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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

The regular Session 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 Doctor Gary Rhodes, Elliott Avenue Baptist Church, Springfield.

THE REVEREND DOCTOR GARY RHODES:

(Prayer by the Reverend Doctor Gary Rhodes)

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The Pledge will be led by Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Reading of the Journal. Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Mr. President, I move that reading and -- and approval of the Journals of Monday, May 4th, and Tuesday, May 5th, in the year 1998, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journals.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Butler moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, it is so ordered. Been a request to videotape by Brian Buchanan and Richard Albers. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Chair recognizes Senator Bomke.

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you. After having another successful softball game this year -- George, if you'll come up here, please. We thought -- we thought it only appropriate that this year that we donate the money from the softball game, the five hundred and fifty dollars, to the Cancer Society in -- in -- in memory of Senator Penny Severns. I have with me today, from the Cancer Society, Rod Buffington and Tom Lucchesi. If you will -- Executive Director. I don't know, George, if you want to make any comments, or Coach

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Frank Watson. All right. Tom Lucchesi, would you like to say something? Rod?

MR. ROD BUFFINGTON:

(Remarks by Mr. Rod Buffington)

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you. Thank you. This check will actually bounce. But this won't.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Viverito has some guests to introduce. Senator.

SENATOR VIVERITO:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, it gives me great pleasure to introduce Mr. Yang, the Director General of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office stationed in Chicago. Rather than review his full, impressive resume, let me share some highlights with you. Mr. Yang has been Director of the Department of Treaty and Legal Affairs since March of 1996. He served as Deputy Director of Secretariat Division of the Coordination Council for North American Affairs in Washington, D.C. He has -- he was chosen by the Foreign Ministry to study for his master's degree at Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Washington, D.C. Later, he was appointed as a Special Assistant to the Secretariat Division of the Coordination Council for North American Affairs in Washington, D.C. He has lectured at George Washington University, Indiana University, World Affairs Council for Northwest Indiana. He is also the author of two books on international law. As Director of Department of Treaty/Legal Affairs, he is in charge of reviewing the treaties and agreements. Please join with me in welcoming Mr. Yang to the Illinois State Senate. Thank you.

MR. YANG:

(Remarks by Mr. Yang)

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Senator Maitland has an introduction.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Ladies and Gentlemen, if I could have your attention, please. I'm privileged -- I'm privileged to introduce to you, this afternoon, Mrs. Loretta Dolly Albers, who is Illinois' Mother of the Year for 1998. Mrs. Albers is represented today by about fifteen members of her family, in the audience here. She is formerly of Lacon, and Mrs. Albers is the wife of Dr. Richard K. Albers and the mother of four children and the proud grandmother to eleven children. She is very active in her community and her church, is truly what we would all call a Mother of the Year. And I'm presented, Mrs. Albers, to present you -- honored to present you today to the Illinois State Senate.

1998 ILLINOIS MOTHER OF THE YEAR, MRS. ALBERS:

(Remarks by 1998 Illinois Mother of the Year, Mrs. Albers)

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Would the Members on this side of the aisle be a little bit quieter so we could -- Mrs. Albers can continue, please?

1998 ILLINOIS MOTHER OF THE YEAR, MRS. ALBERS:

(1998 Illinois Mother of the Year continues remarks)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Rea has an introduction to make.

SENATOR REA:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Today I have the distinct honor and privilege to introduce to you someone who is truly a remarkable person. In honor of Mother's Day, every year American Mothers select two worthy and dedicated mothers from each state to focus special attention on what mothers have contributed, what they have contributed at home, in the community, and also around the nation, and even around the world. This year the AMI has selected LaVonne {sic} (Yavonne) Bagwell of Carterville, in the 59th Senatorial District, as the 1998 Illinois

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Mother of Young Children representative. Not only is LaVonne busy with her husband, Jay, and their twin boys, Zachary and -- and Quentin, which is enough to keep anyone busy, but she also serves in many capacities with numerous state and national organizations for parents of twins. In addition, LaVonne is -- is active with her church, local schools, as well as being involved with numerous other activities. Mr. President, Members of the Senate, and guests in the gallery, would you please join with me to welcome to the Senate Mrs. LaVonne Bagwell, the 1998 Illinois Young -- Illinois Mother of Young Children.

1998 ILLINOIS MOTHER OF YOUNG CHILDREN, YAVONNE BAGWELL:

(Remarks by 1998 Illinois Mother of Young Children)

SENATOR REA:

At this -- at this time, it gives me great pleasure to present a proclamation to LaVonne Bagwell, this 6th day of May, in the year 1998.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Bowles, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR BOWLES:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

State your point.

