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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 Father Chuck Edwards of Little Flower Catholic Church in Springfield.

FATHER CHUCK EDWARDS:

(Prayer by Father Chuck Edwards)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Please remain standing for the Pledge. Senator Maloney.

(Pause for Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

There will be a meeting of the Rules Committee immediately in the President's Anteroom. Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Personal privilege. Madam President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate -- could I have their attention? I have a very sad message. I received a call that Sean Maher, S-E-A-N, Maher of Grayslake, Illinois - my constituent - lost his life yesterday in Iraq attached to mortar fire propelled rockets. He was a Marine who graduated from Warren High School, 2003, a fabulous athlete, wonderful person, an outstanding soldier. The family would like him to be recognized on the Floor of the Senate today. And I ask for a moment of silence for my good constituent, a wonderful boy, Sean Maher - M-A-H-E-R, S-E-A-N.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you, Senator Geo-Karis. We'll have a moment of silence. Thank you. Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, February 2, 2005.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hunter. Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, 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)

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

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Viverito, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Agriculture and Conservation Committee - Senate Bills 15, 123, 124, -- 214, 215 and 236; refer to Appropriations I Committee - Senate Bills 60 and 225; refer to Commerce and Economic Development Committee - Senate Bills 7, 14, 16, 17, 82, 84 and 113; refer to Education Committee - Senate Bills 2, 4, 10, 31, 41, 47, 58, 64, 68, 69, 81, 87, 88, 161, 162, 163, 176, 211, 212 and 223; refer to Environment and Energy Committee - Senate Bills 8, 67, 90, 93, 96, 105, 109, 110, 130, 146, 149, 237, 238 and 239; refer to Executive Committee - Senate Bills 1, 19, 46, 51, 52, 122, 226 and 235; refer to Financial Institutions Committee - Senate Bills 23, 173 and 209; refer to Health and Human Services Committee - Senate Bills 3, 11, 24, 26, 63, 70, 89, 116, 142, 157, 159, 197, 199, 200, 201, 224, 231, 232 and 242; refer to Higher Education Committee - Senate Bill 131; refer to Housing and Community Affairs Committee - Senate Bills 75, 91, 101, 129, 166, 167, 191, 192, Senate Resolution 29 and Senate Joint Resolution 2; refer to Insurance Committee - Senate Bills 12, 32, 132 and 220; refer to Judiciary Committee - Senate Bills 18, 20, 30, 42, 45, 48, 50, 53, 55, 56, 57, 65, 71, 72, 73, 74, 78, 92, 95, 97, 98, 100, 102, 104, 107, 121, 135, 154, 155, 165, 174, 186, 189, 190, 194, 196, 204 {sic}(203), 208, 219, 233, 241 and 243; refer to Labor Committee - Senate Bills 6, 9, 37, 77, 103, 143, 164 and 170; refer to Licensed Activities Committee - Senate Bills 86, 139, 140, 141, 158, 183, 184, 202 and 205; refer to Local Government Committee - Senate Bills 22, 94, 153, 168, 169, 171, 172, 185, 187, 204, 207, 221 and 227; refer to Pensions and -- Investments Committee - Senate Bills 21, 27, 34, 35 {sic}(36), 38, 49, 134, 217 and 234; refer to Revenue Committee - Senate Bills 29, 61, 79, 80, 83, 85, 112, 115, 125, 126, 133, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 198 and 230; refer to State Government Committee - Senate Bills 13, 40, 118, 120, 136, 137, 156 and 195; refer to Transportation Committee - Senate

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Shadid, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SHADID:

Thank you, Madam President. Personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR SHADID:

I'm very pleased and honored and -- to introduce to the Floor, my fellow Senators, my granddaughter, Lauren, who's here to spend the day today. Lauren.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Welcome to Springfield, Lauren. Senator DeLeo, for what purpose you rise?

