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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? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? Today our prayer will be given by the Reverend Jeff Chitwood, Southside Christian Church, Springfield, Illinois. Reverend Chitwood.

THE REVEREND JEFF CHITWOOD:

(Prayer by the Reverend Jeff Chitwood)

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 Journal of Wednesday {sic} (Tuesday), November 17th, 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 objections, so ordered. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolutions 261 and 262, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

They're both death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution 79, offered by Senators Madigan, Hawkinson and others.

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It's substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Messages from the House. Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from Senator DeLeo, dated November 17th, 1998, to the Secretary of the Senate.

Please be advised that I, James A. DeLeo, am resigning as Minority Caucus Chair effective November 17th, 1998.

Signed by Senator DeLeo.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

We're going to go to the Motions in Writing on page 5. May we have your attention, Members of the Senate? We're going to go to Motions in Writing to Accept Specific Recommendations for Change. On page 5 of the Calendar is the Order of Motions in Writing to -- to Accept Specific Recommendations for Change and Senate Bill 1279. Senator Walsh? Senator Walsh? Madam Clerk, would you read the motion?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1279, in manner and form as follows:

Amendment to Senate Bill 1279

in Acceptance of Governor's Recommendations

Filed by Senator Thomas Walsh.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Walsh.

SENATOR T. WALSH:

Thank you, Madam President. I do move to accept the changes made by the Governor, which basically correct some dating inconsistencies that were in Senate Bill 1279, and I would ask for a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any discussion? Any discussion? Any discussion? Hearing

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none, Senator Walsh has moved to accept the -- the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1279. The question is, shall the Senate accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to that bill, in the manner and form just stated by Senator Walsh. Any discussion? Hearing none, those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote -- vote Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And this bill, having received the specific recommendations of the Governor, has -- having received the required constitutional majority vote of the Senators elected, are declared accepted, as to Bill -- Senate Bill 1279. Senator Luechtefeld, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

For a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Hold on just a moment. Can we have the attention of this astute assembly? Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Madam President, I have four young ladies in the -- in the balcony behind the Republican side. They're all sisters who have come here to Springfield today to visit: Stefanie Fahrner, Veronica Liscewski, Gina Droege and Paula Sherman. If they would rise and we would welcome them, please. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

We welcome you here to the Senate. Have a nice day. Senator Shadid, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SHADID:

Point of -- point of personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your point, Senator Shadid.

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SENATOR SHADID:

Along with Senator Hawkinson, myself, we want to introduce the Senate to a group of -- attending from East Peoria. Many in this group are recent graduates of the Leadership East Peoria program, sponsored by the East Peoria Chamber of Commerce and Tourism. Others in the group include Chamber board members, East Peoria City Council Member, Betty Dodson, and Denise Akerman, a Rotary foreign exchange student from Germany.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Hold on just a minute, Senator Shadid.

SENATOR SHADID:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Shadid is making an announcement. We would appreciate that you take your conferences off the Floor and pay attention, please, to Senator Shadid. Senator Shadid.

SENATOR SHADID:

Yes. As you -- as many of you know, East Peoria's spectacular Festival of Lights will kick off its fourteenth annual celebration with a lighted parade on Saturday, November 28th. The displays and attractions are open each evening through New Year's Eve. So would you join me in welcoming this group to Springfield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Will you rise, folks? Welcome to Springfield, and keep up your good work. Senate Bill 1386. Senator Trotter? Will you read the motion, Madam Secretary?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1386, in manner and form as follows:

Amendment to Senate Bill 1386

in Acceptance of Governor's Recommendations

Filed by Senator Trotter.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. I accept the Governor's provisions. He has changed the language slightly, that it says now that all children must go before a judge and the judge will make the determination, in fact, if they have visitation rights. I do accept that language.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

The -- Senator Trotter -- is there any discussion? Any discussion? Any discussion? Hearing none, Senator Trotter has moved to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1386. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall the Senate accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1386. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Had all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On that question, there are 54 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1386, having received the required constitutional majority vote of Senators elected, are declared accepted. Senate Bill 1755. Senator Clayborne. Senator Clayborne? Senator Parker, for which purpose do you wish to speak?

SENATOR PARKER:

Thank you, Madam President. For personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your point.

SENATOR PARKER:

I would like to -- I'm delighted to have with me today two Pages: The first is Dr. Jean Damish. She's the former president -- she is President of the North Lakeshore Retired Teachers and a

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former National Teachers winner from the Hall of Fame. Dr. Jean Damish. And her husband is here, Dick Damish, also. Please stand up and be recognized.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

We welcome you here to the Senate.

