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90TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

10th Legislative Day

February 6, 1997

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 gallery please rise. Our prayer today will be given by Dr. Kenneth Dunn, First Baptist Church, Ashland, Illinois. Dr. Dunn.

DR. KENNETH DUNN:

(Prayer by Dr. Kenneth Dunn)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Sieben. Pledge of Allegiance.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal. Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journals of Thursday, January 30th; Tuesday, February 4th; and Wednesday, February 5th, in the year 1997, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journals.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journals, pending the arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objections, so ordered. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 23, offered by Senator Jones and all Members.

It's a death resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution 11, offered by Senator Link.  
It's substantive.

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Messages from the House.

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 passed a bill of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 133.

Passed the House, February 5th, 1997.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Klemm, Chair of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Bill 211 Do Pass, and Senate Joint Resolution, Constitutional Amendment {sic}, 5 Be Adopted.

And Senator Peterson, Chair of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Bills 157, 164 and 180 Do Pass; Senate Bills 35 and 162 Do Pass, as Amended; and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 84 Be Adopted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Introduction of Bills.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 501, offered by Senator Fawell.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 502, offered by Senator Fawell.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 503, offered by Senator Carroll.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 504, offered by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 505, offered by Senator Collins.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 506, offered by Senator Parker.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 507, offered by Senator Dudycz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 508, offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 509, offered by Senator Shadid.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 510, offered by Senator Petka.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 511, offered by Senator Petka.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 512, offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 513, offered by Senators Garcia and del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 514, offered by Senators Garcia, Trotter, Smith,  
Obama and del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 515, offered by Senators O'Malley and Farley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 516, offered by Senators Fitzgerald and Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 517, offered by Senators Fitzgerald, Parker,  
Bowles and Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 518, offered by Senator del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 519, offered by Senator Molaro.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 520, offered by Senator Molaro.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 521, offered by Senator Jones.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 522, offered by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 523, offered by Senator Parker.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 524, offered by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 525, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 526, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 527, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 528, offered by Senator Dudycz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 529, offered by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 530, offered by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 531, offered by Senator Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 532, offered by Senator Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 533, offered by Senator Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 534, offered by Senator Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 535, offered by Senator Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 536, offered by Senator Walsh.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 537, offered by Senator Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 538, offered by Senator Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 539, offered by Senator Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 540, offered by Senator Bowles.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 541, offered by Senator Bowles.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 542, offered by Senator Dudycz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 543, offered by Senator Dudycz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 544, offered by Senator Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 545, offered by Senator Karpziel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 546, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 547, offered by Senators Dillard and Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 548, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 549, offered by Senators Hawkinson, Shadid and Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 550, offered by Senator Parker.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 551, offered by Senator Parker.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 552, offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 553, offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 554, offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 555, offered by Senator Bomke.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 556, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 557, offered by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 558, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 559, offered by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 560, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 561, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 562, offered by Senators Burzynski and Syverson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 563, offered by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 564, offered by Senator Sieben.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 565, offered by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 566, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 567, offered by Senator Parker.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 568, offered by Senator Watson.

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Senate Bill 569, offered by Senators Watson and Petka.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 570, offered by Senators Karpziel and Sieben.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 571, offered by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 572, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 573, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 574, offered by Senator Obama.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 575, offered by Senator Obama.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 576, offered by Senator Obama.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 577, offered by Senator Obama.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 578, offered by Senator Obama.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 579, offered by Senator Obama.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 580, offered by Senator Farley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 581, offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 582, offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 583, offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 584, offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 585, offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 586, offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 587, offered by Senator Hawkinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 588, offered by Senator Geo-Karis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 589, offered by Senator Butler.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 590, offered by Senator Butler.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 591, offered by Senator Butler.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 592, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 593, offered by Senators Peterson and O'Daniel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 594, offered by Senator Klemm.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 595, offered by Senator del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 596, offered by Senators Syverson and Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 597, offered by Senator Molaro.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 598, offered by Senator Molaro.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 599, offered by Senator Donahue.

(Secretary reads title of bill)



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Senate Bill 600, offered by Senators Cullerton, Jones and del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 601, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 602, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 603, offered by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 604, offered by Senators Sieben and O'Daniel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 605, offered by Senators Madigan and Jones.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 606, offered by Senators Madigan and Jones.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill -- pardon me, 607, offered by Senators Butler, Mahar, Donahue and Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 608, offered by Senators Madigan, Jones, Karpiel and Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 609, offered by Senators Madigan, Jones, Karpiel and Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 610, offered by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 611, offered by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 612, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 613, offered by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 614, offered by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 615, offered by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 616, offered by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 617, offered by Senator Bowles.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 618, offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 619, offered by Senator Berman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 620, offered by Senator Berman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 621, offered by Senators Bowles -- pardon me, just  
by Senator Bowles.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 622, offered by Senator Berman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 623, offered by Senator Berman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 624, offered by Senator Fawell.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 625, offered by Senator Berman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 626, offered by Senators Demuzio, Maitland, Sieben  
and O'Daniel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 627, offered by Senator Berman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

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The Chair would like to announce to the Members that at the end of Session today, we will have a memorial for our departed good friend, Babe Woodyard. So -- just so the Members know that. At the end of Session today, the last order of business will be a memorial for Senator Woodyard. Resolutions, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 24, offered by Senator Berman.

It's substantive.

Senate Joint Resolution 12, offered by Senator Donahue.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 12)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Donahue moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate consideration of Senate Joint Resolution 12. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Donahue has moved for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 12. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion -- and the resolution is adopted. Seth Perlman from the Associated Press has asked leave of the Body so that he may take still photos. Any objection? Seeing none, leave is granted. 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 Appropriations - Senate Bills 386, 419 and 488; to the Committee on Commerce and Industry - Senate Bills 352, 353, 354, 417, 434 and 476; to the Committee on Education - Senate Bills 379, 420, 421 and 422; to the Committee on Environment and Energy - Senate Bills 347, 348, 378, 430, 431, 475, 482 and 483; to the Committee on Executive - Senate Bills 391, 403, 412, 413, 416, 428, 491, 492, 493, 494 and Senate Joint Resolution, Constitutional Amendment, 9; to the Committee on Financial Institutions - Senate Bill 406; to the Committee on Insurance and

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Pensions - Senate Bills 438, 446, 447, 448, 449, 466, 467, 468, 480, 485, 486, 490 and 498; to the Committee on Judiciary - Senate Bills 349, 350, 357, 358, 359, 361, 362, 363, 365, 366, 367, 368, 377, 381, 383, 384, 402, 410, 424, 425, 427, 429, 440, 442, 445, 460, 461 and 465; to the Committee on Licensed Activities - Senate Bills 372, 451 and 459; to the Committee on Local Government and Elections - Senate Bills 382, 397, 432, 433, 437, 470 and 471; to the Committee on Public Health and Welfare - Senate Bills 375, 387, 388, 389, 392, 418 and 443; to the Committee on Revenue - Senate Bills 370, 371, 374, 396, 398, 399, 400, 401, 458 and 484; to the Committee on State Government Operations - Senate Bills 404, 405 and 500; to the Committee on Transportation - Senate Bills 355, 395, 409, 452, 454, 455, 456, 463, 464, 474, 477, 478, 489, 495 and 496; and Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 38.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Just to clear up any confusion that there may be: We -- we adopted the adjournment resolution, but we have a great deal of business to do today. And for those Members who may have thought that we will be adjourning soon, that's not the case, and I want to make sure you understand and remember, of course, that our last order of business today - the last order of business today - will be the memorial for former Senator Babe Woodyard. Introduction of Bills.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 628, offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 629, offered by Senator Garcia.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 630, offered by Senator Garcia.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 631, offered by Senator Garcia.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 632, offered by Senator Garcia.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 633, offered by Senator Garcia.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 634, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 635, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 636, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 637, offered by Senators Welch, Halvorson and  
Obama.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 638, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 639, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 640, offered by Senators Link and Farley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 641, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 642, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 643, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 644, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 645, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 646, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 647, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 648, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 649, offered by Senator Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 650, offered by Senator Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

