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14th Legislative Day

March 2, 1999

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Regular Session of the 90th {sic} (91st) General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? And will our guests in the galleries please rise? Our prayer today will be given by Pastor Eric Hansen, First Assembly of God Church, Springfield, Illinois. Pastor Hansen.

PASTOR ERIC HANSEN:

(Prayer by Pastor Eric Hansen)

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 Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journals of Wednesday, February 24th; Thursday, February 25th; and Friday, February 26th, in the year 1999, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journals.

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 objections, so ordered. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Dillard, Chair of the Committee on Local Government, reports Senate Bills 6, 206, 380 and 430 Do Pass.

Senator Syverson, Chair of the Committee on Public Health and Welfare, reports Senate Bills 44, 82, 321, 322 and 323 Do Pass, and Senate Bills 10, 13 and 117 Do Pass, as Amended.

And Senator Madigan, Chair of the Committee on Insurance and Pensions, reports Senate Bill 55 Do Pass, and Senate Bill 363 Do

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Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 51, offered by Senator Lauzen and all Members.

It's a death resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 52, offered by Senator Bowles.

It's substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

It's the intention of the Chair to proceed on page 2 of today's Calendar with Senate Bills 2nd Reading. ...to alert everyone to page 2 of the Calendar on Senate Bills 2nd Reading. My suggestion is for you to advise yourself as to when your bill may come forward and move the bill to 3rd Reading. We're starting on page 2, Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Senator Parker. Senate Bill 29. Senator Parker? Out of the record. Senate Bill 30. Senator Radogno? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 30.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Licensed Activities adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 31. Senator Sieben? Out of the record. Senate Bill 32. Senator O'Malley? Pat O'Malley on the Floor? Senator O'Malley? Out of the record. Senator Radogno, on Senate Bill 34? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 34.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 45. Senator Parker? Senator Parker? Kathy Parker, on Senate Bill 45? Out of the record? Out of the record. Senate Bill 52. Senator Weaver? Read -- read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 52.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Revenue adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Are there any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 71. Out of the record. Senate Bill 84. Senator Geo-Karis? Out of the record. Senate Bill 98. Senator O'Malley? Pat O'Malley on the Floor? Senator O'Malley.

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Out of the record. Senate Bill 105. Senator Watson. Out of the record. Senate Bill 110. Senator Clayborne? Out of the record. Senate Bill 122. Senator Burzynski? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 122.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Licensed Activities adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Are there any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 123. Senator Burzynski asks the bill to be read, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 123.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Licensed Activities adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 126. Senator Burzynski asks the bill to be read, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 126.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No -- the Committee on Licensed Activities adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 127. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 127.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Licensed Activities adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Are there any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 146. Senator Peterson? Senator Peterson? Out of the record. Senate Bill 171. Senator Klemm? Senator Klemm on the Floor? Out of the record. Senate Bill 185. Senator Syverson? Dave Syverson on the Floor? Out of the record. Senate Bill 218. Senator del Valle? Senator del Valle, would you like your bill called? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 218.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments -- there have not. 3rd Reading. We are trying to move through this quickly, but with your consideration in holding it down, we'll be able to do so in a more efficient manner and everyone will be able to hear. So if you do have a conference, we'd appreciate you taking it off the Floor. Senate Bill 249. Senator Tom Walsh? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 249.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 251. Senator Donahue? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 251.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 252. Senator Lauzen? Chris Lauzen, would you like to have your bill heard, sir? Out of the record. Senate Bill 257. Senator Cullerton? John Cullerton? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 257.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Cullerton, on 258? Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 258.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 268. Senator Parker? Out of the record. Senate Bill 288. Senator Burzynski? Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 288.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 289. Senator Silverstein? Out of the record. Senate Bill 355. Senator O'Malley? Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 355.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 356. Senator O'Malley? Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 356.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 357. Senator O'Malley? Senator

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O'Malley, one more time? Yes. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 357.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Burzynski, on Senate Bill 367? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 367.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill -- 368. Senator Burzynski? Please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 368.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 377. Senator O'Malley? Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 377.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 378. Senator O'Malley? Please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 378.



