things that are normally acts of courtesy, and I just want to find out if you think that someone is being disrespectful. And if that be the case or the cause, then file the motion. But do not think in advance, underling Demuzio, that -- that the Body is acting in a different way. We are debating courtesy issues, not motions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, Senator, it happened to us all the last two weeks: Bills were moved to the Order of 3rd Reading with amendments being filed. So I'm suggesting to you -- what -- what do you suggest as a substitute motion then, in order to leave the bill on 2nd Reading, in order that a Member have the opportunity to debate a prospective amendment?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator DeAngelis.

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

Senator Demuzio, you just reaffirmed my point. We are not talking about a substitute motion; we're talking about an act of courtesy. And I don't think you can legislate courtesy. I would suggest: talk to the sponsor - whatever side they might be, whomever they might be. Then if you think you're being aggrieved, come back. But don't act in advance of something that's not happening. And -- and frankly, you know, I -- the whole time I've been in the Senate, I've seen that courtesy extended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

For what purpose does Senator Watson arise?

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SENATOR WATSON:

Well, thank you, Mr. President. I think Senator DeAngelis said it well, but maybe not everyone was listening. I've been here for ten years now, and it's always been the sponsor of the legislation, of a particular bill, has control of it. And from what I've been able to gather from the motions that's been filed, I'm not even sure that the sponsor of the motion has communicated at all with the sponsor of the legislation. I think that's the way it ought to go.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

In -- in the past, if a Member had a bill on the Order of 2nd Reading and an amendment was filed, we debated that amendment. Under your rules, what you have been doing is you have either been skipping those bills thus far, or you have been moving those bills to 3rd Reading, taking those amendments and referring them to the Rules Committee. So we are operating under a total different procedure from the previous year. And, yes, a Member did, in fact, have control of his bill last time. But we also afforded you the opportunity to offer amendments to those bills without having to -- going through this nonsense that we're going through to keep a bill on the Order of 2nd Reading to even have the debate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Let me say that we're on the Order of Motions to Suspend the Rules. They are not debatable. The Chair recognizes Senator LaPaille, on Senate Bill 128. Read the motion, please.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to suspend all applicable Senate Rules, and I move that Senate Bill 128 remain on the Order of 2nd Reading until the Rules Committee or the applicable standing committee makes a report to

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the Senate on the Floor amendment numbered as Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 128.

Signed by Senator LaPaille.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator LaPaille.

SENATOR LAPAILLE:

Thank you, Mr. President. At this time, I wish to withdraw my motions on Senate Bill 128, 139 and 192. I would recommend to the Members of my side of the aisle that the rules are the rules. We waged a good war, and we lost. And the fact is that if a Member does not wish to hold their bill on 2nd Reading to allow us to offer an amendment, it will not happen under these rules. So I would recommend that we cease with this. We are not going to win, and I wish to withdraw all my motions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Thank you very much. Senator Jacobs, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR JACOBS:

I would just agree with the good Senator. We have a lot of sponsorships here. I think we should take the -- the Senators on the other side of the aisle at their word. They know what we have filed. I would like to withdraw Senate Bill 901, 904, 905 and 907 from this -- this Order of Business, and then ask one question which -- or one clarification from the Chair, if I could.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator...

SENATOR JACOBS:

From -- from the standpoint of clarification, I'm hearing all of this -- this discussion that the sponsor has control -- always has control of their bill. I guess I need a ruling of the Chair, 'cause evidently I have misread the rules that have been passed. And I think by a simple majority vote, a sponsorship of anyone's

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legislation can be removed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Well, it's always been the custom, Senator Jacobs, to ask a sponsor if he will accept an amendment or if he will hold the bill on 2nd Reading. So, I don't think we want to deviate from that past practice. Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