...Bill 651, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 652, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 653, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 654, offered by Senator Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill 655, offered by Senator Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

...656, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 657, offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 658, offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 659, offered by Senator Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 660, offered by Senator Sieben.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill 661, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Dudycz, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DUDYCYZ:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR DUDYCYZ:

Well, while we're at a lull here in the Senate, I would just like to note that today we are celebrating the birthday of a great American, son of Illinois. February 6, 1997, is the 86th birthday of former President Ronald Reagan. I would just like to say: Happy birthday, President Reagan.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Dudycz.

SENATOR DUDYCYZ:

Yes. I just wanted to note that that is not the same birthdate of Senator Weaver.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Their age may be very close, but I know their birthdays are... It's the intention of the Chair to go to page 2, Senate Bills 2nd Reading. On page 2 of our Calendar, Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Top of the page. Senate Bill 38. Senator Burzynski. Senator Burzynski, do you wish your bill called? Out of the record. Senate Bill 65. Senator Trotter. Senator Trotter on the Floor? Senate Bill 65. Senator Trotter. Out of the record. Senate Bill 222. Senator Cronin. Senator Cronin on the Floor? Out of the record. We're still on the page -- on page 2, under Senate Bills 3rd Reading. We're going to go down to Senate Bill 34 {sic}. Senate Bill 84. Senator Fitzgerald. Senator Fitzgerald, do you wish this bill returned to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment? Senator Fitzgerald seeks leave of the

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Body to return Senate Bill 84 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 84. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Weaver.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Weaver, do -- to explain your amendment.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment would shorten the notice time for the putting on the ballot, for one year only, to thirty-five days. It's to try to implement House Bill 2702, which allowed counties of under a hundred and eighty thousand to submit to a referendum - front-door referendum - the ability to fund public safety projects by way of the sales tax. If there are any other questions, I'd be happy to try and answer...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Dudycz, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Please -- please state your point, Senator Dudycz.

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Mr. President, in the President's Gallery, seated behind you, is a gentleman sitting up there without a tie on, a former Member



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of this Body, Senator Bob Raica. And I would like former Senator Raica to please stand up and be recognized by the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Raica, please stand and be recognized, and welcome back.

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

And, Senator Raica, if you find a tie, you're welcome to -- to join us on the Floor for a visit.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further down the Calendar, on Senate Bills 3rd Reading, we have Senate Bill 143. Senator Rauschenberger. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 143.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Senate Bill 143 is essentially the Senate supplemental that we have passed on two previous occasions. It deals with General Revenue funding of four hundred thousand dollars for home-delivered meals. It includes four million of federal spending authority for the ADAP program, the Aids drug reimbursement program, as well as an additional five million of General Revenue for the ADAP program. It also includes five emergency projects from the Board of Higher Education list for General Revenue funding. In the event that we do not, in the end, come to consensus on bonding, as we've had -- seem to have had a problem over the last two years, in addition it includes funding -- the federal spending authority for domestic violence shelters

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and a number of other things. It's a bill that you've all seen before. The only notable addition is this Senate Bill 143 includes 8.1 million dollars of additional General Revenue spending for projects that come directly from the Governor's bond list. These are important needs that the House Chamber thought was very important to include in this supplemental, and owing to the fact that they're our coequal partners in this process, we agreed. If there's questions on the bill, I'll be happy to do my best to explain them.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

A question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Sponsor will yield, Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Senator -- Senator Rauschenberger, who did you say were coequal partners in this? Was that the House?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Senator Welch, to the best of my understanding, the House is a coequal Chamber in the legislative process on a constitutional basis. And inasmuch as this supplemental first breathed life in early November for some critical human service needs, including home-delivered meals and the ADAP program, we have, in the Senate, I think, experienced some frustration in not being able to get action and agreement out of the House. The 8.1 million dollars were concerns that the House felt were important to be included for this bill to be considered over there. So, yes, I -- I was referring to the House when we talked about a coequal Chamber.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

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Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Well, I think you'd probably have more success negotiating with our coequal Chamber if you let us Democratic Senators help you out a little bit, because we know a lot of those House Democrats and we can talk to them and -- and -- to convince them that some of these projects that are added to the appropriation bills are -- are probably in their districts and probably be good for them, and sometimes we even have joint press releases. So -- so in the future, that might be a good idea, to help get these bills through the House, is to talk to us over here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Senator Welch, thank you. And I agree with you: This procedurally, perhaps, could have been done better. In the future, I will make an effort to make sure -- we are in the early formation stages of the new General Assembly. This bill had been considered by the previous Appropriation Committee. But you're absolutely right, I can do a better job as Chairman and I will try to.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of order.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Yes. State your point.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Are we now creating special orders of business within our Calendars? In the past, that's been an abuse in the other Chamber from time to time, but I didn't know that we were going to go directly to particular bills on the Calendar without proceeding

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through the -- the other bills that are also on that Calendar.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

We -- we will -- we started with Senate Bill 84, which was on Recall, Senator. We are now on Senate Bill 143, and it is not our intention to go to any special order of business. Further discussion? Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Well, I understand going to Recall bills; that is a special order that we've always done. But to go then to -- to other bills on 3rd Reading without going to the beginning of the Calendar is not something we've done in the past, and I would hope, regardless of what we do today, that we're not going to start jumping around the Calendar; that we will do as we have done the last four years, going from the top to the bottom.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Yes. Thank you. Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

I would defer to Senator DeLeo.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator DeLeo.

SENATOR DeLEO:

Thank you, Mr. President. We'd respectfully ask for a thirty-minute conference at this time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

That request is in order. It is now 11 a.m., and that -- I would assume that 11:30 would be an appropriate time to reconvene. We will stand adjourned to the call of the Chair. I beg your pardon. We are at ease until the call of the Chair.

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(SENATE STANDS AT EASE)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

The hour of 11:30 having arrived, we will reconvene. It's the intention of the Chair to go to Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Mr. Secretary, we have Introduction of Bills at this time.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 662, offered by Senators Carroll and Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 663, by Senator Farley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 664, by Senator Butler.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 665, by Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

...Bill 666, by Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 667, by Senator Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 668, presented by Senators Maitland and Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 669, offered by Senators Maitland and Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 670, presented by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Cullerton offers Senate Bill 671.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 672, offered by Senator Hawkinson and Senator Cullerton.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 673, by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Sieben offers Senate Bill 674.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 675, offered by Senators Dillard and Farley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 676, by Senators Molaro and Obama.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 677, Senator Jacobs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 678, by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 679, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 680, by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Walsh offers Senate Bill 681.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 682, by Senator Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 683, Senator Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 684, Senator Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 685, by Senator Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 686, by Senator Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 687, by Senator Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 688, by Senator Walsh.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 689, by Senator Donahue.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 690, offered by Senator Weaver and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 691, by Senator Butler.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 692, by Senator Butler.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

(Senate Bill 693.) (Bill within parentheses submitted in writing, but inadvertently not read into the record.)

