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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 90th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks, and will our guests in the galleries please rise? Our prayer today will be given by the Reverend Doctor Gary Rhodes, Elliott Avenue Baptist Church, Springfield, Illinois. Reverend Rhodes.

THE REVEREND DOCTOR GARY RHODES:

(Prayer by the Reverend Doctor Gary Rhodes)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal. Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

I move that the reading and approval of the Journal of Wednesday, March 11th, in the year 1998, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objection, so ordered. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator O'Malley, Chair of the Committee on Financial Institutions, reports Senate Bill 1528 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Fitzgerald, Chair of the Committee on State Government Operations, reports Senate Bills 1350, 1356 and 1633 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 1555 and 1347 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Klemm, Chair of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Bills 1455, 1499, 1591, 1592, 1593, 1594, 1750, 1860, 1895, 1896 and 1897, all Do Pass; House Bill 38 Do Pass; Senate Bills

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1288, 1292, 1295, 1326, 1709, 1838 Do Pass, as Amended; and Senate Joint Resolution 42 Be Adopted.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

It's my typical duty here. Want the record to reflect Senator Bowles is absent due to illness; Senator Farley is attending a funeral; Senator Collins, Smith and Shaw are absent because of personal business. And that's only the reasons I know today.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Thank you, Senator Demuzio. The record will so indicate. Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

A Message for the Governor by Deno Perdiou, Director of Legislative Affairs, March 11th, 1998.

To the Honorable Members of the (Senate,) 90th General Assembly - I have nominated and appointed the following named persons to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments of your Honorable Body.

Signed by Governor Jim Edgar.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

...right. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to move to the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Top of page 2. House {sic} (Senate) Bill 743. Senator Fawell. ...Bill 1028. Senator -- Senate Bill 1028. Senator Dillard. Senate Bill 1210. Senator Syverson. Senate Bill 1215. Senator Carroll. Senate Bill 1224. Senator Dillard. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1224.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Judiciary adopted one

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amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Have there been any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1240. Senator Molaro. Senate Bill 1246. Senator Watson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1246.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1247. Senator Watson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1247.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Education adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1249. Senator Garcia. 1249. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1249.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1250. Senator Butler. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1250.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Transportation adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1251. Senator Luechtefeld. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1251.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1258. Senator Watson. Senator Watson, 1258? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1258.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1259. Senator Fawell. Senate Bill 1260. Senator Klemm. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

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Senate Bill 1260.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Judiciary adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1271. Senator Burzynski. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1271.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1272. Senator Burzynski. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1272.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1279. Senator Walsh. Senator...
Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1279.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive adopted one amendment.

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Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1289. Senator Dudycz. Senate Bill 1290. Senator Peterson. Senate Bill 1291. Senator Watson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1291.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Revenue adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1306. Senator Mahar. Senate Bill 1315. Senator Parker. Senate Bill 1324. Senator Luechtefeld. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1324.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1328. Senator Bowles. Senate Bill 1331. Senator Fawell. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1331.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1335. Senator Dudycz. Senate Bill 1338. Senator O'Malley. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1338.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1339. Senator Karpel. Senate Bill 1364. Senator Klemm. Senate Bill 1365. Senator Bowles. Top of page 4. Senate Bill 1372. Senator Syverson. Senate Bill 1386. Senator Trotter. Senate Bill... I'm sorry, I didn't see him. I beg your pardon. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1386.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1424. Senator Mahar. Senate Bill 1425. Senator Hawkinson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1425.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Judiciary adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1426. Senator Bomke. Senate Bill 1427. Senator Radogno. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1427.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1428. Senator Luechtefeld. Senate Bill 1430. Senator Parker. Senate Bill 1432. Senator Hawkinson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1432.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. Committee on Judiciary adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1446. Senator Philip. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1446.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1471. Senator O'Malley. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1471.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1475. Senator Karpel. Senate Bill 1491. Senator Philip. Senator Philip, on 1491? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1491.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1500. Senator Luechtefeld. Senate Bill 1505. Senator Geo-Karis. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1505.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Judiciary adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1506. Senator Geo-Karis. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1506.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Judiciary adopted one amendment.

