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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The regular Session of the 93rd General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks, and will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Bishop William Persell, Bishop of the Episcopalian Diocese of Chicago.

BISHOP WILLIAM PERSELL:

(Prayer by Bishop William Persell)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Please remain standing for the Pledge. Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Link)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, April 28th, 2004.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Maloney moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Madam Secretary, Resolutions. Madam Secretary, Consent Calendar. Madam Secretary, Messages.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

A Message from the House by Mr. Mahoney, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed a bill of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 5189.

Passed the House, April 28th, 2004.

Message from the President, April 28th, 2004.

Dear Madam Secretary - Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rules 3-1 and 3-2, I hereby appoint Senator Donne Trotter

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as a Member of the Senate Executive Appointments Committee, effective immediately.

Sincerely, Emil Jones, Jr., Senate President.

Message from the Secretary of State, April 28th, 2004.

Dear Members - I am nominating Robert Lucid for appointment to the Executive Inspector General for the Office of Secretary of State. I respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments of your Honorable Body.

Sincerely, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Link, Chairperson of the Committee on Revenue, reports House Bills 4716, 4976, 4977, 4990, 5157, 5734 and 6691 Do Pass; and House Bill 3985 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Schoenberg, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government, reports House Bills 4227, 4686, 5131, 6496, 6499, 6983, -- 7169, 7170, 7173, 7174, 7177, 7178, 7179, 7180, 7181 Do Pass; and House Bills {sic} 4996 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Silverstein, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports House Bills 4055, 4302, 4720, 5011 and 6683 Do Pass; and House Bills -- pardon me, 1959 and 6654 Do Pass, as Amended; and Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 649 Be Adopted.

Senator Ronen, Chairperson of the Committee on Labor and Commerce, reports House Bills 4176, 4450, 5025, 6618 and 6648 Do Pass; and House Bills 4241 and 4851 Do Pass, as Amended; and Senate Resolution 48 {sic}(487) Be Adopted.

Senator Munoz, Chairperson of the Committee on Licensed Activities, reports House Bills 2981, 4057, 4218, 4410, 4989, 5891, 7029 and 7030 Do Pass; and House Bills 2028, 4200, 4283 and 4960 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Lightford, Chairperson of the Committee on Financial Institutions, reports House Bills 4652 and 5070 Do Pass.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 5189, offered by Senator Jacobs.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Jones, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR W. JONES:

Yes. Madam President, a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR W. JONES:

I'd like to introduce Bishop Persell's wife, who is in the gallery. The Bishop's wife, Nancy Persell. Also, the executive director of the Episcopal Charities, Georgianna Gleason, and Father Graham Smith, a fellow Brooklyn Dodger fan from Glenview, Illinois. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise? Be welcomed to the Senate. Senator Bomke, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BOMKE:

Point of personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State -- state your point.

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you. I have with me today job shadowing, Alex Davis is sitting next to me. In addition, up in the gallery behind the Democrats is Jan Schumacher with the Zion Lutheran School eighth-grade class. I'd like you to help me welcome both Alex and the class here today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise? Welcome to Springfield. Senator Munoz, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MUNOZ:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR MUNOZ:

Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce to you a -- a distinguished visitor here, New York Assemblyman Felix Ortiz, who's standing here to my right. He came here last night

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visiting our great State. He's also President of the -- just became President of the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators which consists of about three hundred and sixteen members throughout the United States. If we can give him a nice round, warm welcome, I'd appreciate it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Welcome to Springfield, Assemblyman. Senator John Jones, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR J. JONES:

Thank you, Madam President. A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR J. JONES:

If I could, right up above me here in -- in the President's Gallery, I have a -- eleven students from the New Horizon Christian School in Centralia, along with their Administrator, David Froneyberger, Dean Skambraks, Heidi Criner, and Debbie Gibson, along with the students. So, if could welcome them to Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise? Welcome to Springfield. We're going to proceed to Senate Bills 3rd Reading. So, if everybody could take their Calendar out to page 8. So, on page 8, Senate Bill 3325. Senator Radogno, do you wish to proceed? Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 3325.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Madam President. Ladies and Gentlemen, the next several bills are appropriation vehicles that are just one-dollar bills. This is all part of the process to get us in a position to pass the budget. Hopefully not if, but when there is an agreement, we need to do this just as a -- a matter of course. So, I would encourage everyone to vote Yes on -- on the next several bills being called. Thank you.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Yes. Madam President, what Senator Radogno said is -- is the agreement between both sides. These bills are going to move forward to the House without discussion, as well as the bills coming forward, after the Radogno-sponsored bills, by Trotter and myself.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3325 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3325, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Radogno, on 3326. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 3326.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3326 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3326, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Radogno, on 3327. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 3327.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3327 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3327, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Radogno, on Senate Bill 3328. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 3328.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3328 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3328, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Radogno, on 3329. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 3329.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3329 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3329, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Radogno, on 3330. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 3330.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill Senate Bill 3320 {sic} pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3330, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Radogno, on 3331. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3331.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3331 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. And on that question, there are 53 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3331, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Top of page 9, Senator Radogno, on 3332. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3332.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3332 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3332, having received the constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Radogno, on 3333. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3333.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3333 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3333, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Radogno, on Senate Bill 3334. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3334.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3334 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3334, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Trotter, on Senate Bill 3335. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3335.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Madam President and Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 3335 is a shell bill addressing IDOT appropriations. It's a shell at this time. We're just positioning it for when the time and the opportunity comes for us to put a real dollar amount in it. I'd like -- see its passage.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3335 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3335, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Trotter, on Senate Bill 3336. Mr. President -- or, Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3336.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3336 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3336, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Trotter, on Senate Bill 3337. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3337.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3337 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3337, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Trotter, on Senate Bill 3338. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3338.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3338 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3338, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Trotter, on 3339. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3339.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3339 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3339, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Welch, on Senate Bill 3340. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3340.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3340 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3340, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Welch, on 3340 {sic}. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3341.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3341 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3341, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Welch, on 3342. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3342.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3342 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3342, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Welch, on 3343. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3343.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3343 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3343, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Welch, on 3344. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3344.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3344 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Yeas, 1 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. And Senate Bill 3344, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Trotter, on 3350. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3350.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3350 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3350, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Trotter, on 3351. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3351.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3351 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Yeas, none voting No, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3351, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Top of page 10, Senate Bill 3352. Senator Trotter. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3352.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3352 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3352, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Trotter, on 3353. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3353.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3353 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3353, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Trotter, on 3354. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3354.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3354 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3354, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Trotter, on 3355. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3355.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3355 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3355, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Trotter, on 3356. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3356.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3356 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3356, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Trotter, on 3357. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3357.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3357 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3357, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Trotter, on 3358. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3358.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3358 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3358, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Trotter, on 3359. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3359.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3359 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3359, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Welch, on -- 3360. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3360.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3360 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3360, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Welch, on 3361. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3361.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3361 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3361, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Welch, on 3362. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3362.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3362 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3362, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Welch, on 3363. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3363.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3363 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3363, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Welch, on 3364. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3364.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3364 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Yeas, none voting Nay, 1 voting Present. And Senate Bill 3364, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3365. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3365.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3365 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3365, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3366. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3366.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3366 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3366, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Top of page 11. Senate Bill 3367. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3367.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3367 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3367, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3368. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3368.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3368 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3368, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3369. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 3369.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3369 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3369, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bills 3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we will be going to page 15. House Bill 4266. On House Bill 4266, Senator Welch, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

