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GOVERNOR GEORGE RYAN:

The Senate will please come to order. And would the Members and our guests please be seated? Article IV, Section 6, of the Constitution of the State of Illinois reads in part as follows: On the first day of the January session of the Illinois General Assembly in odd-numbered years, the Governor shall convene the Senate to elect from the membership a President of the Senate as presiding officer. And I'd add that the media, since you've already started, are granted to -- permission to record these proceedings. Will the Members and our guests please rise? The invocation today will be offered by Father James Flynn, Holy Name of Mary Church, Chicago, Illinois. Father Flynn.

FATHER JAMES FLYNN:

(Invocation by Father James Flynn)

GOVERNOR GEORGE RYAN:

Will the Members and guests please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance, by Senator Frank - or, by Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Link)

GOVERNOR GEORGE RYAN:

Thank you, Senator. Will you please remain standing for the National Anthem, which will be sung by Elizabeth Eckert, of Springfield.

ELIZABETH ECKERT:

("The Star-Spangled Banner", sung by Elizabeth Eckert)

GOVERNOR GEORGE RYAN:

Thank you, Elizabeth, very much. The following Senators are appointed to the Committee to Escort members of the Judiciary into the Chambers: Senators Lightford, Cullerton, Haine, Roskam and Winkel. Would you please escort the Judiciary, and the Committee will -- on Escort will report to the rear of the Chamber to escort the distinguished members of the Judiciary back into the Chambers. The Chair is pleased to recognize Supreme Court Justice Charles E. Freeman and Thomas Fitzgerald. The Chair would like to recognize other distinguished guests that we have here with us today. Take a great deal of pride in recognizing the First Lady of the State of Illinois, my wife, Lura Lynn Ryan. Representing the senior

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Senator from the State of Illinois, Dick Durbin, his lovely wife, Loretta Durbin. Loretta. The Lieutenant Governor, Corinne Wood. Comptroller Dan Hynes. Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka. Lieutenant Governor-elect Patrick Quinn. The former Comptroller of the State of Illinois, Roland Burris. A fellow that spent some time at this podium for a few years, the former President of the Senate, Thomas Hynes. And another fellow that spent a good deal of time here and was -- was President - both of them were, I think, when I was in the leadership in the House, and I had an opportunity to work with both and I learned a great deal from both Senator Hynes and certainly the past President of the Senate, Senator Phil Rock. And Auditor General Bill Holland is here with us today. I hereby appoint the following persons as temporary Senate officers of the 93rd General Assembly: Jim Harry, Secretary of the Senate, and Tracey Sidles, Sergeant-at-Arms. I believe you could be seated, if you'd like. The Secretary will now read the letter of certification from the State Board of Elections of Senate Members elected on November the 5th, the year 2002, to the 93rd General Assembly. Mr. Secretary, please read the letter.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Communication from the State Board of Elections, dated November 25th, 2002, to Jim Harry, Secretary of the Illinois State Senate.

Dear Mr. Harry - Enclosed is a list of individuals who have been elected to serve as Members of the Illinois State Senate at the November 5th, 2002, General Election. They have been duly certified by the State Board of Elections at the Board meeting held on November 25th, 2002.

Sincerely, Patricia Freeman, Director of Election Information.

The newly elected Senators are: 1st District, Antonio "Tony" Munoz, Chicago, four-year term; 2nd District, Miguel del Valle, Chicago, two years; 3rd District, Margaret Smith, Chicago, four years; 4th District, Kimberly A. Lightford, Maywood, four years; 5th District, Rickey R. Hendon, Chicago, two years; 6th District, John J. Cullerton, Chicago, four years; 7th District, Carol Ronen, Chicago, four years; 8th District, Ira I. Silverstein, Chicago, two years; 9th District, Jeffrey M. Schoenberg, Evanston, four years; 10th District, James A. DeLeo,

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Chicago, four years; 11th District, Louis S. Viverito, Burbank, two years; 12th District, Martin A. Sandoval, Chicago, four years; 13th District, Barack Obama, Chicago, four years; 14th District, Emil Jones, Jr., Chicago, two years; 15th District, James T. Meeks, Chicago, four years; 16th District, Jacqueline "Jacqui" Y. Collins, Chicago, four years; 17th District, Donne E. Trotter, Chicago, two years; 18th District, Edward D. Maloney, Chicago, four years; 19th District, M. Maggie Crotty, Oak Forest, four years; 20th District, Iris Y. Martinez, Chicago, two years; 21st District, Dan Cronin, Elmhurst, four years; 22nd District, Steven J. Rauschenberger, Elgin, four years; 23rd District, James "Pate" Philip, Wood Dale, two years; 24th District, Kirk W. Dillard, Hinsdale, four years; 25th District, Chris Lauzen, Aurora, four years; 26th District, William E. Peterson, Long Grove, two years; 27th District, Wendell E. Jones, Palatine, four years; 28th District, Doris C. Karpiel, Carol Stream, four years; 29th District, Susan Garrett, Lake Forest, two years; 30th District, Terry Link, Vernon Hills, four years; 31st District, Adeline Jay Geo-Karis, Zion, four years; 32nd District, Dick Klemm, Crystal Lake, two years; 33rd District, Dave Sullivan, Park Ridge, four years; 34th District, Dave Syverson, Rockford, four years; 35th District, J. Bradley Burzynski, Clare, two years; 36th District, Denny Jacobs, East Moline, four years; 37th District, Dale E. Risinger, Peoria, four years; 38th District, Pat Welch, Peru, two years; 39th District, Don Harmon, Oak Park, four years; 40th District, Debbie DeFrancesco Halvorson, Crete, four years; 41st District, Christine Radogno, LaGrange, two years; 42nd District, Edward Petka, Plainfield, four years; 43rd District, Lawrence M. "Larry" Walsh, Elwood, four years; 44th District, Bill Brady, Bloomington, two years; 45th District, Todd Sieben, Geneseo, four years; 46th District, George P. Shadid, Edwards, four years; 47th District, John M. Sullivan, Rushville, two years; 48th District, Peter J. Roskam, Wheaton, four years; 49th District, Vince Demuzio, Carlinville, four years; 50th District, Larry Bomke, Springfield, two years; 51st District, Frank Watson, Greenville, four years; 52nd District, Richard J. "Rick" Winkel, Jr., Champaign, four years; 53rd District, Dan Rutherford, Chenoa, two years; 54th District, John O. Jones,

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Mount Vernon, four years; 55th District, Dale A. Righter, Mattoon, four years; 56th District, William R. "Bill" Haine, of Alton, two years; 57th District, James F. Clayborne, Jr. II, Belleville, four years; 58th District, David Luechtefeld, Okawville, four years; and 59th District, Larry Woolard, Carterville, two years.

We have a subsequent Communication from the Secretary of State, dated December 20th, 2002.

Dear Mr. Secretary - This office is forwarding herewith a copy of the Democratic Legislative Committee's Notice of Vacancy existing in the Office of Senator in the 93rd General Assembly for the 3rd Legislative District, as a result of the resignation of Senator Margaret Smith. Also enclosed are copies of the Democratic Committee's Certification of Appointment of Mattie Hunter, of Chicago, to the Office of State Senator in the 3rd District.

GOVERNOR GEORGE RYAN:

Thank you very much, Mr. Secretary. Will Justice Charles E. Freeman of the Illinois Supreme Court please come to the rostrum to administer the oath of office to the Members of the Illinois Senate? And will the Senators-elect please rise to be sworn into office? Justice Freeman.

JUSTICE FREEMAN:

All those to be sworn, please -- please rise and repeat after me, inserting your names in the proper place. Raise your right hands. I - your name - do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of State Senator to the best of my ability. Congratulations.

GOVERNOR GEORGE RYAN:

Thank you, Justice Freeman. Mr. Secretary, will you now call the roll of the Senators of the 93rd General Assembly?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Bomke, Brady, Burzynski, Clayborne, Collins, Cronin, Crotty, Cullerton, DeLeo, del Valle, Demuzio, Dillard, Garrett, Geo-Karis, Haine, Halvorson, Harmon, Hendon, Hunter, Jacobs, Emil Jones, John Jones, Wendell Jones, Karpel, Klemm, Lauzen, Lightford, Link, Luechtefeld, Maloney, Martinez, Meeks, Munoz,

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Obama, Peterson, Petka, Philip, Radogno, Rauschenberger, Righter, Risinger, Ronen, Roskam, Rutherford, Sandoval, Schoenberg, Shadid, Sieben, Silverstein, Dave Sullivan, John Sullivan, Syverson, Trotter, Viverito, Walsh, Watson, Welch, Winkel, Woolard. 57 Members present, Mr. President.

