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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 89th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks, and will our guests in the galleries please rise. Our prayer today will be given by the Reverend Terry Edele, Douglas Avenue (United) Methodist Church, Springfield, Illinois. Reverend Edele.

THE REVEREND TERRY EDELE:

(Prayer by the Reverend Terry Edele)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will you please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler. Reading of the Journal.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journal of Tuesday, April 16th be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objection, so ordered. With leave of the Body, Senator -- Weaver moves that Senate Rule 4-3(a) and 4-3(d) be suspended for the purpose of permitting former Members of the Senate access to the Senate Floor today. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. We have a request to video from Butterbean Productions, believe it or not. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Fawell, Chair of the Committee on Transportation, reports House Bills 2799, 2916, 3367 and 3368 Do Pass.

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Senator Cronin, Chair of the Committee on Education, reports House Bills 3091 and 3300 Do Pass; and House Bill 3532 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Peterson, Chair of the Committee on Revenue, reports House Bill 1645 Do Pass; House Bills 427, 2659 and 2809 Do Pass, as Amended.

And Senator Woodyard, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, reports House Bills 2665 and 2711 Do Pass.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

A Message from the President.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to Rule 2-10 of the Rules of the Illinois Senate of the 89th General Assembly, the Senate will not meet in regular Session on Friday, April 26th, 1996. There will, however, be a Perfunctory Session on that date. Signed by President Philip, April 17th, 1996.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed bills of the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 2596, 2978, 3282 and 3455.

All passed the House, April 16th, 1996.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

May I have your attention for a minute please, so we can have some kind of semblance of order? And -- and you can -- you can blame the ceremony on a retired Senator who called me and said, "We haven't had a reunion in a long, long time. Why don't we have

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one?" And so, of course, I have a hard time saying no to retired Senators. So -- and we're going to try to keep this short and sweet. I know how you all like to talk. And so, if I could all get you up here, in -- in back of me, I thought maybe I would ask each one of you to come up to the Podium, tell them who you are, when you served, and -- and -- and, please, no long speeches. So if you'd all come -- come right back here, come into the President's Office back here, we will get this show on the road, and try to keep it short and sweet, please.

FORMER SENATOR BOB EGAN:

I've got the privilege of leading off with self-introductions, and -- and as usual, the -- the noise is far beyond the speaker's ability to overcome. But I'm Bob Egan. I left in 1985, and I'm just a poor, but honest, lawyer. And I'll turn it over to the next MVP.

FORMER SENATOR DON WOOTEN:

On a point of personal privilege. My name is Don Wooten, and it's amazing to be back in this Chamber again. I now manage a public radio station in Rock Island, and we're reporting you guys very carefully.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Could we have a little order? I -- I know that's hard for you to understand. But if we could have a little order, we're going -- we're going to try to make this short and sweet.

FORMER SENATOR VIVIAN HICKEY:

I'm Vivian Hickey, and I have more fun than anything else telling people I'm still a politician when they look me straight in the eye and say "All politicians are crooked." I defend us all.

FORMER SENATOR GEORGE SANGMEISTER:

Won't take much time, because I know there's a group of people that want to talk to Pate out on the steps. And I think we out to

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get this over with so you can go down and talk to them, Pate. George Sangmeister. Served here from 1976 to 1986. Good to see everybody again. Thank you.

FORMER SENATOR HOWARD BROOKINS:

Let me say hello. I'm Howard Brookins and I served from '86 to '92. And I had a great time, and I beat up on Pate Philip handily at that time. And we had a -- good times.

FORMER SENATOR RICHARD KELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President. My name is Richard Kelly. I had a great honor to serve in this Body from 1982 to 1992. It's -- this is a first-class event for us, and I want to congratulate Senator Philip and all the rest of you Members of the Senate for having us today. Thank you.

FORMER SENATOR BILL MORRIS:

I'm Bill Morris. I served from '75 till '77, and then I became a mayor, which was an easier commute. My only claim to fame in the Senate was that I was almost as good of a softball player as Pate Philip and Phil Rock.

FORMER SENATOR GEORGE "RAY" HUDSON:

Senator George "Ray" Hudson. Retired. Served from '83 to '93; a few years in the House prior to that. Wonderful to be back here and see all of -- all of you folks again. Terrific.