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House Bill 4266.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Thank you, Madam President. What this bill does is amend the School Code to increase the foundation level by two hundred and fifty dollars per student to five thousand and sixty dollars from the current four thousand eight hundred and ten dollars. In the committee, there was no opposition. It passed out of our committee unanimously. It passed out of the House 111 to nothing. I'd be glad to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Senator del Valle.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Thank you, Madam President. I rise in strong support of this bill. I want to remind the Members of the Body that the Education Funding Advisory Board recommended that the foundation level be increased by a thousand dollars. The Governor, in his first year, indicated that he was committed to doing that, and last year, we were able to increase the foundation level by two hundred and fifty dollars. Now, this second year, with this bill, we'll be able to increase it another two hundred and fifty dollars, making it possible for the Governor to keep his commitment towards increasing that foundation level by a thousand dollars over -- over a four-year period. I recognize that there are numbers that have changed and the original number that this would cost about four hundred million has been reduced; therefore, there will be additional dollars out of the four hundred million that the Governor put in his initial budget. There will be additional dollars to work with. We have other issues out there. We have the poverty grant, the hold harmless amount that we have to consider. We have categoricals that will need to be considered. We've got early childhood education that needs to be looked at, and I think we'll be able to do that. But we must do what is most important here, and that is, send a bill to the Governor that establishes the increase in the foundation level, which is the best way to get

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dollars out to our school districts. And of course, we will be dealing with the categoricals and with these other areas down the road. So, I -- I urge you all to support this. Let's get it to the Governor and make sure that this step moves us towards reaching an agreement on the overall funding for public education in the State of Illinois at the elementary and secondary level. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there further discussion? Senator Cronin.

SENATOR CRONIN:

Thank you very much, Madam President. I rise in support of this -- this measure, and I am particularly comforted by Senator del Valle's remarks about -- that -- you know, pointing out to us that this is simply a piece, a significant piece, of a overall funding package for education. The foundation level is vitally important, but we also have the poverty grants, yes, and we also have the hold harmless, yes, and we also have the categorical funding components. So, there is a -- kind of a big picture here, and this is not the -- the ordinary practice. In the past, the Governor would come forward with sort of a comprehensive plan for funding and we would kind of balance the foundation level commitment with other commitments that are required. But this is essential. This is important. This is a big part of the overall package, but I -- I enthusiastically vote for this, as I wait for other parts of the package in order that our education commitment will be complete. So, please vote Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Any further discussion? Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Yes, Madam President. To the bill. I just wanted to echo what Senator Cronin said, that as somebody who represents suburbs, we have to be mindful of the categoricals, and we are all interested in seeing the foundation level raised another two hundred and fifty dollars. But I think it's very important that we also, later on, address some of the other components of education funding.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any further discussion? Senator Watson.

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SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you very much, Madam President. I guess, question of the sponsor. You may have said this, Pat, and I didn't hear it. How much is this going to -- out of -- out of the four hundred million, what does this take?

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Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

The amount now is 348.5 million dollars.

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Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Yes, thank you. I would assume, then -- we'll round it out three fifty. That leaves fifty million. Have you talked to the Governor and is the Governor supporting and will sign this legislation?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Well, I spoke to the Governor yesterday about this. He's very interested in this. I told him my arguments for signing it. He said he's -- he's going to wait for the bill to land on his desk before deciding what to do, but he said he would take my arguments under advisement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Well, I don't have all of the figures with me here. They're just off the top of my head, but I think we made a commitment last year to early childhood education that was like a ninety million dollars over three years. So, that's -- let's just add thirty million dollars to the figure here. Categoricals - I -- I'm not sure that I understand totally what that might be, but if it's a hundred percent, I think that's close to a hundred million for -- for the categorical? I guess that's a question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

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The -- the categoricals are about a hundred million dollars. I think the State Board actually asked for us to appropriate five hundred and thirty-one million dollars. So -- so, the total of the different programs out there for education, according to the State Board, is an additional about one hundred and eighty million dollars...

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Senator Watson.

SENATOR WELCH:

...of which we have fifty-one available once this bill passes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Okay. We're at thirty million for early childhood, hundred million for categoricals. The book of the month club, that program - and I'm sure that -- that's supposed to come out of the education budget - I understand that's about twenty-six million dollars. The -- or, I'm sorry, the poverty grants were mentioned. What is the price tag on the poverty grants, and while we're at it, throw in the hold harmless? What is the -- the cost there also, too, Senator?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

The poverty grant cost for next year is 16.5 million dollars. On the issue of the books each month - I'm informed that we're looking for private sources to fund that - I think the first year of that is nine million dollars, is what I've been told, but that would be funded outside of the budget, is -- is what we're trying to do.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Okay. I'll just take the twenty-six million out. We'll put that over there in some other category. Okay. So, we have six, eight, nine -- we're at four hundred and ninety-six million and the Governor, I guess we all know, yesterday or the day before, said he wants his budget passed. He expects us to do the duty