SENATOR PARKER:

And then I have another Page with me today, and her name is Julia Hand. And her sister, Cindy Hand, and her parents, Steve and Sherry Jost, are up in the President's Gallery. Would you please rise and be recognized? Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Welcome to the Senate. Senate Bill 1210. Senator Dudycz? Madam Secretary, on Motions in Writing to Override Total Veto. May we please have the attention of the Senate? Please take your conferences off the Floor. We cannot hear you and this is a Motion in Writing to Override Total Veto. Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move that Senate Bill 1210 do pass, the veto of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding.

Filed by Senator Dudycz.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Dudycz.

SENATOR DUDYCH:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 1210 creates a State mandates exemption for Public Act 90-525, which was, last Session, Senate Bill 194. The State mandates exemption was erroneously omitted from Senate Bill 194, necessitating this amendment. The original bill simply made it clear that a firefighter or his survivors who are awarded a benefit by a municipality following injury or death on the job may still file a claim under the Workers' Compensation or Workers' Occupational Diseases Act. I might add that Senate Bill 1210 passed earlier this summer with a

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vote of 56 to nothing in the Senate and 114 to 1 in the House. And I would seek that the Senate vote to override the Governor's veto.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator -- Senator Dudycz has moved that Senate Bill 1210 do pass, the veto of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding. Any discussion? Any discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1210 pass, the veto of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Had all -- have all voted who wished? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On that question, there are 57 Ayes, none voting No, none voting Present. And the Senate Bill 1210, having received the required three-fifths vote, is declared passed, the veto of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding. Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Madam President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Just a moment. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, please take your conferences off the Floor. We cannot hear the Members talk about their personal privilege or when they bring their bills up. Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Madam President. In the President's Gallery on the Democrat side, have three constituents from the Quad City area: Glen Anderson, Bob Bailey and Darrell Yeargle. And like to have them stand and be recognized by the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Welcome to the Senate. We welcome your constituents. Senate Bill 1510. Senator Philip? Madam Secretary, will you read the motion to -- in writing to override total veto?

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ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move that Senate Bill 1510 do pass, the veto of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding.

Filed by President Philip.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 1510 amends the Illinois Pull Tabs and Jar Games Act. Raises the prizes from two thousand two hundred and fifty to five thousand dollars per day. The Governor vetoed this on the premise that this expands gambling. This only pertains to American Legions, KC, VFW, Moose, Elks, all those non-for-profit clubs who do good in the community. They have a lot of competition these days from riverboats and professional bingo halls. This will -- will allow them to have a little larger prize. Believe it or not St. Clair and Madison County already have it at five thousand. The other hundred counties do not, so it would bring it up to the same level as Madison and St. Clair County. Be happy to answer any questions. I think we ought to override the Governor's veto.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any discussion? Any discussion? Any discussion? Hearing none, the question is that Senator Philip has moved that Senate Bill 1510 do pass, the veto of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those -- who are opposed will vote Nay. And take -- please take the record, Madam Secretary. Voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Take the record. Madam Secretary, on that question, there are 40 voting Aye, 16 voting Nay, none voting Present. And this bill, having received the required three-fifths vote, is declared passed, the veto of

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the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding. Senator Cronin.

SENATOR CRONIN:

Thank you, Madam President. I rise on a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your point, please.

SENATOR CRONIN:

I would like the record to reflect that I was absent yesterday due to an illness in my family.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

The record will be so noted. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. Thank you -- thank you, Madam President. Like the record to reflect that Senator Clayborne is absent today. He had to leave town because of a death in the family. I'd like the record to reflect that, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

The record will so be noted. Thank you. Communications.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

A letter from Senator Collins.

Dear Mr. Harry - Please be informed that I hereby resign my position as State Senator for the 4th Legislative District effective Friday, November 20, 1998. I am truly grateful for the -- for the once in a lifetime opportunity granted to me to serve the people of the 4th Legislative District for the past twenty-two years. I sincerely hope that my service has facilitated the growth and progress of not only the people of the 4th District, but all of the citizens of the State of Illinois. I am looking forward to a new challenge of public service in the capacity of a Commissioner of Cook County, where I will zealously continue to represent the welfare of the people. It has been an honor serving

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in the Illinois State Senate.

Sincerely, Earlean Collins, State Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

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

SENATOR HENDON:

Nothing, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Hendon wishes to speak. He's changed his mind. Good. Committee Reports.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Weaver, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports that the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Education Committee - Senate Amendments No. 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1; refer to Executive Committee - House Bill 2805 and Senate Amendment No. 3 to House Bill 2560...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Just a minute. Would you please give the courtesy to the Secretary of the Senate to read the committee report? Take your conferences, please, off the Floor. Thank you. Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Refer to Licensed Activities Committee - Conference Committee Report No. 1 to Senate Bill 859; and Be Approved for Consideration - House Bill 2560.