Senate Bill 694, offered by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 695, by Senator Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 696, by Senator Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 697, by Senator Syverson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 698, by Senator Syverson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 699, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 700, offered by Senator O'Malley and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Intention of the Chair: We're on page 2, Senate Bills 3rd Reading. We start with Senate Bill 14. Senator Hawkinson. Senator Hawkinson. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 14.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 14 is a repeat of legislation that was passed two years ago at the instance of the Illinois State's Attorneys' Association. It increases the felony penalties for possession and for possession with intent to deliver substantial amounts of cannabis. This legislation was noncontroversial and was, in fact, signed in to law, but because it was part of the Senate Bill 721, which was found to be unconstitutional in violation of the single subject matter prohibition, was, in fact, thrown out. So the State's attorneys have made this a high priority. It comes to us, in particular, from Bureau and Henry Counties, along Interstate 80, which is a pipeline for heavy drug traffickers. And I would be happy to try and answer any questions, otherwise ask for favorable approval of Senate Bill 14.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Are there any questions? Are there any questions from the Democrat side of the aisle? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 14 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Yes, no voting No, no voting Present. Senate Bill 14, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 15. Senator Hawkinson. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 15.

(Secretary reads title of bill)



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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 15 is another initiative of the Illinois State's Attorneys' Association which adds the offense of reckless discharge of a firearm to the list of offenses subject to the forfeiture Statute. This essentially addresses certain drive-by shooting situations, where there is a discharge of a firearm from a vehicle that endangers a person or the life of persons in the area, and the full protections of the Forfeiture Act apply. In other words, if there's an innocent owner or co-owner or there's an -- a financial institution without knowledge of this offense, the Forfeiture Act will not apply. So it only applies to those situations where you've got an owner who is aware of the offense in the drive-by shooting. And I'd be happy to try and answer any questions, otherwise ask for favorable approval of Senate Bill 15.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 15 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Yes, no voting No, no voting Present. Senate Bill 15, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 20. Senator Garcia. Senator Garcia. Senate Bill 20. Senator Garcia on the Floor? Out of the record. Senate Bill 28. Senator Bowles. Out of the record. Senate Bill 51. Senator O'Malley. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 51.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator O'Malley.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Senate Bill No. 51 has a number of provisions. I'll read them into the record very briefly, and then I'll stand ready to answer any questions there may be. First of all, adds language to permit the Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption to be part of the list of exemptions for which a certificate of error may be issued administratively within the assessor's office, and extends the time period for issuance of certificates of error from two to three years. The next provision provides that the time limitation for a certificate of error shall not apply to a certificate correcting an assessment to one dollar on a parcel that has been acquired through adverse possession if the parcel is used as a common area and the application is made prior to December 31, 1997. The next provision amends the Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption to allow downstate county boards to establish as an annual application deadline a date other than July 1. The next provision allows taxing districts to abate property taxes on parcels devoted entirely to senior occupancy, with -- with restrictions as to income levels. We all -- just parenthetically, we -- we -- we currently have this same provision allowed for both horse racing and auto racing. This would extend it to affordable senior citizen housing. The next provision makes a correction to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law to address a problem in the Village of Oak Lawn that has developed there with respect to School District 122. The effect of this language will be to allow School District 122 to capture the increment that Oak Lawn gave up by paying off its TIF early. The

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-- the next provision amends the Water Reclamation District Act to allow the distribution of funds from a -- the Local Improvement Revolving Loan Fund to any -- any unit of local government. Current law limits this to municipalities. This would make it available to sanitary districts as well. The final provision amends the Municipal Telecommunications Tax law to allow municipalities to impose a tax to exempt school districts and units of local government. I'd be happy to answer any questions there may be.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 51 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Yes, no voting No, no voting Present. Senate Bill 51, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 71. Senator Madigan. Read the -- read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 71.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Madigan.

SENATOR MADIGAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 71 is a very simple bill that was brought to me by the handicapped who wish to be able to apply for permits or to give the Department of Natural Resources permit authority that in addition to being able to issue a permit to the handicapped to pursue deer with a crossbow, that the Department of Natural Resources be allowed to

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issue permits to the handicapped to hunt turkey with a crossbow. I would be glad to answer any questions on Senate Bill 71 and, otherwise, would ask for its approval.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 71 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Yes, no voting No, no voting Present. Senate Bill 71, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. On 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 84. Senator Fitzgerald. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 84.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Fitzgerald.

SENATOR FITZGERALD:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 84 addresses a problem that occurred in one subdivision in my district, which a developer of this subdivision, back in the 1950s, had set aside a parcel as park land and the Cook County Assessor's Office assumed that the property was owned by the Palatine Park District and was not assessing taxes. Later, it turned out, when they found out that the property was still privately owned, they sought to attract or find the descendants of the original developer. Long and short of it is, a certificate of error was granted to this subdivision that now owns the property for -- for many years, but there was a short period for which they could not get a certificate of error. I worked with the Cook County Assessor's Office to get language

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which addressed this parcel, and this parcel only, and allow a certificate of error to issue on this property, which was mistakenly classified for many years. There's also a provision in this bill that, for purposes of the April 1, 1997, election only, county resolutions to impose the Special County Retailers' Occupation Tax for Public Safety must be adopted and certified no later than thirty-five days before the election. This applies in counties with a population of a hundred and eighty thousand or less only. And I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 84 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Yes, no voting No, no voting Present. Senate Bill 84, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 87. Senator Weaver. Senator Weaver, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WEAVER:

Mr. President, may I ask leave to return to this?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Leave is granted. Moving down the Calendar, we are at Senate Bill 88. Senator Rauschenberger. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 88...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

I beg your pardon, Mr. Secretary. Senator Rauschenberger. Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Mr. President, I seek leave of the Body to return to this

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bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any objection? Leave is granted. On 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 143. Senator Rauschenberger. Senator -- Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 143.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 143, as I briefly described earlier, is the Senate supplemental that we've passed twice before in this Chamber; last acted on the Tuesday before we adjourned sine die in the old General Assembly. The only change to this bill is removal of the Beck language on appropriation and the addition of 8.1 million dollars' worth of emergency projects that were requested by Members of the House. I'd be happy to answer questions on this. I don't want to prolong the debate. If people have questions, I'd be happy to try to respond.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Just -- just a few comments and -- and a question of sorts. On the Meals on Wheels program, Senator Rauschenberger, how much has been appropriated for that program?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

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The -- this supplemental bill includes four hundred thousand additional General Revenue Fund dollars for the Meals on Wheels program.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Is -- has this been designated of sufficient funds to actually run the program?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Senator, to the best of our understanding, the accumulated waiting lists of all of the agencies that -- that handle Meals on Wheels would amount to about three hundred and forty to three hundred and fifty thousand dollars for a full fiscal year. Since this is a supplemental, which probably won't get to the agencies, at the earliest, till the first of March, we're really only asking them to -- they really have only four or five months left in this fiscal year to spend it. So it's our opinion that it more than adequately completely funds the waiting lists and gives them some additional programmatic money for expansion. The real argument of whether we deal with the unmet need numbers that have been discussed by AARP is really a next fiscal year discussion, but we are very cognizant of.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

So -- but what has happened is a lot of people this year were not included because of these budgetary constraints. Is that what happened?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Rauschenberger.