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and fall on the sword for his budget. So, we've got four hundred and ninety-six million. He's -- he's allocated four hundred million, and I think there's probably some other pressures there that I'm not even sure of. I think the pension contribution, maybe generally, is part of education. Haven't even talked about that. So, where is the Governor? I mean, what does he want us to do? He wants us to pass his budget, four hundred million dollars. We're going to do -- allocate three fifty here today. I mean, I'm just confused, I guess that's all. And I'm -- I'm -- I don't know -- I haven't had the opportunity, as you have, Senator, to have a conversation with the Governor. He's -- he's not necessarily made himself available to me, which is also a disappointment. But how do you figure -- four hundred and ninety-six million, how do you cram that in to four hundred million that he's actually allocated?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Well, Senator, you know, at the end of the Session, a lot of things happen. It's kind of like Vince Demuzio used to say. He said, "Things go bump in the night." And that's what we're going to be doing in the next month. We're going to be working on finding more money for education. In fact, when I talked to the Governor yesterday, he did say there -- there could quite well be more money available to us as we go forward. It depends on what the Legislature passes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Just one final comment, I guess. I just must have misread and I don't understand his message that he sent us then, because he's pretty adamant about passing "his" budget and that would be four hundred million dollars for education. And obviously not all -- all this can fit into the shoe, you know. We -- we don't -- it -- it isn't going to be there, unless he obviously says there's going to be more money available later - then that's not his budget. So, I don't -- I'm confused, Senator, and if you can ever enlighten me on that and help me out with that, I -- I would appreciate it. Thank you.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Any further discussion? Senator Ronen.

SENATOR RONEN:

Thank you, Madam President. This doesn't happen often. It happened a couple times during the course of the Session, but I have to really echo the words of Minority Leader Watson. The -- raising the foundation level is a great idea, but to eat up almost three hundred and fifty million dollars of the four hundred million dollars in the budget I think is really wrong-headed. We do have a commitment to early childhood education for thirty -- thirty million dollars, at least, this year. Senator Watson talks about the categoricals, another hundred million; the pension contribution, the whole other host of services that -- that need to be funded. So, I -- I -- I think this is really one of those bills that sounds good, we're doing something, but is not -- really does not make sense within the amount of money that we have to spend on education this year. So, I'm going to vote Present on this, because I -- I think we have to have a closer look at priorities and I don't want to see us shortchanging the poverty grant, shortchanging early childhood education, shortchanging categoricals as we try, in this very tight budget year, to fund education.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Welch, to close.

SENATOR WELCH:

Thank you, Madam President. Let me just say that the Governor's original budget proposed a four-hundred-million-dollar allocation for education, and he said to us in the Legislature, "You guys, you decide how you want to spend it. You set the priorities." And that's what we're doing today. Certainly we're working to get more money in the education budget. We're going to continue to do that till the end of May. That's our main goal. But this issue itself is extremely important. This would be the earliest passage of a major education funding bill in -- in my twenty-two years here in the Senate. This will allow our local school boards to decide what they're going to have available for them coming -- in the coming year. This may lead to many school boards not laying off

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teachers and then rehiring if they know in advance how much money they're going to have. So, I think that's really important. Secondly, it keeps our commitment that we made, as well as the Governor, to try to reach the Education Funding Advisory Board goal of over fifty-six hundred dollars per student available to every student throughout the State of Illinois. We did that last year with a two-hundred-fifty-million-dollar increase. This is our second year of keeping that pledge. I think it's important that we keep that pledge. This also, as a third important factor, shows the Governor and shows everyone in Illinois that we in Springfield are serious about settling this budget. We're not going to stay here till June. We're already getting a major issue off the table, and that's funding for our kids. Every one of us, when we're back in our district, are asked the question, "Is education the top priority in Springfield?" and we say, "Yes." Ladies and Gentlemen, this is the first budget bill passed out that shows this is our number-one priority, and I urge you to vote Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 4266 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Ayes, none voting Nay, 2 voting Present. And Senate Bill 4266, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Burzynski, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Madam President. For purposes of an announcement. Like for the record to reflect that Senator Syverson is out on medical leave today, had surgery on his shoulder this morning, and that Senator Rauschenberger is out of town on official business.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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

SENATOR HENDON:

Purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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State your announcement.

SENATOR HENDON:

As you know, next Wednesday is the annual Senate-House softball game. We are going to have a practice game on Tuesday - is that right, Senator Sullivan? - on Tuesday, against the -- the lobbyists, 5:30. So, please, bring your equipment. I have great news: Senator Tony "Hit Man" Munoz has agreed to play, and "Big Hurt" Senator Clayborne also has agreed to play, and Emil "Sammy Sosa" Jones has also agreed to take a few swings for us. So, let's get out there and win this game. We know we're going to have Senator Watson. Senator Soden. Iris Martinez, she's going to play. Mattie Hunter. We have a great team. So, bring your equipment on Tuesday and be prepared for the game on Wednesday. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

At this time, we're going to go to the top of page 23. House Bills 2nd Reading. Senator Jacobs, on House Bill 378? No. Senator Trotter, on House Bill 486? Senator Trotter? Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 486.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Health and Human Services adopted Committee Amendments 1 and 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Silverstein, on House Bill 1659. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1659.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Health and Human Services adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Jones, on 1660. Senator Cullerton, on 1875. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1875.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Obama, on 2268. Senator Trotter. 3957. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3957.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Haine, on 3977. Senator Haine? 3977. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3977.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Lightford, 3979. Senator Jones, on 4005. Senator Jacobs, on 4099. Senator Collins, on 4135. Senator Schoenberg. 4154. Senator Jones, on 4197. Senator Sandoval, 4232. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 4232.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Health and Human Services adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

