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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 90th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? Our prayer today will be given by Pastor Tom Christell, Grace Lutheran Church, Springfield, Illinois. Pastor Christell.

PASTOR TOM CHRISTELL:

(Prayer by Pastor Tom Christell)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Wednesday, November 12th; Thursday, November 13th; and Friday, November 14th, 1997.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

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

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler moves to approve the Journals just read. There being no objection, so ordered. Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has refused to concur with the Senate in the adoption of their amendments to a bill of the following

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title, to wit:

House Bill 1158, with Senate Amendments 1, 2 and 3.
Nonconcurrent in by the House, November 15th, 1997.

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 32.

Adopted by the House, November 14th, 1997. It's a death resolution.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Consent Calendar. Does the Senate have leave to allow WEEK-TV 25, that's Peoria, WCIA Channel 3, to film today? Also, Don Jensen with the Addison Park District. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1226, offered by Senator Jacobs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1227, offered by Senators Mahar and Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill -- or, I mean Senate Bill 1228, by Senators Mahar and Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Sieben offers Senate Bill 1229.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1230, by Senator Severns.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill 1231, by Senator Farley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

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Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Point of personal privilege, Madam Secretary {sic}. I wish the record to reflect that Senator Viverito is out of the State on personal business for the next two days and that Senator Severns is not here also and probably will not be here tomorrow because of illness.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Thank you. Your comments will be noted in the record. Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Madam President. I would like for the record to reflect that Senator Dillard will not be with us today. He's out of the country on official business.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Thank you. The record will so be noted. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution 47, offered by Senator Myers and all Members.

Senate Resolution 132, by Senator Collins and all Members.

Senate Resolution 133, by Senator Dudycz and all Members.

Senate Resolution 134, Senator Jones and all Members.

Senate Resolution 135, Senator Shadid and all Members.

Senate Resolution 136, Senator Viverito and all Members.

Senate Resolution 137, Senator Clayborne and all Members.

Senate Resolution 138, Senator Shaw and all Members.

Senate Resolution 139, Senator Demuzio and all Members, as is Senate Resolution 140.

They're all death resolutions, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HARRY:

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Senate Resolution 141, offered by Senators Klemm, Fawell and Philip.

It's substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Karpziel, for what purpose do you rise, ma'am? Hold it, please. Hold it. Senator Karpziel.

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Thank you, Madam President. To announce a Republican Caucus in Senator Philip's Office immediately. We should be back around, hopefully, about 1:30.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Republican Caucus immediately after. We'll be at ease. Immediately after in Senator Philip's Office. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Madam President. Could you... Perhaps somebody can enlighten us. Do we intend to do some business this afternoon when we come back, or is this simply to shuffle paperwork, or are we going to conduct business? Or what are we going to...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

I will endeavor to enlighten you. Not that you need enlightenment, because you're very bright. However, we may have some business this afternoon. But first we have a Republican Caucus and we'll ask you to be at ease until about 1:30. Anything further, sir? Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Madam...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Watson has the Floor, Ladies and Gentlemen.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Former Member and current Lieutenant Governor Bob Kustra -- former Senate Member and current Lieutenant Governor Bob Kustra has invited all of the

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Senators to a reception tomorrow in his Capitol office. The reception will welcome Keith Sanders, who recently returned to Illinois as the Executive Director of the Board of Higher Education. And the reception will begin at 8 o'clock in the Lieutenant Governor's Office, in Room 214. And Lieutenant Governor Bob Kustra would appreciate us stopping by and wishing the new Executive Director for the Board of Higher Education, Keith Sanders, well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

The reception, in Senate -- Lieutenant Governor Kustra's Office at 10 o'clock tomorrow. Is that correct, Senator Watson? Senator Watson? 10 o'clock tomorrow? Oh! 8 o'clock. Reception at Senator -- at former Senator Kustra, Lieutenant Governor Kustra's Office at 8 a.m. And you're all invited to attend. And his office is on the second floor. Senator Dudycz, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DUDYCH:

Thank you, Madam President. On a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your point, sir.

SENATOR DUDYCH:

Some of you may notice that some of the Members are wearing buttons with a photograph of one of our staff people on the Floor here all day. You may notice this lady's picture on the elevators and on the walls in the bathrooms throughout the Capitol complex. That's because it's a very special time in her life. It's a milestone in the life of Peg Mosgers. She has just turned a very, very monumental age. And we won't forty -- say what forty year it is forty. But she is joining the -- the distinguished members of -- of "senior citizendom". And I'd like for everybody to wish her a happy birthday.

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Thank you, but I think -- I think you're closer to a senior citizen than she is. Happy birthday, Peg. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I had one other question. The Members are asking: Are we going to be here tomorrow, also?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

We're going to be here tomorrow, yes. Tomorrow morning. Did you have anything further, sir? Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

We're you enlightened in the last few minutes as to what we might be doing this afternoon?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

We're having a caucus, a Republican Caucus...

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

We're not coming.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

...right now.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

We don't want to come.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

I don't think you'd want to come. But anyway...

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

You having food?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

And we are going to be at ease.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

You have anything to eat?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

You hardly -- I hardly think you need it. Recess to the call of the Chair.

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(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

The Senate will come to order. Introduction of Bills.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1243, offered by Senators Burzynski and O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1244, offered by Senator Sieben.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

Senate Bill 1232, offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1233, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1234, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1235, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1236, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1237, offered by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1238, offered by Senator Parker.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1239, offered by Senators Severns and Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1240, offered by Senator Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1241, offered by Senator O'Malley.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1242, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1245, offered by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1246, offered by Senators Watson, Cronin and Luechtefeld.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill 1247, offered by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 142, offered by Senator Jones and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 143, offered by Senator Link.

They are both death resolutions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Consent Call {sic} (Calendar). Is there any further business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator Luechtefeld moves that the Senate stand adjourned until 10 a.m.... Did you wish the Floor? The Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m., Thursday, January 15, 1998. Have a nice evening.

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