SENATOR BOWLES:

I have with me today a young lady whom I hired out of the graduating line when I was the commencement speaker at her high school, and we worked together for nineteen years, very, very closely. She was my Chief Deputy when I was County Clerk of Madison County: Colleen Spudich.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Would our guest please be -- rise and be recognized by the Senate? Welcome to Springfield. Thank you. Senator Walsh, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

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SENATOR T. WALSH:

Thank you. For a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

State your point.

SENATOR T. WALSH:

Thank you. The group that I'm about to introduce was asking earlier - they were on the Floor - how we choose our seats. And I was explaining to 'em that it's in the order of seniority. And now you're all finding out that we also get to give our introductions in the order of seniority also. But I'm glad we are finally having the opportunity to introduce. For the second year in a row, we have a group here from the Westchester Chamber of Commerce that is led by dapper Bill Ernst up there. And I'd like you all to stand up and welcome you to the State Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Would our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized by the Senate? Welcome to Springfield. Senator Peterson, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR PETERSON:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

State your point.

SENATOR PETERSON:

I'd like to introduce Jackie, Bob and Christopher Walton, from my district. They're here today. We've been spending -- they're spending the day with me, and they're up in the gallery behind the Republican side of the aisle.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Would our guests please rise and be recognized by the Senate? Welcome to Springfield. With leave of the Body, we're going to go to the Secretary's Desk, Resolutions, the middle of page 9. Senate Resolution 159. Senator O'Malley. Mr. Secretary, read the

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resolution, please.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 159, offered by Senator O'Malley.

No committee or Floor amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator O'Malley.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. May 6th, 1998 will be a historic day in Illinois' history, as far as community colleges are concerned. This morning, early, in the Rotunda, there was assembled a group of some of the finest scholars in the State of Illinois, all community college students, and they were recognized as members of the All-Illinois Academic Team and members of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society here in Illinois, representing Illinois community colleges from all over the State. They happen to be with us here today. And Senate Resolution 159 urges the Governor to declare this their day. And so what I would request us to consider doing today, right now, is -- is voting in favor of Senate Resolution 159. They're expecting it; they know what it is. And when it's over, give them a good round of applause. And I'd be happy to answer any details that anybody would -- like elaborated on concerning the legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator O'Malley moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 159. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Could our -- would our guests in the gallery please rise? Congratulations. This was your resolution. Welcome to Springfield. Job well done. Some of Illinois' best. And thank you for being here today. Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

A Message from the Minority Leader, dated May 6th, 1998.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-5(c) of

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the Illinois State Senate of the 90th General Assembly, please be advised that Senator Arthur Berman will temporarily replace Senator John Cullerton on the Senate Rules Committee.

Signed by Senator Jones.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator O'Malley, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Mr. -- Mr. President, as a matter of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

State your point, sir.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Today in the President's Gallery, and there are so many of them they are flooding the President's Gallery almost in total, is the fifth-grade class from St. John Fisher School back in the area of Illinois that I'm from. And I'm proud to say that included in their midst are two identical twins and -- who happen to be my nephews, Brian and Morgan Mueller. And if you would all stand up - and, Brian and Morgan, I hope you will wave harder than anybody else - be recognized by us. Thank you for being here today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Would our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized by the Senate? Welcome to Springfield. Welcome to Springfield. Senator Luechtefeld, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

State your point, sir.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

In the balcony I have a young lady who handles my Carbondale office, Beth Martin. And sitting with me is her dad, Byford Reidelberger. Would you please welcome them to the Senate, please?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Would our guests please rise and be recognized? Welcome to Springfield. Thank you. Senator Dudycz, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR DUDYCH:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

State your point.

SENATOR DUDYCH:

Ladies and Gentlemen, yesterday the Senate President appointed Jim Owen, a member of our staff, as Protocol Officer for the Illinois Senate. And as the Protocol Officer, I notice that his first full day in the -- in this position, he has brought us some foreign dignitaries, local celebrities and a host of special guests into this Chamber. And I'd like to congratulate our new Protocol Officer, Jim Owen, and hardly wait to see what he will bring us tomorrow. I also would like to note that this is the first time in my memory that his tie has matched his suit.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Would Mr. Owen please rise? Would you rise, please? Be recognized by the Senate. 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 - Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 2560 and Amendment 1 to House Bill 2887; to the Committee on Executive - Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 3254; to the Committee on Judiciary - Amendment 2 to House Bill 1151, Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 1217, Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 1422, Amendment 3 to House Bill 1612, Amendment 1 to House Bill 3279, and Motions to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1215 and House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1756; to the Committee on

