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82nd Legislative Day

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 91st 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 Pastor Rick Wenneborg, Chatham Christian Church, Chatham, Illinois. Pastor Wenneborg.

PASTOR RICK WENNEBORG:

(Prayer by Pastor Rick Wenneborg)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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

SENATOR RADOGNO:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Radogno)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

I'll tell you what, I don't see very many blue shirts out there, and I said everybody with a blue shirt. So if you don't have a blue shirt, you're excused.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The Senate will please come to order. Senator Ronen, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RONEN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise on a point of personal privilege. We are...

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR RONEN:

We are honored today to be joined by two of our former colleagues. I haven't even said their names yet. Wonderful

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Senator Howie Carroll, and my number one constituent, Senator Art Berman.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will they stand -- please stand and be recognized by the Senate. Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Thursday, February 24th, and Friday, February 25th, 2000.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

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

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers moves to approve the Journals just read. There being no objection, so ordered. Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journal of Tuesday, February 29th, in the year 2000, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objection, so ordered. Senator Peterson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PETERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. For the purposes of an announcement. The Revenue Committee will meet at 10:15, in Room 400, to address one amendment. We should be finished in a very short time. So all Revenue Committee Members, please be in Room 400 at 10:15. Thank you.

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Thank -- thank you. Senator Madigan, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR R. MADIGAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. For purposes of an announcement. To remind everyone of the Sportsmen's Caucus that the Sportsmen's Caucus auction and reception is a week from tonight, out at the Artisans Building at the fairgrounds. So if you can get your items for the auction, or donated items, as soon as possible, we'd be appreciative, but would like to see everybody out at the fairgrounds a week from tonight at the Artisans Building.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Thank you. Senator Rauschenberger, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Make your announcement.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

For Members of the hardworking Appropriation Committee, before you leave town, remember, Monday we're going to convene at 11:30, in Room 212, for another appropriation hearing. Just -- 11:30 is the correct time. We'll see you there at -- Monday, Room 212.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

As long as everybody's making announcements, it would appear we don't have to be in Session on the following Friday. So we're going to cancel Friday, but Monday we'll -- we'll be in perfunctory. No need to be here, but we'll take paperwork from the House and if anybody wants to introduce some bills. So, you ought to be happy about that. Have a long weekend. I will now yield the Chair to Senator Maitland for purpose of an introduction.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Thank you very much, Mr. President. If I could have your attention, please. Senator Demuzio and I are very happy this morning to introduce some very special guests. You -- you may recall, we were originally scheduled to be in tomorrow, and tomorrow is the 4-H Legislative Connection Day in Springfield. They have the exhibits down on the first floor. It's -- it's quite a -- it's quite a program. Senator Demuzio -- Demuzio and I are strong supporters of 4-H and we regret that we're not going to be here, so we thought we would introduce the 4-H'ers today and -- and a couple of ladies from the 4-H office. The Governor has declared Thursday, March 2nd, as 4-H Day in Illinois. It is a proclamation, and I have that to present to the 4-H'ers here today. So I would like to introduce to you from the 4-H office, Anna Flemming, who will make some introductions and then we'll present the proclamation. Anna.

ANNA FLEMMING:

(Remarks and Introductions by Anna Flemming)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Thank you very much, Senator Demuzio and Anna and all the 4-H'ers. We're delighted to have you here today. And, again, we're sorry we can't be with you tomorrow. Thank you very much. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Hawkinson, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary, reports House Bill 478 Do Pass; and House Bill 477 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to the Committee on Education - House Bills 3840 and 4266; to the Committee on Environment and Energy - House Bill 3457; to the Committee on Executive - House Bills 1853, 1854, 3988 and 4043; to

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the Committee on Financial Institutions - House Bills 3293 and 3431; to the Committee on Insurance and Pensions - House Bills 986, 1582, 1583 and 1597; to the Committee on Licensed Activities - House Bills 3455 and 4280; to the Committee on Local Government - House Bills 2110, 3114, 3188, 4138, 4144; to the Committee on Revenue - Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1310, and House Bill 3169; and to the Committee on Transportation - House Bills 3312 and 3859.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

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

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

On a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

I'm sorry, Senator. I didn't hear.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Please state your point.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we are honored today by the presence of about twenty women from the Lincoln Day Series, a very fine organization dedicated to recognizing women in various fields. And they are up in the gallery behind me, led by Alice Phillips and Joann Maxwell, and I'd like you all to welcome them here. They're in the gallery over...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized by the Senate? Welcome to Springfield. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

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Committee on Agriculture and Conservation - House Bills 1822,
2885, 3558 and 3861.

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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 bills of the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bills 2882, 2915, 3046, 3106, 3402, 3464,
3557, 3831, 3966, 4045, 4118 and 4119 and 4136.

We have a like Message on House Bills 3113, 3838, 4284, 4466
and 4650.

All passed the House, February 29th, 2000.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

A Message from the President, dated March 1st, 2000.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-10, I hereby revise the Senate Schedule for the week of March 6th, 2000, as follows: The Senate will be in Perfunctory Session on Monday, March 6th, and will not be in Session on Friday, March 10th.

Signed by President Philip.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution 60, offered by Senator Weaver.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 60)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Weaver moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint

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Resolution 60. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Weaver now has moved for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 60. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senator Welch, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR WELCH:

Personal -- point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Please state your point.

SENATOR WELCH:

Mr. President, we have a birthday over on this side of the aisle. One of our illustrious Senators, who's talking, Senator Halvorson, is celebrating her thirty-fifth birthday. We couldn't afford a cake, but we do want to wish her a happy thirty-fifth birthday.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Halvorson, happy birthday. Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 304, offered by Senator Smith.
It is a death resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Consent Calendar. Introduction of House Bills.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 384, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 730, offered by Senator Geo-Karis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 787, offered by Senator Geo-Karis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3046, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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House Bill 1215, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1673, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1850, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2246, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3113, offered by Senator Lightford.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3236, offered by Senator Silverstein.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3557, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3838, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3951, offered by Senator Dudycz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3994 {sic} (3993), offered by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3995, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4022, offered by Senator Wendell Jones.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4029, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4118, offered by Senator Lightford.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4284, offered by Senator Robert Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 4348, offered by Senator Silverstein.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, if -- is there any further business to become -- to come before the Senate? If not, pursuant to the adjournment resolution, Senator Geo-Karis now moves that the Senate stand adjourned. We will have a perfunctory Session on Monday and we will reconvene the Senate on Tuesday, at 12 noon, March 7th. Senate stands adjourned.

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