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SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Senator, to the best of my understanding, for the last three years there have been people who have not been able to be included in the Meals on Wheels program because we did not have enough in the appropriation to fully fund people who are on waiting lists. In addition, I guess I would mention, since we've had kind of protracted delays caused by the House, it's been an -- almost an additional three months that we hopefully could have gotten going, which is why we're quite anxious to move the bill today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Okay. Just a comment. The Democrats did offer an alternative. We had an amendment yesterday that we wanted to actually include 1.1 million dollars more, which would actually take care of seventy-five hundred individuals who have been waiting to get into this program. As -- unfortunately, that amendment did not come out of committee. Again just -- Senator, we would like to start working with you so that we would not have the little snafus that we had yesterday, because, again, we have a constituency - a combined constituency - that needs these services. And I'll be looking forward to working with you. As the new Chairman {sic} of Appropriations, I have had a good working relationship with the Chairman, and I would like to see that relationship continue and actually grow as we continue this process on some other initiatives as well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Thank you very much. As -- as Chairman of the Transportation Committee, I have been asking some information about these Series B bonds that we are talking about. For the edification of those



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colleagues on the other side of the aisle, twenty million dollars of those bonds will be going directly to the CTA. So, I would suggest you look at this very carefully.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Further discussion? Senator Trotter, for a second time.

SENATOR TROTTER:

For a second time. I'm sorry. Excuse me, Senator Rauschenberger, maybe you can -- some clarity. Is -- that's not in this bill is it?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Senator Trotter, you're correct. Senator Fawell is correct in her discussion, but it refers to Senate Bill 87 and 88, which we passed and expect to return to directly. That is correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the sponsor: Could you explain what the funds in Public Aid for disproportionate share is going to be used for? It was our understanding from the Department that there were no requests in. Even though I would like to see more money spent on disproportionate, I don't believe there's anything in here or from the Department that indicates who's going to get anything. Can you give us any detail on it? 6.8 million dollars.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Senator, our intent and our hope is to see the Executive Branch reconstruct the old -- the rural perinatal adjustment payment that used to be part of the old Medicaid program. We

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don't have rules or a distribution from the Executive Branch. As you probably are aware and maybe other Members need to be aware, the Executive Branch is not necessarily completely supportive of the concept of us expanding some of these adjustment payments. We hope, with the passage of this bill through both Chambers, if we're -- if we're fortunate, to kind of engage them in -- in encouraging them to move forward in developing rules again. We would expect the distribution to be very similar to the old rural perinatal program.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Rauschenberger, to close.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you very much, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I want to commend my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, as well as my colleagues on this side. For more than three months, we've worked hard to put together this supplemental. Maybe it's been kind of bumpy at times, but I think we have a product that we can be proud of in the Senate. And I would hope that I get widespread support, and we can encourage our colleagues in the House to act as quickly as possible.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 143 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Yes, no voting No, no voting Present. Senate Bill 143, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Weaver, you had asked leave of the Body to return to Senate Bill 87. There was no objection. We will now go back to Senate Bill 87. Mr. Secretary, would you please read the bill?

SECRETARY HARRY:

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Senate Bill 87.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 87 increases the General Obligation Bond authorization by six hundred and fifty-nine million five hundred thousand. It also provides for the funding of the '96-'97 capital program. It provides a five-hundred-million-dollar increase in the College Savings Bond authorization. There are a list of projects that are -- would be funded through this. If there's any questions on any of them, I'll be happy to try to answer that. Otherwise, I'd appreciate a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. You know, we've got following this is Senate Bill 88, which has the dollar amounts. I noticed in there that most of the projects are -- are in Republican districts. Understand that fully. You've got the majority. There is eight hundred thousand dollars for lock-down facilities in my prison. It's no big deal; I could go either way on that. But I happen to be one of those that believe in the process, and I believe strongly in this process. And you have the majority over here; we understand that. We can complain that we have not been part of the process, but we all know, that are standing here today, that with -- if and when this passes, it'll go over to the other side of the Rotunda, then everything will change. I'm willing to go ahead and contribute on this, and therefore I urge a Yes vote.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Further discussion? Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much. Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield, Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Senator Weaver, are there any new dollars in here for school construction bonds?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

No, there are not, Senator Trotter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Okay. Were they considered? As you know, for the past two years, this caucus has been attempting to correct some of the -- the problems that has been brought up by the Illinois -- Illinois State Board, who said they have one billion dollars' worth of renovation projects in this State. Is there any reason why these -- this project was not considered at this time?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Well, actually, we're just considering the Governor's program. We're not looking at any new programs at this point in time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much. Just -- just to comment. The Illinois State Board of Education has, for the past two years, saying that

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our schools are in a horrendous condition. The President spoke the other night in the State of the -- the Union Address that the environment in which our children are taught is just as important as the curriculum in which -- that we teach our children. This caucus, again, has submitted an amendment in committee asking for five hundred million dollars to rectify that one-billion-dollar problem, or at least put a -- a dent in that problem. That was not addressed again, as it has not been addressed in the past two years. And as a consequence of this -- this Body being irresponsible in addressing what we have all considered one of our greatest assets, and that is educating our children so they can be prepared for the future, I might vote No for this, and I would also recommend many Members on this side of the aisle to vote with me for voting No for this irresponsible bill, which just has, again, some projects that are just helping individual Members and not helping the whole.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Senator Severns.

SENATOR SEVERNS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I stand in strong support of Senate Bill 87. In fact, I asked Senator Weaver to join as a cosponsor, because I think if there's one message that we should have received in this last election, for those of us who sought reelection and those who sought election, is that the public is fed up. They're fed up with the political, partisan bickering. They're fed up with the petty politics that gets in the way of good public policy. This debate has gone on and on and on. Do I believe that we should increase the bond authorization before we send the list through? No. I still have disagreement with that. During my many years on the appropriations process, the list always went through first, but I also happen to believe the words of -- of the respected colleague on the other side,

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Senator Weaver, that he will do all that he can do to make certain that that list does not change, or at least not change where it affects us in a way that we don't like. I think if there's a message that the public sent only a few weeks ago, it's get on with the business of the public; get on with the business of doing what we know we were elected to do. It's not easy for me to stand here, who is proud to stand on this side with my many friends and colleagues, to take a position that might be different than the majority of my colleagues on this side, but it's an issue I feel strongly about. And it's an issue that I think all of us should think long and hard. Yes, there's -- there's a project on there that is bigger to Decatur than -- than probably has been during the whole time that I've been in the Senate and probably the ten years before - and it better stay on there - but if it doesn't and if it were not on there, I would still argue that we should be moving forward. Petty politics has never served good public policy well. This debate has gone on too long. Yes, I hope that with some of the changes that have taken place in this last November election, that at long last we're going to see what all of us, or at least most of us, have uttered in our districts: that it's time for bipartisan cooperation, and it's time to work together, and it's time to do the right thing. I say to my friends on this side and both sides, especially those of us who were on the ballot only a few weeks ago, I expect, like me, most of us had the opportunity to hear the chagrin of a weary public who says they're tired of the partisan debate, on this issue and countless issues. Well, my friends, this is the first real opportunity where we have the opportunity to put our vote where our mouth has been. It's the first opportunity to let our actions match our rhetoric. I hope anyone who is going to be stalled or thinking twice about casting an Aye vote on this bill will think twice again before we register the votes up on the board. Because