GOVERNOR GEORGE RYAN:

Thank you, Mr. Secretary. A quorum is present. The next order of business is the election of the Senate President of the 93rd General Assembly. In the opinion of the Chair, 30 affirmative votes will be required to elect the President, and nominations are now open. Chair recognizes Senator Demuzio for the purpose of placing a name in nomination.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you very much, Governor, and let me first begin by saying to you and to Lura Lynn, we know that your term comes to a conclusion next week and we want you to know that our thoughts and prayers go with you and Lura Lynn. Congratulations to you.

GOVERNOR GEORGE RYAN:

Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you. You didn't nominate me, did you, Senator?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

No, but I do have a story to tell you. Two {sic} years ago, when we were here, we were here in a snowstorm and I looked at the transcript and had the opportunity to read them. And I said to you at the time that it was the first time in my twenty -- I don't know what it was, twenty-eight years at that point, that I did not know whether or not my wife and -- Deanna were going to be able to attend the swearing-in, but thanks to your highway workers, I was here. Well, today, they didn't do a damn thing and I'm here. I just want you to know that. Well, Justice Freeman and Fitzgerald and all of our special guests, including our two former Senate Presidents, Phil Rock and Tom Hynes, who are here, our constitutional officers and other individuals who I won't recognize that have already been recognized. I thank you very much, Governor and Ladies and Gentlemen, and today, indeed, I do have the rare privilege and honor of placing before you the name of the next President of the Illinois Senate, Senator Emil Jones, Jr., of Chicago. As I look around this magnificent Senate Chamber, and it is truly a

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Senate Chamber that is magnificent, I see fifty-nine Members of the Senate, individuals who have come here who are filled with anticipation and enthusiasm, individuals who are innovative and have their own creative intelligence, fresh ideas to contribute to continue doing what is in the public good and what is right for the public good, a group of fifty-nine individuals of different backgrounds of race and religion, from different geographical areas of Illinois - Chicago, suburban, downstate. And as fifty-nine individuals, we are truly insignificant, but together, collectively and organized, we will move Illinois forward on a brighter path for jobs, for economic development and for improved education. As a group of individuals, we will dedicate ourselves to fairness, to equality, to justice, and as a group of Senators, we also believe and practice compassion, a group of elected Senators, fifty-nine of us, that come together today to nominate and elect a Senate President, a new leader. Walter Lippmann once wrote leaders are the custodians of our ideals, of the beliefs we cherish, of our permanent hopes, of the faith which makes this nation out of a mere aggregation of individuals. Over the course of these past ten years as our Senate Democrat Leader, Senator Emil Jones has personified the qualities that we as a Democratic Caucus seek from a leader, the very qualities that Lippmann so eloquently described. He has led over this sometimes contentious caucus with a firm yet fair hand, and he has consistently shown a willingness to listen, to compromise, to accommodate and to advance the legislative process. The ideals and the beliefs that he champions mirror those of the people that we represent, that government can and must be fiscally pragmatic and responsible but that we can likewise stand for social justice, for compassion and for decency. As we prepare to usher in this new era of an administration, a new Democratic administration in State government, there is naturally an air of anticipation and uncertainty among all of us. A new Governor assumes the reins of State government at a difficult and precarious time. Yet, we know in this time of transition, that Senator Emil Jones will remain a model of consistency. As problems arise, he will forge a -- a consensus which benefits all parties. He will approach such problems with logic, practicality and reason, and to this

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end, he will leave his unique imprint on the final product, a pattern over which his three decades in the Legislature has resulted in progress, progress that includes protecting and enriching the lives of our children, programs advancing our social status of women, programs ensuring that the final years of our senior citizens are indeed golden, programs guaranteeing that honest -- honest, hard-working taxpayers of Illinois receive a fair and equitable return on their tax dollars. We need Emil Jones because he does not believe that the way to win political support is to pit one group against another. He does not believe in the cynical political arithmetic that says that you can add by subtracting or you can multiply by dividing. He rejects those notions, and instead he will work to make the whole State stronger by bringing people together, showing us our commonality and facilitating cooperation, making -- making us not a collection of competing special interests, but one great State of Illinois. Ladies and Gentlemen, over this past summer and fall, we have all worked hard to be here. We have marched in parades all the way from Lake County into Wabash County, but as joyous as those parades were, I would like to march with you in a different kind of celebration, one that we cannot hold yet. I would like to march with President Emil Jones through villages and cities where all the people have safe streets, affordable housing and health care when they need it. I want to clap my hands and throw up my fists in the air in cheering neighborhoods where children can be children, where they can grow up and get a chance to go to college and one day own their own home. I want to sing proud songs arm in arm with workers who have had a real stake in their company's success and, once again, who have the assurance that a lifetime of hard work will make a life better for their children than it had been before them. I want to march with President Emil Jones in the victory parade that sends up fireworks in celebrating the triumph of our technology centers and factories that are outproducing and outselling our competitors. I want to look around and feel the warmth, the pride and the profound gratitude of knowing that we are making Illinois surer, stronger and sweeter. I want to shout out the thanks because President Emil Jones has -- I'm sorry, has -- has helped to make us the greatest State in the nation, better than



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it's ever been before. You know, yesterday we spent three or three and a half hours in this magnificent Chamber. We celebrated the contributions of so many of our former Members who will no longer serve in this Senate. Many were here in person, and we recognized their service. It was a happy occasion to commemorate the progress that they have helped us to make in the State of Illinois, and they were our friends, on both sides of the aisle. There were no regrets yesterday. But, today, Ladies and Gentlemen, as my friend and colleague, who sits next to me with his family - his daughter, Renee; his sons, John and Emil; his grandchildren, Jonathan, Alexandria; his nephews and brothers and sisters - they're all bursting with pride for the accomplishments of their father, grandfather, uncle and brother, Emil Jones. But I know today he has only one regret, one regret today, and that is that his beloved Pat, who passed away on December the 2nd, in the year 2001, is not here to witness your taking the oath as President of the Senate. But, Emil, she is here. She's here in our hearts. She is your guardian angel, watching, praying and looking over you and your family. And I'm sure she takes great joy and pride in your success, success that you would not have earned without her love and support. And, Emil, your dear wife's words ring in my ears. I can hear her say, "Emil, you have a willingness to tell it like it is, so stand up and be counted on the tough issues, not just on the easy ones. You have earned this recognition." Ladies and Gentlemen, what Pat was saying was political courage. That is how we who are elected officials reveal our -- our -- our reverence for this process, and that is the quality that we look for in a political leader: political courage. Emil, you have that quality. Governor Ryan, I hereby nominate Senator Emil Jones for President of the Senate of the 93rd General Assembly. Thank you.

GOVERNOR GEORGE RYAN:

Senator Demuzio nominates Emil Jones, Jr., for President of the Senate. Senator Halvorson is recognized for the purpose of seconding the nomination.

SENATOR HALVORSON:

Thank you, Governor. I also want to wish you well and I look forward to serving as your Senator in the upcoming time in

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the Senate. Also, thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I rise and I'm honored to stand here to second the nomination of Senator Emil Jones, Jr., for Senate President. I can tell you that Senator Jones is a friend, confidant, leader, visionary, rebel, idealist, supporter, cheerleader, listener, adviser, teacher, and I could go on and on. He has been all these things to not only myself, but to many other people. His integrity is unmatched, his honesty unwavering. And as we have heard so many times in this Chamber, his word is his bond. Never has he made a promise he did not keep. I am sure that I'm not the only one in this Chamber who has gone to Senator Jones for advice and counsel. He prides himself on being available to us. Whatever the issue, be it simple or complex, tame or controversial, he has taken the time to listen to the concerns and offer advice. There have been times when I did not always agree with his opinion, and because he is a man of great understanding, I have always felt comfortable in letting him know that, and never once has he ever held it against me. Senator Jones possesses that great compassion and even greater understanding, and certainly he realizes the importance of individuality and team play. Senator Jones, I would like to thank you for all your wisdom and leadership over the years. I know personally how committed you are to this great State and to those who reside here. On their behalf, thank you, thank you for fighting as hard as you have over the years, and with you at the helm, Illinois is on the road to greatness. Thank you.

