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90th Legislative Day

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Regular Session of -- of the 90th General Assembly will come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks, and will our guests in the gallery please rise? Our prayer today will be given by the Reverend Gerry Comstock, of Unity Church, Springfield, Illinois. Reverend Comstock.

THE REVEREND GERRY COMSTOCK:

(Prayer by the Reverend Gerry Comstock)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Our Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Tuesday, March 24th; Wednesday, March 25th; and Thursday, March 26th, 1998.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Butler moves the approval of the Journals just read. There being no objection, it is so ordered. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 182, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

It's a death resolution, Mr. President.

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Consent Calendar.

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SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 183, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

It's substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

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 adopted the following joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution 51.

We have a like Message on House Joint Resolution 53.

Both adopted by the House, March 26th, 1998.

Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk.

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

House Bills 2614, 2633, 2710, 2729, 2734, 2791, 2802, 3027, 3262 and 3436.

All passed the House, March 26th, 1998.

We have a like Message on House Bills 2478, 2509, 2560, 2570, 3088 and 3481.

Those bills passed the House, March 27th, 1998.

And another Message on House Bills 349, 2986 and 3180.

All passed the House, March 30th, 1998.

(Messages on the following House Bills were inadvertently not read into the record: 2091, 2299, 2425, 2493, 2568, 2593, 2696, 2823, 2908, 3026, 2306, 2466, 2590, 2668, 2812, 2844, 2860, 3028, 3034, 3202, 3377, 2485, 2558, 2630, 2818, 2909, 3055, 3383, 3494, 3814, 3844, 2565, 2910, 3162, 3753, 3041, 3142, 3158, 3170, 3233, 3249,

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3256, 3280, 3286, 3294, 3321, 3500, 3514, 3515, 3516, 3579, 3749,  
3793 and 3813)

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House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 504, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 704, by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 972, Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1135, Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1643 is presented by President Philip.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2326, Senator Molaro.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Burzynski presents House Bill 2377.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2424, Senator Myers.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2471, by Senators Shadid and Hawkinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2493.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2533, by Senator Luechtefeld.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2557 is offered by Senator Geo-Karis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Bomke offers House Bill 2583.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2758, Senator Smith.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Butler offers House Bill 2827.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Rauschenberger presents House Bill 2864.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2899, by Senators Dillard and Fawell.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3181, Senator Kehoe.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3257 is offered by Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3363, by Senators Madigan and Myers.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3407, Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3435, by Senators Carroll and Smith.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3463, by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 3610, by Senator Karpel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

On page 2 of your Calendar are Senate bills on 2nd Reading. I would advise the Membership to get your amendments filed if you have any Floor amendments, or to move these bills. We're getting down to the deadline, so let's move 'em out. House {sic} Bills 2nd Reading. Senator Dillard, on 1028? Out of the record. Senator Syverson, on Senate Bill 1210? ...Carroll, on Senate Bill 1215? Senator Fawell, on Senate Bill 1259. ...wish the bill read? On page 2 of your Calendar, Senate Bill 1259. Out of the record. Senator Peterson, on 1290? Out of the record.

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Senate Bill 1328. Senator Bowles. 1328. Senate Bill 1335.  
Senator Dudycz. Senator Dudycz. Senate Bill 1365. Senator  
Bowles. Okay. Senate Bill 1458. Senator Weaver. Read the bill,  
Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1458.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendment...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for  
consideration, Mr. Secretary?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. I inadvertently passed over Senate Bill 1399.  
Senator Trotter. Senator Trotter on the... Read the bill, Mr.  
Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

...Bill 1399.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1400. Senator Trotter. Read the  
bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1400.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1463. Senator Mahar. Senate Bill  
1566. Senator Radogno. Senate Bill 1585. Senator Karpziel.

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Senator Karpel on the Floor? Senator Karpel. Senate Bill 1585. Senate Bill 1594. Senator Karpel. Senate Bill 1628. Senator Cullerton. Senator Cullerton on the Floor? Senate Bill 1703. Senator Fawell. Senate Bill 1750. Senator Lauzen. Senate Bill 1844. Senator Lauzen. Senate Bill 1853. Senator Trotter. 1853. Senator Trotter. Senate Bill 1854. Senator Mahar. Senate Bill 1860. Senator Butler. 1860. Senate Bill 1895. Senator Karpel. All right. Senator Bowles has requested leave of the Body that we return to Senate Bill 1328. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Senator Bowles, on 1328. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1328.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senator Parker, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR PARKER:

I -- I would like to table Amendment No. 1 on Senate Bill 1694.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Parker seeks leave of the Body to table Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1694. Hearing no objection, Amendment No. 1 is tabled. Senator Klemm, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR KLEMM:

For the purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

State your announcement.

