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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

The regular Session of the 88th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks, and will our guests in the gallery please rise. Our prayer today will be given by Reverend David Baker of the Ashland Methodist Church. Reverend Baker.

THE REVEREND DAVID BAKER:

(Prayer by the Reverend David Baker)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Reading of the Journal, Madam Secretary. Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

...(machine cutoff)...President, I move that reading and approval of the Journals of Wednesday, October 27th and October 28th, Thursday, in the year 1993, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journals.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Butler has moved to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, it is so ordered. Committee Reports.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Karpziel, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Bill 498, First Conference Committee Report, Be Adopted; Senate Bill No. 485, motion to concur with House Amendment No. 1, Be Adopted; and Senate Bill 868, motion to concur with House Amendment No. 1, Be Adopted.

Senator Woodyard, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, reports House Bill 1594 Do Pass.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolutions 898 and 899, offered by Senator DeLeo.
And Senate Resolution 900, offered by Senator Shaw.

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They're all congratulatory.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Consent Calendar. Messages from the House.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

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 82.

It is congratulatory.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Consent Calendar. On the Order of Conference Committee Reports, on page 6, Senator Thomas Dunn, do you wish to call 990? ... (microphone cutoff) ... what purpose does Senator Demuzio arise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, thank you, Mr. President, on a point of personal privilege. I'd like to introduce a gentleman who is visiting with us here in the Senate today. He's a brother-in-law of our esteemed colleague, Senator Shadid. Fred Bostany, who is retired, from Birmingham, Alabama, is -- is here visiting with us. He's on my right, behind me here, and we'd like to welcome him to the Illinois Senate and say thanks for coming.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Welcome, Senator. On page 6 of the Calendar, in -- is the Order of Conference Committee Reports. Madam Secretary, do we have on file a Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 990?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes, Mr. President. First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 990.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

The Chair recognizes Senator Thomas Dunn.

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SENATOR T. DUNN:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is a noncontroversial report. Nearly all the provisions have passed the Senate before. It passed the House by 108 to 7. Passed out of Local Government yesterday unanimously. The foreign firefighter insurance portion of the bill is entirely permissive and previously passed in the Senate. The river conservancy district portion of the bill has passed the Senate previously and really is already law. The private firefighting standards portion of the report passed the Senate previously 54 to nothing. The technical Municipal Code rewrite passed the Senate previously on House Bill 176, and that vote was 56 to nothing. The report has been stalled in the House. The sanitary inspector portion of the bill for Madison County previously passed the Senate 54 to 0 on House Bill 1974 that was amendatorily vetoed by the Governor, concerning other provisions. So I urge your adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 990. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 56, the Nays are none, none voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 990. And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Dudycz on the Floor? ...(microphone cutoff)...what purpose does Senator Donahue arise? Senator Donahue.

SENATOR DONAHUE:

Thank you, Mr. President. If I could have Republican Members' attention, I would like to call a caucus immediately in Senator Pate Philip's Office.

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There will be a Republican Caucus immediately in Senator Philip's Office. Senator Demuzio?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Do we have any idea how long the caucus will -- will take, so we have some idea?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

I would hope, Senator, that thirty minutes would do it. Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. We wondered if we could join you in that Republican Caucus, so we could find out what's going on, too.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

It wouldn't set precedent. The Senate will stand in recess till the call of the Chair. Senator Cullerton?

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Well, if you're not going to let us into yours, we'd like to have one of our own.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Very good. There will be a Democratic Caucus in Senator Jones' Office immediately. Senate will stand at ease.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

...(machine cutoff)...will come to order. Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

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

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Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 87, with House Amendments 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Passed the House, October 29, 1993.

We have like Messages on Senate Bill 232, with House Amendment 3, and Senate Bill 450, with House Amendments 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Passed the House, October 29, 1993.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Introductions of Bills.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1136, offered by Senator Klemm.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill 1137 is offered by Senator Stern.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

We will now proceed to the Order of Resolutions Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all those read in today will be added to the list of resolutions. Mr. Secretary, have there been any objections filed to any resolution on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No objections have been filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The motion carries, and the resolutions are adopted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, on -- on page 2 is House

