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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

The regular Session of the 93rd General Assembly will please come to order. Will our Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Monsignor Kevin Vann of the Blessed Sacrament Church, here in Springfield, Illinois. Monsignor.

THE REVEREND MONSIGNOR KEVIN VANN:

(Prayer by the Reverend Monsignor Kevin Vann)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please remain standing for the -- Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Link)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please be seated. Madam Secretary, may we have the Reading and Approval of the Journal?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journals of Wednesday, March 3, and Thursday, March 4, 2004.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I move that the Journals just read by the Secretary be approved, unless a Member of the Senate has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Haine moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Trotter, Chairperson of the Committee on Appropriations I, reports Senate Bills 3310, 3311, 3312, 3313, 3314, 3315, 3316, 3317, 3318, 3319, 3320, 3321, 3322, 3323, 3324, 3335, 3336, 3337, 3338, 3339, 3350, 3351, 3352, 3353, 3354, 3355, 3356, 3357, 3358 and 3359 Do Pass.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

There'll be a committee meeting of Rules. All Members of the Rules Committee will immediately report to the President's

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Anteroom. All Members of the Committee on Rules -- that will -- Committee on Rules will meet immediately in the President's Anteroom. Madam Secretary, do we have any further Messages?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Message of March 23, 2004.

Dear Madam Secretary - Pursuant to Rule 3-5(c), I hereby appoint Senator Rickey Hendon to replace Senator Vince Demuzio as a Member of the Rules Committee. This appointment is effective immediately.

Very truly yours, Emil Jones, Jr., President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Madam Secretary, further Messages.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 93rd General -- Assembly - I have nominated the following named persons to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments of your Honorable Body.
Jesse White, Secretary of State.

I have a like Message from the Treasurer.

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 93rd General Assembly - I have nominated the following named persons to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments of your Honorable Body.
Judy Baar Topinka, Treasurer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, Resolutions, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill {sic} 454, offered by Senator Sandoval and all Members.

Senate Resolution 455, offered by Senator Emil Jones and all Members.

Senate Resolution 456, offered by Senator Sandoval and all Members.

Senate Resolution 457, offered by Senator Hunter -- pardon me, Senator Haine and all Members.

Senate Resolution 458, offered by Senator Hunter and all Members.

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Senate Resolutions 459 and 460, offered by Senator Clayborne and all Members.

Senate Resolution 461, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

Senate Resolution 462, offered by President Jones and all Members.

Senate Resolution 463, offered by Senator Jacobs and all Members.

Senate Resolution 464, offered by Senator Dillard and all Members.

They're all -- pardon me, they're all death resolutions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 465, offered by Senator Cullerton.

Senate Resolution -- 466, offered by Senator Cullerton.

Senate Resolution 467, offered by Senator Cullerton.

And Senate Resolution 468, offered by Senator Cullerton.

They're all substantive.

And Senate Joint Resolution 67, offered by Senator Lightford, Senators Harmon and Jacobs.

They're -- it is substantive also.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Sullivan, Dave Sullivan, for what purpose do you rise? I see the Sullivan Caucus is going on. May I interrupt for...

SENATOR D. SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. If the Senate could just join me in welcoming my Page for today, John Reis from Des Plaines. And his parents are in the gallery.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

We'd like to welcome you to Springfield. And would our guests in the galleries please rise and be recognized? Senator Welch, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR WELCH:

For a point of information, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR WELCH:

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Mr. President, Senator Vince Demuzio called me this morning from the Mayo Clinic to say that he wouldn't be here today. He's still undergoing tests. However, he wanted everybody to know that he's doing well and that he is with his laptop computer. He is going to tap into the proceeding today through the computer and he's listening as we are here. So we better all give him a round of applause or he'll be mad when he gets back.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Madam Secretary, Introduction of Bills, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 3372, offered by Senator Harmon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill 3373, offered by Senator Harmon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3857, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate -- pardon me, that was House Bill 3857.

And House Bill 4071, offered by Senator Obama.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4531, offered by Senator Hunter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Viverito, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Agriculture and Conservation Committee - Floor Amendment No. 2 to House Bill -- pardon me, Senate Bill 2457 and Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2696; refer to Appropriations II Committee - Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2543; refer to Education Committee - Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1018, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1550,

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Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2769, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2918, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3107 and Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3109; refer to Environment and Energy Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1006, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1731, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2145, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2350, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2525 and Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2731; refer to Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2147, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2329, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2678, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2724 and Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3150; refer to Financial Institutions Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2553 and Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2707; refer to Health and Human Services Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2335, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2367, Floor Amendment 1 {sic} (2) to Senate Bill 2530, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2551, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2579, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2726, Floor Amendment 5 to Senate Bill 2768, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2794, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2880, Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2926, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2944, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3013, Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 3112, Floor Amendments 2, 3 and 4 to Senate Bill -- pardon me, 3211; refer to Insurance and Pensions Committee - Floor Amendments 1, 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 2173, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2339, Floor Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2404, Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2491 and Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2545 and Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2581; refer to Judiciary Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 948, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2164, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2201, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2287, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2386, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2471, Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2578, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2654, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2757, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2791 {sic} (2799), Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2878, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2982, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2988, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3007, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3014 and Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3130; refer to