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if the public were here, if our constituents who were good enough to send us here or return us here were here, they would say, "Get on with it. Get on with the business of the people of Illinois. Cast an Aye vote." I hope that as many Members on this side will join me in doing the right thing and realizing that the petty politics must subside if we're going to meet the challenge of not only infrastructure needs in this State, jobs in this State, but getting on with the larger issue that the Governor has already spelled out - and it's only on those rare opportunities that I embrace his view so -- so strongly - but we've got the issue of educational funding as well. If we're going to make progress and do what we've told our constituents we want to do, it's time for us to put our votes on the board and let the rhetoric - political rhetoric - subside. It's time for a Yes vote on this bond authorization bill. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

WAND-TV, Channel 17, out of Decatur, has asked -- requests leave to videotape the proceedings. Further discussion? Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I was going to save some of my discussion for the next Senate bill, which is the actual project list, but I think it's important that I -- I raise a couple of points here. Because if we don't pass the authorization, we will not offer the project list, because it's kind of meaningless. Four previous times in the last two years I've stood before you and asked the support of this Body to raise the bond authorization and to move a project list to the other Chamber so that we could engage in the process of going about maintaining and -- and renovating the State facilities that we're responsible for. The list that you have today -- the bill before you today is precisely the same projects that we've had on

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those lists for two years. There's been no changes. There's been no manipulation. This is the Governor's capital list that you've voted on on four previous occasions. To the best of my recollection, it has passed out of this Chamber with more than fifty votes every single time. The circumstances today are a little bit confused. And I don't mean to tell you that -- that what other people have told you is not correct. But if we don't engage the House and begin this process, where that Chamber's got a -- kind of a fragile and important situation, we're going to continue this deadlock, where we make no progress. I would not -- I think we'll see a project list again. I think we're going to have to enter in negotiations and make sure that everybody concerned is comfortable with the project list in the final analysis. But if we don't send an authorization over and get moving, we're talking about extending to three years with no capital program, with roofs falling down at our universities, with locks needing to be replaced in -- in our prisons. You know, if you can today, this is a vote that -- that you ought to give one for the Gipper. It's important we get going on this and send the message to the House that we are ready to engage in negotiations. So I'd appreciate very much your favorable consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Mr. President. While I agree we should give one -- a vote for the Gipper, on this side of the aisle the Gipper happens to be our Leader, Emil Jones. You know, it's amazing -- it's amazing. The longer I am in this place, it's amazing how a person's rhetoric changes depending on what their current political aspirations or position might be. It just boggles the mind to hear some of these statements. And I had to rise just in case -- before they -- people think there's a roll going over here



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in favor of this. Now, everyone in this Chamber know I'll vote with a Democratic bill or a Republican bill, or whatever, but I'm never going to get up here and be a flat-out hypocrite, or be up -- get -- stand up and say some things that are totally counter to what I said a year ago or two years ago while I was trying to aspire to be somebody. You know, it just blows my mind. The problem with this bill is that you refuse to sit down with our Leader. Our Leader is the illustrious Emil Jones. It is not Mike Madigan. He don't call no shots over here. He's in the House. This is the Senate. We will never allow the House to run the Senate. You wouldn't let Daniels run the Senate. We're not going to let Madigan run the House {sic}. You should sit down with our Leader and negotiate, just like you would expect us to respect your Leadership and negotiate. Six hundred and fifty-nine million dollars worth of projects. Five million on this side of the aisle, and some Democrats thinking about voting for it. That is ridiculous. Mike Madigan does not run the Senate Democrats. And we should make that plain and clear. While we respect him, it's about giving one for the real Gipper over here, which is Emil Jones. Sit down with Jones and work this out. We -- we understand crumbling prisons. We understand the problems of the universities. But we're not going to be hoodwinked and we're not going to be bamboozled by people who have a different agenda than they had last year, who're making totally different speeches than they made last year 'cause they got something in it for them. It's not right. And I look -- I'm going to watch the roll call, not that my watching the roll call mean anything, but I hope our Leader remembers this roll call like he remembered my vote on Meigs.

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TAPE 2

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President. I guess I feel compelled to have a few words to say since my name was mentioned in debate. The issue before us right now is -- is whether or not we should pass a authorization bill, which is contained within Senate Bill 87. As Senator Rauschenberger pointed out, we voted for projects last Session; we sent those projects over; there was hardly any negative vote. I listened to his remarks when he talked about the prisons. I listened to his remarks as he talked about the universities, the crumbling infrastructure. But what I did not hear him say, the hundreds of thousands of young children who attend elementary and secondary schools in -- in Illinois, the public school system, where the buildings are crumbling. This side of the aisle offered an amendment to keep faith with the Governor that we need a bonding program to deal with the dilapidated schools and the infrastructure with schools across the State of Illinois. For some simple, little, small technicality, you refused - you refused - to have that five-hundred-million-dollar bond authorization which would help schools from Cairo to Chicago, would help those schools deal with the problem of infrastructure. It would have helped those schools that the President of the United States talked about in the State of the Union Address. You talk about the universities. Sure, we are for that. But we're talking about inclusion. You never mentioned that in your remarks. But you sat there in committee and refused to have that amendment placed on this bill. Politics? Perhaps it is politics - on your part. I know that you can reach

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across and grab a few Members to do a few things, but the issue is bigger than that. The issue is whether or not the schoolchildren of the State of Illinois will have the same opportunity at elementary and secondary to go to nice schools and not go to schools that are dilapidated, with infrastructure problems. You refuse to deal with that. It's not petty politics. We fought years ago - two years ago, three years ago - and if we had not insisted from this side of the aisle, the school funding for elementary and secondary would not have been increased. That's what we talk about when we sit down and talk about negotiations. Sure, we voted for the projects. You can use the threats. We just got through having a meeting with the Governor, the four Leaders and myself. We met on this very issue: the appropriation, the supplemental appropriation, and the bonding. We're going to meet again next week to come to a resolve on this issue. And my number one thing on the agenda will be the elementary and secondary school. The five-hundred-million-dollar bonding should be part of the package, just as you talk about the projects for mental health and the projects for higher education. You call that petty politics? No, it's not petty politics. But someone must stand on this Floor and fight for it. It's inclusion. I addressed these issues with your Leader on that side of the aisle and I told him about that, that it must be included. So individuals have their own personal agenda? That's their problem. We'll deal with that. But this authorization bill should include the issues as relate to all the people of the State of Illinois and not just a select few. It does not include the schoolchildren. It does not include the five hundred million dollars. And don't talk about whether it should have been a comma or a period to use that as a technicality for not even hearing the amendment and attaching it to the bill. That's why I stand in opposition to the authorization. And hopefully, within the next

