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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The regular Session of the 94th 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 Pastor Clint Cook of First General Baptist Church in Springfield.

PASTOR CLINT COOK:

(Prayer by Pastor Clint Cook)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Please remain standing for the Pledge. Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, February 1, 2005.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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 Hunter moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Madam Secretary, Messages.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Message from the President, dated February 1 {sic}(2), 2005.

Dear Madam Secretary - Please be advised that the number of majority and minority appointees to the Energy and Environment Committee should be changed from seven and four, to eight and five. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Sincerely, Emil Jones, Jr., Senate President.

I have another Message from the President, dated January 26, 2005.

Dear Madam Secretary - Please be advised that I have made the following appointments, to be effective immediately, to the 94th General Assembly Standing Committees. If you have any questions, please contact my Chief of Staff, Courtney Nottage, at 782-3920.

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 31, offered by Senator Shadid and all Members.

It is a death resolution.

And Senate -- pardon me, and Senate Resolution -- pardon me, Senate Resolution 30, offered by Senator Dillard and all Members.

Senate Resolution 32, offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Members.

Senate Resolution 33, also offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Members.

They're all death resolutions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution, Constitutional Amendment, No. 7, offered by Senators Luechtefeld, Watson, John O. Jones, Dillard, Althoff and Dahl.

Senate Resolutions {sic} 34, offered by Senator Watson.

Senate Resolution 35, offered by Senator Martinez.

And Senate Resolution 36, offered by Senator Hunter.

They're all substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Introduction of Bills. Senator DeLeo, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DeLEO:

Thank you very much, Madam President. I'd just like a point of personal privilege to remind the members of the Senate Democrats, the Senate Democrats, we will be meeting at Room 400 at 1 o'clock today for a member seminar. So member -- informational seminar in Room 400 at 1 o'clock. Madam President, thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you, Senator DeLeo. Senator Burzynski, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

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Thank you, Madam President. It's a pleasure to see you today. It's a pleasure to be here. I have two announcements if you'll...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

...bear with me. First of all, that Senator Lauzen is absent today because of business in his district office. And also that the Senate Republicans will be caucusing at 2 o'clock this afternoon - at 2 o'clock. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Point of personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

I -- I would like to welcome to the Senate, and introduce to those Senators who haven't had the opportunity to meet them, two officials of the National Conference of State Legislatures. Natalie O'Donnell from the Denver office is one of the policy gurus that is helpful to our staffs across both Chambers and -- and both parties. And she's accompanied by Michael Bird, one of the senior committee directors out of the Washington, D.C., office, who was primarily the lead lobbyist on the federal fiscal aid that Illinois received - seven hundred and eighty-nine million dollars - as well as the enhanced F match through the efforts and our participation in NCSL. I would appreciate if I could recognize them from the -- if you'd recognize them from the Chair and if we would welcome them to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Welcome to the Senate. Are they in the galleries? Oh, in the back. Good to see you guys. Thank you for being here. And if you haven't had a chance yet to visit with the two of them, please do so. Senator Clayborne, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Point of an announcement.

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State your announcement.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Senator Shadid is not here today due to a family illness.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