SENATOR KLEMM:

The Senate Executive Committee will be meeting at 12:30 to continue our recessed meeting that was held this morning, at Room 212. At 12:30.

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All right. The Senate Executive Committee will reconvene at 12:30, in Room 212. Is there any further business to come before the Senate? If not, the committee {sic} will stand in recess until the call of the Chair. Senator Demuzio, in answer to your -- answer to your inquiry: The Executive Committee has one amendment to consider. We will come back on the Floor and reconvene, and then Senate Appropriations Committee meets at 1 o'clock. So, I'm not sure how long after 1 o'clock we'll go here.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

The Senate will come to order. Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the Minority Leader.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-5(c) of the Illinois State Senate of the 90th General Assembly, please be advised that Senator John Cullerton will replace Senator Arthur Berman on the Senate Rules Committee.

The letter dated March 31st, 1998, and signed by Emil Jones, Jr., Minority Leader.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Klemm, Chair of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Joint Resolutions 52 and 55 Be Adopted; and Senate Joint Resolution 57 Be Adopted, as Amended.

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House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 811, offered by Senator Bomke.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill -- or, House Bill 2091, by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Jacobs offers House Bill 2342.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2590, by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2614 is presented by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

...Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Ladies and Gentlemen, if I could have your attention, please. It is the intent of -- of the Senate President to go till 2 o'clock or thereabouts on 3rd Reading. So, for those of you in the offices around, if you'd come to the Floor as quickly as you can, we would appreciate it. We're going to start in just a couple of minutes on... We do also have the constitutional amendments to -- to read a second time -- first time, I'm sorry, and so therefore, we may or may not get to 3rd Reading. But it is important that the Membership get to the Floor, if you would, please. ...Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2630, offered by Senators Maitland and Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Karpiel offers House Bill 2986.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3088, Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3142, offered by Senators Obama and del Valle.



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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 33 -- or, 3436, by Senators Syverson and Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Burzynski offers House Bill 3631.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 3749, by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Also, House Bill 3814, by Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Please state your point.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Members of this astute Senate, it is my pleasure to introduce to you today some very fine visitors who are constituents of Senator Dan Cronin, and they're none other than Mark Frank and his wife Connie, and their two children, Tina and Sam. They're sitting in the President's Gallery, and I ask you to welcome them here today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Would our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized by the Senate? Welcome to Springfield. 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 Education - Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill

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1561, Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1610; to the Committee on Environment and Energy - Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1567, Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1705, Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1853; to the Committee on Executive - Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 1288; to the Committee on Financial Institutions - Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1528; Insurance and Pensions Committee - Senate Amendments 1, 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 1904; to the Committee on Judiciary - Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1215, Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1259, Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1335, Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1386, Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1544, and Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1628; to the Committee on Licensed Activities - Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1251; to the Committee on Local Government and Elections - Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1365, Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 1612, Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1702; to the Committee on Public Health and Welfare - Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 743, Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1315, Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 1473, and Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1700; and to the Committee on Revenue - Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1458, Amendments 3 and 4 to Senate Bill 1566.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Cronin, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR CRONIN:

For purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR CRONIN:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'd just like to welcome a family - the Frank family - from the district that I represent. Senator Geo-Karis was so gracious to point them out, but she neglected to tell you that the Frank family is related to her. Part of -- part of half the world that is related to Senator Geo-Karis is here. They also happen to be from the district I

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represent. Welcome to Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Thank you, Senator Cronin. Once again, welcome to Springfield, folks. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you. An announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

State your point.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Since today is March the 31st, I guess it's appropriate that on this day, a young lady who is the Assistant Sergeant of Arms, Anita Robinson, is having her 31st birthday today. And the cake is on the Republican side of the aisle. So, we want to wish her a happy 31st birthday and tell the Democrats if they want a piece of cake, they'd better get over there right away, before all you guys eat it. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Thank you. Happy birthday, Miss Robinson. Ladies and Gentlemen, on your desk is Supplemental Calendar No. 1. Senator Cronin, on Senate Joint Resolution 52. Mr. Secretary, read the constitutional amendment.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution, Constitutional Amendment, 52, offered by Senators Cronin and Philip.

(Secretary reads SJRCA No. 52)

1st Reading of the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

2nd Reading. Middle of page -- middle of Supplemental Calendar No. 1 is Senate Joint Resolution 55. Senator Petka. Read the constitutional amendment, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

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Senate Joint Resolution 55, Constitutional Amendment, offered by Senator Petka.