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Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Petka. Madam Secretary, read the bill. 4239.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate {sic} Bill 4239.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Righter, on 4247. Senator Harmon, on 4432. Senator Clayborne, on 4457. Senator Walsh, on 4475. Senator Soden, on 4489. Senator Link, on 4495. Senator Link. Senator Link. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 4495.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Top of page 25. Senator DeLeo, on 4502. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 4502.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Collins, on 4505. Senator del Valle, on 4522. Senator Ronen, on 4558. Senator Collins, 4566. Senator Schoenberg, 4612. Senator Walsh, 4744. Senator Munoz, 4788. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 4788.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Dillard, on 4790. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 4790.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Obama seeks leave of the Body to assume primary sponsorship on House Bill 4818. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Senator Obama, do you wish to move 4818? Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate {sic} Bill 4818.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Forby, on Senate -- House Bill 4837. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 4837.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Health and Human Services adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Top of page 26. Senator Collins, on House Bill 4856. Senator Link, on 4870. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 4870.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Schoenberg. Wait a minute. You wanted it out? 4870, out of the record. Senator Schoenberg, 4894. Senator Munoz, 4949. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 4949.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Garrett, on 4980. Senator Garrett, 4980. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 4980.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Trotter, on House Bill 5014. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 5014.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Harmon, on 5057. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 5057.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Health and Human Services adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Martinez, on House Bill 5058.
Senator Jacobs, on 5075. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 5075.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Haine, on 5094. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 5094.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Environment and Energy adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Obama, on 5164. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 5164.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Haine, on 5823. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 5823.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Harmon, on 5875. Senator Ronen, on 5889. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 5889.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Winkel, on 6574. Senator Sieben, on 6583. Senator Sieben? Senator Sieben, on 6583. Senator Hunter, on 6706. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 6706.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Roskam, on 6760. Senator Welch, 6806. Senator Schoenberg, 6906. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 6906.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Education adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Burzynski, on Senate {sic} Bill 6954. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 6954.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Jacobs, on 7015. Senator Jacobs. Top of page -- oh, that's it! Madam Secretary, Messages.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

A Message for the Governor by Joseph B. Handley, Deputy Chief of Staff for Legislative Affairs, April 29, 2004.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

At the top of page 3, Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Senator Hendon, on Senate Bill 2800. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2800.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Judiciary adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Hendon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Amendment No. 4 would simply get rid of the flashing blue lights on the cameras. It would still allow the cameras to operate but it only get rid of the flashing blue light, and it allows the City to put as many cameras on a block as they wish. I'd appreciate a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Hendon moves the adoption of Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 2800. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. Or -- the Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Have there been any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we're going to proceed to page 6 on Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Senator -- on

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Senate Bill 2791. Senator Crotty, on Senate Bill 2791. Senator Crotty seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2791 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2791. Madam Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Crotty.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Crotty, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Thank you very much. Floor Amendment No. 3 simply deleted a portion of the bill which went into justification of rents for anyone sixty-five years or older if the rent increase should be fifteen percent or more.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Senator Crotty moves the adoption of Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 2791. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Crotty.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Crotty, to explain Amendment No. 4.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Thank you very much. No. 4 was the deletion of 3, and now No. 4 does become the bill. And I would like to hold that on 2nd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

So, is -- are there -- is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Crotty moves the adoption of Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 2791. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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3rd Reading. To fulfill our responsibilities under Article V, Section 9 of the Constitution, we will now proceed to the Order of Advise and Consent. Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Madam President. I move that the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of acting on the appointments set forth in the Messages of the Governor of October 23rd, November 3rd, November 6th, November 20th, 2003; January 15th, February 6th, February 10th, February 20th, March 5th, April 1st and April 22nd, 2004, and the Messages of Secretary of State dated March 31st, 2004, the Message of the Comptroller dated February 18th, 2004, and the Message of the Treasurer dated March 23rd, 2004.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon moves that the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of acting on the appointments set forth in the Messages from the Governor of October 23rd, November 3rd, November 6th and November 20th, 2003; January 15, February 6th, February 10th, February 20th, March 5th, April 1st and April 22nd, 2004, and the Message from the Secretary of State dated March 31st, 2004, the Message from the Comptroller dated February 18th, 2004, and the Message from the Treasurer dated March 23rd, 2004. All those in favor will say Yea. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion is carried. The Senate is now in Executive Session. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senators Hendon and Geo-Karis, Co-Chairmen of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message of October 23rd, 2003, reported the same back with the recommendations that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Madam President, with respect to the Governor's Message of October 23rd, 2003, I will read the salaried appointments of which the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

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To be the Director of the Lincoln Presidential Library for a term commencing December 1st, 2003: Richard Norton Smith.

To be a member of the Department of Employment Security Review Board for a term commencing July 28th, 2003, and ending January 17th, 2005: William J. Nolan.

To be a member of the State Mining Board for a term commencing July 1st, 2003, and ending January 17th, 2005: Joseph Angleton.

To be a member of the State Mining Board for a term commencing July 7th, 2003, and ending January 17th, 2005: George Teegarden.

To be a member of the State Mining Board for a term commencing July 3rd, 2003, and ending January 17th, 2005: David L. Webb.

To be a member and Chair of the Property Tax Appeal Board for a term commencing October 15th, 2003, and ending January 19th, 2009: Carlos Montoya.

Madam President, having read the salaried appointments from the Governor's Message of October 23rd, 2003, I now seek leave to consider the appointment on a roll call. Madam President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any -- is there any discussion? The question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the salaried appointments just read from the Governor's Message of October 23rd. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointments just read. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senators Hendon and Geo-Karis, Co-Chairmen of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message of November 3, 2003, reported the same back with the recommendations that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Madam President, with respect to the Governor's Message of November 3rd, 2003, I will read the salaried appointment of which the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

To be a member of the State Mining Board for a term commencing May 26th, 2003, and ending January 17th, 2005: Jerry Cross.

Madam President, having read the salaried appointment for the Governor's Message of November 3rd, 2003, I now seek leave to consider the appointment on a roll call. Madam President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the salaried appointment just read from the Governor's Message of November 3rd. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And a majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. WAND seeks leave to videotape the proceedings. Is there any objection? Leave is granted. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senators Hendon and Geo-Karis, Co-Chairmen of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message of November 6th, 2003, reported the same back with a recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Madam President, with respect to the Governor's Message of November 6th, 2003, I will read the salaried appointment of which the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

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To be a member of the Illinois Labor Relations Board State Panel for a term commencing November 1st, 2003, and ending January 24th, 2005: Charles Hernandez.