GOVERNOR GEORGE RYAN:

Senator Halvorson seconds the nomination of Senator Emil Jones, Jr., for President of the Senate. Senator Trotter is recognized for the purpose of seconding the nomination. Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. Governor, Ladies and Gentlemen of this august Chamber, guests. I joyfully rise today to second the nomination of the Honorable Emil Jones for President of the Illinois Senate. I once read that the difference between a politician and a statesman is that a politician is always looking towards the next election, a -- statesman looks for the next generation. For thirty years, Senator Jones has created

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opportunities for individuals from every walk of life throughout this entire State. Senator Jones has demonstrated the qualities that one needs to be a great and effective leader. He is the kind of leader that we as citizens expect and we as Members depend on to lead us through our troubled times. He has deservedly earned the distinction as one who puts principles above politics. As Democrat Leader, he has held true the course in ensuring that people would come first, and that wasn't a campaign slogan nor a ten o'clock news sound bite. When lesser men just said that we must now address how and what we teach our children, Senator Jones said, "First we must address how we fund education in this State." He has taken that as one of his tenets of his administration, and what he is going to do now ensure that we do fund education for all of our children at an equitable rate. When some wanted more dollars for roads, he stood firm and said we must have more dollars for classroom construction. That he has done and that in we prevailed and we have done as much for the people of this State. Last December when the Hazel Crest School District threatened to close their doors due to lack of funding, Senator Jones fought for millions of dollars to keep the schools open and viable, when others could only fight for jobs for their friends in the next coming years. Emil knows the strength of this State cannot just depend on books alone. He understands that we must address and have a viable workforce in this State. He knows that to remain competitive in this global economy and to remain competitive with the states next door, that we must retrain our workforce. We must deal and address those displaced workers who have lost their jobs at Caterpillar, United Airlines, Motorola, Lucent by creating opportunities through the legislative process. It was the great President Woodrow Wilson who stated that democracy is not so much a form of government as it is a set of principles. As our President, Emil Jones would help define quality of life issues for our most valued and most vulnerable citizens, our seniors. Through his leadership, we will pass a real meaningful, affordable prescription drug program. We will, after years of dragging our feet, be able to provide quality health care for all of our citizens. And with that, it was Niccolo Machiavelli who best summed up the essence of this

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moment. He said, "There is nothing more difficult to take in hand, nothing {sic} more perilous to conduct, or more uncertain in its success, than to take the lead in the introduction of a new order of things." In November 2002, the people of this State voted for change. They voted for fairness, they voted for truth, they voted for a principled government. There were no hanging chads, there were no lost ballots and there were no arbitrary laws written to confuse their intent. And it is on that foundation today that we are ready to embark on a new journey to give a voice to the voiceless and provide a champion for those who have been overlooked for far too long. As one who voted on the prevailing side last November, I stand on behalf of the citizens within the fifty-five-thousand-five-hundred-and-ninety-three-square-mile stadium we call the great State of Illinois and nominate Emil Jones as the next President of the State of -- for the Illinois Senate.

GOVERNOR GEORGE RYAN:

Senator Trotter seconds the nomination of Senator Emil Jones, Jr., for President of the Senate. Senator Luechtefeld is now recognized for the purpose of placing a name in nomination. Senator.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Thank you, Mr. Governor, Members of the Senate, honored guests, friends and family. I've heard some very eloquent words from that side of the aisle for an individual. I might not be as eloquent as -- as those words are, but I would like to and have great honor to put in nomination for the President of the Senate a friend, a great legislator, Senator Frank Watson, as President of the Illinois Senate. As I have served in this Body for the last seven years, I've had the opportunity to watch people in action on both sides of the aisle, and there certainly are qualities that we see that I think, and I think many of you believe, make good Senators and good legislators and good people in government. You know, I've often said that -- just give me someone who will work very hard, who is honest and who's bright and I'll vote for them. Senator Watson meets the criteria and the qualities that I've seen displayed in this Body over the last seven years to be an outstanding leader of this Body, and especially in this very difficult time that this State is -- is

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going to be going through. You know, as we look at qualities of people who should be our leaders, certainly we want someone honest, certainly we want someone bright, certainly we want someone with a lot of energy. You know, a position like this, many of us who are Senators know that we work very hard and our job is a big job, and it -- and it's very time-consuming, but once you become the leader of the Senate, it becomes a statewide job and it takes a tremendous amount of energy. I really -- and I've been around a lot of people with energy, being in sports all my life. I've never met a person with more energy and with more drive and with more competitive spirit than Senator Frank Watson. You know, you often -- as I said, I've been around a lot of competitive people and you often see that very -- very, very competitive people many times are not very well-liked because it shows, they're too competitive. But there are a few people in this -- in this world who are able to be extremely competitive and, yet, be liked by the people that they are competing against. And I've seen Senator Frank Watson go to battle with the other side of the aisle on many issues, and when it's over, you still like him. He says, he fights a good battle. Win or lose, you still like him. He has tremendous energy. He has tremendous competitiveness, and he has a passion for the job. He's served in this Body for the last twenty years, and he's been, for -- for my purposes at least, I feel, the most outstanding overall Senator in this Chamber and he has the competitiveness and the desire and the energy to lead this Senate in a very, very trying time. Hopefully -- you know, we -- we -- we -- politics can be a very phony job sometimes, and we've all seen that phoniness, on a national level, State level and even local level. With Senator Frank Watson, what you see is what you get. He's not going to try to spin a story; he's going to try to simply do a good job for the people of this State and for the people of his district. He will work extremely hard, and I think in these trying times, the best opportunity we have to lead this Senate in the right direction and -- and solve some of the problems that we have. Governor Ryan, it gives me great pleasure to nominate Senator Frank Watson as the President of the Illinois Senate.

GOVERNOR GEORGE RYAN:

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Senator Luechtefeld nominates Senator Frank Watson for President of the Senate. Senator Dillard is recognized for the purpose of seconding the nomination.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Governor and Members, family, honored guests. It's great to be here with sippy cups and Goldfish and grapes, and children, too. Pat would have liked that, Emil. She'd like the kids around here. I've been honored to be asked by my friend, Senator Frank Watson, from beautiful Greenville - and, yes, I've been to Greenville and it is very, very beautiful - to second his nomination. And when I told some of you this morning that I was going to rise and speak on behalf of Frank, I got a kind of puzzled look from a couple of you, and you kind of looked at me and you, I'm sure, thought, "Didn't you run against Frank just a couple of weeks ago for Leader on our side of the aisle?" I did not run against Frank Watson for Leader of the GOP side of the Illinois State Senate. I had the honor to run with, at the same time, as my longtime friend, Senator Watson. So, I'm up here today to second the nomination of Senator Watson. There's a lot of reasons. First of all, the Book of Matthew tells me that I should do that. Secondly, I love my political party, and we've had some tough times in the GOP in this State over the last year or so. And I'm sure, Emil, if I was over on your side of the aisle and you asked me to do the same thing, I'd do the same thing for you, although I do want to make it clear, Emil, I'd never run against you. That ought to be good for a couple extra bills out of the Rules Committee, I hope. But getting back to my great Leader, Senator Watson. Very importantly, Frank and his wife, Susan, have been my friends for twenty years, and Dave Luechtefeld talked about the qualities that we all love in Frank, from our Senate baseball coach to the great legislator that he is. Frank's a small businessman and he knows how government impacts people's lives on a daily basis better than anybody I've ever met in this particular Body. Frank is such a good friend that when your beloved St. Louis Rams blew the Super Bowl last year, I even felt sorry for him. I also felt sorry for Frank when his beloved St. Louis Cardinals had some very, very tragic times last year. Frank is my friend. He is a great, great legislator.