FORMER SENATOR KARL BERNING:

Greetings to all of you from one of the has-beens. I was fortunate enough to serve here from 1967 to January 1983 - a delightful time. I envy all of you who are still active, wish you well. And let me just leave you with one parting thought. You all know Murphy's Law: If anything can go wrong, it will. And I can testify to that. But let me give you Berning's Law: There is nothing so constant as change and nothing so certain as uncertainty. And all you have to do is look around, like I do, and it'll testify to the changes that have occurred. Bless you.

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FORMER SENATOR RANDY THOMAS:

Karl, there's a work comp bill you -- you might want to speak to in a couple of minutes. I'm Randy Thomas. I had the pleasure of serving the 36th District in the Quad Cities. I now live out in Scottsdale, Arizona, and have since 1985. Love it out there. And now that this man is presiding over the gavel, I just discovered there's all these offices back behind here. As a Republican down here, I didn't even know there were any. So my congratulations to you, Pate, and it's awfully nice that you asked me to come back. Thank you.

FORMER SENATOR KAREN HASARA:

Hi, everybody. Thank you. Yeah. Seems like I just left. I was in the Senate from '92 until the end of last Session, and I'm enjoying my new job and like to make sure you all feel welcome in our town. You all let me know when you think you need something. So keep that up, and it's really good to be back and see everybody again. Thank you.

FORMER SENATOR JIM DONNEWALD:

Good morning. My name is Jim Donnewald. I served from 1965 to 1983. Eighteen years, I think, Pate. I just wanted to remark that, when I look out over this, I don't think you needed term limits. I don't know half of you anymore. So the -- the process does the work. Thank you very much. Good to be here.

FORMER SENATOR JACK BOWERS:

Pate said keep it short, and I'm from the same county, so I will. Jack Bowers; eighty - let's see. Whoa. - '76 to '82. Thank you very much, and I thank Pate for having us here.

SENATOR RAICA:

Thank you. I don't know when the next reunion is, so I figured I'd just come up here now and say, it's really been great and you guys are terrific. Thank you.

FORMER SENATOR JOHN FRIEDLAND:

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Thank you, Pate. John Friedland. Served in the Senate from '80 to '92; prior to that, ten years in the House. Hey. And I'm retired now. Thank you.

FORMER SENATOR JACK SCHAFFER:

Pate, it's an honor to be here, and it's a particular honor to follow my own personal hero, John Friedland. I'm Jack Schaffer. I served from '72 to '93 -- '73 to '93, and I'm still around. You still see me all the time, so I'll get out of here.

FORMER SENATOR BOB MITCHLER:

Well, it's nice to look out at this crowd. My name's Bob Mitchler, up there in Kendall County, and my term down here was from 1965 till 1981. Want to wish all of you a lot of luck. God bless each and every one of you. Thank you.

FORMER SENATOR BOB LANE:

Good afternoon. My name's Bob Lane. I served down here in Springfield in the late seventies. I didn't have much to say then, and I still don't. Thank you.

FORMER SENATOR BILL MAHAR:

Bill Mahar, brother {sic} (father) of the present Senator. Served in the House '72 to '80, and the Senate from '80 to '86. Good to be here. Nice to see you all. Thank you.

FORMER SENATOR JUNIE BARTULIS:

Junie Bartulis, from - let's see - '73 to '74. Came from the House; they didn't want me here, so they sent me back to the House. So it's -- really glad to be here, though. Thank you.

FORMER SENATOR MIKE BRADY:

Hi. I'm Mike Brady. I served in the Senate in the middle seventies, and I'm -- pleasure to be with all of you today. Thank you.

FORMER SENATOR JOYCE HOLMBERG:

I'm Joyce Holmberg, from the Rockford area. Served between 1982 and 1992. Pate, this is a wonderful idea. We're all glad to

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be back. And I guess my claim to fame is I was always the number one target.

FORMER SENATOR CLARENCE DARROW:

I'm Clarence Darrow. I served in the House of Representatives for eight years. I came over here in 1982. 1986, I became a Circuit Judge. And coming down here today, I thought of the long hours the General Assembly puts in. You're away from home. You miss your family, all the activities of the kids growing up. That's what I went through; that's what you're going through. And let me pass this on to you, and I say it with all the sincerity in the world: When the pay commission report comes in, reject it unless the Members of the General Assembly are paid at least what Circuit Judges are paid, which is a hundred a six thousand dollars. You're entitled to it. Thank you.

FORMER SENATOR RICH GUIDICE:

Rich Guidice. 1976-'79. Thank you. I see quite -- of you all the time.