Madam President, having read the salaried appointment from the Governor's Message of November 6th, 2003, I now seek leave to consider the appointment on a roll call. Madam President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, does the -- the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the salaried appointment just read from the Governor's Message of November 6th. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And a majority of the Senators elected, concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senators Hendon and Geo-Karis, Co-Chairmen of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message of January 15, 2004, reported the same back with the recommendations that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Madam President, with respect to the Governor's Message of January 15, 2004, I will read the salaried appointment of which the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

To be a member of the Property Tax Appeal Board for a term commencing December 18th, 2003, and ending January 15th, 2007: Kevin L. Freeman.

Madam President, having read the salaried appointment from the Governor's Message of January 15th, 2004, I now seek leave to consider the appointment on a roll call. Madam President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the salaried appointment just read from the Governor's Message of January 15th. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And a majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senators Hendon and Geo-Karis, Co-Chairmen of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message of February 6th, 2004, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Madam President, with respect to the Governor's Message of February 6th, 2004, I will read the salaried appointment of which the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

To be a Judge of the Court of Claims for a term commencing January 20th, 2004, and ending January 18th, 2010: Peter Birnbaum.

Madam President, having read the salaried appointment from the Governor's Message of February 6th, 2004, I now seek leave to consider the appointment on a roll call. Madam President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the salaried appointment just read from the Governor's Message of February 6th. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And a majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the

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Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read.
Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senators Hendon and Geo-Karis, Co-Chairmen of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message of February 10, 2004, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Madam President, with respect to the Governor's Message of February 10th, 2004, I will read the salaried appointment of which the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

To be Executive Inspector General for a term commencing February 6th, 2004, and ending June 30th, 2008: Z. Scott.

Madam President, having read the salaried appointment from the Governor's Message of February 10th, 2004, I now seek leave to consider the appointment on a roll call. Madam President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the salaried appointment just read from the Governor's Message of February 10. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And a majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senators Hendon and Geo-Karis, Co-Chairmen of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message of March 5, 2004, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Madam President, with respect to the Governor's Message of March 5th, 2004, I will read the salaried appointment of which the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

To be Assistant Director of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a term commencing March 1st, 2004, and ending January 17th, 2005: Roxanne Nava.

Madam President, having read the salaried appointment from the Governor's Message of March 5th, 2004, I now seek leave to consider the appointment on a roll call. Madam President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the salaried appointment just read from the Governor's Message of March 5th. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And a majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senators Hendon and Geo-Karis, Co-Chairmen of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message of April 22nd, 2004, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Madam President, with respect to the Governor's Message of April 22nd, 2004, I will read the salaried appointments of which the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

To be the State Fire Marshal for a term commencing April 12th, 2004, and ending January 17th, 2005: James T. Somer.

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To be a member of the Human Rights Commission for a term commencing April 5th, 2004, and ending January 15th, 2007: Yvonne {sic} (Yonnie) Rita Stroger.

To be a member of the Prisoner Review Board for a term commencing May 1st, 2004, and ending January 19th, 2009: Eric Althoff.

To be a member of the Prisoner Review Board for a term commencing May 1st, 2004, and ending January 17th, 2005: Nancy Bridges-Mickelson.

To be a member of the Prisoner Review Board for a term commencing May 1st, 2004, and ending January 17th, 2005: James Donahue.

To be a member of the Prisoner Review Board for a term commencing May 1st, 2004, and ending January 15th, 2007: Robert Dunne.

To be a member of the Prisoner Review Board for a term commencing May 1st, 2004, and ending January 17th, 2005: Craig Findley.

To be a member of the Prisoner Review Board for a term commencing May 1st, 2004, and ending January 15th, 2007: Andrew P. Fox.

To be a member of the Prisoner Review Board for a term commencing May 1st, 2004, and ending January 19th, 2009: David Frier.

To be a member of the Prisoner Review Board for a term commencing May 1st, 2004, and ending January 19th, 2009: Barbara Hubbard.

To be a member of the Prisoner Review Board for a term commencing May 1st, 2004, and ending January 15th, 2007: Thomas Johnson.

To be a member of the Prisoner Review Board for a term commencing June 1st, 2004, and ending January 15th, 2007: Jesse D. Madison.

To be a member of the Prisoner Review Board for a term commencing May 1st, 2004, and ending January 17th, 2005: Milton A. Maxwell.

To be a member and Chair of the Prisoner Review Board for a term commencing May 1st, 2004, and ending January 19th, 2009: Jorge Montes.

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To be a member of the Prisoner Review Board for a term commencing May 1st, 2004, and ending January 17th, 2005: John Stenson.

To be a member of the Prisoner Review Board for a term commencing May 1st, 2004, and ending January 15th, 2007: Norma {sic} (Norman) Sula.

To be a member of the Prisoner Review Board for a term commencing May 1st, 2004, and ending January 19th, 2009: Geraldine E. Tyler.

Madam President, having read the salaried appointments from the Governor's Message of April 22nd, 2004, I now seek leave to consider the appointments on a roll call. Madam President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the salaried appointments just read from the Governor's Message of April 22nd. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And a majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointments just read. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senators Hendon and Geo-Karis, Co-Chairmen of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Secretary of State's Message of March 31, 2004, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Madam President, with respect to the Secretary of State's Message of March 31st, 2004, I will read the salaried appointment of which the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

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To be a commissioner of the Executive Ethics Commission for a term commencing March 31st, 2004, and ending June 30th, 2008 {sic} (December 31, 2007): Maria Kuzas.

Madam President, having read the salaried appointment from the Secretary of State's Message of March 31st, 2004, I now seek leave to consider the appointment on a roll call. Madam President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the salaried appointments just read from the Secretary of State's Message of March 31st. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And a majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senators Hendon and Geo-Karis, Co-Chairmen of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Comptroller's Message of February 18, 2004, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Madam President, with respect to the Comptroller's Message of February 18th, 2004, I will read the salaried appointments of which the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

To be Executive Inspector General for a term commencing February 18th, 2004, and ending June 30th, 2008: Michael J. Drake.

To be a commissioner of the Executive Ethics Commission for a term commencing February 18th, 2004, and ending June 30th, 2008: James Faught.