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Transportation - Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 3415; Be Approved for Consideration - Conference Committee Report 1 to Senate Bill 1031; re-referred from the Calendar Order of 2nd Reading to the Rules Committee - Senate Bills 1295, 1365, 1594, 1703, 1844 and 1895; and re-referred from the Calendar Order of 3rd Reading to Rules Committee - Senate Bills 668, 1250, 1305, 1326, 1387, 1446, 1463, 1507, 1593, 1625, 1675, 1710, 1810, 1811, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815, 1830, 1854, 1860, 1889, 1896, 1897, 1903, 1912 and 1919.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Ladies and Gentlemen, on page 6 of your Calendar, House Bills 2nd Reading - House Bills 2nd Reading. In this order: Senator Parker, Senator Karpiel, Senator Dillard, Senator Dillard, Senator Tom Walsh, Senator Karpiel. All right. All right. Picked up the wrong Calendar. I'm sorry. All right. All right. Top of page 6, House Bills 2nd -- 2nd Reading. House Bill 349. Senator Philip. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 349.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. House Bill 1368. Senator Donahue. House Bill... Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1368.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. House Bill 1612. Senator Parker. Senator Parker on the Floor? Senator Parker on the Floor? House Bill 2091. Senator Rauschenberger. Senator Rauschenberger on the

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Floor? House Bill 2257. Senator Geo-Karis. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2257.

(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, Mr. Secretary?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. House Bill 2367. Senator Peterson. Senator Peterson? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2367.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Judiciary 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. House Bill 2391. Senator Donahue. Senator Donahue, on 2391? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2391.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. House Bill 2400. Senator Dudycz. Senator Dudycz? Senator -- all right. House Bill 2466. Senator Tom Walsh. Senator Tom Walsh. Top of page 7. House Bill 2493. Senator Dillard. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2493.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. House Bill 2503. Senator Karpziel. Senator Karpziel on the Floor? Read -- read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2503.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. House Bill 2560. Senator Fawell. Senator Fawell on the Floor? All right. House Bill 2565. Senator Donahue. 2565. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2565.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Education adopted two amendments.

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. House Bill 2589. Senator Luechtefeld. Senator

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Luechtefeld? All right. Senate Bill -- House Bill... With leave of the Body, we'll return to that. House Bill 2700. Senator -- Senator Dillard. House Bill 2802. Senator Clayborne. All right. House Bill 2818. Senator Tom Walsh. Senator Tom Walsh. All right. House Bill 2844. Senator Parker. Senator Parker on the Floor? House Bill 2899. Senator Dillard. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2899.

(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, Mr. Secretary?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3170. Senator Bowles. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3170.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3254. Senator Tom Walsh. All right. Senate {sic} Bill 3279. Senator Karpziel. Senator Karpziel? Senator Karpziel? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3279.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. House Bill -- top of page -- top of page 8.
House Bill 3280. Senator Radogno. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3280.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3292. Senator Fawell. Read the
bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3292.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3374. Senator Fawell. Read the
bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3374.

(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. House Bill 3383. Senator Burzynski. Senator
Burzynski on the Floor? All right. House Bill 3415. Senator Tom
Walsh. All right. House Bill 3494. Senator Molaro. Senator
Molaro on the Floor? All right. House Bill 3652. Senator

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Dillard. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3652.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3710. Senator DeLeo. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3710.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3749. Senator Watson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3749.

(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. Senator Demuzio, do you want to do 2614, which I passed over? Okay. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary. I apologize, Senator Demuzio.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2614.

(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. All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to move to House Bills 3rd Reading. Be the middle of page 4, House Bills 3rd Reading. House Bill 1151. Senator Cullerton. Senator Cullerton. House Bill 1217. Senator Sieben. Senator Sieben on the Floor? House Bill 1422. Senator Hawkinson. House Bill 1640. Senator Cronin. House Bill 1685. Senator Cronin. House Bill 2306. Senator Mahar. House Bill 2370. Senator Parker. House Bill 2411. Senator Mahar. House Bill 2729. Senator Stan Weaver. House Bill 2827. Senator Karpziel. House Bill 3048. Senator Shaw. Senator Shaw. House Bill 3129. Senator Luechtefeld. Senator Luechtefeld. House Bill 3162. Senator Dillard. House Bill 3256. Senator Mahar. House Bill 3257. Senator Butler. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3257.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Thank you very much. As one of the few people who weren't introduced today, I appreciate the applause. Out of the record. I just...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Out of the record, Madam Secretary. House Bill 3463. Senator Lauzen. Senator Lauzen. House Bill 3631. Senator Burzynski. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3631.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill contains two major components. One deals with the inspection and escort program of spent nuclear fuel and high-level -- high-level radioactive waste. And the other deals with the legislation regarding the closing of the Zion nuclear power plant. I'd be more than happy to try and answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill 3631 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, Madam Secretary. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, no Nays, no Members voting Present. House Bill 3631, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 3790. Senator O'Malley. Senator O'Malley. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3790.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator O'Malley.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. House Bill 3790 amends the Code of Civil Procedure in relation to wage deduction orders. It provides for continuous deduction of non-exempt wages until an entire judgment is satisfied. The bill establishes a more streamlined process for