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I started as a student in this Body in the mid-1970s, and even as a suburbanite, the first and most important bosses that I've had in my life -- my life, including my wife, importantly have all been downstaters. When I started here, Doc Shapiro was the Republican Leader, from Amboy, on this side of the aisle. Carter Hendren, our chief of staff, the ultimate downstater, was one of my bosses. Senator John "Doc" Davidson, I staffed his committee in this Legislature for five years. Doc was here yesterday, from Springfield. And, of course, I was Governor Jim Edgar's chief of staff, from Charleston. So, I've served with a lot of downstaters, and I know -- and Dick Durbin was a staffer here when I was here - he's our United States Senator now. I know, as well as anybody, that downstaters can be great leaders for all of Illinois, and Frank Watson will be no exception to this. I believe Frank Watson will be like the Everett Dirksen was to the United States Senate many years ago. There's no exception for Frank Watson not being a great leader, and I think it's important as a suburbanite, very meritorious, that along with Vince Demuzio here in this Chamber and Jay Hoffman in the other Chamber, that one legislative leader be at the table who is from downstate Illinois. To close, this is my lucky thirteenth time that I have been at this ceremony. Only Vince Demuzio has seen more swearing-ins in this Chamber, along with Carter Hendren, than I have. There used to be an old tradition, and I talked to -- to -- to Senator Rock this morning, in this Chamber where the Republican who wanted to be the Leader voted for the Democrat and vice versa. I hope that continues. Cecil Partee voted for Bill Harris. Their pictures are up there in the gallery. And Tom Hynes is here today. Hi, Tom. He voted for Doc Shapiro and vice versa. And I confirmed with Phil Rock this morning that Pate Philip voted for Phil Rock and Phil Rock for Pate, vice versa. Why is that important? It made a lasting impression on me when I was a student here, when I was twenty years old and it's carried over in the way that I've tried to conduct my governmental and political life, and I think it's an excellent tradition. So, Governor, it is my distinct privilege to - and I look forward to working with Senator Watson and Senator Jones and all of you - but I am so proud to put into nomination my friend, Senator Frank Watson.

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GOVERNOR GEORGE RYAN:

Senator Dillard seconds the nomination of Senator Frank Watson for President of the Senate. Senator Rauschenberger is recognized for the purpose of seconding the nomination.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. Governor, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate and guests. The voters, in November, spoke and assembled a unique and qualified leadership team to run the State of Illinois. As we move forward into this new era, with lots of changes, we have the opportunity that the framers left us to choose among ourselves a Leader for the Senate. Historically that leadership comes from the party that has the majority in -- in office. As we look at what the voters selected for us and -- and what they're doing, I think we need to look carefully at qualifications and carefully at what the expectations of the State of Illinois are. Today we have school districts that are facing financial crisis, particularly downstate. Throughout, more than nine hundred school districts are facing the challenges of dealing with revenues that -- that don't meet their expectations in needs and spending. We have a healthcare system that is challenging all the states in the nation and the federal government as well. That's why I'm privileged and -- and proud to rise and second the nomination of Frank Watson. In Frank's twenty-year career, no one has held education closer and his concerns for downstate school districts more closely than Frank Watson has. Frank was one of the leaders who felt it was critical that we move forward on Chicago school reform because twenty percent of the children of the State of Illinois were trapped in a system that didn't work. Frank's a healthcare professional. Besides selling a little Breck shampoo on the side, Frank's also a pharmacist and understands the challenges that people are facing in pharmaceutical care. I just want to urge you to take this opportunity to reach out, to establish some of the bipartisanship that we can do to bring balance to Springfield, and I want to urge you to join us in voting for Frank Watson as President of the Illinois Senate.

GOVERNOR GEORGE RYAN:

Senator Rauschenberger nominates -- seconds the nomination of Senator Frank Watson for the purpose {sic} of the Senate. If



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there are no further nominations, Senator DeLeo is recognized for the purpose of making a motion. Senator.

SENATOR DeLEO:

...Excellency, Governor Ryan, it is my sincere pleasure to move to close the nominations of Office of President of the Senate of the 93rd General Assembly.

GOVERNOR GEORGE RYAN:

Senator DeLeo has moved that the nominations be closed. All those in favor of the motion, please say Aye. Those opposed, say Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the nominations are closed. The Secretary will call the roll of the Senators. Each Senator should answer the roll call by stating one of the names nominated or by voting Present. Mr. Secretary, please call the roll.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Bomke. Bomke votes Watson. Brady. Brady votes Watson. Burzynski. Burzynski votes Watson. Clayborne. Clayborne votes Jones. Collins. Collins votes Jones. Cronin. Cronin votes Watson. Crotty. Crotty votes Jones. Cullerton. Cullerton votes Jones. DeLeo. DeLeo votes Jones. Del Valle. Del Valle votes Jones. Demuzio. Demuzio votes Jones. Dillard. Dillard votes Watson. Garrett. Garrett votes Jones. Geo-Karis. Geo-Karis votes Watson. Haine. Haine votes Jones. Halvorson. Halvorson votes Jones. Harmon. Harmon votes Jones. Hendon. Hendon votes Jones. Hunter. Hunter votes Jones. Jacobs. Jacobs votes Jones. Emil Jones. Jones votes Jones. John Jones. John Jones votes Frank Watson. Wendell Jones. Wendell Jones votes Watson. Karpziel. Karpziel votes Watson. Klemm. Klemm votes Watson. Lauzen. Lauzen votes Watson. Lightford. Lightford votes Jones. Link. Link votes Jones. Luechtefeld. Luechtefeld votes Watson. Maloney. Maloney votes Jones. Martinez. Martinez votes Jones. Meeks. Meeks votes Jones. Munoz. Munoz votes Jones. Obama. Obama votes Jones. Peterson. Peterson votes Watson. Petka. Philip. Radogno votes -- Radogno. Radogno votes Watson. Rauschenberger. Rauschenberger votes Watson. Righter. Righter votes Watson. Risinger. Risinger votes Watson. Ronen. Ronen votes Jones. Roskam. Roskam votes Watson. Rutherford. Rutherford votes Watson. Sandoval. Sandoval votes Jones. Schoenberg. Schoenberg

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votes Jones. Shadid. Shadid votes Jones. Sieben. Sieben votes Watson. Silverstein. Silverstein votes Jones. Dave Sullivan. Dave Sullivan votes Watson. John Sullivan. John Sullivan votes Jones. Syverson. Syverson votes Watson. Trotter. Trotter votes Jones. Viverito. Viverito votes Jones. Walsh. Walsh votes Jones. Watson. Watson votes Jones. Welch. Welch votes Jones. Winkel. Winkel votes Watson. And Woolard. Woolard votes Jones.

GOVERNOR GEORGE RYAN:

Before we announce the -- the vote total, I'd like to recognize the new Attorney General of the State of Illinois, Lisa Madigan, who's joined us here today. Lisa. Results of the roll call are as follows: Senator Emil Jones, 34; Senator Frank Watson, 23. Senator Jones, if you'll permit me to say a few words, I'll take leave to do that. First of all, I want to congratulate you on your new election here today, and I'll have some more to say about that in a minute, but first I'd like to say that my friend Pate Philip couldn't be here today. But on the -- on behalf of the people of the State of Illinois, I certainly want to thank him and congratulate him for his more than thirty years of service to the Illinois General Assembly. He's had a great impact on our State and on our government. I only have one regret for our new elected Governor: That he's not going to have at least six months to work with Senator Pate Philip as the Majority Leader of the Senate. But I certainly wish him the best and I know he's going to have a good relationship with the newly elected leader. I also want to offer my congratulations to Senator Watson upon his election as the Republican Leader. You have also been a good friend for a long time. And leading a caucus is a tough job, Frank, but the Republicans have a lot of faith in your abilities and I think rightly so. And I'd like to think that's because you're a pharmacist, frankly, but in all seriousness, you have proven over the years to be someone who's passionate about doing what's best for this State and its people. I want to wish you the best of luck in your new position. I'd also like to sincerely congratulate another good friend, that's my friend Senator Emil Jones. This is a great day for you, Emil, for you and your family, and as Senator Demuzio pointed out, I know that Patricia

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is looking down on you and smiling. Today you inherit an awesome responsibility on behalf of the twelve and a half million people of the State of Illinois. This is a great state, with great people, but we find ourselves at a difficult moment in our history, just like many other states in the Union. Our economy is weak, but it's not broken, and while our State still fills the needs of its citizens, we cannot fulfill their needs as much as we would like. And overcoming our difficulties calls for innovation, it calls for courage, and it calls for leadership. You've been my friend since the first day I came to Springfield, ever since we were freshmen in the House and you smoked me in a pool game and took my money. You have the qualities, Emil, that this State needs to overcome those difficult times. And I can tell you, during the past four years as Governor when I've had the opportunity to meet with the Legislative Leaders in both the House and the Senate, Democrats and Republicans, in my office, Emil was always in the forefront. He was always there looking after the people that needed help the most. Emil was their banner carrier, and that was the people of Illinois, and I was always proud to have him at the table. Throughout his career in the Legislature, he's always shown us innovations and new ways of addressing our problems. And you've always had the courage of your convictions and that's important in this process, especially when standing up for children and families, as you have, Emil. And you've been a true leader, maintaining your focus on what's best for this great State. This is a great day for you, but it's also a great day for the people of Illinois. Congratulations, Emil, on a great... Finally, this is also a bittersweet moment for me. This is the last time that I'll raise a gavel to call the Chamber of the Illinois General Assembly to order. Thirty years ago I first took the oath of office as a Member of -- of the Illinois House, and I have never made it a secret that of the institutions in government, I respect the Legislative Branch above all. It's in these Chambers that men and women from every part of the State of Illinois, representing many, many different points of view, come together to debate, to compromise and to move Illinois forward. I will always be proud of my service in the General Assembly and in State government, and I will always been mindful of the