FORMER SENATOR FRANK SAVICKAS:

Frank Savickas. I served in the Legislature from 1967 until 1992. And all I could say is that this is the greatest Body that I've ever been with, and good luck to all of you.

FORMER SENATOR RON SWANSON:

My name is Ron Swanson. I served from 1962 until 1971. I think I'm probably - next to Stan Weaver - the oldest guy -- living Member that -- that's still hanging around. And I still remember when President Pate Philip was a very active, young Republican with aspirations of the world, and now he's got it.

FORMER SENATOR TED LECHOWICZ:

Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen. As a Member -- or, former Member of this fine Body, it's my pleasure to accept Pate Philip's invitation to be with you here today. I think it was a great idea, Pate, and I think we should do it every year. And to

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this Membership: I probably spent -- I spent twenty-four years here in the General Assembly - fourteen in the House and ten in the Senate - and I don't miss the process, but I sure miss the Membership. I want to wish you well, and I hope you're going to have a very productive Session. And under Pate and Emil's leadership, I know the State of Illinois is going to be handled very, very well. Good luck and God bless.

FORMER SENATOR DAVE REGNER:

Dave Regner. I started serving this Body the same year Pate Philip did, but I got smart in 1980 and didn't run again. Everybody's talking about how great these reunions are. Those of you that have been around awhile, if you remember, we used to have them every year when we had the German-American Dinner. They used to fund them.

FORMER SENATOR DON TOTTON:

Don Totten. I served in the House from '72 to '80 and in the Senate from '80 to '82. I'm still not retired. But, Pate, thank you very much for the invitation. The only thing that's missing is a free dinner.

FORMER SENATOR DELMER MITCHELL:

I'm Delmer Mitchell, and I'm the guy that helps out the south part of the State, the lower ten counties, back -- and got out of here in '71. But it's a pleasure to see what's left of us. There's not many still alive. Thank you.

FORMER SENATOR CAL SCHUNEMAN:

Good afternoon. I'm Cal Schuneman. I served -- hi -- and I served in the House of Representatives for about seven and a half years, and then the last eleven or twelve years, I served in the Senate. As I look about and see all the many friends that are here, I think it's a high point in the lives of all of us to have served in this Body. And it's very nice to be back to see you. Those of you who are Members now, I congratulate you upon your

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service. I ask you to remember that you're occupying a special place in the place -- in the State of Illinois, and we're all very proud of this place. Thank you.

FORMER SENATOR TERRY BRUCE:

Good afternoon. Terry Bruce. I served in this Body for fourteen years and then eight years in the United States Congress. This is the nicest place and Legislative Body in which I ever served. I enjoyed all the Members here, even Pate Philip. And I look forward to meeting and talking to all of the rest of you today. Thank you.

FORMER SENATOR JOHN LANIGAN:

My name is John Lanigan, and I served here in the 74th, 75th and 76th General Assembly. I suppose my claim to fame is I helped pass the income tax. And I was -- the taxpayers didn't forget me when it came up to that time. But I want to say, things haven't changed that much. I saw a big mob outside, and we used to have plenty of them too. You have my best wishes, and it's a pleasure to be back and see many of you. Thank you.

FORMER SENATOR TOM McCracken:

I'm Tom McCracken. Thank you for having me back. I didn't know I served long enough to qualify. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

FORMER SENATOR JERRY JOYCE:

Hi. Jerry Joyce. I served here for too long, and my wife finished the job for me. So, thank you. Hey, do we get a per diem for this, Pate?

FORMER SENATOR JAN JOYCE:

Jan Joyce. And I think I worked harder than most of you in a very short amount of time. Good to see you.

FORMER SENATOR JOHN DAVIDSON:

I'm John Davidson. I was here -- hey! You can all calm down. I now have two hearing aids. You don't have to talk louder; I can

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hear you. I served from '73 to '93. We're glad to all have you back in Springfield. We still have one motto, even though my replacement is now the mayor: Bring money. We want to keep Springfield green. Thank you.