I would agree with that, Mr. President, but however, I think the rules allow for a sponsor to be removed by a vote of this Body, under -- under your rules now.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Under our rules, 5-1, you are correct, Senator. But, also, the Senator -- by motion, the sponsorship of a bill may be changed to that of another Senator or Senators, as the case may be, or that of a standing committee to which the bill was referred. But, still, the sponsor controls his bill. For what purpose does -- Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. I notice all the dialogue we've been having as it relate to the amendments being filed and the courtesy that has been extended as far as Members are as it relate to the filing of amendments. And I notice the President did -- did bypass all bills that were on 2nd Reading when amendments had been filed to those bills. And when we talk about past precedent of this Body, and I've served here going on eleven years, and anytime an amendment has been filed to a bill, that bill was automatically bypassed - automatically bypassed. It was not moved to 2nd <sic> if an amendment was filed. When you talk about the courtesies extended, so forth, we deal on a two-way street, Mr. President, and if -- if the Members are desirous of filing amendments and asking that the bill be held on 2nd, common courtesy has dictated that even though the sponsor has control of his bill, the bill

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automatically will remain on 2nd Reading. Now -- we know what the rules are. We know you have thirty-two votes, but it would come down to the point, Mr. President, that common courtesy is going to dictate. At one point in time, your side of the aisle and my side of the aisle will have to come together to -- to deal with the operation of State Government. So to go through all of this -- had these things been clarified, because your Members on your side of the aisle, in many instances, don't even know themselves as it relate to the rules and what the impact of such. So let's not play this silly game about courtesies. Courtesies goes both ways. President Philip was in the Chair; he did extend the courtesy of not calling those bills where amendments were filed. And what the Members on this side of the aisle want to know, more or less - if you file an amendment, then let the sponsors -- or you -- or one of your Leaders would get up and say that amendments are filed; the bill will be held on 2nd Reading. Let's not go through all this dillydally back and forth, if you're talking about having courtesies. So, let's work in that manner, Mr. President, because down the road - down the road - you're going to want some courtesy, and you're going to need this side of the aisle and the -- and the saw cuts both ways.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you, Mr. President. On two points, if I might. One is, I did file a motion on Senate Bill 577. I've spoken to the sponsor, Senator Karpel, who indicated she is holding the bill, and I would like to withdraw that motion. Secondly, as to your comment in response to -- I guess this is more like a parliamentary inquiry as to Senator Jacobs' comment on removing sponsors. When we had a -- an amendment to the rules to clarify that, as you will recall as Chairman of that committee, on the

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issue of whether a sponsor could be removed, it was the -- if I recall, it was the commentary first of Senator McCracken and then adopted by the Rules Committee by -- as commentary that that was not the intent of that rule; that a sponsor would not be removed without the sponsor's consent; that it was designed for if a sponsor was absent or wanted to change sponsorship and then the Body could do it, but that the Body could not take a bill away from a sponsor who wished to remain the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

I never remember of a time when this Body has taken a bill away from a sponsor. Is there any Member that wishes to call his motion to suspend the rules? Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Yes, Mr. President, I -- along with my colleagues, I concur with them, and I withdraw -- wish to withdraw my motion to suspend the rules on 161.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

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

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

In lieu of the -- of discussion on the Floor, Mr. President, I move that the remaining motions on this Order of Business be tabled so that the Calendar may be cleared.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Any further -- any further discussion? Senator LaPaille.

SENATOR LaPAILLE:

Mr. President, that's the type of actions that's not necessary. We're agreeing; we're withdrawing our motions. We don't need a -- a Majority Member now to table all the motions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator, this is just for the purpose of clearing the Calendar. That should be on record. Senator Dudycz.

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SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Mr. President, in the spirit of cooperation, I withdraw my motion and we can go through the Calendar, and we can spend the time going through the individual motions, if the sponsors so wish.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Thank you. All motions to suspend the rule, it is my understanding, have been asked to withdraw their -- their motion on 85, Senate Bill 96, Senate Bill 97. Inasmuch as Senator Palmer is not here, do you wish to leave those? All right. We're talking about Senate Bill 85 <sic>, Senate Bill 100, 110, 128, 139, 149, 161, 192, 262, 356, 398. Have all -- 402, 439, 479, 534, 577, 625, 734, 899, 901, 904, 905, 907, 1085 and SJRCA 7 have all been withdrawn. House Bills 1st Reading. For what purpose does Senator Collins arise?

