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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Regular Session of the 90th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? Our prayer today will be given by Father Henry Schmidt, Little Flower Church, Springfield, Illinois. Father Schmidt.

FATHER HENRY SCHMIDT:

(Prayer by Father Henry Schmidt)

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:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journals of Tuesday, April 21st; Wednesday, April 22nd, 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 Klemm, Chair of the Committee on Executive, reports House Bills 2533, 2554, 2734 and 3254 Do Pass; Senate Resolutions 154 and 159 Be Adopted; and Senate Joint Resolution, Constitutional Amendment, No. 15, the Motion to Concur with House Amendment No. 1 Be Adopted.

Senator Peterson, Chair of the Committee on Revenue, reports House Bill 2452 Do Pass and Senate Resolution 155 Be Adopted.

And Senator Sieben, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and

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Conservation, reports House Bill 3068 Do Pass.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Cullerton is not here today; he's still recovering from surgery. And we're all grateful because I think we won the game; otherwise, God knows what would have happened. I'd like the record to reflect his absence.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

It's getting to be a habit over here. The -- the record will certainly indicate Senator Cullerton is not here because of a health problem. Thank you. Senator Radogno, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

What's your purpose?

SENATOR RADOGNO:

I'd like to introduce, in the gallery behind us, some students from Lyons Township High School, Linda Sullivan's class. They're juniors and seniors who are here today to try to participate in the process. So you may be hearing from some of these students today on issues, and hopefully you will welcome them.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will -- will the Lyons High School students please rise and be recognized by the Senate? Senator Berman, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just for purpose of an announcement. At 11 o'clock this morning, again, I'm pleased to invite all of -- all of you to join us at the Old State Capitol for our annual memorial celebration -- recognition ceremony for

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the -- in memory of the Holocaust. So at -- at the Old State Capitol at 11 o'clock. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Thank you, Senator Berman. Senator Maitland, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Members of the Senate, we have some special guests with us this morning who are viewing our -- our computer system. And they're back, Mr. President, behind your seat. I'd like to introduce to the Body Representative David Hutchison; Representative Daniel Vrakas; Charlie Sanders, who's the Assembly Chief Clerk; and Mike Wahl, who's the Director of the Washington {sic} (Wisconsin) legislative office systems. Would they all please stand and be recognized by the Illinois Senate? Welcome, gentlemen.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Welcome to the Land of Lincoln. Senator Maitland, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Well, Mr. President, I'm sorry. In my enthusiasm, I forgot to indicate that they are from the -- the great State of Wisconsin.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Thank you, Senator Maitland. Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, the Senate and House had their ball game last night. We are very happy to tell you that the Senate won again, 13 to 11. And the

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Most Valuable Player award was awarded to none other than the Captain of our team, Frank Watson, who brought the boys together so well. I would like to, if I may, read for the record that the players were Molaro, Hawkinson, Syverson, Walsh - Tom Walsh, that is - Garcia, Burzynski, Watson, Hendon, Sieben, Link. And I might tell you that Chuy Garcia, Senator Garcia, did an excellent job in the field, and we're sorry he won't be with us next year. But let's give him a hand, because he certainly helped us tremendously.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

I've been informed that we have -- our sponsors of our softball game are here. If they would come up to the podium and -- and make a presentation, and -- and the team, if the team would like to come up.

SENATOR WATSON:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. And this is, I think, seventh year in a row that we've retained the trophy here in the Senate, and we -- having not won a game since 1945. That's when this -- when this game was initiated, by Pete Miller, by the way, whose daughter was here last night. And she's very appreciative. The family's very appreciative that we've kept that game going in the name of Pete Miller who -- who started the game, I think it was in 1945. And we had not -- we had not won a game until seven years ago, and now we're -- we're on a little bit of a roll. But the Regional Commerce/Growth Association, out of St. Louis, is the one who's made this possible. They're the sponsor of the -- of the event. And we have Jim Farrell here with us today, who is the Governmental Affairs Director for the RCGA, and Kelsey Lundy, who maybe some of you see around here on a regular basis. She handles the Illinois side of the river in regard to the efforts of the RCGA. And they do wonderful work for us in the Metro East area. And a lot of good things are happening in -- in our area because