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couple of weeks, we will come to a resolve on all the bonding, so that all the areas of the State will be included. That's why I stand in opposition to Senate Bill 87, because it is not complete. It is totally incomplete. You know it. We know it on this side of the aisle. So in the best interests of the children of the State of Illinois, we should withhold our vote on Senate Bill 87 and deal with it when we come back in two weeks.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Senator Rauschenberger, for a second time.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Let me just correct a couple of things, because I don't want confusion to be part of this vote. A Representative seated over in the other Chamber, Mike Madigan, had absolutely no input of negotiation with the Governor's bond project bill, which is the authorization you're voting for. If Mike Madigan had -- and his people had some input, it was on the discussion of the 8.1 million dollars of emergency needs they felt needed to be included in the bill you already voted for. This is the same thing we have moved in two previous years, the Governor's list of -- of -- the Governor's authorization request followed by his list of capital needs for the infrastructure of the State. And while I share Senator Jones' concerns in many ways, I would urge you to consider the kind of message it sends if we have a divided Chamber over whether we're going to take care of the buildings that we're already responsible for. Are people going to believe that we're going to be stewards of the primary and secondary schools of the State when for two years the House has deadlocked this process on the capital bonding program and now we have this kind of spirited, acrimonious debate over a simple bond authorization to do the business we're suppose to do? So, although I agree with Senator

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Hendon in many respects and with some of Senator Jones' concerns, this is not the place or the time. I would really hope that everybody can support this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Senator Jones, for a second time.

SENATOR JONES:

I apologize for rising a second time. But just to set the record straight, Senator: The Rules Committee - we refiled that amendment - refused to even let it out. All we are attempting to do on this side of the aisle is keep faith with what the Governor promised the people three years ago. That's our obligation to all the people of the State of Illinois, be they attending higher education schools or be they attending elementary and secondary education school. This was a program. But if you were committed to them, as you should be, then you would have voted for it, or you would go to your Leader and say, "Hey, let that bonding -- amendment out of Rules Committee, so it can be properly heard, so it can be addressed, because it's something that we must do." They are a part of the eleven and a half million people of the State of Illinois. So it's not petty politics. It's not a situation where we want to be included. It's the right thing to do. And the right thing to do as relate to this bill is hold it up until they are included, and they can be included with your help. But I haven't seen any commitment on your side of the aisle or you, Senator Rauschenberger, for that commitment. And that's frightening.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

WCIA Channel 3 out of Champaign requests permission to tape. Leave is granted. Further discussion? Further discussion? Senator Weaver, to close.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I think there's been adequate

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discussion. Everyone knows what's in this. Most of you know what the projects are, and I'd appreciate a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

As you know, this is increasing our bonding authorization, a thirty-six vote requirement. The question is, shall Senate Bill 87 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 37 voting Yes, 10 voting No, 9 voting Present. Senate Bill 87, having received the required constitutional three-fifths majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 88. Senator Rauschenberger. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 88.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I appreciate the support and the -- the thoughtful votes on the last roll call. This is the project list that was submitted from the Governor that we've seen several times before. By our quick analysis, it includes a hundred and twenty-one million dollars' worth of projects that are exclusively in Democratic districts. It includes over two hundred and -- almost two hundred and fifty-eight million dollars' worth of statewide projects. This includes the -- the Leaking Underground Storage Tank bond authority to pay claims that people have been waiting eighteen months for. It includes over thirty-five million dollars for the RTA for mass transit grants to deal with the CTA issues and Metra up in the -- the metropolitan area. It's an important

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bill. We may well see a different version of this as -- as we move through the process. I'd appreciate a favorable roll call in support today. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Any discussion? Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 88 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Yes, no voting No, no voting Present. Senate Bill 88, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 143. Senator Rauschenberger. Beg your pardon. We had already acted on Senate Bill 143. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 25, offered by Senator Clayborne and all Members.

It's a death resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Consent Calendar. For what reason does Senator Garcia rise?

SENATOR GARCIA:

For point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR GARCIA:

On that last vote, my switch was malfunctioning. If -- if it had recorded me right, I would have voted in the affirmative.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

The record will so reflect. Senator Bowles, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BOWLES:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would request the authority to go back to Senate Bill 28, which was passed while we were in caucus.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

I'm going to ask if there's an objection, Senator, from any Member that we go back to the Order of 3rd Reading on page 2, Senate Bill 28. You did not ask leave. The others had asked leave so that we could go back to that order of business. And if there's no objection, we'll go back to it. Is there any objection? Seeing none, we're on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 28. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 28.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Bowles.

SENATOR BOWLES:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What this bill does is levels the playing field as far as the commercial fishing for catfish in the Ohio River that borders Kentucky and Illinois. Up till this time, Kentucky commercial fishermen could catch catfish at any size and keep them. Illinois commercial fishermen were denied that right and the fish had to be at least fifteen inches undressed and twelve inches dressed. And it created a terrific problem for these commercial fishermen. The Department of Natural Resources has supported this. They testified on behalf of it, and they are in a position of being proponents. There is no negative fiscal impact. In fact, it might be a small increase in the sale of licenses. And if there are any questions, I would be happy to respond. Otherwise, I would ask for an affirmative vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 28 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who



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wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Yes, no voting No, no voting Present. Senate Bill 28, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

...now proceed to the Order of Resolutions Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all those read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. 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 WEAVER)

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. Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise just for a -- an announcement. The Special Committee on Election Contests of the Senate will meet in Room 400 - not Room 212, but Room 400 - as previously posted, to consider election contests, immediately - immediately - following our service for our colleague, Senator Babe Woodyard.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Resolution. Will -- will the Members please be in their seats. Will the staff please retire to the gallery, and will the doormen please secure the door. Senator Philip moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of an immediate consideration and adoption of SJR 10. Those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Please read the resolution, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

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Senate Joint Resolution 10, offered by Senator Philip, President of the Senate, and all Members.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 10)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Mary D and family. Two days ago many of us in this Chamber drove to Chrisman, Illinois, and celebrated the life of Harry "Babe" Woodyard. Was a very special day for us there. Although saddened by the earthly passage of our dear friend and colleague, we also believe that it was a time to celebrate a truly wonderful life. And how thankful I am that I'm able to do that for someone like Babe Woodyard. Would like to share just a couple or three thoughts of my remembrance of Babe in his earthly life. Few of you know this because you don't arrive as early as some of us do here, but when we're in Springfield, there's kind of a challenge between Babe and Pate and I to see whose car would arrive first on the drive. And, Pate, we usually lost. That was the commitment that Babe had to his job here. He was here early, worked long and hard. As the resolution suggests, he was one of three farmers in this Chamber. Senator O'Daniel and me being the other two. We all three dedicated to our profession. Babe was exceptionally dedicated to his profession. A very good farmer, recognized as such. And yet, Babe, again as the resolution suggests, recognized that there were things other than farming, and if it was farm legislation that was not good for the State, Babe was not afraid to stand up and say it's wrong, to the Farm Bureau or to any of us. And he did it. Did it well. I was privileged to go on one of those trade missions to China with Babe, as was Senator Madigan and Senator Donahue. Babe led that delegation, and the respect that he commanded from our friends in