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<sic> (Senate) Bills 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1121. Senator Sieben. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1121.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 1121 contains the identical language for the transfer appropriation dealing with Mt. Morris that was contained in the supplemental appropriation yesterday that we debated at some length, and discussed. So you're all aware of the situation and the circumstances involving Mt. Morris. The reason for this bill is, quite simply, it appears that the supplemental now has -- there's some uncertainty as to how that supplemental is now going to move in the House. We passed it, I think, with fifty-two or fifty-three votes here yesterday in the Senate. The bottom line is, Mt. Morris cannot continue in a period of uncertainty here. They are at the point where they have some very difficult decisions to make, and we need to assure them that they're going to be able to continue in operation. And let me just share with you that the uncertainty of the funding situation in Mt. Morris is taking a heavy toll on teachers, a heavy toll on administrators, a heavy toll on parents, and certainly the members of the senior class of Mt. Morris that would like to complete their graduation requirements so that they can go on and -- and attend future colleges or universities. So because of that uncertainty, I'm asking that you support Senate Bill 1121, which will transfer the money from the line item. And I might share with you, 1.3 million dollars is already in our budget for the annexation incentive for

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the Oregon-Mt. -- Oregon-Mt. Morris annexation. That money is already there. And what we're doing with this bill, simply, is transferring it to a line item to advance seven hundred and thirty-one thousand of that money as a loan to Mt. Morris for the balance of this year. Be pleased to ask -- answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Why, thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Sounds like Yogi Berra saying, "Deja vu" all over again. This was not the greatest thing in the supplemental, as I remember it from the discussion. In fact, this was probably the part of the supplemental that received the most discussion. I think at least on our side, people voted for the supplemental because of the flood funds that were in there. Maybe I'm wrong. There's a lot of problems with this, as many of us see it, and that is -- I mean, there were other choices for Mt. Morris. I feel very sorry for them. I know they were supposed to try and consolidate with Oregon. There are decisions they have made. But again, I repeat, this is the equivalent of a four hundred and eleven million dollar loan to Chicago, except none is being offered. This is a State intrusion of funds, by way of loan, to one district, out of over a hundred that have a problem, and yet there is no discussion that I have heard of any work rule changes in Mt. Morris, any other additional RIF teachers in Mt. Morris, any other additional oversights, inspector general at Mt. Morris. All the other things I've heard about is not in here that I can find, and yet it's State dollars. But again we see to one little area of Illinois, the Governor and Republican Party has no interest in giving any State help, and that little area has four hundred and eleven thousand students. I think it would be absolutely ludicrous for us, at this point in time, to say that we have State dollars for

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one district and not for anyone else. But again, if that's the Governor's choice and he wants to choose Mt. Morris over Chicago, that's a decision he can make. It's not a decision I'm willing to make. I have no problem helping Mt. Morris float its own bond issue, assuming Chicago can and all the other areas of the State that are having problems, or let the State come up and loan the money cheaper to all of these areas of the State. But not just one and not under different rules. I don't think we want to be accused of discriminating against any school district, and I would urge opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator DeAngelis.

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

Well, you know, I -- I must have not been here yesterday, because I think all the debate I heard - the Minority Leader of the Senate, several other Members - talking about how they were so generous in supporting this concept for -- for Senator Sieben's schools, and they were hopeful that when the time came that we had an opportunity to reciprocate, we would do so. And I guess, Senator Carroll, what you're saying is, you're going to vote No for this; then I guess I'll vote No for your schools. Okay? Maybe that should be the kind of deal we ought to make. But I thought I heard yesterday of the great generosity on the part of some of the Members from the other side, and why don't you do this for this poor school out there. And now, today, I hear a different story. I hear what a lousy thing this is and how the State ought not to be involved in doing this. I don't know. Why -- what are we doing down here in the Special Session? Are we not even considering doing something for another school district? Well, I -- I think we're going to look at this roll call, because I think it may have something to do with the outcome of the other problems that we have.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Further discussion? Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Mr. President. You know, yesterday I supported this, and I felt it was the right thing to do, but here we are back today. And as I read up there, it says "emergency assistance," and -- and I don't see nothing for the Chicago schools. I mean, we should do all -- if -- if -- if my friend's schools are in trouble, my schools are in trouble. We should have -- put one vote for all the schools, and I -- I don't want us standing here and vote for -- for his schools, and then -- and then, next week or a week after, wherever, when it comes to my schools, then we can't get the same courtesy; we can't get the same vote. And this makes no sense to me at all. We should have one plan to save all the schools throughout Illinois, instead of a plan that we're going to pass here today for one set of kids, while -- while the other set of kids don't know what's going to happen to them tomorrow. I think it's wrong. If the State can bail out his schools, then the State should bail out all the schools in -- throughout Illinois and not just start picking one over the other and all of this and all of that. It is wrong to do, and I urge all of my colleagues to not support this, and maybe we can then -- if it's your schools in trouble, maybe we can then get the Governor to move on in saving all the schools throughout Illinois: downstate, Chicago, as well as Mt. Morris.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Further discussion? Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. I really had not intended to -- to speak on this issue, and quite frankly, I'm not speaking on this particular bill and -- whether or not it's a point of personal privilege or not. But I think the debate