I have sitting next to me a young lady who is from Mongolia and who worked in the foreign service of the United States in Mongolia. And she's studying government, and her name is Biagalmaa Byambaa. And I'll give you the -- the spelling -- from northern Mongolia, which is controlled -- is independent. Southern Mongolia is controlled by the Chinese. So I would like you to welcome -- Biagalmaa.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Will our guest please rise? Welcome to Springfield. Madam Secretary, Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 144, offered by Senator David Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 145, offered by Senator Dave Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 146, offered by Senator Dave Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 147, offered by Senator Dave Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 148, offered by Senator Dave Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 149, also offered by Senator Dave Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 150, offered by Senators Luechtefeld, Watson, John O. Jones, Dillard, Althoff and Dahl.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill -- pardon me, 151, offered by Senators Luechtefeld and Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 152, offered by Senators Luechtefeld and Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 153, offered by Senators Luechtefeld and Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 154, offered by Senator Althoff.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 155, offered by Senator Pankau.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 156, offered by Senator Silverstein.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 157, offered by Senator Schoenberg.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 158, offered by Senator Crotty.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 159, offered by Senator Crotty.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 160, offered by Senator Shadid.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 161, offered by Senator Lightford.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 162, offered by Senator Lightford.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 163, offered by Senator Lightford.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 164, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 165, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 166, offered by Senator Martinez.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 167, offered by Senator Martinez.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 168, offered by Senator Martinez.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 169, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 170, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 171, offered by Senator Link.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 172, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 173, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 174, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 175, offered by Senator Dave Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 176, offered by Senator Shadid.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 177, offered by Senator Crotty.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 178, offered by Senator Crotty.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 179, offered by Senator Crotty.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 180, offered by Senator Crotty.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 181, offered by Senator Crotty.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 182, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 183, offered by Senator Silverstein.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 184, offered by Senator Silverstein.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 185, offered by Senator Silverstein.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 186, offered by Senator Silverstein.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 187, offered by Senator Silverstein.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 188, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 189, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 190, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 191, offered by Senator Martinez.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill -- pardon me, 192, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 193, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 194, offered by Senator Harmon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 195, offered by Senator Harmon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 196, offered by Senator Harmon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 197, offered by Senator Maloney.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 198, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 199, offered by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 200, offered by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 201, offered by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 202, offered by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 203, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 204, offered by Senator Sandoval.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 205, offered by Senator Sandoval.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 206, offered by Senator Sandoval.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 207, offered by Senator Sandoval.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 208, offered by Senator Sandoval.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 209, offered by Senator Sandoval.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 210, offered by Senator Cullerton.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 211, offered by Senator Hunter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 212, offered by Senator Hunter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill -- 213, offered by Senator John Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 214, offered by Senator John Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 215, offered by Senator John Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 216 -- pardon me, 217, offered by Senator John Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 218, offered by Senator John Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 216, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 218, offered by Senator John Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 219, offered by Senator Harmon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 220, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 221, offered by Senator Shadid.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 222, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 223, offered by Senator del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

(Senate Bill 224) (Bill within parentheses submitted in writing, but inadvertently not read into the record.)

Senate Bill 225, offered by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 226, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 227, offered by Senator Maloney.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 228, offered by Senator Cullerton.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 229, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 230, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill -- pardon me, 231, offered by Senator Hunter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 232, offered by Senator Viverito.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 233, offered by Senator Sandoval.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 234, offered by Senator Martinez.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 235, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 236, offered by Senator Sieben.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 237, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 238, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 239, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 240, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill 241, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

Senate Bill 242, offered by Senator Dave Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill 243, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of those two bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

There being no further business to come before the -- oh, I apologize. Senator Hendon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Madam President. I -- I would like for the -- to have the attention of all the Members, a point -- for an

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announcement. The annual Senate/House softball game date has been set for May the 11th. The cowards on the other -- in the other Chamber have began bragging about how bad they're going to beat us this year, and how lousy we looked last year. So we set a date - they set the date, they picked the time, they picked the place - May 11th. So let's start getting in shape. As you go back home, get in shape. Let's get ready. We have to whop those folks on the other side in the lower Chamber this year. Game's May 11th and we will have practices, 'cause we're going to beat the House. This is our year.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Burzynski, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you. A -- a question of Senator Hendon. Senator Hendon, perhaps, if -- if May 11th doesn't work real well, we can schedule a rematch for July when we're here. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Well, while -- while -- while I understand that your -- your Leader is very adept at getting us into July, hopefully we'll do May 11th and get out of here May 29th.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 11 a.m., tomorrow, Wednesday {sic}(Thursday), February 3rd, 2005. The Senate stands adjourned.