SENATOR DeLEO:

Thank you very much, Madam President. Would like the record to reflect that Senator Silverstein and Senator Clayborne are on personal business in their respective districts. We'd like the record to so reflect that, ma'am.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

I'm sorry. That was pressed by mistake. I apologize.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Madam President. Just to say it's quite obvious that Senator Shadid's granddaughter got her looks and her hair from the grandmother's side of the family.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senate President Emil Jones, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR E. JONES:

A point -- a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR E. JONES:

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Today, my friends, today is the day that my long, long-valued friend, my -- our most competent Chief of Staff, Courtney Nottage, will be leaving us. It's -- this is the last day we will be in Session this week, so he'll -- it'll be the last day he'll be serving with us while we are in Session. Courtney Nottage, who -- who was my legal counsel from the years 1993 through '98, he -- he did a brief stint in the House but he recognized that the Senate was the best Chamber to be in, and he served as my legal counsel on this side for many years and then became Chief of Staff. He's a person of -- of strong will; at the same time, a very fair individual. He worked on many key pieces of legislation in the past: the ethics reform legislation, the death penalty reform legislation. He's our Ethics Officer, as well as the Freedom of Information Officer, for the entire Senate. He's a person that I have the utmost trust and confidence in, and the Members do likewise. He's a very fair person. It's a great loss, but also a gain. The job of Chief of Staff, as you know, is one that require a person to be available at all times: the day, night, on weekends. He has -- has two lovely daughters. I know he'd like to spend more time with them. But I hate to lose him, but again, we do wish him well in his new endeavor. Today is his last day. And, Courtney -- where are you my friend? He -- a very fair, ethical person, one who is levelheaded. And sometimes I know individuals don't get all that they want, but he tried to keep us on -- on key, or keep us -- keep us pointed in the right direction. He's done such a tremendous job as Chief of Staff. Courtney, we're going to miss you, but I know you still will come around once in a while to see us. We will have a sign on the rail, in case you decide to come on the outside there, with your name on it. But we wish you -- well as you move to the private sector, and thanks for all that you've done for us on this side of the aisle. Thank you for being my friend. Thank you for being our great Chief of Staff, and thank you for being the Ethics Officer, and I thank you for all the service you've given us.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

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Thank you, Madam President. You know, after that long applause, I'd be worried about Courtney getting a big head, but it's too late for that; he already got the big head. And I -- I've got to be honest: President obviously doesn't love him that much; there's no cake. Where's the cake for the guy? No flowers, no nothing, just words, words, words, words. He hear those a lot. Courtney, I just want to say: Wish you well. You know, you can always come up to my office, but now I'm going to finally have the opportunity to get you back for all the times you said no. But, on your way out the door, maybe you can give me three or four more positions for the west side before 5 o'clock rolls around. I really would appreciate it. Finally, you know, Courtney had a big afro before he got here, but in order to be politically correct, he put that mousse in his hair and got that little curl thing. So now we're going to wonder, will he have the "Bill Shaw" when we see him again, or will he still have that curl. Good luck, my brother.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you very much, Madam President. And -- and those of us on this side also want to pass on our good -- best wishes to Courtney. He was -- he worked well with us. It's -- it's lonely being at the top. I know that being Chief of Staff -- difficult times. Brian and I've discussed that even as -- today. It's kind of a bumpy road sometimes, and I -- but you've done a great job. You're highly respected by your Members. You're highly respect -- respected by your staff, and that's -- that's an important quality that you -- you have to do what you have to do, but still everybody understands and respects the decisions that -- that you have -- that have to be made. I wish you well, obviously, as you go. We're going to see more of you on this side now that you're going out there. So we'll be looking forward to having you in our office, and -- and I -- we know you'll do well in that, Courtney, 'cause you're -- you'll do the same type of quality work when you come to see us and give us the information that we need to have as you've done as Chief of Staff for the Democrats. And we thank you for -- for everything you've done for us, and you've been very fair, and we wish you well.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. I've known Courtney since we were both young lawyers working on a variety of -- of governmental and political legal matters. And as a -- a new Member relating to a Chief of Staff, I just want to thank Courtney. He's always been gracious and generous with his time. He is an excellent lawyer and a -- a thoughtful counselor. I know I will miss you, Courtney. I know all the new Members will miss you. So, God bless you and Godspeed, and enjoy the private sector.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Courtney, I want to thank you for your many, many kindnesses and help. You've been a real gentleman and you have certainly been a most capable right hand to Emil Jones. And I want to wish you the best. You are not only a gentleman, but you're a caring gentleman and you've been very fair to us too on this side. And, again, I wish you the best in life. And, God bless you and your family and keep you well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Madam President. I guess maybe this is the time to get even, because Courtney had a unique way of doing something; he would be able to come up to you, or at least I knew he did it to me with either a phone call or in person, and I knew something was up when he would put his arm around me, or he would be real nice, and I knew something was up. And it wasn't asking me about my health or how your day was going; it was usually he wanted something, or there was something up that Courtney wanted, and -- and it wasn't usually to my benefit. But most of the time, probably ninety-nine percent of the time, I went along with Courtney on this. He had a unique way of doing that, of convincing me that what -- his idea was right and that it made it to be my idea after he talked to me. But Courtney was always