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lessons that I've learned here, lessons that all legislators should learn as they set out to do the people's business. Learn the art of compromise. Learn to listen and to keep an open mind. And above all, learn to work with others, regardless of whether they're Republicans or Democrats, liberals, conservatives or moderates. When you work together, you can move mountains to changes lives. There's never a Republican or a Democrat solution to the issues that confront this State. The people of this State want answers and not political labels. They want cooperation and not division. They want agreement and results and not accusations. I've always believed that there's a time to campaign and a time to govern. Starting today, the campaigns are over. Starting today, it's your turn to govern. My sincere hope is that all of you will make our great State an even better place than it is today. And now, Senator Jones, having received the constitutionally required votes, is hereby declared elected President of the Senate of the 93rd General Assembly. Congratulations. Senator Jones, would you please come to the podium? Justice Freeman, would you please come up to the rostrum? Justice Freeman will now administer the oath of office to President-elect -- President -- Senate President Jones. Justice.

JUSTICE FREEMAN:

Will you raise your right hand, repeat after me, and insert your name in the proper place. I...

SENATOR E. JONES:

Emil Jones...

JUSTICE FREEMAN:

Do solemnly swear

SENATOR E. JONES:

Do solemnly swear

JUSTICE FREEMAN:

That I will support the Constitution of the United States

SENATOR E. JONES:

That I will support the Constitution of the United States

JUSTICE FREEMAN:

And the Constitution of the State of Illinois

SENATOR E. JONES:

And the Constitution of the State of Illinois

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JUSTICE FREEMAN:

And I will faithfully discharge the duties

SENATOR E. JONES:

And I will faithfully discharge the duties

JUSTICE FREEMAN:

Of the Office of Illinois State -- Office of Illinois State  
Senate President

SENATOR E. JONES:

Of the Office of Illinois State Senate President

JUSTICE FREEMAN:

To the best of my ability.

SENATOR E. JONES:

To the best of my ability.

JUSTICE FREEMAN:

Congratulations.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Thank you, Chief Justice. To my long, long valued friend, Governor George Ryan - the day we shot pool, he didn't have too much money in his pockets. To his lovely wife, Lura Lynn. Before I go any further, let me introduce my -- my -- my granddaughter, Alex; my grandson, Jonathan; my son, John; my sister-in-law, Nona; my daughter, Renee; my son, Emil III; and my nephew, Emil Jones -- Emil Alvarez Jones. Thank you. I'm so glad -- the pastor of my church, Father Flynn. I'm so glad you come down from Chicago to be with us. Ms. Lura Lynn, the Governor's wife, a long-valued friend. Lieutenant Governor Corinne Wood, Lieutenant Governor-elect Pat Quinn, the Chief Justices. My first Senator, when I served in this Body, who later became Senate President, Tom Hynes. And my President for life, Senator Phil Rock. My good friend, Auditor General Bill Holland. And all my friends and family, your families. I'd say - - I'd be remiss if I didn't mention many other Senators. I thought we were going to be short, but I see Senator Berman is here, former Senator Berman. I see Senator Collins is here. I see Senator Howie Carroll is here. Senator Shaw is still here. Senator Alexander is here. And Senator Dunn - Judge Dunn is here. We wanted to welcome them back. Sometime the numbers don't go quite the way you want it. And Loretta Durbin, the wife of our esteemed U.S. Senator, is here. I'm blessed that my

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family's been with me this evening -- this afternoon. My thanks to my Democratic colleagues for honoring me with your support for President of -- of the 93rd General Assembly. These ceremonies officially mark the beginning of the 93rd Session of the General Assembly. They signal an end to past procedures that closed the process on issues important to the people of the State of Illinois. Today we look to the future, the road that's often traveled, the road for each of us led here to -- to the Capitol here in Springfield where we come with ideas and goals that we think are best for the people of the State of Illinois. In the words of the great poet, Robert Frost, we will choose the road less traveled and hopefully that will make all the difference. The road that we are about to embark upon today will symbolize renewal as well as change. It will symbolize the beginning of an elected Body whose intent is to give equal consideration to issues that impact senior citizens, issues that impact education of our children, issues that impact working families across the State of Illinois, and issues that impact the flawed criminal justice system, the very issue in and of themselves are -- are unique simply because of the -- of the different characteristics of our society. On today's program is a quote from the late U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Jordan. "What the people want is simple. They want an America as good as its promise." I'm going to tell you what that promise means to me. That promise includes legislation to ease the burden of the cost of prescription drugs on -- for all senior citizens so they no longer have to choose between meals for their diet or their medication. That promise includes making permanent entitlement for education, an issue that I first put forward in 1997, so that our State's most precious resource, our future, our children. That promise include reforming our flawed criminal justice system, as recommended by Governor Ryan's task force panel and the Senate democratic task force on our criminal justice system, so that that system renders justice, fair -- I mean, fairness and integrity at all times. And that promise includes constructing a budget that is about people and programs, spurring the economy and creating and retaining jobs for Illinois workers. That promise is about working together as representatives of the people, not partisan adversaries. That -

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- that promise is about a better Illinois Senate, not one divided along party lines, regional lines, religion, race or gender. This would be an Illinois as good as its promise. And in that promise is a continuation and the expansion of a tradition. Each day before Session, former Senate President Phil Rock would call then Minority Leader Pate Philip and tell him what his plans were for Session that day. Former Senate President Pate Philip continued that tradition with me. Leader Daniels, I want you to know that I will be calling you, but I -- I'm sorry. Leader Watson. Sometimes you get 'em mixed up, you know. But, Leader Watson, I will be calling you to carry out that same tradition, but we want to go a little bit further. We want to open the discussion as relate to the issues of that day. Now, we may not always agree, but I want you to know that I value your input and hopefully that can make all the difference as we move forward in the 93rd Session of the General Assembly. To assist me in carrying out this endeavor, I will now name my leadership team: Majority Leader, Senator Vince Demuzio; Assistant Majority Leader, Patrick Welch; Assistant Majority Leader, Rickey Hendon; Assistant Majority Leader, Miguel del Valle; Assistant Majority Leader, Jimmie DeLeo; Majority Caucus Chair, Senator Debbie DeFrancesco Halvorson; Majority Caucus Whip, Senator Terry Link; and Majority Caucus Whip, Senator George Shadid. The Chair appoint Senator Jacobs, Munoz and Senator Silverstein, Senator Karpel and Senator Peterson to escort, for the last time, a great Governor of the State of Illinois, a great friend, one whom I've had the pleasure of working with for so, so many years, and we're going to miss him. You've done great for the State of Illinois and we're going to miss you. Will the Escort Committee please come forward and escort the Governor and his lovely wife, Lura Lynn, from the Chamber? Thank you, Governor. Getting accustomed to this Chair, sometimes you make some mistakes. Also, Assistant Majority Leader, Lou Viverito. Will everyone kindly be seated. The next order of business is the election of a Minority Leader. Chair recognize Senator John Jones.