SENATOR COLLINS:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

State your point.

SENATOR COLLINS:

We have visiting with us in the gallery... Did they leave? Oh, here they are. Visiting with us in the east gallery, Girl -- Girl Scout Troop 413 from the Whittier School in Oak Park, and they are with their scout leaders, Mr. Glenn Valentine, Mr. Joe Adams, and Mr. Tom Rasmussen. And we'd like for them to stand and be recognized by the Senate.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

...our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized.
...(inaudible)... House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 122, offered by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Topinka offers House Bill 126.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 693, by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill -- or House Bill 765, by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 766, by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Are there any additions to the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Yes, Mr. President. Senate Resolutions 207, 208, 209, 210,
211, 212, 213 and 214 have been added to the Consent Calendar.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Have there been any objections filed?

SECRETARY HARRY:

There have been no objections filed, Mr. President.

Senator Smith offers Senate Resolution 213 and 214.

They're both congratulatory.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

The question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar
be adopted. All those in favor, say Aye. All opposed, Nay. The
resolutions are adopted. Consent Calendar. Senator Cullerton, for
what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR CULLERTON:

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Mr. President, do I understand that we are in Session and you want the Rules Committee to meet right now, or are we going to adjourn and then have the Rules Committee meet?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator, I think we'll stand at ease for a few minutes, and that the Rules Committee will meet in the Anteroom. We'll stand at ease for just a few minutes.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports that the following Legislative Measures have been assigned to Committees:

Be Approved for Consideration: Senate Amendment No. 5 to Senate Bill 130, and Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 439.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Industry: Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 139.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Energy: Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 534.

Referred to the Executive Committee: Senate Amendment No. 1 to 577.

Referred to Local Government and Elections: Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 360, and Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 402.

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Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 356, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 479, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 734, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 868, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 901, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 904, Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 905, and Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 907.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

I'd just like to make a couple of comments. As you know, today is the final day for reporting non-appropriation bills out of committee. And I'd like to compliment the Chairmen and the Membership, particularly the Minority, that we probably have done a better job this year than -- than I have ever seen done in my history around here. And to inform you -- I'd like to inform you that, quite frankly, there were eleven hundred and six bills introduced; we only reported out four hundred and twelve. So that certainly is a step in the right direction. Everything is aimed at getting out on May 28th. And I had coffee with the Speaker the other morning. He feels the way I do. He feels very strongly about it, incidentally, that we're going to get out of here on May 28th. So let's work towards that -- that goal. Is there any further business to come before the Senate? Senator Cullerton, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. With regard to those bills that did not get out of committee, it's my understanding that as a result of actions not taken by the Rules Committee, that all of those bills are now back in the Rules Committee, as soon as we adjourn today.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

That is correct. Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

So that, for those Members who were under the impression that

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their bills might be sent to a subcommittee and have hearings over the course of the -- the summer, it's going to be necessary for the chairmen of the respective committees to come to the Rules Committee and resubmit their list in order to ask that they be allowed to hold hearings on those bills. There was an effort made to allow that. There -- if you want to take the time over the weekend to read the rules, it's Section 3-9 that refers to this. So for those Members who thought that the bills were going to be in the subcommittee, they are no longer in your committee; they are back in the Rules Committee, so you'll have to ask the Rules Committee to consider having those be re-referred back to your committee in order to hold those -- those subcommittee hearings.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Weaver, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR WEAVER:

On the same topic, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

We just made an effort, as a courtesy to the Democrats, to leave these bills in committee. You turned that down. So, you have no one to blame but yourselves. We were trying to be gentlemen, to leave these bills in committees for further action, and you disagreed with your own Membership, evidently. So we tried to help you.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. To further clarify what the actions of the Rules Committee were: what we were offered and what you committee chairmen were offered was the opportunity to have the bills stay in your committee only until thirty-one days