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the People's Republic of China was unbelievable. He had one desire - one desire: improve trade relations with the People's Republic of China. And until the end, he attempted to meet that challenge. The other day, as we were driving from Chrisman to Ridge Farm, I think something brought this all home to me, when parked along the road, maybe fifty feet off the road, there were five fertilizer pickup trucks. And those of you, perhaps, in the City don't know the importance of fertilizer pickup trucks like we do downstate, but they are a part of our landscape throughout the year. These five fertilizer trucks were backed up, headed toward the road, perpendicular with the road, lights on. And as the funeral procession passed by, the employees of the fertilizer company - and, Mary D, I suspect it perhaps was the company that you bought fertilizer from - stood there very humble, watching the process go by. What a tribute to Babe. As we got to Ridge Farm and turned to go to the cemetery, where the committal would take place, there's an elementary school and up somewhat out of the wind, sheltered by the wind, were quite a number of elementary students, standing there, paying tribute to Babe Woodyard. And the sign said in the yard of the school, "We will miss you, Babe." That's the relationship Babe had with his constituents. Mary D, I value your friendship. My wife values your friendship, and that of your family. We all thank you for the commitment that you have made to this Chamber, to this State. Babe Woodyard was a wonderful person. To your entire family, thank you for allowing us to celebrate with you Babe's life.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator O'Daniel.

SENATOR O'DANIEL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate, Governor Edgar, and the family. It's -- Babe Woodyard was a dear friend of mine and my wife's. Known him for many years. Ever since I've

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been in the Senate, he and I -- one of us chaired the Senate Agriculture and Conservation Committee. And I can't remember a time that we disagreed on any piece of legislation that was pertaining to agriculture or agribusiness. Babe was from the old school, you know, where his word and a handshake was his bond. And, you know, long before Babe and I were involved in government, we got to be friends. We both worked for the total economic development of the entire Wabash Valley. He was -- he was a dear friend. You know, it was really an honor and a privilege for me to have been able to call Babe Woodyard a dear friend. And as all of you will, I know I will, I'll miss him an awful lot. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President, Mary D and your wonderful family, and Governor Edgar and Brenda. I was one of those elected officials that Babe came down and had a bean -- bean supper for at the Marion County Fairgrounds in Salem. And he did, he literally wheeled in with his wagon and had his big pot and make his beans and ham right there, and -- and people would come by. It was great; it was a wonderful thing. But I remember one -- several comments people made about Babe and his presence and his -- the manner in which he was dressed, and -- and -- they said, "Is this guy really a State Senator?" Because you -- he didn't look like it, didn't act like it. And that's the kind of guy he was. You know, he -- he didn't have any awe about the fact that he was over here representing the people of his district and that that elevated him any higher than anybody else. No, Babe was a common guy. He came in -- when Governor Edgar took a different position when he was in the State Legislature, Babe was -- came over and replaced him, and Babe became a seatmate. So we became very good

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friends over the years and -- as most of us would if you knew him, and -- and he -- he had that way about him. And if you ever were with him and you introduced him to someone or he introduced himself, he'd -- he'd always just say, "Hi. I'm Babe Woodyard." And then he'd reach in his pocket and pull out a business card and hand it to 'em. Sometimes he'd get it mixed up. Chinese -- he had a Chinese card. He had a -- whatever. Sometimes he'd get 'em mixed up, but he always had a business card. Have you ever -- I don't know if you ever noticed that about the guy, but that's something he always did. Always did. Because he wanted people to know who he was and he wanted to make sure that there was an interaction that took place between he and that individual he just met. And we don't do that generally. That's not the way most of us operate. We just kind of, "Yeah. Good to see you. Nice meeting you." And then you forget 'em. And that wasn't the way Babe was. Not the way Babe was. We -- some of us, after Session, and Babe was part of this, Gordon Ropp, myself - Representative Ropp at that time - I'd just been elected to the Senate; Babe was still in the House - we went down to what's called the Alton Club. We went with a group from the Metro East area. Bob Walters, who -- former Member of the House, and -- and he and Babe became quite good friends also. But we'd go to the Alton Club. It's on the Current River in Missouri; it's a wonderful place. And just about twenty, twenty-five guys go down there after Session and talk about issues and then certainly have a good time. And Babe was -- was a part of that from that point in 1983, till last year. He went every year. He'd come down. He got to know those people well in the Metro East area, and when they had something of importance to them, an event, they'd invite him, he'd come down. Mary D, sometimes you would accompany him. Again, just showing you that the relationship that he was able to develop with people is quite unique. And -- and if you'd seen him at the Alton Club

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-- this is a -- it's a barracks kind of place on the Current River, way out there in Eminence. Anyway, you float down the river, and we floated in inner tubes generally. Now, if you really want to see something, you ought to see Babe Woodyard in an inner tube. Those white legs was unbelievable. But we had a great time. He'd get up at 4:30 in the morning, go fishing. Rest of us were about -- that's about the time we were going to bed after the card games and Ping-Pong games and whatever else was going on. He's getting up and going fishing. And he'd come in with a string, just proud as he could be. And we had wonderful times, and those are the kinds of things that you remember. You know, and I -- I thought to myself, when -- how -- I -- I kind of wear my emotions on my sleeve, and I think most of you know that. And I have a tough time -- I have a tough -- I have no idea what you're going through, Mary D, and I appreciate that. I have no idea. I've never had something like this happen to someone that I love. But I didn't know how I'd handle this, walking by his office, knowing that we weren't going to see him anymore. Babe's gone. And this is part of a healing process that takes place that you have to -- you have to deal with, and I'm willing, obviously, to do that, and I -- I appreciate the opportunity to get up and talk about a good friend, who will always be a good friend. And I wish you, Mary D and the family, certainly well, and I hope that you will call on us at any time that we can -- we can be of any service. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Madigan.

SENATOR MADIGAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate, Mary D, members of the family, Governor and Mrs. Edgar. When I -- I was doing all right, Senator Watson, until you stood up. Now I'm not doing so well right now. But when I came into this wonderful

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Chamber and became a Member of this Senate, we were going through the seating arrangements and then Chief of Staff Roger Sweet suggested that maybe Babe and I - Senator Woodyard - should sit together, that we had districts that were pretty much in common and a lot of our interests were in common. That certainly did turn out to be the case over the last ten years, that Senator Woodyard and I were able to think a lot alike, and if one of us had to be away or step off the Floor for a second, there wasn't ever a problem as to how Senator Woodyard thought I should vote or perhaps how I thought Senator Woodyard should vote if we weren't able to get to our button on time before -- before the vote was closed. The -- I remember one thing in particular, a bill that we sponsored, when we were talking about the resolution, and a property tax and a trade-off with the income tax. Senator Woodyard led a bill, or lead sponsor, and I cosponsored, a local income tax bill as a trade-off with property tax. And the end result of that measure was that each of us in turn got called for a visit down to the Second Floor to a little room, sort of like a library, and there was a white dog in there - I think his name is Emmy - and got spoke to by the dog's master about perhaps that measure was a little bit -- a little bit ahead of its time, and -- and we followed that, as Babe -- as Senator Woodyard and Governor Edgar were -- had been friends for many, many years. I -- I think that I've always felt that I had a special friendship with Senator Woodyard. And I found out over the years, through watching and listening Babe, that I -- I really didn't have a special friendship with Babe Woodyard; that every person who came across Babe Woodyard had a special relationship with -- with Babe. And we're all going to miss him. I've -- I've been through this -- ordeal before, Mary D and family. And Kirk and Babe had come up and had one of those bean cooks for me. And, Kirk, I would say to you and Leslie Henry, that you and I will always have something in