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on this bill points up just how irresponsible we are as legislators. We're talking about here the education of the children of our State, and it is very clear that the debate in this Chamber is about politics. Politics is what we're putting before the needs and interests of children. The Chicago schools, whether it's Senator Sieben's district, or whatever district in this State that -- that -- that are in need of some additional dollars to insure - to insure - an investment in our future. We are here talking about "I'm not going to support your bill because you don't support my bill," and because the Governor's fault, because the Democrats' fault, and the Republicans' fault. It's time for us to stop playing this game and be about the business of educating the children. Senator Sieben, I suggest to you you take this bill out of the record and let's get down to business of solving the problems of education in this State and do what we have to do on an emergency level to insure that all of the schools will open and stay open this year so that we can get about the business of a long-term solution to the crisis of funding education in this State. I think it's a shame for us to be here with this kind of debate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Further discussion? Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'm rather shocked to hear some of the comments from the other side. Have they forgotten that we did present a bill two weeks ago where we voted for help for the Chicago schools? And we voted for the bonding, and we did concern ourselves with the Chicago schools, and yet, we had thirty votes on it, but we didn't have one Democrat vote on it. We are concerned about all schools, but I think it's unfair to take it out on this particular little school which had its problems that it did not create itself. And I urge

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for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'm disturbed by some of the debate on this bill at this time. Yesterday I indicated that I was concerned about the children in Mt. Morris, and I'm concerned about them today. But I think that some of the other issues cloud our commitment to help these children, as well as helping other children, and I would respectfully ask the sponsor if he would mind withdrawing this from consideration now. I personally think that we ought to help the Mt. Morris children at the same time that we help the Chicago children. And when we have a plan, I'm ready to support both of them. And I would ask if this could be withdrawn from consideration at this point.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

Senator Berman, I appreciate your comments on the bill and the legislation. I appreciate, certainly, your concern for the students in -- in Mt. Morris. I would just share again with the Body that Mt. Morris is facing a timing situation here, and that if for some reason that the supplemental appropriation that includes this language does not move until January, this district will close their doors sometime in December or early January. And the uncertainty is the difficulty in this school situation. I would also share that Representative von Bergen Wessels, the Democrat who has this district, represents Mt. Morris, has also filed this exact same bill in the House and is trying to move the same bill for Mt. Morris in the House. And I -- I would hope that the mechanics of the process could come together here in a timely fashion so that should the supplemental not be passed in the next

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few weeks, that the Members on your side of the aisle, both in the House and the Senate, will work cooperatively to utilize what the current Statutes allow us to do. And I would say to all the Members here, if Mt. Morris was in your district, you would be working with the IEA, you'd be working with the State Board of Education, you would be working with the local superintendents, doing exactly the same thing I'm doing, to serve the students in your district. All that we're doing here is utilizing the existing Statutes. With that said, and with hope for cooperation at a later date here, I will take the bill out of the record at this time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

All right. Senate Bill 1121 is out of the record. Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you arise, ma'am?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President, a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

State your point.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we have here today, seated at the President's Gallery on my right, the Mayor of Fox Lake, Kenny Hamsher, H-A-M-S-H-E-R; Trustee Alberta Meyer, M-E-Y-E-R, and Treasurer Sue McNally, the -- from Fox Lake, and Howard Scott from Lake Villa. Senator Bill Peterson and I represent different sections of Fox Lake, and I represent Lake Villa. And I'd like you to help me welcome our guests up in the President's Gallery.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized by the Senate? Welcome to Springfield. Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution 102, offered by Senator Weaver.

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(Secretary reads SJR No. 102)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would move to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of the adjournment resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Weaver moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 102. Those in favor, say Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The Rules are suspended. Senator Weaver now moves for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 102. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion is adopted. All right. The regular Session will stand at ease for a few moments.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE)

(FIRST SPECIAL SESSION RECONVENES)

(See First Special Session Transcript)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, on page -- middle of page 6 of the Calendar is the Order of Concurrences. Senate Bill 358. Senator Dudycz. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 358.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Dudycz.