Madam President, having read the salaried appointments from the Comptroller's Message of February 18th, 2004, I now seek

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leave to consider the appointments on a roll call. Madam President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the salaried appointments just read from the Comptroller's Message of February 18th. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And a majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointments just read. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senators Hendon and Geo-Karis, Co-Chairmen of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Treasurer's Message of March 27 {sic}(22), 2004, reported the same back with the recommendations that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Madam President, with respect to the Treasurer's Message of March 22nd, 2004, I will read the salaried appointments of which the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

To be Executive Inspector General for a term commencing March 22nd, 2004, and ending June 30th {sic} (20), 2008: David L. Wells.

To be a commissioner {sic} (member) of the Executive Ethics Commission for a term commencing March 22nd, 2004, and ending June 30th, 2008: Frederick J. Hess.

Madam President, having read the salaried appointments from the Treasurer's Message of March 22nd, 2004, I now seek leave to consider the appointments on a roll call. Madam President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the salaried appointments

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just read from the Treasurer's Message of March 22nd. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And a majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointments just read. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senators Hendon and Geo-Karis, Co-Chairmen of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message of October 23, 2003, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Madam President, with respect to the Governor's Message of October 23rd, 2003, I will read the nonsalaried appointments of which the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

To be a member and Chair of the Capital Development Board for a term commencing July 14th, 2003, and ending January 15th, 2007: Anthony Licata.

To be a member of the Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan for a term commencing July 1st, 2003, and ending July 1st, 2005: Howard Bolnick.

To be a member of the Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan for a term commencing August 18th, 2003, and ending July 1st, 2005: Gloria Fishman.

To be a member of the Department of Employment Security Advisory Board for a term commencing October 6th, 2003, and ending January 17th, 2005: James Argionis.

To be a member of the Department of Employment Security Advisory Board for a term commencing October 13th, 2003, and ending January 17th, 2005: J. Paul Oddo.

To be a member of the Department of Employment Security Advisory Board for a term commencing January -- October 17th, 2003, and ending January 17th, 2005: Douglas Whitley.

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To be a member of the Health Facilities Planning Board for a term commencing August 12th, 2003, and ending July 1st, 2004: Stuart P. Levine.

To be a member of the Board of Higher Education for a term commencing July 24th, 2003, and ending January 31st, 2009: Jerry Blakemore.

To be a member of the Springfield Medical District Commission for a term commencing October 22nd, 2003, and ending June 30th, 2006: David Bitzer.

To be a member of the Springfield Medical District Commission for a term commencing October 22nd, 2003, and ending June 30th, 2008: Thomas McLaughlin.

To be a member of the Springfield Medical District Commission for a term commencing October 22nd, 2003, and ending June 30th, 2007: Donald S. Ross.

To be a member of the State Police Merit Board for a term commencing August 22nd {sic}(27), 2003, and ending May 16th, 2009: Arthur J. Smith.

Madam President, having read the nonsalaried appointments from which the Governor's Message of October 23rd, 2003, I now seek leave to consider the appointments on a roll call. Madam President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the nonsalaried appointments just read from the Governor's Message of October 23rd. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And a majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointments just read. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senators Hendon and Geo-Karis, Co-Chairmen of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message of November 3, 2003, reported the same back with the recommendations that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointment.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Madam President, with respect to the Governor's Message of November 3rd, 2003, I'll read the nonsalaried appointment of which the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

To be a member of the Board of Higher Education for a term commencing May 26th, 2003, and ending January 31st, 2009: Proshanta Nandi.

Madam President, having read the nonsalaried appointment from the Governor's Message of November 3rd, 2003, I now seek leave to consider this appointment on a roll call. Madam President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the nonsalaried appointment just read from the Governor's Message of November 3rd. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And a majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointments just read. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senators Hendon and Geo-Karis, Co-Chairmen of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message of November 20, 2003, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Madam President, with respect to the Governor's Message of November 20th, 2003, I will read the nonsalaried appointments of which the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

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To be a member of the Illinois Community College Board for a term commencing November 4th, 2003, and ending June 30th, 2009 -- Correction: November 14th, 2003, and ending June 30th, 2009: Hermene Hartman.

To be a member of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for a term commencing November 17th, 2003, and ending June 30th, 2005: George Thomas Lesica.

Madam President, having read the nonsalaried appointments from the Governor's Message of November 20th, 2003, I now seek leave to consider the appointments on a roll call. Madam President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the nonsalaried appointments just read from the Governor's Message of November 20th. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 51 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And a majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointments just read. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senators Hendon and Geo-Karis, Co-Chairmen of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message of January 15, 2004, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Madam President, with respect to the Governor's Message of January 15th, 2004, I will read the nonsalaried appointments of which the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

To be a member of the Department of Employment Security Advisory Board for a term commencing December 12th, 2003, and ending January 17th, 2005: Margaret Blackshere.

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To be a member of the Department of Employment Security Advisory Board for a term commencing December 12th, 2003, and ending January 17th, 2005: Thomas Caliper.

To be a member of the Department of Employment Security Advisory Board for a term commencing January 5th, 2004, and ending January 17th, 2005: Michael Woods, Sr.

To be a member of the Board of Higher Education for a term commencing November 24th, 2003, and ending January 31st, 2007: Steven Taslitz.

To be a member of the Department of Labor Advisory Board for a term commencing December 2nd, 2003, and ending January 17th, 2005: Terry -- Fairclough.

To be a member of the Department of Labor Advisory Board for a term commencing January 5th, 2004, and ending January 16th, 2006: Collins Parkin Whitfield.

To be the Public Guardian and Public Administrator of Cumberland County for a term commencing December 2nd, 2003, and ending December 4th, 2006: Roy Gibson.

To be the Public Guardian and Public Administrator of Kane County for a term commencing December 2nd, 2003, and ending December 4th, 2006: Christine Adelman.

To be the Public Guardian and Public Administrator of Washington County for a term commencing December 29th, 2003, and ending December 5th, 2005: John Klingenberg.

Madam President, having read the nonsalaried appointments from the Governor's Message of January 15th, 2004, I now seek leave to consider the appointments on a roll call. Madam President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the nonsalaried appointments just read from the Governor's Message of January 15th. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And a majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointments just read. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senators Hendon and Geo-Karis, Co-Chairmen of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message of February 6, 2004, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate do not advise and consent to the following appointment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Madam President, with respect to the Governor's Message of January {sic}(February) 6th, 2004, I will read the nonsalaried appointment of which the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do not advise and consent. If you agree with the Committee, your vote will be No. If you disagree, vote Yes or Present. But this is a "do not advise and consent", and we're looking for... The name is before us. If you agree on the do not advise and consent, you will vote No. If you -- if you -- if you want to reject the -- the nominee, you will vote No. Madam President -- oh!