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there for me, and -- Senator Harmon, I never realized he was a lawyer. You know, I thought he was helping me on those subcircuit bills because it was just good government. But now that he's a lawyer, I have different feelings. But -- and, Senator Hendon, I know why he changed that hairdo, because he is considering a move up to Lake County, and he's already got a nice house picked out in Lake County now that he's in the private sector. But Courtney's always been there for us, and I got to tell you, he's been that advice that we needed, he's been that shoulder that we needed, and he's been somebody that has been guidance for all of us. And I -- I've got to say that he's become a true friend for, I think, all of us, and he's truly going to be missed. And when I say that, Courtney, about being missed, I really mean it, because I hope we could continue on the word miss; now that you're going be into the lobbying field, we really do not want to see you anymore. But we appreciate everything you've done. We look forward to working with you in the future, and thank you for what you've done for this caucus.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Thank you, Madam President. I just want to echo what many others have said, and part of Courtney's strength was his just incredible charm. And there was always that feeling when you would approach Courtney and he'd have some version of the Rules Report in his hand, and he and Dave Gross would be working together on it and you'd come up and kind of, "Hey, Courtney, you got a minute?" And, you know, and we'd ask, "Hey, is such and such a bill?" or "Can we get such and such a bill on the Rules Report, or is it on the Rules Report?" He just had this way about him, his looking, and this, kind of, being fairly sympathetic, actually, in saying, "Wow, it just didn't make the Report and there's, you know, there's nothing I can do about it." So he had -- even though he was complicit in having us be roadkill basically for the past two years, he -- he would come at us with a real smile on his face and it made it a lot easier to take. So, Courtney, you're a star and you've got twenty-seven friends over here who will do everything we can to make you to continue to be a big, big success.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Jones.

SENATOR E. JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Madam President. Recognizing it is a loss and but I know we will still be seeing quite a bit of Courtney. But a person whom I've had the pleasure of working with when I chaired the Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activity Committee, one whom I requested to be my staff person at that time, and she is now my assistant -- special assistant, but she's equally qualified, knows the system, very fair, and this is the year of the lady -- of the women, and Jill Rock will assume the position of Chief of Staff on this side of the aisle. And she can be tough. She can be tough. But Jill Rock will be our new Chief of Staff to assume the duties that Courtney is -- is leaving.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Chicago Tribune seeks leave to photograph the proceedings. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 37, offered by Senator Lightford. It is a death resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution No. 38, offered by Senator Rauschenberger and all Republican Members.

Senate Resolution 39, offered by Senator Harmon.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. -- pardon me, No. 9, offered by Senator Crotty.

And they're all substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, on the Order of Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 8, offered by Senator Viverito.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 8)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Viverito moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 8. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The

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Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Viverito now moves for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 8. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Madam Secretary, Messages.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

A Message from the President, dated February 2, 2005.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-3(a), I am creating a special committee on education funding that will be called the Senate Select Committee on Education Funding Reform. Please be advised that Senate Select Committee on Education Funding Reform will consist of six Members: three Members of the Majority Caucus including Co-Chairperson, and three Members of the Minority Caucus, including one Co-Chairperson.

Sincerely, Emil Jones, Jr., Senate President.

A Message from the Minority Leader.

Dear Madam Secretary - pardon me, that's dated February 2, 2005. Dear Madam Secretary - Please be advised that, pursuant to Senate Rule 3-2, I have made the following appointments to the standing committees of the 94th General Assembly as indicated on the attached. These appointments are effective immediately. If you have any questions, please contact my Chief of Staff.

Sincerely, Frank Watson, Senate Republican Leader.

Message, dated February 3, 2005.