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after we've adjourned for the Session, not to be able to fulfill your promises to many Members that we'd have subcommittee hearings over the course of the summer. What we had suggested and made a motion to do was to take all Senate bills and have them be able to be kept in the committee, under your jurisdiction, until they are reported out or not voted on. That was turned down by the Republican Members of the Committee. And after that motion failed, then there was a motion to adjourn. And so, there are -- there was two different ways of going about it, and we didn't agree on either one of them; and, as a result, all the bills are back in the Rules Committee.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Just for further clarification. We asked that the minority spokesmen and the chairmen of the committee identify to Rules Committee those bills which they would like to assign subcommittees, hold hearings in the future, and you turned that down. We were trying to work with both the chairmen and the minority spokesmen on all of these committees to identify so that you -- we could hold hearings in the future, but you chose not to go that way.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

If there's no further business before the Senate, Senator -- Weaver moves that, pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 38 adopted yesterday, the Senate adjourn until Tuesday, March 30th. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, there are a lot -- there's a lot of confusion as to what this really means now, and what it means is, is that the Republican Members who are chairmen of committees no longer have any bills in their domain, nothing under their jurisdiction. It

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means that all of the Republican chairmen now have all of their bills - their jurisdictional responsibilities and everything that was within their domain - now in the domain and jurisdiction of the Rules Committee. Now, it seems to me that those Members who have made commitments to our Members about, "We'll hold this bill in committee and have hearings on it over the summer," somehow or another, those commitments aren't going to be made, are not going to be honored at this moment. And I would think that the Republican Members on your side of the aisle, chairmen of those committees, who haven't got a thing to do now, haven't got a bill before their committee - maybe a couple of amendments - it seems to me that you guys better get together and decide, you know, is your word any good or isn't it. I mean, if you're going to have hearings on these bills over the summer - you promised to do it - you ought to -- you ought to stand up to that. And I just think that we're establishing a terrible precedent here, Mr. -- Mr. President, by allowing this to happen. I think it's an affront to your Members, and I think your Members ought to be thoroughly disgusted with the process; that they now are chairmen with no bills under their jurisdiction. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Smith, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR SMITH:

Mr. President, for a point of clarification. I understood that you had us to sign forms, to turn in, as yesterday was the deadline, that any bills that we had in the committee or subcommittee, if we wanted to keep those bills alive, we were to sign these bills and turn them in to you, and then in the event that we wanted to have a meeting during the course of the summer on any of those bills, we were permitted to do so. In my committee, Health-Welfare, I was informed by my chair that we were going to be permitted to do so. Now I come this morning, and I

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understand that you're saying that we cannot hold a meeting over any of those bills at all for the summer, or they are dead. Please give me some kind of understanding, because I represent people - my constituents - and I certainly don't want to look like a -- excuse me...

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Karpiel.

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Well, I'm raising -- rising on the same point that Senator Smith is. In the Executive Committee I have talked with the minority spokesman and to ask them to get a list of the bills left in committee or a subcommittee to me, and then I am to put it in a letter along with the bills we have, on our side, left in that committee that we would like to have kept alive, and then I file this letter with someone. Is that correct? And then those bills are, in fact, kept alive in the committee.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Dudycz, for what purpose do you arise? Senator Dudycz. He sits on Rules; he'll answer the question for you, Senator.