SENATOR DUDYCYZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 358 originally amended the Illinois Fire Protection Training Act to provide that cities with a population over one million must provide equal opportunities for advanced firefighter training to all sworn employees of the fire department, including paramedics. The bill was amended in the House on July 13th. The amendment sponsor was the Speaker, Speaker Madigan, and the amendment gutted the -- the amendment gutted the bill and became the bill. Senate Bill 358, as -- as amended, contains provisions agreed to by all parties involved, including the City and the Chicago Fire Fighters Union Local 2 last March. And it amends the Chicago Firefighter Article of the Pension Code to increase the occupational disease and duty disability benefits for firefighters who have been on disability for at least ten years, and it has an immediate effective date. Now, two days ago, I received communications from the Firemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund where they expressed concern and objection to the bill as it is currently, because it contains two words: "current salary." Although I had -- did speak with the Fire Fighters Union today, and as recently as less than an hour ago, I spoke with representatives from the City, and they all said -- or both sides agreed that everybody had signed off on this language in March. And would like to seek your affirmative support; otherwise, I will be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Senator Raica.

SENATOR RAICA:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. First of all, I'd like to thank Senator Philip and

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Senator Jones for allowing this Body to hear this particular piece of legislation. As Senator Dudycz stated, this particular piece of legislation, Senate Bill 358, has been on the Calendar since March of this year. The City has known about it; the Pension Board has known about it; the House and the Senate have both known about it. And it wasn't until two days ago that the Pension Board came to opposition, and not for any moral reasons, if anything - just because of internal strife within their own organization. Local 2 has a new president who has been pushing for this issue ever since he's been elected as the new president of Local 2, and that's Dan Fabrizio. He's been doing an excellent job. He has gotten the Mayor of the City of Chicago, who has called Senator Dudycz, called myself and other Members, to say that the Pension Board has been opposed to this, "What should we do? Should we push forward?" He asked for our input, and I applaud Tim Degnan and the Mayor of the City of Chicago for this. This is nothing new. This has been here. The Pension Board has opposition, but it is not because of -- of a right or a wrong issue; it's because of personal issues that they have a problem with it. And I would just ask for an Aye vote on Senate Bill 358.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Further discussion? Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. As people are aware with regard to pension bills, it's been the model in the General Assembly for at least ten years that whenever there is a bill that deals with a pension benefit, that we have asked for bipartisan support on any of those measures. And we also have insisted that the employer basically sign off on any pension benefit. So if it's a Downstate Teachers' provision, we want the Municipal League to be aware of it and make sure that they have signed off on it. And that's had a very beneficial effect. We've

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been able to, in effect, not just keep on raiding pension funds. We've been very responsible with regard to the benefits. In this particular case, those measures had been complied with. As Senator Raica has indicated, the City of Chicago, as the employer of the firefighters, has agreed to this particular benefit, and the fact that the Pension Board itself may have -- may -- may have disagreed is not really relevant to what our ground rules have been down here. We have said that the employer has to sign off. Now, if the City of Chicago said they were against it, then I would not support it. But the City of Chicago has indicated that they have been in favor of it, and therefore, I think we should support it. I supported it in committee, and be happy to vote Aye again.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Further discussion? Senator Dudycz, to close.

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just in closing, I'd like to add that there are currently about four hundred members of the Chicago Fire Department who are on disability, and their average age is about fifty-six years old. This would affect a very small amount of retirees, and I would just seek your affirmative support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is final action. The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 358. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On that -- on that question, there are 51 Ayes, 1 Nay, no Members voting Present. The Senate does concur in House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 358. And the bill, having received the required three-fifths majority, is declared passed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

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Supplemental Calendar No. 1, is House Bill 1594. Senator DeAngelis, do you wish the bill called? Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1594, offered by Senator DeAngelis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator DeAngelis.

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 1594 -- the amendment basically does what it says, and that is that it reduces...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Excuse me, Senator. Excuse me. Madam, have there been any floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No floor amendments have been filed, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

3rd Reading. Secretary's Desk, Concurrence, is Senate Bill 485. Senator Weaver. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 485.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Madam President. I would move that the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 485. This is basically noncontroversial, but it allows the Commissioner of Banks to, upon written approval, let banks have quarterly meetings, rather than annual meetings. If there's any questions, I'd like -- I'd try to answer them for them. I would move concurrence.

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Is there any further discussion? Senator Dunn.

SENATOR T. DUNN:

Thank you, Madam President. Yes. I want to join with Senator Weaver to say that this is a very good bill. It's designed to encourage, rather than discourage, local input on bank boards. And encourage everyone on this side of the aisle to support this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Weaver, to close. This is final action. The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 485. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. (55 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Present) The Senate does concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 485. And the bill, having received the required three-fifths majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 868. Senator Severns. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 868.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Severns.