Dear Madam Secretary - It is with mixed emotions I hereby tender my resignation from this august Body effective Monday, February 7, 2005, at 6 o'clock p.m. I say with mixed emotions because on one hand I will miss the friendship and fellowship of this fine, upstanding Body of which I've been privileged to have served as a Member for over eighteen years. On the other hand I will enjoy the freedom that retirement brings to map my time on my terms. Little does the electorate know the time restraints that are placed on a legislator's personal time! I would be remiss if I did not thank each and every one of you for the kindnesses and considerations you have shown to me over these eighteen years plus! I would also be remiss if I did not recognize and thank the voters of the 36th District for this tremendous opportunity to have served the people of that district and the people of the State of Illinois. However, as the song goes, if you know when -- "you have to know when to hold 'em and"

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when -- "and know when to fold 'em" and it is time -- my time to "fold 'em"! In closing let me say "Thank You" to the three Presidents under which I have served, Phil Rock, Pate Philip and Emil Jones, all of whom provided firm, decisive leadership. As Bob Hope would say, "Thanks for the memories".

Respectfully, Denny Jacobs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Jones.

SENATOR E. JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Madam President. You know, he -- Senator Jacobs tried to slip one in on us, as always, and he and I had a long talk this morning and we didn't discuss this departure. We knew it was coming. He said what prompted him to do it now is that when the Tribune had him on the front page exercising his constitutional right and we passed a memo to curtail those constitutional rights on the Senate Floor. And so he'll be leaving us, and -- but he -- he didn't want us to tell you all the great things about him, including the bad things. He didn't want to go through that. And he told me just a few minutes ago, he said, "I know what they're going to say about me, so I don't want go through that. I went around and told everyone I was leaving. That's -- that was good enough". And he slipped that resignation letter in so he could sneak away from us. And Rick Pearson used to sit in that box right there, Denny, and I know you got cigarettes from him. And -- and you -- and you contaminated Tony Munoz, even myself, as you passed 'em out. But it -- it's been great serving with you, Denny. Denny's -- in Denny's family, I knew his father quite well. I know his son. I know his grandson. All that -- all in -- those generations I know in your family, Denny. It was a great honor serving with you and your father, and I look forward to serving with your son. I think he will be a great, great Senator. And that's one thing I say about this university: You have a opportunity to meet people from all walks of life. And you are a great representative for the -- the Quad City area, coming in behind Clarence Darrow. But you're not going to get away; you're not going to get away without the Members of this Body saying all those good things about you. And the words of Kenny Rogers, you say, you -- you know when to fold. You got to know when to hold,

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know when to fold, know when to walk away, and know when to run. And -- and you almost ran away from us, but you got caught. You got -- you got caught. You didn't quite get away. If you would have waited till we adjourned to slip that in, then we would have read that when we came back. We're due to come back here in two weeks. But we wish you well in your endeavor. It's been great serving with you. Your specialty in the area of -- of gaming, you knew it quite, quite well. You done a tremendous job not only in that area, but many other areas. And we worked hard on you. Senator Watson asked me about a piece of legislation, but you -- you held firm. I didn't say anything to you about it. I tried to get that legislation out, but it never got out. And, so -- but we wish you well in -- in the new endeavor. And I don't want to see you hanging on that rail out there. If you're out there, we're going to put a name plate with your name on the rail. And I think we should pass a resolution: all lawmakers and Senators that leave, if they go into the lobbying business, their -- their name plates should be on the rail out there, so you have your permanent station as you continue. But we wish you well in your new life. And when you go home, I guess you can have a cigarette then. Now that -- no more cigarettes at home. But we wish you well in -- in your new endeavor and so forth. Good luck to you and God bless you, old friend.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Madam President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I served with Senator Jacobs' father before him, and I can tell you right now, I have enjoyed serving with Denny. Denny, you're outstanding, you're a real gentleman, you're a caring person, and we love you. God bless you. Whatever you do, I hope you're very successful and healthy.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Brady.

SENATOR BRADY:

Thank you, Madam President. I've known Denny for almost twelve years now. We've had the pleasure of serving on committees together, and I just want to say, I can't think of an individual who's ever served in the Illinois General Assembly

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who's served with more honor and honesty than Denny Jacobs. He has truly been a colleague to all of us. Someone we could trust, and someone that has left this place a better place because of his honesty. We also know that he brought with him a family tradition. We are pleased to see he's likely to leave a family tradition here with us. We look forward to working with him in whatever future endeavors he engages in, because we know he'll do that honorably and honestly. But, Senator Jones, I understand that part of the reason Denny is leaving is the smoking issue, but a lot of us over here think he just didn't want to sit through another State of the State address. So he's getting out early, I think he is going to run. Denny, thank you and God bless you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