FORMER SENATOR ETHEL SKYLES ALEXANDER:

My name is Ethel Skyles Alexander, and I'm very proud to be back here to see all of these beautiful people and my friends. Thank you for inviting me.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

I want to thank you all for coming. And we look forward to the festivities tonight. I think we'll have a good time. We'll have a photographer there. We'll tell a little -- few funny stories and -- and talk about old times. So thank you very, very much for coming. On page 2 of today's Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills 2nd. The intent of the Chair is to proceed to this Order for the purpose of taking up appropriation bills. Senate Bill 1574. Senator Smith. Senator Smith. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1574.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1575. Senator Demuzio.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1575.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1576. Senator Carroll. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

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SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1576.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1922. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1922.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1923. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1923.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1943. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1943.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1944. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1944.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1945. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1945.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

3rd Reading. House Bills 1st Reading, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 739, offered by Senators Madigan, Woodyard and Rea.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2413, offered by Senator Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3455, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 190, offered by Senators Donahue, Mahar, Madigan and Karpiel.

It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Demuzio, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank -- thank you very much, Mr. President. While we're enjoying the hospitality of our past Members...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Excuse me, Senator Demuzio. May we have some order on the Floor, please?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

While we're enjoying the hospitality of our past Members, I'd

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also like to announce that our door person back here, last couple days, had a birthday. Al Bietsch is eighty years old. And I'd like for him to come out and take a bow. He's right here behind me. He's eighty years old. I wish I look like him at eighty.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Happy Birthday to you. Senator Madigan, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MADIGAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

State your point.

SENATOR MADIGAN:

That the Senate Committee on Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities Committee that is scheduled for 1 p.m. will -- that meeting has been moved to 2:30 p.m in Room 400. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

...Madigan, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MADIGAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise for a further announcement. When Senator Doc Davidson was being -- introducing himself to the Senate Chamber -- Senator Davidson, and we all looked forward to hearing an announcement from Senator Davidson that -- when the Governor's Prayer Breakfast would be and where the tickets were at. Senator, would you care to make an announcement?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Woodyard, what purpose do you rise?

FORMER SENATOR JOHN DAVIDSON:

Why, it'd be -- for this unlearned Senator from Logan County, the Governor's Prayer Breakfast is on Thursday, May the 16th, at 7:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn East, and two of your fellow Senators will participate at the head table: Senator Laura Kent will give

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the opening prayer, and the other side of the aisle is represented by Senator Howie Carroll, who will give the Old Testament. The tickets are nine dollars, and Senator Bomke is now a member, because I came over and told him the other morning that he was a member after I had already elected him. So you get your tickets from him, and we'll be glad to see all of you there. The speaker, for those of you who want to know, is Dr. Stowell, the President of Movie -- Moody Bible Institute.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Thank you, Senator Davidson, on Senator Woodyard's microphone. Senator Madigan. Senator Raica, what purpose do you rise? Senator Raica.

SENATOR RAICA:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

State -- state your point.

SENATOR RAICA:

Mr. President, sitting in Senator Petka's seat, we have a retired Member of the General Assembly who retired in 1977, a good friend, Senator -- or, former Senator Tek Clarke. Senator Clarke.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Welcome to Springfield, Senator Clarke. Senator Burzynski, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

State your point.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

In the gallery, behind the Republican side of the aisle, I'm pleased that we have my Youth Advisory Committee here today from Winnebago County, and I'd like for them to be -- stand to be recognized, please.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Will our guests please rise and be recognized? Welcome to Springfield. Senator Palmer, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PALMER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to introduce two of my guests who are with me today: Mr. Akabla Denis, who is the Deputy Assembly Member of the National Republic of the Ivory Coast, who is visiting today. And I'd like for you to welcome him. He's accompanied by Mr. Casey, who is his translator. And in addition, a student from the Irving B. Harris program at the University of Chicago, a graduate student who is visiting and observing today. And I'd like to ask the Senate to welcome them.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Our guests will please rise and be recognized. Welcome to Springfield. Senator Philip, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PHILIP:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

State your point.

SENATOR PHILIP:

I have a -- a distinguished Member of the Illinois House of Representatives, Clyde Choate. He served in Democrat leadership for many, many years. He's an old friend of mine. And I'll tell you one thing, he is the only Member in the history of the General Assembly that ever received the Congressional Medal of Honor. Clyde, very nice to have you here tonight. And of course, even though you have served in the lower House, you're more than welcome to the Senate reunion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Welcome to the Senate, Representative Choate. The Senate will stand in Recess while the Rules Committee meets. The Rules