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Just to clarify this for -- for the Membership, Mr. President. There were two letters that were -- were prepared. The first one was to Senator Demuzio, as the Minority Spokesman of the Rules Committee, by the Chairman, Senator Weaver, and I'm -- I guess to clarify, maybe I should just read this very brief letter. It says, "Regarding exceptions pursuant to Senate Rule 3-9(a), as you know, the Rules Committee will reconvene at 10:45 for the purpose of considering the above referenced matter. My suggestion is as follows: Let me know in advance of 10:45 whether you wish to issue a blanket exception under Rule 3-9(a) for all Senate bills remaining in committee, or whether you simply wish to adjourn and

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consider referral requests after this week. I leave the choice to you regarding our most prudent course of action and hope you do appreciate this accommodation for you and the Members of your caucus." And as Senator Cullerton explained, there were -- there were two motions; one by Senator Cullerton that the exceptions be made to 3-9(a) and 9(b); a roll call was taken; the motion was defeated. We attempted, with my motion, for the exception, as I just explained, 3-9(a). The Democrats voted No; we adjourned.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, on this same point. Senator Dudycz mentioned my name. Let me say -- suggest to you, Senator Dudycz, that is absolutely correct; that the -- the letter did indicate that you wished to waive Rule 3-9(a), which meant for the remaining portion of the Session. Now if we're attempting to, and it is your desire to, get out of here on May 30th, we were attempting to accommodate your Members and your chairmen and your people who have made commitments to our Members and to your Members that certain bills would be held and heard over the summer. I would hardly say that adjourning on May the 30th is being -- is -- is considered this summer. So we were attempting to help you to honor your commitment that your chairmen had made to our Members and your Members, and you guys refused to go along with it.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Dudycz.

SENATOR DUDYCYZ:

Mr. President, the Rules Committee -- I'm not going to speak for the Chairman of the Committee because he's not on the Floor at this moment, but it's my understanding that the Rules Committee will continue to meet. We will continue to -- to consider all

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bills that are before it. We will be communicating with the -- with the committee chairmen, and the process will continue.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Demuzio, for the third and last time.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, the point is, is that today's the deadline that you established. As of the time that we adjourn today, all those bills are in the Rules Committee. The fact that you voted not to allow the Members to have the thirty-one-day extension to hear the bills over the summer is your responsibility and your obligation. You guys gave your word, and now you went back on it. You can't issue an exception after we adjourn here in a few moments, which apparently we are prepared to do.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Fawell, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR FAWELL:

Point of inquiry. If I want to hold a hearing over the summer on any bill, is -- is that possible?

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Dudycz.

SENATOR DUDYCYZ:

Senator Fawell, the Rules Committee will allow each of the standing committees the opportunity to hear bills under their jurisdiction. The answer is, correct.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH:

...(microphone cutoff)...President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, anything that serious should have been brought to the full Floor. You must remember, all of you legislators, that you are not here representing yourself; you are representing businesses and people and constituents across the State of

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Illinois, that's making it possible for you to be down here. And you have no consideration about them. I don't think it's fair. Businesses are depending upon it. Providers are depending upon us. Mothers and fathers and children: they're depending upon us. Businesses in the State of Illinois: they are depending upon us and our legislation. That's a serious matter, and I think whoever is in charge of this should reconsider this, because you're going to hear from not only yourself, but your constituents, and all the people that you think are your friends or any -- that you're in their pockets, if you are.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Cullerton, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Well, I guess now I'm just asking for a -- I might need some help from your Parliamentarian on this one. Senator Dudycz just said something that -- in response to a question by Senator Fawell, and maybe -- maybe I need an explanation. As I understand it, with Section 3-9 of the rules, it says that all bills that have failed to meet the applicable deadline established, which is today, shall automatically be re-referred to the Rules Committee, unless the Rules Committee issues a written exception with respect to a particular bill prior to the deadline. Since the Rules Committee hasn't done that, my understanding is, all of the bills are going to be, as soon as we adjourn today, back into the Rules Committee. Now, I don't think that you can have a hearing on a bill in a committee that -- when you don't have jurisdiction over the bill. I think the bill is in the Rules Committee. And I guess the question is, does the -- even the Rules Committee have the authority to send those bills back to committee without changing the deadline to get bills out of committee. Maybe on that one I need a -- help from a parliamentarian.

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Senator Dudycz.

SENATOR DUDYCYZ:

The answer is, yes.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Dudycz moves the Senate stand adjourned till Tuesday, March 30th, at the hour of noon. Senate is adjourned.

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