SENATOR J. JONES:

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Thank you, Mr. President. I place in nomination as the Republican Leader of the Illinois Senate for the 93rd General Assembly, Frank Watson.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator John Jones requests unanimous consent on behalf of the Republican Members of the Senate to declare Frank Watson the Minority Leader of the Senate for the 93rd Session of the General Assembly. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Senator Watson? I declare Senator Watson the Minority Leader of the Illinois Senate. The Chair recognizes Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you very much, Mr. President. Mr. President. That has a nice ring to it, doesn't it. I wish I could have acknowledged Governor Ryan and Lura Lynn. I've been in this business of politics for twenty-four years and served those four years -- twenty-four years with -- with Governor Ryan and -- and I certainly wish he and his wife well as they leave office next Wednesday. Senator Dick Durbin - I don't know if you're still here - and your wife, Loretta, we're very pleased to have you here today. Lieutenant Governor Corinne Wood, Treasurer Judy Topinka, Comptroller Dan Hynes, Lieutenant Governor-elect Pat Quinn, and our own former Member and now newly elected Attorney General, Lisa Madigan. And I'd like to acknowledge former President Phil Rock, who was the President of the Senate when I first came, and former President Tom Hynes. And Supreme Court Justices Fitzgerald and Freeman, it is a pleasure, indeed, to have you here with us also today. I'd like to, first of all, take this opportunity to introduce my wife, Susan. Unfortunately, our two children, Chad and Kami, couldn't be here with us today. They're both working and it's unfortunate they can't be here, but we all understand the obligations. And I certainly want to welcome all of our colleagues here in the new 93rd General Assembly and our friends and family. And those who fill the gallery here today, we also welcome you for this historic event. That was a close race, Emil. Don't get too comfortable. I voted for you today, and don't get too used to that either. ...may differ here in the Senate, and that oftentimes is the case, but when we leave this Chamber, we're friends. And we can do what we have to do, but when we walk out



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of here, we go to a coffee shop or have a drink together, whatever it might be, go to dinner, it's a different -- different attitude. To my colleagues on this side of the aisle, to the Republican side of the aisle, thank you very much for giving me this opportunity. I -- it's a privilege. It's an honor to lead this caucus and I appreciate it very much, and I look forward to working with you during this coming year. And, Senator Jones, I offer my congratulations and extend to you our friendship, continued friendship, and our sincere effort of cooperation together. And we are veterans, Senator Jones, in this business of politics here, but it's unbelievable the number of new faces. And it's a new era, truly a new era that's beginning here in this State and the new faces that we see on this Senate Floor and the new names that are on the board. Almost feel like I'm in the House. But to those new Members, I want to welcome you and hope that you'll come to respect this institution, the Senate, as we returning have learned to respect it. And it's people who have gone before us who've given us that opportunity and who have given us the ability to have the respect for the legacy of those who've gone before us. And as you mentioned, twenty-three resolutions were read yesterday. Twenty-three people have left this Chamber from the last election until today. That's remarkable. Quite a turnover of people, and it -- it is truly a new era. This caucus over here, the Republican Caucus, is a very talented group of people, energetic, hard-working, united. And we will be hard-working. And, Mr. President, if you stray, we will be a very -- vocal, very vocal Minority over on our side. And I think that's our responsibility as the Minority, to let you know when we disagree, and we will do that. But we do look forward to working with you, Senator Jones, and other Members of the Democratic Caucus, and it is truly a time of adversity, as we've all heard today. Very difficult times in this State. But you and I, being veterans and many of us on this Floor as veterans of this process, we've had this adversity before, we've been down this track, and we can do it again. And we came through that and we weathered that storm. And we will do it again, and we will do it again together. And we'll have our philosophical and our political differences, and we will foster as spirited debate as

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we can from this side. And we will know that we will air our differences, and we will always have a common goal and that's to have distinguished service for the people of this State. Good luck, and thank you, Mr. President. I, too, Mr. President -- I, too, Mr. President, would like to name my leadership team at this time. My right-hand man, unfortunately, is not here today. He's ill. But he's with us in spirit and he is -- he will be ready to go, and that's Deputy Minority Leader Ed Petka. I don't have nicknames for everybody. I thought it was -- we were introducing the Chicago Bulls the way you were... But anyway, the Assistant Senate Minority Leaders will be Dick Klemm, Dave Luechtefeld, Steve Rauschenberger, Todd Sieben; the Caucus Chair, Brad Burzynski; and our Minority Whip, Peter Roskam. And, Mr. President, the men and women of this side of the aisle look forward to working with you, congratulate you, and let's get on with the business of the 93rd General Assembly. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES:

You know, once a month we do receive a check for our services as legislators and that check is -- is signed by the Comptroller of the State of Illinois. I inadvertently didn't mention you, Dan, but make sure my check's not late. And a long valued friend also, I know when Governor Ryan introduced him as the former Attorney -- I mean, former Comptroller, but he's also the former Attorney General of this great State, and I didn't mention Roland Burris. Is the Attorney General, Lisa Madigan, here now? She just left. Yeah. I didn't know she was in. Okay, very good. Now -- now we will have -- it's my pleasure to welcome to this Chamber the Chicago Children's Choir, who will offer us a musical presentation.

(Musical Presentation by the Chicago Children's Choir)

PRESIDENT JONES:

The Speaker of the House has graced us with his -- his presence, and I believe he is with Representative Bobby Molaro. Don't bring him back, Speaker. And the Speaker's wife, Mrs. Shirley Madigan, also has joined us. The benediction will be

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offered by Rabbi Joel Gutstein of the Congregation of Yehuda Moshe of Lincoln, Illinois -- Lincolnwood, Illinois. Rabbi.

RABBI JOEL GUTSTEIN:

(Benediction by Rabbi Joel Gutstein)

PRESIDENT JONES:

You may be seated. Will the following Senators who are appointed to the Committee to Escort the -- the Judiciary from the Chamber - Senator Obama, Senator Ronen, Senator Shadid, Senator Cronin and Senator Righter - come down to the Well and escort the -- the Judiciary from the Chamber. Will the committee escort our distinguished guests from the -- from the Chamber? It is the intention of the Chair to begin organizing the 93rd General Assembly under the rules of the 92nd General Assembly until new rules are adopted as part of the organization of this newly constituted General Assembly. Madam Secretary... Are there any Messages, Madam Secretary?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I have a Communication from Senator Emil Jones, President of the Senate.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-5, please be advised that I have appointed the following Senators to serve on Senate Rules Committee: Senator Vince Demuzio, Chairman; Senator John Cullerton; and Senator Louis Viverito. These appointments are effective immediately. If you have any questions, please contact the President's Office.

Sincerely Emil Jones, Jr., President of the Senate.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, are there any resolutions on file?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes, Mr. President. Senate Resolution No. 1, offered by Senators Demuzio, Cullerton and Viverito.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1)

And Senate Resolution No. 2.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, are there any further Messages?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I have an additional Message from Frank Watson, Senate Minority Leader.

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Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rules 3-1, 3-2 and 3-5 adopted on January 10, 2001, and amended on February 28, 2001, I hereby appoint Senator Doris Karpel and Senator Peter Roskam to serve on the Senate Rules Committee, effective immediately. Senator Doris Karpel shall serve as the Minority Spokesperson.

Motion filed -- Message filed by Senator Frank Watson, Senate Minority Leader.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, are there any resolutions on file?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes, I have an additional resolution, filed by Senators Demuzio, Cullerton and Viverito.

(Secretary reads SR No. 2 in part)

PRESIDENT JONES:

The Senate will stand at ease to allow time for our guests to exit the Chamber. The Rules Committee will meet immediately in the Anteroom. The Senate will stand at ease, and the Members, please remain in your seats.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Will our guests kindly leave the Chamber? And will the Members kindly come to the Floor and be in your seats? Will all the Members in your offices kindly come to the Senate Floor? We have some unfinished business to conclude and it shouldn't last too long. Will all Members return to the Floor? Senate will come to -- to order. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Demuzio, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Resolutions 1 and 2.

PRESIDENT JONES:

On the Calendar is Senate Resolution No. 1. Madam Secretary, read the resolution.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution No. 1, offered by Senators Demuzio, Cullerton and Viverito.

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(Secretary reads SR No. 1)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Demuzio. ...pause for a few moments for the distribution of the Calendars. The Calendar been distributed? Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

...very much, Mr. President. The Senate Resolution is self-explanatory. It's been read twice by the Secretary. It establishes the officers of -- of the -- of the Senate: Linda Hawker, Secretary; Jim Harry, Assistant Secretary; Anita Robinson, Secretary of -- Sergeant of Arms; and Tracy as the Assistant Sergeant of Arms. I would move its adoption. I know of no opposition.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Demuzio has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 1. Is there any discussion? Senator -- Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Mr. -- President, just raising a procedural point. We don't have the Calendars today. I know it's a low-wattage day. I think you said that they're going to be distributed.