Filed by Senator Stanley Weaver, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Resolutions, Madam Secretary. May we have your attention on this particular resolution? Will you please be in your seats, Members of the Senate? Please be in your seats. And let's give the courtesy to the Secretary of the Senate presiding at this point, to be heard. Everyone please be in your seats. Madam Secretary.

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ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 263, offered by Senator Jones, President Philip and all Members.

(Secretary reads SR No. 263)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Senator del Valle.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Thank you, Madam Chair. I think that there are many individuals who certainly recognize - fully recognize - the value of Earlean Collins and her contributions over the years. And I think that was clearly demonstrated when she was overwhelmingly elected Cook County Commissioner, and because of that, will be leaving this Legislative Body. I have great respect and admiration for Earlean Collins, because on many issues when it was tough to get up and say what had to be said, Earlean was there to do just that. Many times individuals would disagree, but I think that no one in this Body ever questioned or has questioned her sincerity as an advocate and her true commitment to good public policy. And because of her many years of work and because of that commitment and that consistency as an advocate, I want to thank her for her years of service and say to her that, yes, I will miss her.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Thank you, Senator del Valle. Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Madam President. I now remember what I was going to say about Senator Collins. Senator Collins has been a trailblazer for me and the people of the west side and western suburbs, City of Chicago, and Maywood, and Oak Park. Her outstanding service here in this Chamber is -- goes without saying. We are losing a great Senator, but the County of Cook is gaining a great commissioner. I would not be where I am today if

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it wasn't for Senator Earlean Collins. And don't hold that against her.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

We won't.

SENATOR HENDON:

She has been a leader of the progressive and independent movement on the west side, an ally of mine. And as a fellow west-sider, when I first came in this Chamber, I didn't know nothing, couldn't find the washroom, didn't know where the hallway was, got up and made some speeches that I probably shouldn't have made, and Senator Collins would take me to the side and showed me the ropes and taught me how to be a statesman. And I have to give her credit for that, because I was rough around the edges when I got here and you all know how smooth I am now.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Really?

SENATOR HENDON:

She made me into a statesman and taught me that this is the upper Chamber, the House of Lords, and that I should act accordingly. We're going to miss her, but I won't miss her as much as you, because she is my County Commissioner. I voted for her two or three times; you know, I lost track in my precinct. But I'll always love her and will continue to work for her. And I wish her Godspeed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Thank you, Senator Hendon. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you very much, Madam President. I really think it's time that Earlean moves on and gets a real job for a change as a County Commissioner up in Chicago. You know, many years ago - yes, they do something! - many years ago, when Earlean first came down here, I remember that -- I don't remember who it was, but she

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was quoted in a Chicago Tribune article of having gotten up and made some impassioned speech and got quoted in newspapers. And folks back home said -- called her and said, "Earlean, that was great; it was wonderful; keep it up." That was twenty-some years ago and subsequent to that she's now spoken on every bill that's been before the General Assembly in the last twenty-some years. It's a terrific record. Great experience in this new -- this new endeavor that she's about to embark upon. If anybody in here thinks that this is the last time we're going to hear from Earlean Collins, you are making a big mistake, 'cause there are a lot of issues that come before the Cook County Board of Commissioners and -- that she's going to be calling, she's going to be down here. Ladies and Gentlemen, it's been my privilege and pleasure to have been her seatmate for a number of years. She has always taken in my advice and counsel, and particularly, she's voted the right way, particularly when she's been off in the phone booth or in the rest room or someplace. But we are truly going to -- to miss her expertise here. And I will tell you that she has gained in -- in experience, but also she has gained in her ability to be a debater on this Floor. And for that, I think we're going to miss her presence here. But if anybody thinks, again, that we're going to not hear from her again, I think it's -- it's a conclusion we ought not to come to. So I say congratulations to her. You know, she just missed being the State Comptroller by a handful of votes. She was the highest vote-getter that -- that year as the -- as the Democratic nominee for -- for Comptroller. And so it just seems apropos that she makes this next step in her career, and we all say congratulations to her and Godspeed in her new -- her new position.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Thank you. Senator Karpziel.

SENATOR KARPIEL:

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Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to say good-bye to Earlean. Even though we didn't agree on an awful lot of issues, we did work on a few together. But more importantly than that, we had a lot of fun when we traveled to Japan and Korea on the same trip. And we had a lot of fun there and she's always been a lot of fun to know. And I wish her very well, a lot of luck on the Cook County Board. And it shouldn't be quite as -- it should be a little bit more hectic than the State Senate, actually. And I want to thank her, especially for shaping up Senator Hendon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Emil Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Madam President. You know, hearing all these wonderful things about our esteemed colleague who will be leaving us at the close of business this week, and everything they said about her is basically true. Many of the issues that we are confronted with in government today - welfare reform, child care, work incentive programs - Earlean Collins was a trailblazer in that area for quite some time, when it wasn't popular to promote such issues. And one of the things Vince said, which is true, said, Earlean knew it all. She not only spoke on every bill, but all these were her ideas. And this is true. She always represented those who did not have any representation in this Body. She spoke for those who did not have the lobbyists down here to speak for them. Earlean has always championed the -- the cause of those who needed someone here to address those issues. And I always respected her for that. She's leaving us now. And, Vince, I saw you crying a few moments ago. But we're going to miss Earlean; we're going to miss her expertise. But when she goes to the Cook County Board, she's going to take with her all the experience she has here and then she'll be able to bug President John Stroger. But -- but we love you, Earlean. And