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Committee will meet in one minute in the President's anteroom, after which, the short Rules Committee meeting, we will reconvene.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation - House Bill 2738; to the Committee on Appropriations - House Bill 1014; to the Committee on Education - House Bills 1287, 2651; to the Committee on Environment and Energy - House Bills 1290 and 1798; to the Committee on Executive - House Joint Resolutions 95 and 101; to the Committee on Higher Education - House Bills 1285, 2406; to the Committee on Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities - House Bill 2796; to the Committee on Judiciary - House Bills 1249, 2452, 2915, 3348, 3601, 3617 and 3618; to the Committee on Local Government and Elections - House Bills 2516, 2745; to the Committee on Public Health and Welfare - House Bills 2579, 2587, 2617, 2691, 3177 and 3614; to the Committee on Revenue - House Bills 2618, 2702, 2741 and 3133; to the Committee on State Government Operations - House Bills 3047 and House Joint Resolution 85; to the Committee on Transportation - Senate Joint Resolution 88 and House Bills 379, 2773; and Sponsorship Change Approved -- Pursuant to Rule 5-1(c) - House Bill 347, Senator Hawkinson as the new sponsor.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

...Karpziel, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Thank you, Mr. President. I don't know if anybody is listening with all the festivities going on, but there is an Executive Committee at 1 o'clock. It's a very important committee meeting. We will be voting on constitutional amendments, in addition to other resolutions and -- and legislation that is in the committee. Please be prompt at 1 o'clock, so that we can get out of here tonight to go enjoy our dinner with our -- with our friends, our ex-Members. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

The Senate will stand in recess until the call of the Chair. At that time, the Senate will reconvene for the purpose of conducting further business.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeANGELIS)

...will come to order. Supplemental Calendar No. 1 has been distributed. On the Order of Constitutional Amendments 1st Reading is SJRCA 27. Senator Petka. Do you wish your amendment read, Senator Petka? Read the amendment, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution 27, Constitutional Amendment, as amended by Senate Amendment No. 1.

(Secretary begins to read SJRCA No. 27, as amended)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeANGELIS)

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...out of the record. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Madigan, Chair of the Committee on Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities, reports House Bill 1796, 2616, 2626 and 3186 Do Pass.

And Senator Karpel, Chair of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Resolution 152 Be Adopted, as Amended; Senate Joint Resolution 71 Be Adopted; Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendments 3, 7, 18, 25 and 27 Be Adopted, as Amended; and House Bill 3050 Do Pass.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeANGELIS)

Mr. Secretary, proceed with the reading of the constitutional resolution.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution 27, Constitutional Amendment, as amended by Senate Amendment No. 1.

(Secretary reads SJRCA No. 27, as amended)

1st Reading of the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeANGELIS)

2nd Reading. ..Watson, do you wish Senate Joint Resolution No. 3 read? Read the resolution, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 3, Constitutional Amendment, as amended by Senate Amendment No. 1.

(Secretary reads SJRCA No. 3, as amended)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeANGELIS)

2nd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

...O'Malley, do you wish to have Senate Joint Resolution No. 7 called? Senator wishes to have that read into the record. Madam Secretary, please read the amendment.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 7, Constitutional Amendment, as amended by Senate Amendment No. 1.

(Secretary reads SJRCA No. 7, as amended)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

2nd Reading. Senator Lauzen, do you wish to have Senate Joint... Senator -- Senator Lauzen wishes to have Senate Joint Resolution 18 read. Madam Secretary, please read the constitutional amendment.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution 18, Constitutional Amendment, as amended by Senate Amendment No. 1.

(Secretary reads SJRCA No. 18, as amended)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

2nd Reading. Madam Secretary, please read Senate Joint Resolution 25, Senator Dillard.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution 25, Constitutional Amendment, as amended by Senate Amendment No. 1.

(Secretary reads SJRCA No. 25, as amended)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

2nd Reading. ...Bills 1st Reading.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2596, offered by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2800, offered by Senator Rea.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate {sic} (House) Bill 3227, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 3282, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

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Senator Watson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WATSON:

Why, thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

State your point.

SENATOR WATSON:

Mr. President, I want to remind the Members that we have a softball game coming up the 30th of April. The Regional Commerce and Growth Association from St. Louis, each year, puts on the softball game. And I just want to remind the Members that next week we're going to try to have a practice. I know a lot of them have been working out. You can tell by the weight they've lost and their getting into shape for the game, and so things are looking good for us once again. But we've got -- we're going to have to practice. And -- so next week we should remind the Members to bring their equipment with them and -- and be expected to -- to practice.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Well, very well said, Senator Watson. Is there any further business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator Petka moves the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m., Thursday, April 18th.

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