(Secretary reads SJRCA No. 55)

1st Reading of the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

2nd Reading. Senate Joint Resolution 57, as amended. Senator Klemm is the sponsor of that -- that amendment, in place of Senator Dillard. Read the constitutional amendment, Madam Secretary. I'm -- I'm sorry. One moment, please. Senator O'Daniel, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR O'DANIEL:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

State your point, sir.

SENATOR O'DANIEL:

Mr. President, Members of the Senate, I have two special young ladies here I'd like to recognize: Missy Collins runs my Mt. Vernon office, and granddaughter Jean Ann Fox, from Fairfield. Help me welcome them to the Senate, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Welcome to Springfield. Welcome to Springfield. Senator Weaver, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR WEAVER:

For the purpose of an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

State your announcement, sir.

SENATOR WEAVER:

There'll be a Rules Committee meeting in five minutes in the Anteroom.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Rules Committee in five minutes. Senator Dudycz, for what purpose do you arise?

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SENATOR DUDYCZ:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

State your point.

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Seated in the gallery behind the -- on the Republican side are some constituents of Senator Philip's, personal friends of mine. They are visiting in the Senate. The Schenk family: Andrew, Anna, Catherine, George and JoAnne. I'd like -- like for the Senate to recognize them.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Would our guests please rise and be recognized by the Senate? Senator Watson, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. We have a distinguished guest on the Floor of the Senate who just arrived, and that's a former Member of the Senate, currently our Treasurer: Judy Topinka. Welcome, Judy, back to the Senate. We're glad to have you here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Welcome, Madam Treasurer. Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

For purposes of announcement. I'd just like to remind all the Appropriation Committee Members that, immediately upon adjournment, we're going to proceed to Room 212. We have a -- a fairly concise agenda today, but we have some time limitations. I would please like all Members to be as prompt as possible. Immediately upon adjournment, please make your way to Room 212. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

All right. Madam Secretary, please read Senate Joint... I'm sorry. Senator Hawkinson. Senator Hawkinson, what purpose do you arise, sir?

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SENATOR HAWKINSON:

For purposes of an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

State your announcement.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Likewise for the Senate Judiciary Committee, there will be a meeting in Room 400 immediately upon adjournment of the Senate. That's Room 400, Senate Judiciary Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Thank you, Senator. Madam Secretary, would you please read Senate Joint Resolution 57, as amended, for a first time?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution, Constitutional Amendment, 57.

(Secretary reads SJRCA No. 57, as amended)

1st Reading of the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

2nd Reading. All right. Is there any further business to come before the Senate? Senator Madigan, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR MADIGAN:

Purpose of an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR MADIGAN:

Tomorrow at 11:30, in Room 212, the Insurance and Pensions Committee will meet to consider an amendment. That's tomorrow morning at 11:30, Room 212.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

All right. Thank you. Senator Klemm, for what purpose do you arise, sir? Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolutions 184, 185 and 186, all offered by Senator

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Kehoe.

And they're all death resolutions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Consent Calendar. Ladies and Gentlemen, we have effectively concluded our work for the day on the Floor. We will need to read the Rules Committee Report in in just a few moments, but after that, this Senate will stand adjourned. Before we adjourn, just for the benefit of those of you who are leaving the Floor, we will be -- we will be convening tomorrow morning, on April 1st, at the hour of 1 p.m. - 1 p.m. Senator Burzynski, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. For the purpose of announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

The Licensed Activities Committee will be meeting at 2 tomorrow afternoon for the purpose of amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Thank you, Senator Burzynski. Senator Syverson, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Announcement, Mr. President. The Senate Public Health Committee will meet at 11:30 tomorrow.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senate Public Health Committee at 11:...

SENATOR SYVERSON:

30.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

...30 in Room...

SENATOR SYVERSON:

400.

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400, April 1st.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Hawkinson, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Mr. President, for purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Due to the posting requirements, the Judiciary Committee will be meeting at 3:15 - that's 3:15 - in Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Judiciary Committee will be meeting at 3:15, in Room 400.  
Committee Reports.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Weaver, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Executive Committee - Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1326, and Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1878; refer to Judiciary Committee - Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1259, and Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1835; refer to Public Health and Welfare Committee - Senate Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 1430; refer to Revenue Committee - Senate Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 1458.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

All right. Is there any further business to come before the Senate? If not, the Senate will stand adjourned until 1 p.m., April 1st.



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