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when you leave, tomorrow's the smoke-out, so I'll quit smoking. I would have quit quite some time ago, until you moved over closer to me. But she's been a wonderful colleague, a wonderful friend, one who will always give constructive criticism, but one who has always told me - and she'll call me sometimes and she'll say, "I don't like you because you did this, you should have done that, you should have talked to me about it before you made that decision, but in spite of all of that, I'll be with you." And I respect you, Earlean, for that. Love you for it. Good luck. God bless you. And, Madam President, I move for the immediate adoption of this resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Madam President and Members of the Illinois Senate. Actually, I -- I think I've spoken so much since I've been here and this is probably the first time that I don't really have any words to express how I feel today. It was not a easy decision for me to decide to leave this Body. For a long time I had been asked to run for Cook County Board, after Congressman Danny Davis, a good friend of mine, moved on to Congress. But I was late getting in the race because I had to find the peace within myself to walk away from this Body, from, I think, a very critical time in our history, in the history of government as a whole. Lot of changes, transitional times - not just moving into a new millennium. But there is a move in this country that touches the fundamental principles by which America is -- was born and conceived through the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. And I felt that I still had something to offer here and that I should be here to keep working and to keep bugging people and -- and talking, even when you don't listen. But ten years down the line, usually you all come across. I can be honest: There's not very few

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things that I've talked about ten years ago that you haven't in some way, even not under my name, but you've enacted those things into law. But you waited until they became a serious crisis before you responded to them. And so I felt that I couldn't go and be a commissioner. I started circulating my petitions to return here, caused a little problems back in the district. But then, I came to grips with it and I said, well, enough is enough. And so I've got Emil Jones, and I had to groom Rickey Hendon. Senator Pate Philip, I knew he was going to continue to be here. And I just started to pray and say, well, out of those, and Vince Demuzio and Art Berman, I'm sure that they can meet the challenges of this State, and so I can move on. Spend time with my grandchildren. I've spent -- since I was eighteen in public service, with my first husband being elected to the House of Representatives and at the local levels. And so now -- I missed the opportunity of spending time with my son; I can spend time with my grandchildren hopefully. But I will be a diligent worker at the County Board, still representing the interests of the people, because the issues there are not so much different than they are here. Thank you so much, and thank God for the opportunity to serve.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Emil Jones moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 263. Those in favor, say Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The resolution's adopted. And congratulations go to Senator Collins. Senator Philip, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your point.

SENATOR PHILIP:

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I have next to me the Lieutenant Governor-elect, Corinne Wood. Would she please rise and be recognized by the Senate?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Welcome, welcome, welcome, Lieutenant Governor-elect Corinne Wood. Oh. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your point, ma'am.

SENATOR COLLINS:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you the new Senate -- Senator-elect from the 4th District. I have every faith and confidence that she will serve the people well and -- and those of the State of Illinois, as well as the people of her district. And it -- and it is a delightful pleasure. And all the guys back here are so delighted that she is a young, beautiful woman that's gracing this Body.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

What's her name?

SENATOR COLLINS:

This is Kimberly Lightford. She is -- will be replacing me and hopefully be coming in next week -- the next veto -- part of the Veto Session to serve out my term.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Welcome. Senator Welch. For what purpose do you rise, Senator Welch?

SENATOR WELCH:

For purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your announcement, sir.

SENATOR WELCH:

The -- the Illinois Economic and Fiscal Commission will meet

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immediately upon adjournment today in Room 349 of the Stratton Building. If everybody on the Commission could come over there, I would appreciate it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Room what -- what room?

SENATOR WELCH:

Immediately after adjournment today, Room 349C, Stratton Building.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

349C, Stratton Building. Is there any further business to come before the Senate? Senator Madigan, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MADIGAN:

Purpose of an announcement, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your announcement.

SENATOR MADIGAN:

The Senate Insurance and Pensions Committee will meet in Room 212 at 1 o'clock to consider a motion for concurrence on Senate Bill 1901.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

The Senate Insurance Committee will meet in Room 212 immediately after adjournment. Is that correct? At 1 o'clock? 1 o'clock. Is there any further business to come before the Senate? Seeing none, Senator Weaver moves the Senate stand adjourned until the hour of 9 a.m., Thursday, November 19. The Senate stands adjourned.

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