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wage deduction orders. It provides for a wage deduction summons that continues until the judgment creditor's lien is fully satisfied. I'd be happy to answer any questions there may be. It's rather a simple explanation of the legislation, but that's what it does.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, would you please give Senator O'Malley your attention, please? Is there discussion? Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

I have a question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Indicates he will yield, Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Senator, whose -- who came up with this bill? What group is -- is behind this change?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator O'Malley.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

The people that are interested in this legislation are represented by James Morpew, and it also includes the -- the Credit Union as well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Is Morpew representing the Credit Unions? He's their lobbyist for this bill? Or is he a different group?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator O'Malley.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Senator, I believe that is the case.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

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Senator Welch. Okay. Is there further -- further discussion? Further discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill 3790 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, Madam Secretary. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, no Nays, no Members voting Present. House Bill 3790, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 3793. Senator Fitzgerald. Top of page 6. House Bill 3843. Senator Shadid. Senator Shadid. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3843.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Shadid.

SENATOR SHADID:

Thank you, Mr. President. What this bill does...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Shadid, excuse me.

SENATOR SHADID:

This amends the Peace Officer Firearm Training Act at the request of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board. And what it does is gives them -- discretion to the Board to waive the forty-hour course in firearm training cases where, in the Board's judgment, an officer has previously successfully completed a course of similar content and duration. This would apply to police officers who come in from out of State, to come to work here on a police department or chiefs of police who would be appointed. They would still be required to take the written test and the firearms training on the -- on the range. I would appreciate a affirmative vote.

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Is there discussion? Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill 3843 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, Madam Secretary. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, 1 Nay, no Members voting Present. House Bill 3843, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. ...Reports.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Luechtefeld, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government Operations, reports House Bills numbered 2643 and 2864 Do Pass; and House Bills numbered 1268, 1318, 2909 and 3180 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator O'Malley, Chairperson of the Committee on Financial Institutions, reports House Bills numbered 2474 and 3321 Do Pass.

Senator Klemm, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports House Bills numbered 2630, 2652, 2696, -- pardon me, 3202, 3341, 3406, 3556, 3626 and 3844 Do Pass; Senate Bills numbered -- pardon me, House Bills numbered 646, 3028, 3030, 3249, 3294, 3461 and 3579 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Resolution 192 Be Adopted; and Senate Joint Resolution 64 Be Adopted, as Amended.

Senator Hawkinson, Chairperson of the Committee on Judiciary, reports House Bill 3063 Do Pass; and House Bill 3778 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Mahar, Chairperson of the Committee on Environment and Energy, reports House Bill 2668 Do Pass; and House Bill 2430 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Sieben, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, reports House Bill 3363 Do Pass; and Senate Joint Resolution 63 Be Adopted, as Amended.

Senator Peterson, Chairperson of the Committee on Revenue,

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reports House Bills numbered 2363, 2837, 2950, 3025, 3081 and 3811 Do Pass; and House Bills numbered 525, 884, 2671, 3026, 3575 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Larry Walsh, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR L. WALSH:

For a point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Please state your point.

SENATOR L. WALSH:

Mr. President and colleagues, it's my honor to introduce a group from the Manteno Grade School. We have eight children with us today that are graduates of the DARE program, along with their teacher, Donna Baughan, and Officer Metke, who is a -- assists in the DARE program in the Manteno School. I would like to have them welcomed to Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Would our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized by the Senate? Welcome to Springfield. Messages from the House.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

A Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 497, together with House Amendment No. 1.

Passed the House, as amended, May 5th, 1998.

I have like Messages from -- on Senate Bill 1259, together with House Amendment No. 1, and Senate Bill 1292, with House Amendment No. 1.

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ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Message for the Governor by Deno Perdiou, Director of Legislative Affairs, May 6th, 1998.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following message:

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.

Filed by Governor Jim Edgar.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

All right. Is there any further business to come before the Senate? Any further business to come before the... Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Local Government and Elections Committee will meet immediately following the adjournment today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

What -- what room, Senator?

SENATOR BUTLER:

It's in A-1. A-1. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

A-1, Stratton. All right. Thank you. Senator Madigan, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR MADIGAN:

Purpose of an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Yes, sir.

SENATOR MADIGAN:

That the Senate Insurance and Pensions Committee will meet immediately upon adjournment in Room 212.

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All right. Senator Donahue, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR DONAHUE:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Like to announce: Public Health and Welfare, in Room 400, immediately following adjournment. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

All right. Thank you very much. Is there any further business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator Geo-Karis moves that the Senate stand adjourned until 9 a.m., Thursday, May 7th.

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