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(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Intention of the Chair now is to go to page 4. Continue right down. We have Senate Bill 3rd Reading. This is final passage. We would like to have some order as we go into 3rd Reading. So if all of you will be at your desks. This is final passage. ...begin with Senate Bill 17. Senator Rauschenberger? Out of the record. Senate Bill 20. Out of the record. Senate Bill 33. Out of the record. Senate Bill 70. Out of the record. Senate Bill 109. Senator Munoz. Senator Munoz. Excuse me. Out of the record. Senate Bill 147. Senator Hawkinson? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 147.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 147 establishes a legislative commission to create the Criminal Law and Corrections Commission. The purpose is to study and make recommendations for recodification of the Illinois Criminal Code. It's been many, many years. The Code of Criminal Procedure was enacted in 1961. Code of Corrections was enacted in '73. Just in the last ten years that I've been in the Senate, there have been more than seven hundred bills to amend the Criminal Code. It's our desire to have a broad-based bipartisan committee. This would have two members from each of the four caucuses, legislators, and then a number of other advisory members on the commission. We have established, through an amendment, a sunset on the commission.

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But the idea is that we need to take a look in terms of proportionality of sentences and consistency, to take a good hard look at our Criminal Code, to get the best minds together and to -- to recodify it. Be happy to answer any questions; otherwise, I would ask for your Yes vote on Senate Bill 147.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 147 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. We're all here. 59 voted Yes, no voting No, no voting Present. Senate Bill 147, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 150. Senator Sieben? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 150.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 150 amends the Illinois Building Commission Act and the State Finance Act. Provides that the Commission may establish fees for the services it provides. Provides that the fees and certain other monies shall be deposited into the Illinois Building Commission Revolving Fund. It then creates the Illinois Building Commission Revolving Fund in the State treasury. This is the same language we passed last year, voted unanimously in the Senate and then got tangled up in the House. I know of no opposition and I'd ask for your Aye vote.

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Is there any discussion? Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Can I ask a question of the sponsor?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Yes. The sponsor indicates he'll yield, Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Senator Sieben, what are the -- how much are the fees that could be established? Do you have a number?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

At -- at this point, there are no guidelines for the fee structure. No numbers have been established.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Once again, I'm going to ask the Members to -- to hold down the noise. We're having -- Senator Welch had trouble hearing the response from Senator Sieben. So let's just hold it down. And if you've got a conference or discussion, why don't you just take it off the Floor. Senator Lauzen, for further discussion?

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Just a question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

How are these services being compensated right now?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

At the present time, there -- there is no compensation for the services. We created the Illinois Building Commission a year ago through legislation, indicated that there would be services that the Building Commission could charge for, such as the

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clearinghouse services for checking on Building Code conflicts. Once that process is established, then there will be a fee schedule set up and we need a place to deposit those funds into the State treasury.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Further discussion? Senator Sieben, to close.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

Just ask for your Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 150 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 59 voting Yes, no voting No, no voting Present. Senate Bill 150, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 163. Out of the record. Senate Bill 164. Senator Fawell? Senator Fawell on the Floor? Out of the record. Senate Bill 203. Senator Rauschenberger? Out of the record. Senate Bill 215. Senator Link? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 215.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. Basically, this bill, what it will do is dissolve a school district whose territory consists only of a military installation operated by the government of the United States and is detached from a school district which includes a military installation and reverts back to its original district

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from the territory it was detached, from its successive district, if not elected a school board member and becomes optional {sic} (operational) within two years of the date. This is solely in District 100, which is detached at the Fort Sheridan District. If there's any questions, I'll be more than happy to answer them.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 215 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 59 voting Yes, no voting No, no voting Present. Senate Bill 215, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Bowles, on Senate Bill 304? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 304.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Bowles.