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SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1544. Senator Dillard. Senate Bill 1557. Senator Cronin. Senate Bill 1561. Senator Cronin. Senate Bill 1585. Senator Karpziel. Senate Bill 1602. Senator Molaro. Senate Bill 1610. Senator O'Malley. Senator O'Malley? Senate Bill 1617. Senator Molaro. Senate Bill 1625. Senator Burzynski. Senate Bill 1628. Senator Cullerton. Senate Bill 1657. Senator Trotter. Senator Trotter? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1657.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Licensed Activities adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1664. Senator Cronin. Senate Bill 1698. Senator Shaw. Senate Bill 1703. Senator Fawell. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1703.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd -- out of the record. Senate Bill 1705. Senator Watson.

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Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1705.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1755. Senator Clayborne. Senator Clayborne? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1755.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1756. Senator Bowles. Top of page 6. Senate Bill 1806. Senator Weaver. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1806.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1807. Senator Weaver. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1807.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1808. Senator Weaver. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1808.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1809. Senator Weaver. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1809.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1810. Senator Weaver. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1810.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1811. Senator Weaver. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1811.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1812. Senator Weaver. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1812.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1813. Senator Weaver. Read the

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bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1813.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1813. Senator Weaver. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary. I'm sorry. Senate Bill 1814. Senator Weaver. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1814.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1815. Senator Weaver. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1815.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1833. Senator Syverson. Senate Bill 1834. Senator Syverson. Senate Bill 1835. Senator Parker. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1835.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate -- Senate Bill 1844. Senator Lauzen. Senate Bill 1846. Senator Petka. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

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Senate Bill 1846.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1875. Senator Fawell. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1875.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Transportation adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1884. Senator Demuzio. Senate Bill 1884. Senator Demuzio. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1884.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1889. Senator Cronin. Senate Bill 1892. Senator O'Malley. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1892.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No -- the Committee on Education adopted one amendment.

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Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to go to the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Top of page 7. Immediately out of the chute is Senator Madigan, Viverito, Senator Philip, Senator Geo-Karis, Senator Petka. Remind any Members that are in their offices that we are going to the Order of 3rd Reading. Top of page 7. Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1195. Senator Madigan. Senate Bill 1203. Senator Viverito. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1203.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Viverito.

SENATOR VIVERITO:

...area. Thank you. This is a special service area. Came out of the Committee 7 to 2 and it will allow us to put improvements in the unincorporated area for streets or curbs or lights. And I would appreciate your vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? Senator Watson.
...Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Not to belabor the point, but he did say there was two No votes in Committee. Maybe we ought to have an explanation as to what the problem might have been. Maybe you were doing that when the microphone didn't come on, Senator.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

All right. Thank you. Senator Viverito at Senator del Valle's microphone. Okay.

SENATOR VIVERITO:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President. I -- I apologize for that. I was kind of running over here and I didn't realize that I was at the distinguished Senator next to me. Basically what this is is to allow for a special service area in an -- unincorporated area of Cook County. And what we had to do was to -- a while back Senator Bill Peterson, myself sponsored the bill and what it did was we had to go out to find fifty-one percent of the voters to allow a front-door referendum. We could not find, in our wisdom, the people that own the property in the area. Some of the properties were in trust. Some of the people were out of town, and all this bill does is allows us to have a front-door referendum. All right. I'd just as soon take it out of the record, if I may, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Out of the record, Mr. Secretary. Senate Bill 1207. Senator Philip. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1207.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 1207 amends the County Code. Provides the transfer of the operation of the law library from the county board to the chief judge, only in single-county circuits. There's only one

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single-county circuit outside of Cook County and that's DuPage. This has been a - how should I say it? - agreement with the -- President of the County Board and the Chief Judge. I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1207 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Secretary. On that question, there are 50 Ayes, no Nays, no Members voting Present. Senate Bill 1207, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1208. Senator Geo-Karis. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1208.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, this bill affects only the residency of legally registered voters. What it attempts to do is freeze the residential status of a voter twenty-eight days, which is now common for voters, prior to a general election, instead of the current sixty days. And it allows the municipal annexations and disconnections to occur closer to a general election and have the status of those newer fewer voters be effective on election day, and I ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