PRESIDENT JONES:

They have been distributed.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Okay. We don't have 'em. But if you could just -- and I know today's, you know, your first in the saddle and getting used to the whole deal. But if you could just address that in the future, we'd be grateful. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES:

I am informed by the Secretary that the Calendars are in the hands of the Pages, and I see there's a Democratic Page on your side of the aisle. Maybe a little slow. If there's no further discussion, the question is, shall Senate -- shall the Senate adopt Senate Resolution No. 1. All those in favor will vote Aye. Those in favor -- those opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? There is a problem. I know -- the former President is not here, but my button is not working here. Senator Demuzio.

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SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Mr. President, I, indeed, punched your green button. It is registering here. It apparently is not registering on the tote board. Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Demuzio. We will pause the voting to ensure the accuracy of the machinery. Right now things doesn't seem to be going correctly. Senator DeLeo.

SENATOR DeLEO:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. In testing your switch, President, it's currently showing that it's Senator Woolard's. Your switch is connected to Senator Woolard's switch.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Let's stand at ease for a few moments. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

...everybody's complaining. It seems that perhaps we have more difficulties, rather than one or two. This is supposed to be a festive -- you know, a really nice day for all of our families and everything. I know of no -- any controversy with what we are about to do here today or at least I haven't told -- been told about any of the controversy with respect to the five resolutions. I would suggest, is it possible for us to do a -- an oral roll call and proceed with the order of business, so we can get out of here and -- and celebrate with our -- with our families?

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, call the roll. We will proceed with an oral roll call on Senate Resolution 1.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution No. 1: Senator Bomke, Senator Brady, Senator Burzynski, Senator Clayborne, Senator Collins, Senator Cronin, Senator Crotty, Senator Cullerton, Senator DeLeo, Senator del Valle, Senator Demuzio, Senator Dillard, Senator Garrett, Senator Geo-Karis, Senator Haine, Senator Halvorson, Senator Harmon, Senator Hendon, Senator Hunter, Senator Jacobs, Senator John Jones, Senator Wendell Jones, Senator Karpriel, Senator Klemm, Senator Lauzen, Senator Lightford, Senator Link, Senator Luechtefeld, Senator Maloney, Senator Martinez, Senator

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Meeks, Senator Munoz, Senator Obama, Senator Peterson, Senator Petka, Senator Philip, Senator Radogno, Senator Rauschenberger, Senator Righter, Senator Risinger, Senator Ronen, Senator Roskam, Senator Rutherford, Senator Sandoval, Senator Schoenberg, Senator Shadid, Senator Sieben, Senator Silverstein, Senator David Sullivan, Senator John Sullivan, Senator Syverson, Senator Trotter, Senator Viverito, Senator Walsh, Senator Watson, Senator Welch, Senator Winkel, Senator Woolard and Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, poll the absentees, and dump this roll call on the board.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Cronin, Senator Klemm, Senator Petka, Senator Philip.

PRESIDENT JONES:

On that question, there are 54 {sic} (55) Yeas, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Resolution 1, having received -- required constitutional majority, is declared adopted. On the Order of Resolution is Senate Resolution No. 2. Madam Secretary, read the resolution.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution No. 2.

(Secretary reads SR No. 2 in part)

That resolution is offered by Senators Demuzio, Cullerton and Viverito.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Mr. President, if the Secretary would put Senate Resolution No. 2 on the board, please. This is the rules of the -- of -- of the Body. Basically, they are the same rules that we've been functioning under for the last ten years. There are some changes, and I'll just -- for the record, I'll read those. And that is that we have made some provision in the rules for an -- individuals who are nonparty-affiliated to join either the Majority or Minority Caucuses. And we know what that's for. It also provides that the Senate (President) or the Minority Leader may temporarily replace a committee member of a respective

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caucus due to illness on a particular committee. We have done some form of that over the last ten years. It provides the President to create special committees, special subcommittees, or special temporary committees. It also creates an additional committee. Of the standing committees of the previous Session there were sixteen. There are now seventeen. One additional appropriation committee has been added. So it would be Appropriation I Committee and Appropriation II. We have renamed some other committees. Commerce and Industry as the Labor and Commerce. It renames Public Health and Welfare as the Health and Human Services Committee, and renames State Government -- Operations as State Government. State Government Operations as State Government. It permits the Rules Committee to refer legislative measures to standing committees, subcommittees, special committees and special temporary committees. It requires all committee amendments to be referred to the Rules Committee before consideration by the committee. It also provides that the resolutions that we have -- the Member are afforded the opportunity to sign, along with the State Seal, with those certificates of recognition. And also prohibits the Governor specific recommendations for change from altering the fundamental purpose of the bills that pass. What that means is on amendatory vetoes, the Rules Committee will now, as similar to the House, determine whether or not in amendatory vetoes, that the Governor has exceeded the intent of the legislation and therefore the Rules Committee would have the opportunity to make -- make that decision. And it also requires that motions of the Governor to the changes -- to accept the Governor's changes are to be referred to the Rules Committee. I'll be happy to answer any questions, but if not, I would move Senate Resolution No. 2.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Demuzio has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 2. Is there any discussion? Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

..you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. For those of you - and I'd like to specifically address my comments to Senator Watson - for those of you who were here ten years ago, you may recall that I was somewhat critical of -- of these rules that were adopted. They were kind of new. They were dramatic -



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- some dramatic changes. I reviewed the transcript recently and I just wanted to apologize to you guys for -- for those comments. You know, we -- we do learn. It's -- a similar -- a similar experience occurred when -- Senator Watson, I think you and I both got elected the same -- same day here. You know, that seniority system that I was so much against when we first got here? The longer you're here, the more you appreciate things. And -- and it's the same thing with these rules. We do, obviously, have a few additions. I just wanted to comment on 'em. Just to emphasize that we're not -- there's one provision where the -- where you or -- or Senator Jones could appoint someone to a committee if the -- if -- if a Senator was ill. This is not the same practice that they have in the -- in the House where they just substitute people on committees for political purposes. This is if someone is truly, you know, ill and -- as Senator Petka was yesterday. And -- and I just wanted to make that point. Secondly, there's the constitutional -- when the -- when the Governor amendatorily vetoes bills, what happened over in the House about fifteen years ago, was Speaker Madigan basically determined that he thought the Governor was exceeding his constitutional authority, and he was literally not calling resolutions or -- or -- or motions to override or accept the Governor's amendatory veto. So that practice has been embodied in our rules, as -- as well. And -- and the other, of course, change is to have all amendments go to the Rules Committee. So those are the only changes. The rest of 'em are -- are obviously the -- identical to the rules we've been operating under for the last ten years.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDENT JONES:

Sponsor indicated he will.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Senator Demuzio, I understood the changes and we talked about 'em in the Rules Committee, and I think understand the direction and appreciate Senator Cullerton's humor. He told me that joke was coming about six months ago, by the way. But I

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guess the -- the one question that I do have is the referral of the rule -- of -- of all of the amendments to the Rules Committee. Can you just walk me through your thinking on that, Senator, and how you anticipate that being worked out as you -- as -- as you run the Chamber and try and move things smoothly. How would you anticipate that? Because that is a change unlike, really, any that we've seen before.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

...my understanding that our staff had met with your staff early this morning, and that you had -- your caucus had contemplated doing that same thing some time back but just didn't get around to it. By affording the committee amendments to go to the committee -- Rules Committee, it -- it would mean that there would be public notice, that there would be some idea to the public that there is another amendment that's forthcoming in the -- in the committee and procedurally it would work just pretty much the same way as it does with Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Just to sort of clear up. I think that, you know, when -- when I was just whispered to, was told that it was not that it was something that was contemplated and not done because of a lack of time; it was contemplated and rejected because it would be very problematic to -- to implement. I think one of the things to -- to -- to look forward to that I hope you would emulate - and I appreciate your adopting most of the rules that have operated the 92nd General Assembly - but one of the great strengths of the Senate for the past few years has been the power of the committee process, where chairmen and minority spokesmen have been able to operate with the -- the very vigorous participation of rank-and-file Senators who've been able to come in and fashion things together. You heard me speak about Senator Hawkinson yesterday and the way that he and Senator Cullerton worked together, and that the beauty of that process, Senator, was that people were able to come together. I don't think anybody got blindsided in that process. The beauty

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of it was that people were able to come together, work out there legislation up -- up and to the committee point. My fear is that we're going to be creating a -- almost a two-tiered environment. One tier would be where people have to go to the Rules Committee. I would presume that -- that -- that we may not be meeting in that small room anymore because Senators may want to come in, give presentations to get their amendments out of the Rules Committee, and then subsequent to that, go and make the presentation to the substantive committee. So it's really a word of caution. It's a hope that this is not -- that the Rules Committee does not become really a throttling and something that becomes terribly inefficient. You can imagine the scheduling process where a committee is scheduled to meet, but a substantive amendment hasn't come out of Rules, and I just raise it as a red flag and a point of caution.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I thank the Senator for that, and I'd be -- we'd be most happy to discuss that with you. All we were attempting to do is get these -- get these rules adopted so we could go to our -- our various celebrations. But you raise some good points. We'll take a look at that. We will -- certainly will not reject it out of hand. That's -- I guess I will say. I would move its..