To be a member of the Illinois Gaming Board for a term commencing January 2nd {sic}(22nd), 2004, and ending July 1st, 2006: William E. Fanning.

Madam -- Madam President, having read the salaried appointment from which the Governor's Message of February 6th, 2004, I now seek leave to consider the appointment on a roll call. Madam President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is -- is there any discussion? Senator Petka.

SENATOR PETKA:

Thank you, Madam President. Question of the Chairman of the Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Chairman indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR PETKA:

Senator, when we were in Executive Appointments this morning, there was more than a little bit of confusion, at least on our side of the aisle, about this particular appointment, being -- first of all, the question being divided and then

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moving forward with a do not recommend motion. Would you agree with me that a do not recommend motion is a rather unusual, almost a highly unusual type of motion during a session in the Executive Appointments?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Well, I -- I would agree, but perhaps it should happen a little more often.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Petka.

SENATOR PETKA:

I was -- I had an opportunity, after we left the Executive Appointments Committee, to examine the resume of this gentleman, who was not before the committee today. Can you please or some Member of your side of the aisle please inform myself and a few others of what flaw or flaws that this person had that would require such a -- a heavy type of motion and a specific do not recommend?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

I found no personal flaw in Mr. -- Fanning; however, our rules do require that all nominees contact the Chairman and the Vice Chairman and the Co-Chairman, Senator Geo-Karis, and discuss their positions on the issues. Mr. Fanning failed to do so; therefore, we recommend that he be rejected.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Petka.

SENATOR PETKA:

Again, Senator, just in connection with the protocol that was adopted about -- and a Member's right to, perhaps, insist that the person be held for purposes of -- of a hearing, when -- when you adopted the protocol when you were appointed Co-Chairman of the Committee on Executive Appointments, an individual Senator could, in fact, hold the -- the -- the process if the nominee did not or refused to meet with -- with that Senator or Member of the Committee. But I'm not -- I can never recall an instance where we had that to be a grounds for a

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person to be do not recommend. I mean, we ordinarily would hold them until such time as a meeting was either arranged. Are you suggesting that if a person does not contact the Committee Member when requested, that that will be the new litmus test for deciding whether or not a person should be recommended or not?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

I -- I find it very difficult to recommend anyone who I haven't had the opportunity to speak with, who hasn't spoken with the Chairman or the Vice Chairman of the Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Petka.

SENATOR PETKA:

So that -- Mr. Chairman, is your opinion then that you found no flaw in this person other than he refused to meet with a -- either a Member of the Committee or -- or another Senator?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

I can find neither way on this particular person because the person did not share, did not care to follow the protocol and share their ideas with me. So, I have no opinion of them up or down. We voted in Committee. Those who were in disagreement had the right to vote Present or either way they wanted, but it's now before the Body and I'd like to put the -- have the President, Madam President, call the question as required by our rules.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Petka.

SENATOR PETKA:

There seems to be a suspicion among some of us, and I guess I'll include that -- and include myself within that category, that the reason or reasons that this person may have not met the stamp of approval, at least the Majority side, was that this person may have not voted correctly in connection with a recent decision that was before the Gaming Board. Senator, can you confirm whether or not my suspicions are correct on that matter?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Being a former prosecutor, I guess you're always suspicious of something, but that had nothing to do with it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Petka.

SENATOR PETKA:

Well, then I -- I would just like to speak to the Senate in connection with this nominee. I do not know the gentleman. I've never had the opportunity to meet with him. I never had an opportunity to question him in any way, shape or form. But it does seem to me that there's a -- the road that we are embarking upon which may not necessarily reflect favorably upon this institution, and that is to -- to simply, literally at random, pull a person out and decide that he should not be recommended merely because he chose not -- or, for some reason his schedule and a -- and a Member of this Senate's schedule did not coincide. If, in fact, it turned out to be that this person had voted wrong, that -- even in connection with a pending matter that was before that person's particular board, that makes the precedent even that much more dangerous, that we would yank an individual for that reason alone. I can't say whether he's a good nominee or a bad nominee because all I have is printed paper and we never even had the opportunity to question this gentleman. So that I would recommend that the vote that we have, at least on this side of the aisle, is the same that we did in Committee, and that's to vote Present.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Geo-Karis, from Senator Sieben's seat.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Madam -- President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Mr. Fanning, to my recollection, did call me, and I did talk with him and I suggested that he talk to his sponsor and also to Senator Hendon and -- and to Senator Jones, President Jones. And whether he did or not, I don't know. But I have no objection to him, and I just want to clear the record on it. And I would suggest, as Senator Petka said, that we vote Present on this side.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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Is there any further discussion? Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Well, Madam President, since Senator Petka, being the honest man he is, admits that he -- the gentleman never talked to him at all, that further gives evidence to the reason why we'd like red lights for him today. Will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Just remember that a No vote means that you do not advise and consent to this nomination. The question is... On considering the Report of an Executive Appointments Committee on a nomination, the Presiding Officer shall put the following question: Does the Senate advise and consent to the nomination just made. The question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the nonsalaried appointment just read from the Governor's Message of February 6th. All those in favor will vote -- Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 16 Ayes, 28 Nays, 10 voting Present, and a majority of the Senators elected having refused to give their advise and consent by record vote, the Senate rejects the appointment of William E. Fanning to the office of member of the Illinois Gaming Board. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports. Senator Geo-Karis, from Senator Sieben's seat, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

I believe we -- that would -- that would -- that would require thirty votes, would it not?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Correct. It did not pass. Not approved. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senators Hendon and Geo-Karis, Co-Chairmen of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message of February 10, 2004, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

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SENATOR HENDON:

Madam President, with respect to the Governor's Message of February 6th, 2004, I will read the nonsalaried appointments of which the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

To be a member of the Illinois and Missouri Bi-State Development Agency for a term commencing January 28th, 2004, and ending January 19th, 2009: Fonzy Coleman.

