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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, the regular Session of the 93rd General Assembly will please come to order. Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journal of Monday, June 28, 2004, from the regular Session.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Haine moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Senator Jacobs, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Insurance and Pension Committee will meet at 2 o'clock in Room 400. And if we're there sharp, we shouldn't be too long.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

The -- Ladies and Gentlemen, for all Members, the Insurance Committee will meet today at the hour of 2 o'clock - the hour of 2 o'clock in Room 400. Thank you. Senator Sandoval, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'd like to welcome some of my honored guests who have visited me here this afternoon. The family of my assistant Theresa Hood. I'd like to acknowledge Theresa's mother and father, Joseph and Mary Powell, their -- her daughters, Jessica Hood, Jennifer Foy and their children, Christian, Alexa and Caleb Foy. Would you please rise? And welcome them to Springfield, Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

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Will our guests in the gallery please rise and be welcomed? Welcome to Springfield. Senator Burzynski, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you. Since we're here in -- in town today, it's a beautiful day to -- June 29th, and this is a day that shall live on in infamy in Senator Dave Syverson's life. This is Senator Syverson's birthday today. He's sharing it here with us in Springfield. His family sends their love. We've got a cake down here in front, and we're inviting everyone to participate. Senator Syverson's age and IQ are now the same. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Happy birthday, Senator Syverson. So you're the reason why we're here. Senator Hendon, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I was just wondering if Senator Syverson got a riverboat for his birthday.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Petka, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR PETKA:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR PETKA:

Thank you. Joining me, and in our presence is the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Will County, 12th Judicial Circuit, Judge Steve White. I'd appreciate a warm -- welcome for him.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Welcome to Springfield, Judge. 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 refused to concur with the

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Senate in the adoption of their amendments to a bill of the following title, to wit:

House Bill 3835, together with House {sic} Amendments 1, 3 and 4.

Non-concurred in by the House, June 9, 2004.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, Resolutions, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 615, offered by Senator Martinez.

It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Ladies and Gentlemen, as previously announced, we're now in regular Session of the 93rd General Assembly. We'll be going to page 9 of your Calendar. Page 9 of the Calendar, House Bills 3rd Reading, is House Bill 759. 759. Senator Lauzen. Senator Lauzen. Leave of the Body, we'll come back to House Bill 759. Senator Burzynski, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Well, I -- I know that Senator Lauzen's bill is very important to Senator Lauzen, Senator Harmon, and Senator Lauzen is making his way back to the Floor as I'm standing here trying to tell about the importance of this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you for that stall tactic. Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, back on House Bills 3rd Reading. Page 9 of the Calendar. House Bill 759. Senator Lauzen seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 759 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 House Bill 759. Madam Secretary, are there any -- amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senators Lauzen and Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Lauzen, to explain the amendment, sir.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. I would just ask the Body to adopt Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 759.

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Has two components that help schoolchildren in Senator Harmon's district and my district. And I'd appreciate your positive consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would just echo Senator Lauzen and -- and tell my colleagues on both sides of the aisle that this is indeed important to my district, and I, too, ask for your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Senator Lauzen -- moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 759. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

3rd Reading. Senator Halvorson, for what purpose do you rise, ma'am?

SENATOR HALVORSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to announce a Democratic Caucus immediately upon adjournment of all our Sessions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. The lady has requested a Democratic Caucus. Immediately upon adjournment, Democrats will report to Senator Emil Jones' Office. Senator Burzynski, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. We'd like to announce a Republican Caucus upon adjournment, recess, standing at ease, whatever you'd like to do today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you very much. That request is always in order. Republicans have requested a Republican Caucus in Senator Watson's Office immediately upon adjournment. Okay. Ladies and

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Gentlemen, seeing that there's no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate will stand adjourned until the hour of 12:25 on Wednesday, June 30th. The Senate stands adjourned.