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Labor and Commerce Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 983, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 985, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2665, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2901, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3069; refer to Licensed Activities Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2290, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2293, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2381, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2435, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2605, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2756, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2887 and Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3108; refer to Local Government Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill -- pardon me, make that 1576, Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2133, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2196, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2503 and Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2933; refer to Revenue Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2112, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2140, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2411, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2635 and Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2892; refer to State Government Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2247, Floor Amendment 5 to Senate Bill 2517, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2626 and Floor Amendment 1 to House -- pardon me, to Senate Bill 2820; refer to Transportation Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2401 and Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3085; and Be Approved for Consideration - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2124, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2495 and Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2974.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Madam Secretary. Senator Jacobs, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. If I could have your attention -- it was brought to my attention early this morning, so I got up and baked a cake for one of our Members who turned -- is it sixty-seven or fifty-seven? I don't know which it is. But my good friend and our colleague, Senator Link, turned fifty-seven yesterday. Let's give him all a big hand.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

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Senator Link, a very happy birthday to you, sir. Senator Haine, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR HAINE:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR HAINE:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I wish to introduce to you my shadow for the day, a young lady who's a senior at Granite City, Illinois, High School: Lacey Gamblin. Her father is Pastor of the Grace Baptist Church in Granite City and her mother teaches at the Granite City High School. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Lacey Gamblin.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Lacey, welcome to the Illinois State Senate and welcome to Springfield. Senator Collins, for what purpose do you rise, ma'am?

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen -- for a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I, too, would like to introduce my shadow for the next two weeks. His name is Darien Siddell. He's a graduate student at the University of Illinois, Springfield, where his concentration of study is environmental studies, a concentration in policy planning and administration. Would you please -- give him a warm welcome to the Senate?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Welcome. Glad to see you for the next couple weeks. Leader Watson, what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to have a point of personal privilege, if I might, sir.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Absolutely. State your point, sir.

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SENATOR WATSON:

Yes, thank you. In the gallery behind you is a group of students from Mt. Zion High School and the government class there who are here visiting us here today and I'd like for them to be welcomed to the Senate, if -- if we would.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

We'd ask our guests in the gallery, please rise and be recognized, and welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Senator John Sullivan, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR J. SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. For an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please make your announcement, sir.

SENATOR J. SULLIVAN:

I'd like to -- I, along with Senator Dave Sullivan and Representative Ed Sullivan, would like to invite everybody to the Second Annual St. Patrick's Day Sullivan Caucus Celebration that will be held this evening from 5 until 8 p.m. at Marly's Pub. Lots of refreshments, food and a good time. Everybody, all Members and their staff are welcome. We look forward to seeing everybody there.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

The Sullivan Caucus, a nonpartisan issue -- everybody be happy to be there this evening. Senator Maloney, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR MALONEY:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR MALONEY:

I'd like the Senate to welcome Julie McCarthy, a student from the University of Illinois, Springfield, who will be helping out in the Senate for the next two weeks. Julie is a major in environmental studies.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Julie, welcome to the Illinois State Senate. We're glad to have you here. Senator Watson, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR WATSON:

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Yes, thank you. Senator Viverito got up on the Floor and announced that Senator Demuzio is in -- in what, Minnesota?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Welch made that announcement.

SENATOR WATSON:

Welch. Okay, and that he's actually listening to us either over the Internet. I just think that's remarkable. I think we ought obviously wish him well. If he is there, this is Frank Watson, your good friend, Senator Demuzio. And we want to wish you well, and we miss you here and hope that you have a quick recovery and come back here to see us right -- right soon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you very much for those kind remarks. Senator Demuzio, if you're listening, for all Members of the Illinois State Senate, we wish you -- wish you were here and we can't wait for you to get back. Senator Crotty, for what purpose do you rise, ma'am?

SENATOR CROTTY:

Yes, on a point of announcement. Licensed Activities will meet Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Stratton Building. A-1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Licensed Activities tomorrow at the hour of 10:30 at A-1. So we'll have committee announcements. Committee chairmen? Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you -- thank you very much, Mr. President. I, too, would like to announce that the Appropriations I Committee will reconvene at 3:30 in Room 212.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Approp I. was recessed this morning. Will reconvene at the hour of 3:30 in Room 212 today. Senator Lightford, for what purpose do you rise, ma'am?