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. First of all, I -- I appreciate and acknowledge Senator Cullerton's apology. And I'm glad to see that he recognizes the wisdom of the 1992 Republican Majority in adopting these rules. So, thank you, Senator Cullerton, for -- for that. I, too, urge that we support this. There's obviously some problems that could very well come up and maybe we'll have to deal with that at some point in time in the future. But I'd -- I would urge this side of the aisle to -- to support your effort.

PRESIDENT JONES:

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Is there any further discussion? The question is, shall Senate adopt Senate Resolution No. 2. All in favor will -- will signify by voting Aye. All opposed will vote Nay. Secretary, call the roll.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution No. 2: Bomke, Brady, Burzynski, Clayborne, Collins, Cronin, Crotty, Cullerton, DeLeo, del Valle, Demuzio, Dillard, Garrett, Geo-Karis, Haine, Halvorson, Harmon, Hendon, Hunter, Jacobs, John Jones, Wendell Jones, Karpiel, Klemm, Lauzen, Lightford, Link, Luechtefeld, Maloney, Martinez, Meeks, Munoz, Obama, Peterson, Petka, Philip, Radogno, Rauschenberger, Righter, Risinger, Ronen, Roskam, Rutherford, Sandoval, Schoenberg, Shadid, Sieben, Silverstein, David Sullivan, John Sullivan, Syverson, Trotter, Viverito, Walsh, Watson, Welch, Winkel, Woolard and Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

...Secretary, poll the absentees.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Cronin, Klemm, Petka, Philip.

PRESIDENT JONES:

On that question, there are 55 Yes, no Nays, no one voting Present. Senate Resolution, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared adopted. We are now operating under the rules of the 93rd General Assembly. Madam - - Madam Secretary, are there any Messages?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes, Mr. President. I have two new Messages. One from Senator Emil Jones, Jr.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-5, please be advised that I have appointed the following Senators to serve on the Senate Rules Committee: Senator Vince Demuzio, Chairman; Senator John Cullerton; and Senator Louis Viverito. These appointments are effective immediately.

And a Message from Senator Frank Watson, Senate Minority Leader.

Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rules 3-1, 3-2 and 3-5 adopted on January 8, 2003, I hereby appoint Senator Doris Karpiel and Senator Peter Roskam to serve on the Senate

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Rules Committee, effective immediately. Doris Karpziel shall serve as the Minority Spokesperson.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, are there any resolutions on file?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution No. 3, offered by Senator Demuzio, Cullerton and Viverito.

Senate Resolution No. 4, by those same sponsors.

And Senate Resolution 5, by those same three sponsors.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Thank you. The Senate will stand at ease for just a couple of minutes. Don't leave. The Rules Committee will meet immediately in the Anteroom, and we'll stand at ease for just a few moments. The Members, please stay on the Floor in your seats.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDENT JONES:

The Senate will come to order. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Demuzio, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Resolutions 3, 4 and 5.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Supplemental Calendar No. 1 having been distributed. On Supplemental Calendar No. 1 is Senate Resolution No. 3, Madam Secretary. Please read the resolution.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution No. 3, offered by Senators Demuzio, Cullerton and Viverito.

(Secretary reads SR No. 3)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Resolution No. 3, and I assume everyone has their -- their Calendar. These next three are housekeeping measures that we normally do. It just says that the Senate shall inform the House of Representatives that

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we've now organized and we've elected a President and we're here to do business. I know of no opposition. I would move its adoption.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Chair would entertain a motion to waive the rules to -- to avoid an oral roll call. Moved by Senator Cullerton. All in favor, signify by saying Aye. No Nays. The rules are -- are waived. The Ayes have it. All in favor of adopting Senate Resolution No. 3, signify by saying Aye. The Nays. Ayes have it. Senate Resolution No. 3 is adopted. On Supplemental Calendar No. 1 is Senate Resolution No. 4. Madam Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution No. 4, offered by Senators Demuzio, Cullerton and Viverito.

(Secretary reads SR No. 4)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Demuzio, to explain the resolution.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Resolution No. 4, again housekeeping. It just indicates that it's necessary that Senators should be conversant with the business transacted by the Senate each day and therefore we are requiring that the Secretary shall prepare each day an exact transcript of the Journal and furnish same to the Legislative Printing Unit, who shall have copies therefore printed at once. It's a housekeeping measure. I move its adoption. Know of no opposition.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Demuzio has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. -- No. 4. Any discussion? The question is, shall -- shall Senate Resolution No. 4 be adopted. All in favor, signify by saying Yea. Any Nays? Senate Resolution 4 -- No. 4 is adopted. Madam Secretary -- on Supplemental Calendar is Resolution No. 5. Madam Secretary, read the resolution.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution No. 5, offered by Senators Demuzio, Cullerton and Viverito.

(Secretary reads SR No. 5)

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PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Demuzio, explain the resolution.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, thank you very much. The Secretary has already read the resolution. It indicates that there will be, in fact, notice of -- Standing Committee of correspondents. They've been named in the resolution. I know of no opposition. Do you wish for me to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution No. 5? Or do I just move adoption of Senate Resolution No. 5?

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Demuzio has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 5. Is there any discussion? Being none, all -- the question is, shall Senate adopt Senate Resolution No. 5. All in favor will signify by saying Yea. Any Nays? The Ayes have it. Senate Resolution No. 5 is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any Messages?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. I have correspondence from James T. Meeks, Senator-elect from the 15th Legislative District.

Dear Senator Jones - As you're aware, in Illinois there is no registration system to specify party affiliation. We gain our party affiliation pursuant to the Illinois Election Code by voting in the primary of an established political party or by running as a new political party and gaining more than five percent of the entire vote cast. The new political party which receives more than five percent of the vote then becomes an established political party pursuant to the Illinois Election Code. Since I ran as a candidate of the Honesty and Integrity Party and received more than five percent of the vote, I am a member of the now-established political party entitled to the same benefits and privileges as the Republican or Democratic Party. I cannot abandon the Honesty and Integrity Party by merely signing a letter or declaring myself to be something other than a member of the Honesty and Integrity Party. It is my desire to participate in the Senate Democratic Caucus and to caucus with the Senate -- with the State Senate Democrats. My basic philosophies on State government and delivering services to my constituents in the 15th Legislative District are in line

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with the general principles and philosophies in the Democratic Party than in the Republican Party. Thus, I believe I would be helpful to the Democratic Caucus and to -- the Caucus would be helpful to me in helping to serve my constituents. Although I cannot declare that I'm a Democrat, as you know, I have pledged my vote to you for the Senate Presidency and my philosophy is and political beliefs are more on the Democratic side of the aisle than the Republican side. However, because the Honesty and Integrity Party is now an established political party, I must stay within the confines of Illinois law for the time being. I am asking to participate in the Democratic Caucus and have all the benefits, rights and privileges accorded to me as elected State Senator from either the Majority or Minority Party. I look forward to working with my Senate colleagues.

Sincerely, James T. Meeks.

PRESIDENT JONES:

If there is no further business to come before the Senate...  
Senator...

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I have a...

PRESIDENT JONES:

I'm sorry. Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President, I'm a bit uninformed at this point. The statement that our Secretary of the Senate read relates to a Mr. Tees {sic}. Is he a Member of this Senate? Or was it...

PRESIDENT JONES:

Meeks.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Oh! Is that Reverend Meeks? All right. Then I understand who it is. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. I have one additional bit of correspondence from Senator Emil Jones, Jr., President.

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Sincerely, Emil Jones, Jr.

PRESIDENT JONES:

If there is no further business to -- to come on -- before the Senate Floor, Senator Demuzio moves that the Senate stand adjourned until 9 a.m., Tuesday -- Thursday, January the 9th. 9 a.m. sharp. The Senate stands adjourned.