SENATOR BOWLES:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. The -- this is one of the amendments to the Criminal Code to which Senator Hawkinson referred. But it came out of the Judiciary Committee, and the purpose of this is to -- in the interim before the Criminal Code is recodified, I would like to have this amendment made so that it will protect the personnel in hospital emergency rooms. In other words, it provides that committing a battery against individuals known to be hospital emergency room personnel engaged in the performance of their official duties, or to prevent the performance of their official duties, or in retaliation for performance of their official duties -- in other words, it will

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enhance the offense to aggravated battery, which will be a Class 3 felony, which provides for five years and twenty-five thousand dollars. This legislation was brought about because of assaults on -- on emergency room personnel in Fulton County and in Madison County. And the two State's Attorneys in each of those counties are strongly in support of this piece of legislation. If there are no questions, I would ask for an affirmative vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Inquiry of the Chair. The automatic bill pop-up switches are on, but the bills aren't progressing through the system today for some reason. I rise in support of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Any other discussion? Senator Molaro.

SENATOR MOLARO:

Thank you. Would the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Yes. Sponsor indicates she'll yield.

SENATOR MOLARO:

Okay. On -- on the burden of proof on this, is it -- is it incumbent upon the prosecutor to show that the defendant knew that it was an emergency personnel person, or is it just the fact that they're emergency personnel, is that good enough?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Bowles.

SENATOR BOWLES:

In each of these cases, the -- each of these cases are still up for hearing of finding of -- of fact and responsibility. But that they know - number seven - they know the individual harmed to be an emergency medical technician - ambulance, emergency medical

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technician - intermediate, emergency medical technician - a paramedic, an ambulance driver, or other medical assistance or first aid personnel. All we're doing is extending it to cover those in the emergency room.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Senator Molaro. Excuse me.

SENATOR MOLARO:

...general comment on -- on moving this type of legislation, where we keep adding categories, whether it be the death penalty or aggravated battery. So the point would be in this legislation, if somebody's going -- loses it in an emergency room and attacks two people, one happens to be an ordinary civilian like me or you and one happens to be working there, if they charge him for me, it's just regular battery, but if they charge him for the medical personnel, it's aggravated battery, even though they did the same thing to us?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Bowles.

SENATOR BOWLES:

They have to be cognizant of the fact that this person is a person affiliated and working in the emergency capacity.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Further discussion? If not, Senator Bowles, to close.

SENATOR BOWLES:

I would ask for an affirmative vote, Mr. Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 304 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 59 voting Yes, no voting No, no voting Present. Senate Bill 304, having

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received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. In regard to Senator Hawkinson's inquiry in the computer screens and not keeping up, we understand that you can do this manually, but please don't ask the Chair how to do that. Senate Bill 372. Senator Rauschenberger? Out of the record. Senate Bill 389. Senator Rauschenberger. Out of the record. Senator Sieben, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR SIEBEN:

Purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Go ahead and state your announcement.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

The Senate Ag Committee will convene today at 1:30, as opposed to the posted time of 1 o'clock. So Senate Ag Committee at 1:30 today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

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

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I'd just like to ask a question if I might, if I could have the ear of the Chairman of the Rules Committee, Senator Weaver. Are -- are we -- are we going to meet today? Is Rules going to meet today? Tomorrow? Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Madam Secretary, Introduction of Bills, please.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1185, offered by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1186, offered by Senator Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1187, offered by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1188, offered by Senator Sieben.



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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1189, offered by Senator Noland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1190, offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1191, offered by Senator Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1192, offered by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1193, offered by Senator Molaro.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1199 {sic} (1194), offered by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1195, offered by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1196, offered by Senators -- Senator Myers.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1197, offered by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1198, offered by Senators Klemm and Philip.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill 1199, offered by Senators Maitland and Philip.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

House Bills 1st Reading.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 135, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate {sic} (House) Bill 335, offered by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 420, offered by Senator Peterson.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 486, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the House bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Resolutions, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 53, offered by Senator Emil Jones and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 54, offered by Senator Cullerton and all Members.

They're both death resolutions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Consent Calendar. Is there any further business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator Philip moves that we -- the Senate stand adjourned until the hour of noon, Wednesday, March 3rd. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Oh! I'm sorry...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Did you have something you wanted to say, Senator?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

There are cupcakes -- cupcakes on -- cupcakes for -- for Senator Halvorson's birthday, which was yesterday, that are over on the Democratic side. And -- and she was forty-one yesterday.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Do the Republicans get to celebrate that birthday also and partake of the cupcakes? I see there's very few left. So thanks for announcing that at a very appropriate time.

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