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. On a purpose of an announcement, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

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Financial Institutions will meet tomorrow morning at 11:30 a.m. in Room 400. Financial Institutions tomorrow morning, 11:30, Room 400. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Financial Institutions, Room 400, at 11:30 on Wednesday. Thank you very much. Senator Hunter, for what purpose do you rise, ma'am?

SENATOR HUNTER:

Purpose of announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR HUNTER:

I'd like to announcement that the Health and Human Services Committee will meet tomorrow in Room 400 at 9 o'clock. Wednesday, 9 o'clock, Health and Human Services, Room 400. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you very much. That's at 9 o'clock tomorrow, Health and Human Services. Senator Schoenberg, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise for the purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your announcement, sir.

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President. The State Government Committee will meet tomorrow, Wednesday, the hour of 1 p.m. in Room A-1 of the Stratton Building.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

That's Wednesday, State Government at 1 o'clock. Thank you. Senator Welch, for what purpose, sir?

SENATOR WELCH:

Purpose of an announcement. The...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR WELCH:

The Appropriations II Committee will meet tomorrow morning at 10:30 in Room 212.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

That's Appropriation II. Appropriation II tomorrow at 10:30. Senator John Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Rise for the purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your announcement, sir.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

The Judiciary Committee will meet today in Room 400, at 3:30. And if we don't finish our business, we'll meet again tomorrow.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Judiciary will meet this afternoon at the hour of 3:30 in Room 400. Judiciary today at 3:30 in Room 400. Senator Terry Link. Senator Link, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR LINK:

For purpose of an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR LINK:

Senate Revenue Committee will meet at 1 p.m. tomorrow in Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

That's Revenue on Wednesday, tomorrow, at the hour 1 p.m. in Room 400. That's Revenue Committee. Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

I rise for a point of -- for a personal...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Announcement?

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

...yeah, for an announcement. I'm sorry.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please make your announcement, sir.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

The Environment and Energy Committee will meet tomorrow at 9 a.m. in Room 212. Again, the Environment and Energy Committee will meet in 212 tomorrow morning at 9 a.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

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That's Wednesday, tomorrow, at 9 o'clock, Environmental Energy, 212. Senator Carol Ronen.

SENATOR RONEN:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Labor and Commerce Committee will meet tomorrow, Wednesday, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Labor and Commerce, Room 400, tomorrow at the hour of 10:30. Labor and Commerce at the hour of 10:30 in Room 400. Any further announcements? Senator Shadid, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR SHADID:

For an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your announcement, sir.

SENATOR SHADID:

The Transportation Committee will meet today at 3:30, Room A-1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

That's Transportation, Mr. Chairman? Thank you. That's today at 3:30. Thank you. Senator Haine, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR HAINE:

For a point of information, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

State your point, sir.

SENATOR HAINE:

Mr. President, the Local Government Committee will meet shortly, at 1:30 p.m., in A-1 of the Stratton Building.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Local Government will meet today at the hour of 1:30 in A-1. Local Government in A-1 today at 1:30. Any further announcements? Senator Schoenberg, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Thank you. I apologize. I neglected to mention earlier. I rise for purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please make your announcement, sir.

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

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That the Economic and Fiscal Commission will be meeting tomorrow morning at 8:30 a.m. in Room C-1 of Stratton. Economic and Fiscal Commission, 8:30, in C-1 in Stratton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you very much. Senator Silverstein, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please make your announcement.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

The Senate Executive Committee will meet tomorrow, Wednesday, at 1 p.m. in Room 212.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you very much. Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. For purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your announcement, sir.

SENATOR JACOBS:

The Insurance and Pensions Committee will meet in Room 400 at 1:30 sharp today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

That's today at the hour of 1:30. Insurance and Pensions in Room 400 at 1:30. Thank you. Senator del Valle, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

For purposes of an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your announcement, sir.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

The Senate Education Committee will meet this afternoon at 1:30 in Room 212.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Education today at -- at 1:30 in 212. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Senator Walsh, what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR WALSH:

For the purpose of an announcement, Mr. President.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your announcement, sir.

SENATOR WALSH:

The Senate Agriculture and Conservation Committee will meet Wednesday morning, tomorrow morning, at 9 a.m. in A-1 in the Stratton Building.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you very much. Ag and Conservation, tomorrow morning at the hour at 9 a.m. Any further announcements? Senator Viverito, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR VIVERITO:

Personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR VIVERITO:

I just wanted to make mention, in the Rules Committee we missed Vince so much, it just wasn't the same and he better hurry back. We really miss him.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. I know the feeling. All right. There's no further announcements in regards to the committee meetings. So there being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate will stand adjourned, tomorrow -- until the hour of 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 24th, the year 2004. That's 8:30 tomorrow. The Senate will stand adjourned.