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common: that you lost your father on the 31st day of January, and I lost my father on the 31st day of January. So that's a day that we will -- we'll think about our fathers, and think that we will always miss -- miss our dear friend and colleague, Babe Woodyard.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen in the Senate, the family, Governor and Mrs. Edgar. I had the opportunity that many of us in this Chamber have not had and that is the fact that I lived in Babe's district. In 1980, '81, '82, I lived in a little town called Martinsville, in Clark County, and I happened to be the Farm Bureau manager there. And I didn't know Mary D, didn't know the family, but I remember the first time I met Babe was at a place called Richard's Farm Restaurant, in Casey, Illinois. And their specialty was that great, big pork chop, I remember. Of course, Babe liked that pork chop, very much so. But I remember thinking yesterday, or on the bus trip the other day, about Babe and how he interacted with the people in his district, how they respected him, how they really loved him and thought the world of him. And that was my first exposure, really. Babe was the first politician that I really knew, that I really met and had the opportunity to sit down and talk to. And I found out he was just an ordinary guy, just wanting to do what he thought was best for the people that lived in his district and to take care of business. I also found out in later years how much Babe's love was for his family, his wife, his farming, and his hobbies. But I recollect back to those days, and then when I moved to the -- to the Illinois Senate in 1992, I had the pleasure of serving on the Senate Agriculture Committee, which Babe chaired. And, you know, I thought how can Babe have this demeanor? 'Cause he constantly had a smile on his face, he was



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pleasant to everyone, and yet, he conducted himself so well in that committee and chaired it, as he led discussions on topics ranging from beekeeping to Senator Madigan's pigeons flying upside down so they didn't make a mess in the cities - on his racing pigeons, orange hats for the Department of Conservation, and also as Babe led very serious talks about the Uniform Commercial Code. A wide range of topics, each handled very delicately and very ably by Senator Woodyard. And then I reflect on coming in, in my office down the hallway, and it didn't matter whether I got there at 7 or 7:30, there was already a pot of coffee on, and I think I was the -- the biggest -- the largest recipient of that coffee of anybody else on the floor. I -- yeah. I see heads shaking down there. Diane agrees with me. And I really appreciated Babe so much, and he will be so missed. But I look today as we have the brochure that's in front of us, the pamphlet, and if the picture on the front of it doesn't personify who Babe Woodyard was and is, I don't know what else will, unless there was a picture of his family right there with him. And Babe will be missed, and I just wanted to express my condolences to the family.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, the Woodyard family, Governor and Mr. -- Mrs. Edgar. I think I had an opportunity to spend a few of Babe's last minutes -- last moments here in the General Assembly, in the transition -- I've worked with him on the Senate Ag Committee, but in that transition of the chairmanship as he's passing the gavel on to me. I recognize the tremendous challenge to carry on the things that you've talked about here today that Babe stood for and that he worked for and was trying to accomplish. The Thursday night before he was going into surgery on Sunday, he asked Senator

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O'Daniel and myself, from the Ag Committee, and a couple of Members of the House if we could go to dinner with him because there was an issue that concerned him that he wanted to talk about. And I just want to share with the family that even though he had announced his retirement, he had not ceased to work actively in -- in the process and be involved in what we were doing. And we went to Alexander's and had a steak, and Babe could barely talk. If you remember, his vocal cords were impacted by the aneurysm that was creating pressure on those nerves. He could barely talk, but he did a lot of the talking that evening about what -- if we could work out a compromise by the people that want to ride dirt bikes and ATVs on some of our public parkland in the State. So he was trying to build a consensus with some of the House Members and -- and with Bill and myself on that issue, continuing to be involved and express his concern for trying to build a consensus. And then he said to me, he said, "Oh. There's one other issue if you could help me out with. I -- I don't know how long I'm going to be in Chicago for this surgery, but I got this bill that deals with the overpopulation of cats and dogs in this State and we need to try to find a way to address the Humane Society's concern about altering people's pets and that." He says, "We tried to do it last year." He said, "I don't know if you can do anything, but if you wouldn't mind, I'd appreciate you picking up Senate Bill 52." Well, we had Ag Committee last week and I found out all kinds of things about Senate Bill 52. So hopefully you'll hear more about it. But I was glad to hear the minister - who maybe wasn't a professional order, but in my view, was one heck of a preacher - talk about Babe's love of cats. So I can understand why he was even involved in this issue of altering cats and dogs to deal with our overpopulation. Continued to be involved. And then I got a call over the weekend from the Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association, and they were having

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their annual meeting in Peoria Tuesday morning, the day of Babe's surgery. And they were having a special meeting and giving a special recognition to Babe, a very nice plaque, and they wondered if I could stop by in Peoria, 7:30 that morning. They new he couldn't be there. So it was my privilege to represent Babe at that meeting in Peoria the Tuesday morning of his surgery and listen to the -- the fine things that that Association, the Illinois fertilizer and chemical dealers, had to say about their friend and a real advocate for agribusiness in the State of Illinois. Wanted to share those comments with the family, to know that Babe was actively involved, and working, and thought of and remembered right up to the time of his surgery. And our prayers are with you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Mary D and family, Governor Edgar and Brenda. Senator Woodyard was born December 3rd, 1930, died January 31, 1997. Sixty-six years young. I can never remember anybody calling Babe "Harry." It was always Babe. He was a loving husband, father of two, grandfather of four. Babe and I had a few things in common: We were both Masons; both 32nd Degree Masons; both Shriners; both served during Korea, he in the Army, myself in the Marine Corps; and we both belonged to the American Legion. Babe sat in front of me, so I probably observed him more than most people here in the legislative process. And of course you know he served with us for eighteen years, and what a great record. I don't think Babe Woodyard in eighteen years ever made an enemy or ever said a bad thing about anybody. But it was always interesting because there was always a continual file of people from his district here on the Floor of the Senate. And, of course, he was always very proud

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of those people and would continually introduce them to me. And I don't care if you were a bank president, a next-door neighbor, kid across the street, a school teacher, you got the same courtesy and the same respect. They certainly loved him. They respected him. They enjoyed him. I called Babe the Monday after Super Bowl at the University of Chicago Hospital and talked to him, because I knew that he was going to be operated on Tuesday. So we talked about the Super Bowl, the Green Bay Packers, the "cheddarheads," although both of us have been Bear fans most of our lives, but certainly we were with -- our hearts were with Green Bay and we had a good discussion about that game. Babe was -- was my friend, my pal. I always said he was the easiest sell in the Senate. Babe Woodyard didn't know how to say no. He was a very sensitive, well-meaning man, and he was always there when you needed him. I know Babe is up there today, up in heaven looking down on us with a big smile on his face. And, Babe, we all loved you, we all respect you, and we certainly are all going to miss you. Mr. President, I move the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution No. 10.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Philip moves the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 10. All in favor of this resolution, please rise. The resolution's adopted. As our joint resolution stipulates, the Senate will please be adjourned.

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