To be a member of the Kaskaskia Regional Port District Board for -- for a term commencing January 26th, 2004, and ending June 30th, 2006: Clement Esker.

To be a member of the Springfield {sic}(Illinois) Medical District Commission for a term commencing January 22nd, 2004, and ending June 30th, 2005: Lu Ann Johnson.

Madam President, having read the nonsalaried appointments from the Governor's Message of February 6th, 2004, I now seek leave to consider the appointments on a roll call. Madam President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the nonsalaried appointments just read from the Governor's Message of February 6th. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there were 52 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And a majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointments just read. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senators Hendon and Geo-Karis, Co-Chairmen of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message of February 10, 2004, reported the same back with a recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

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Madam President, with respect to the Governor's Message of February 10th, 2004, I will read the nonsalaried appointment of which the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

To be a member of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority for a term commencing February 6th, 2004, and ending June 1st, 2005: Bruce Meckler.

Madam President, having read the nonsalaried appointments from the Governor's Message of February 10th, 2004, I now seek leave to consider the appointment on a roll call. Madam President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the nonsalaried appointment just read from the Governor's Message of February 10th. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there were 54 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointments just read. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senators Hendon and Geo-Karis, Co-Chairmen of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message of February 20, 2004, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Madam President, with respect to the Governor's Message of February 20th, 2004, I will read the nonsalaried appointment of which the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

To be a member of the Joliet Arsenal Development Authority for a term commencing February 13th, 2004, and ending January 15th, 2007: Anthony "Jay" Plese.

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Madam President, having read the nonsalaried appointments from the Governor's Message of February 20th, 2004, I now seek leave to consider the appointment on a roll call. Madam President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? If none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the nonsalaried appointment just read from the Governor's Message of February 20th. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And a majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointments just read. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senators Hendon and Geo-Karis, Co-Chairmen of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message of April 1, 2004, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Madam President, with respect to the Governor's Message of April 1st, 2004, I will read the nonsalaried appointment of which the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

To be a member of the State Police Merit Board for a term commencing March 29th, 2004, and ending March 15th, 2010: Richard Joutras.

Madam President, having read the nonsalaried appointments from the Governor's Message of April 1st, 2004, I now seek leave to consider the appointment on a roll call. Madam President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the nonsalaried appointment just read from the Governor's Message of April 1st.

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All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And a majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointments just read. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senators Hendon and Geo-Karis, Co-Chairmen of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message of April 22nd, 2004, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Madam President, with respect to the Governor's Message of April 22nd, 2004, I will read the nonsalaried appointments of which the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

To be a member of the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission for a term commencing April 19th, 2004, and ending June 30th, 2006: Jeanne Dolphus Cotton.

To be a member of the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission for a term commencing April 2nd, 2004, and ending June 30th, 2005: Senator Don Harmon.

To be a member of the Health Facilities Planning Board for a term commencing April 8th, 2004, and ending July 1st, 2005: Pamela Orr.

To be a member of the Board of Higher Education for a term commencing April 8th, 2004, and ending January 31st, 2007: Robert Ruiz.

To be the Public Guardian and Public Administrator of Edgar County for a term commencing April 12th, 2004, and ending December 4th, 2006: Amy Smith.

To be a member of the Advisory Council on Spinal Cord and Head Injuries for a term commencing April 2nd, 2004, and ending June 30th, 2006: William Bogdan.

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To be a member of the Advisory Council on Spinal Cord and Head Injuries for a term commencing April 19th, 2004, and ending June 30th, 2005: Karen Campbell.

To be a member of the Advisory Council on Spinal Cord and Head Injuries for a term commencing April 19th, 2004, and ending June 30th, 2005: Dawn Henry.

To be a member and Chair of the Sport Facilities Authority for a term commencing April 2nd, 2004 and ending June 30th, 2006: Peter Bynoe.

To be a member of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees for a term commencing April 8th, 2004, and ending January 17th, 2005: William Epperly.

Madam President, having read the nonsalaried appointments from the Governor's Message of April 22nd, 2004, I now seek leave to consider the appointments on a roll call. Madam President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the nonsalaried appointments just read from the Governor's Message of April 22nd. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointments just read. Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Madam President. I want to thank the Members of this Body and the Members of the Committee. We had a awful long Report. I move that the Senate -- arise from Executive Session.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon moves that the Senate arise from Executive Session. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries. The Senate has arisen from Executive Session. Madam Secretary, Messages.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

A Message from the President, dated April 29, 2004.

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Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-10, I hereby establish December 31, 2004, as the final committee on -- and 3rd Reading deadlines for the following House bills: House Bills 422 and 6229.

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

Message from the Governor by Joseph B. Handley, Deputy Chief of Staff for Legislative Affairs, April 29, 2004.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 93rd General Assembly - I have withdrawn the nomination of the following named persons to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask acknowledgement of this withdrawal to be officially reflected in the record of your Honorable Body.

Rod Blagojevich, Governor.

Message for the Governor by Joseph B. Handley, Deputy Chief of Staff for Legislative Affairs, April 29, 2004.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

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

Rod Blagojevich, Governor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 3377, offered by Senator Bomke.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 514, offered by Senator Bomke.

It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Resolutions Consent Calendar. We will now proceed to the Order of Resolutions Consent Calendar. With

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leave of the Body, all those resolutions read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Madam Secretary, have there been any objections filed to any resolution on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

There have been no objections filed, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries. The resolutions are adopted. Madam Secretary, Messages.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Message from the President, dated April 29, 2004.

Dear Madam Secretary - Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rules 3-1 and 3-2 and 3-3, I hereby appoint Senator James Clayborne as Vice Chairperson of the -- pardon me, Senate Select Committee on Public Pension Investments, effective immediately. Sincerely, Emil Jones, Jr., Senate President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, on the Order of Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution 74, offered by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 74)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Thank you, Madam President. This is the adjournment resolution. The Senate will stand adjourned until next Tuesday at 12 o'clock. That's May 4th. I would move adoption of the -- I would move for the suspension of the rules and adoption of the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Welch moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 74. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

I would move the adoption of the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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Senator Welch moves for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 74. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 74, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 12 noon on Tuesday, May 4th, 2004. The Senate stands adjourned.