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of the RCGA, and we want to thank them for that and, obviously, thank them for -- for continuing the game. One casualty: I did chip a tooth last night at the game. That -- that was -- but that was -- that was on a beer glass, they told me to tell... Anyway, we -- we want to thank the RCGA, and we -- they've got another award they're going to give this year, and it's going to be an annual award that -- that they're going to give, and it's in the name of Terry Deering. Terry -- Representative Terry Deering was a -- obviously, a participant, and a very spirited participant in the game, and as -- as you know, of course, Terry was -- has left us. And we have a -- the Spirit award that we're going to -- to award each year in behalf of the individual who shows the most spirit for the game. And we're going -- this -- the initial award, I think, is very deserving. And the RCGA came up with the -- the individual who's going to get that, and that's Adeline Geo-Karis. Adeline. She's -- she has been our -- she has been our announcer every year we've had this and -- and does a great job of that. And Kelsey and Jim will like to present her with a plaque, and it will be one that we will keep here, and -- and as future awards -- awardees will be added, but Geo will be the first, so...

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

I'm overwhelmed. Thank you so much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

I might mention there were four -- players who did a great job also, and I forgot to mention: Senator Petka, Senator Viverito, Senator Shadid, and Senator del Valle. Thank you, Frank.  
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

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

House Bill 3478.

Passed the House, April 22nd, 1998.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

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

SENATOR HENDON:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your point. Just a minute. Senator Hendon has the Floor.

SENATOR HENDON:

In -- in the back of the Chamber, my Administrative Assistant's two lovely daughters are Honorary Pages today: Ashley Chandler and Kristen Chandler. Could we acknowledge them and show 'em our love? Would they stand and wave their hands? There they are. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Welcome.

SENATOR HENDON:

And I just want to say, I'm glad we didn't score more runs, 'cause if I did the Funky Chicken one more time yesterday, my leg would have flew right off.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Supplemental Calendar No. 1 of the Senate has been distributed and refers to Constitutional Amendments, Concurrence, 1st Reading. Before the Secretary reads Senate Joint Resolution, Constitutional Amendment, 15 with House Amendment 1 for a first time, I would like to note that for procedural purposes, in accordance with the Senate Rules, a motion to concur was filed and approved by the Executive Committee. Senate Joint Resolution, Constitutional Amendment, 15 with House

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Amendment No. 1 is before the full Body. Pursuant to Section 2, Article XIV of the 1970 Illinois Constitution, the resolution, as amended, will be read in full on three different days before a final vote is taken. Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution 15, Constitutional Amendment, as amended by House Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Dillard.  
(Secretary reads SJRCA No. 15, as amended by House Amendment No. 1)

The Constitutional Amendment is accompanied by a motion to concur with the House Amendment No. 1, filed by Senator Dillard.  
1st Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Anything further? 2nd Reading. House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1194, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2323, Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2324, Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2325, Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 2443, by Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Consent Calendar. We will now proceed to the Order of... I'm sorry. We will now proceed to the Order of Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 195, offered by Senator Jones and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 196, offered by Senator Link.

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They're both death resolutions, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all those read today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, have there been any objections filed to any resolution on the -- on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No objections on file, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor, say Aye. Those opposed, say Nay. In the opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it. And the motion carries. The resolutions are adopted. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution 62, offered by Senator Weaver.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 62)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Weaver moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 62. Those in favor will say Aye. Those opposed will say Nay. The opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Weaver has moved for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 62. Those in favor will say Aye. Those opposed will say Nay. In the opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it. The resolution's adopted. There any further business to come before the Senate? If not, pursuant... Senator Petka, for what purpose do you rise? Senator Karpiel.

SENATOR KARPIEL:

I would like to -- thank you, Madam President. I would like to announce a Republican Caucus immediately after adjournment, in Senator Philip's Office. And we will make it very brief so our

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Members can attend the celebration at the -- of the -- celebration of the -- and the memorial of the Holocaust at the Old State Capitol. So we'll be very brief. Please be prompt. Immediately after adjournment, Senator Philip's Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further business to come before the House -- before the Senate? If not, pursuant to the adjournment resolution, Senator Petka moves that the Senate stands adjourned until noon, Tuesday, April 28th, 1998. The Senate stands adjourned.

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