All right. Is there discussion? Is there discussion? If

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not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1208 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Secretary. On that question, there are 46 Ayes, no Nays, no Members voting Present. Senate Bill 1208, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1217. Senator Petka. Senate Bill 1222. Senator Rauschenberger. Senate Bill 1225. Senator Dudycz. Senate Bill 1244. Senator Sieben. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1244.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This legislation amends the Cemetery Care Act in those areas dealing with the use of -- of perpetual care funds, and it also deals with when there's a transfer or change of ownership of that private cemetery, that they must make application for a license within thirty days. It addresses problems in Senator Bowles' district, in my district, Senator Hawkinson's district. I know of no opposition to the legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1244 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Secretary. On that question, there are 47 Ayes, no Nays, no Members voting Present. Senate Bill 1244, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed.

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Senate Bill 1267. Senator Peterson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1267.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 1267, as amended, would allow taxpayers in Cook County to receive interest on taxes that they paid after a certificate of error was filed and found that they did not owe that amount. Currently, I believe they pay one-and-a-half-percent-per-month penalty, and this amendment that was suggested by Senator Berman would make that same amount be paid to the taxpayer while their money was tied up with the county. And I defer to Senator Berman for additional comments regarding the bill, as amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you. We've distributed the article that gave rise to this amendment by Ray Coffey on February 26th in the Chicago Sun-Times, and to make it very simple, it's a fair bill. If you're late in paying your taxes, you pay one-and-a-half-percent penalty. If the county is late in giving you a refund for overassessment, you get one and a half percent. The Cook County Assessor is in support of this bill. We ask your affirmative vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there further discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1267 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed,

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Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Secretary. On that question, there are 48 Ayes, no Nays, no Members voting Present. Senate Bill 1267, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1270. Senator Weaver. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1270.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1270 provides the -- that upon the elimination of the University of Illinois Fire Department, that its firefighters may continue to participate in the State Universities Retirement System. Everyone is in agreement. Both the Firefighters' Union, the cities of Champaign and Urbana, who are taking over that operation, and the University - SURS - pension system. I know of no objection.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? Senator Luechtefeld. Okay. Is there any further discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1270 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Secretary. On that question, there are 46 Ayes, no Nays, no Members voting Present. Senate Bill 1270, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Luechtefeld, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

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

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Please state your point.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

In the gallery behind us, we have a friend of mine and the Mayor of Sparta, Illinois, and his wife. Greg Aitken. Would the Senate welcome them, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Will our -- will our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized by the Senate? Welcome to Springfield. Senate Bill 1273. Senator Larry Walsh. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1273.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Walsh.

SENATOR L. WALSH:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. What this bill does is gives park districts the same authority to waiver the bingo -- daily bingo without a license that municipalities currently have. This stemmed from a situation in my district where a volunteer fire department wanted to conduct a one-day bingo on a park district property and they had to file for the two-hundred-dollar bingo fee. If they were doing it within a municipality, they would -- they would have been able to waive that. So, the fiscal impact is very minimal, and I just ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1273 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take

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the record, Mr. Secretary. On that question, there are 39 Ayes, 8 Nays, no Members voting Present. Senate Bill 1273, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1280. Senator Butler. Resolutions, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 177, offered by Senator Demuzio and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 178, offered by Senators Philip, Bomke, Demuzio and all Members.

They're both death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Consent Calendar. Senator Halvorson, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR HALVORSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I inadvertently pushed a Yes vote on that last bill. I'd like to be on record as a No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

The record will -- will show your intent, Senator. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Sieben, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, reports Senate Bill 1707 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Mahar, Chair of the Committee on Environment and Energy, reports Senate Bills 1451, 1463 and 1854 Do Pass; Senate Bills 1265, 1387, 1567, 1622, 1840 and 1853 Do Pass, as Amended; and House Bill 94 Do Pass, as Amended.

And Senator Peterson, Chair of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Bills 1223, 1305, 1458, 1568 and 1867 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 1313, 1349, 1370, 1527, 1565 and 1566 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Consent Calendar. We will now proceed to the Order of

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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 filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate -- shall -- shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The motion carries, and the resolutions are adopted. There any further business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator Burzynski moves the Senate stand adjourned until 12 o'clock, Tuesday, March 24th.

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