SENATOR SEVERNS:

Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 868 is very similar to the bill that Senator Dunn introduced - I believe that was Senate Bill 1157 - to -- to correct a problem created by House Bill 1260, which passed out of this General Assembly last spring. Simply, what it does is restore the exemption that both new and used car dealers enjoyed on bonding after being in business for -- for three years. While the new car dealers continue to enjoy the exemption with the passage of House Bill 1260, it removed the exemption for used car dealers, and the purpose of this amended bill -- or concurrence motion is to restore that exemption. If there are any questions, I'll be happy

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to answer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Any further discussion? Senator Dunn.

SENATOR R. DUNN:

Thank you, Madam. Someone asked me how come that's Penny Severns' bill now. It was put -- this amendment was put on over in the House by Representative Saltsman, and I appreciate him doing that. I appreciate Penny Severns allowing us to use her bill for the purpose of correcting what I think was an injustice to the used car dealers. There's one group that -- probably with less regard than politicians, and that's the used car dealers. Sometimes they need help, and this is one of the times that I think that they need some help. And I'd urge you to vote Aye on this and put the used car dealers and used car -- new car dealers on the same level in the playing field. I'd urge an Aye vote for the people on this side.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Further discussion? Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Madam President, would the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Indicates she'll yield, Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Senator Severns, your bill now restores the -- restores the same language to the Act before it was amended by 1260?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Severns.

SENATOR SEVERNS:

Yes, it does, except for the bond level. It's at twenty thousand, instead of ten.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Severns, to

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close.

SENATOR SEVERNS:

I would just ask for a favorable vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

This is final action. The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 868. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. The Senate does concur in House Amendments -- No. 1, with the votes being 55 Yeas, no Nays, to Senate Bill 868. And the bill, having received the required three-fifths majority, is declared passed. Conference Committee Report, Senate Bill 498. Senator Topinka. Out of the record, Madam Secretary. Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 901, offered by Senator Raica.

It is congratulatory.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Raica.

SENATOR RAICA:

Thank you, Madam President. A point of personal privilege. I would ask that we suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Senate Bill <sic> 901. It is congratulatory. It has to do with a boy scout in my district, and I wish -- if I can get it home for this weekend.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Raica moves to suspend the rules for the immediate adoption and consideration of Senate Resolution 901. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Now Senator Raica moves for the adoption of Senate Resolution No. -- 901. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Resolutions.

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ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution 101, offered by Senators Syverson, Burzynski, Sieben, Madigan and Jacobs.

It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Introduction of Bills.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1138, offered by Senator Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 902, offered by Senator Carroll.

It is congratulatory.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Carroll, on Senate Resolution 902.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. I would move for the -- immediate suspension of the appropriate rules so that Senate Resolution 902 can be considered.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Carroll moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution 902. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Now Senator Carroll moves for the adoption of Senate Resolution 902. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Madam President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Remind the Members that we're coming in Wednesday at 3 o'clock for the Veto Session. Hopefully we'll have something to

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vote on, so hope that everybody would be on time. Also, I'd like to congratulate our Chief of Staff, Carter Hendren, from going -- being inducted <sic> into the Samuel Gold Illinois Legislative Internship Hall of Fame. It was a very nice ceremony at the Mansion on Monday. There were three other people... Well, I was close, wasn't I? We had Kirk Dillard, Larry Hanson, Carter Hendren and Linda Kingman. It was very tastefully done. They do it about every two or three years, and I just want to compliment our Chief of Staff.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Is there any further business to come before the Senate? Any further business? Senate -- excuse me. Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thanks, Madam President. Due to Session next week, we had a hearing scheduled, Education hearing, in Chicago for Thursday. We're going to cancel that and reschedule at another date. So the Education hearing for Chicago on Thursday will be cancelled.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

All right. Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Madam President. On House Bills 3rd Reading is a Floor amendment that I would file. I would like to request that that amendment be sent to Education Committee for a hearing next Wednesday.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

With leave? Leave is granted. Senator Fawell, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR FAWELL:

Thank you very much. We had a hearing for the Transportation Committee also scheduled at 10 o'clock in Chicago, and we will have it down here in Springfield instead, and we will have it at

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11 o'clock.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Any further business? Any further business to come before the Senate? Senate stands adjourned until Wednesday, November 3rd, at the hour of 3 o'clock. Senate stands adjourned.

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