None of us are going to make the speech, Senator, if we let everybody speak that's got their light on. Senator del Valle.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Well, Madam President, I don't mind extending our time here in order -- in order to recognize and -- and thank a -- a wonderful friend. Denny came in one month before I did a number of years ago. And when I won my first primary and I had had no prior involvement in politics, I didn't know anyone, I called the -- the Senate President and I said, "I have some time here because I've been campaigning full-time and I'd like to go out and -- and campaign in a district where I could meet someone who's going to be my colleague and where I could contribute." And Denny was the first place I went to, out in East Moline; we went to Silvis. We -- we -- I remember the day we sat in that restaurant and we looked out the window and he said to me, "We've got boats across here in Iowa and we want to have riverboats here in Illinois. We're going to get it done." And that's what I remember clearly, Denny. Denny setting a goal before you started serving and following through and making it happen. And I'm not a big fan of -- of -- of gambling, but, you know, around this place you make friends, and you look for ways of supporting your friends. And at times, you don't always agree with their positions, but friendship is very important in this place. And I think I have cast every vote that Denny has asked me to help him with on -- on riverboats because of who Denny is - a most -- one

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of the most humble Members of this place, one of the most down-to-earth Members of the General Assembly, a warm individual. And -- and, of course, it's not just Denny; it's his entire family. I think it's wonderful that his son has come to join us and I look forward to working with him. And, Denny, thanks for -- for all those wonderful years and all the good times we've had, particularly on inauguration day, your parties - I'm going to miss those parties. But, God bless you, and -- and thank you for everything.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

We received a Message from the House that we are to go there immediately. We will be doing a resolution in the future, but I'd like to have Senator Watson say a few marks {sic} and close. And I apologize to the rest of the speakers. We will be doing another resolution. So you're not getting out of here yet.

SENATOR WATSON:

Well, thank you very much, Madam -- Madam President. Denny, when -- when did your dad leave? What year? Can't remember. Well, maybe it is time for you to go. Jeez. I'm just thinking of -- I'm just thinking over here, I'd be three generations I would have served with, 'cause I think your dad might have been here when I came in and then your son's going to follow you. I -- I do think it's wonderful and -- and Miguel made a great comment about that. And -- and we are going to miss you, Denny. You're one of the class acts here. And -- and we are going to miss you on this side, especially, 'cause every now and then, we were able to, kind of, bring you over, you know. So we're hoping that your son didn't fall too far from the tree, because we need help over here every now and then on some issues and you did -- you worked with us well. And you worked with our side and -- and we appreciate that. And -- and we know you're going to -- to be back and visible around here in -- in Springfield. And we'll look forward to serving with your son. I think that'll be -- that's a -- what a -- what a great honor that is for you, to have your son follow you as you did your father. I just think that's wonderful. So, good luck to you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Resolutions. Madam Secretary, Messages.

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, in the adoption of which I'm instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution 12

(Secretary reads HJR No. 12)

Adopted by the House, February 13 {sic}(3), 2005.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Viverito moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate consideration and adoption of House Joint Resolution 12. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Viverito now moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 12. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and House Joint Resolution 12 is adopted. At this time I would like to announce the Committee of Five Senators who have been appointed to escort the Governor to the House of Representatives: Senator Schoenberg, Senator Demuzio, Senator Raoul, Senator David Sullivan and Senator Wojcik. We will now proceed to the Order of Resolutions Consent Calendar. With 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)

Is there any discussion? 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. And the resolutions are adopted. We will be returning to the Senate Chambers only for perfunctory Session to read in bills at 2 o'clock. Pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 8, the Senate stands adjourned until 12 noon on Tuesday, February 15, 2005. The Senate stands in recess.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

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Pursuant to the adjournment resolution, the Senate is now in perfunctory Session.

Message from the President, dated February 3rd, 2005.

Dear Madam Secretary - Please be advised that I have appointed the following Senators to serve on the Senate Select Committee on Education Reform -- Funding Reform: Senators {sic} Miguel del Valle, Co-Chair, and Senators {sic} William Haine and Senator James Meeks. These appointments are effective immediately. If you have any question regarding these appointments, please contact Courtney Nottage. Sincerely, Emil Jones, Jr., Senate President.

Resolutions:

Senate Resolution 40, offered by Senator Bomke and all Members.

It is a death resolution and will go to the Consent Calendar.

Introduction of Bills:

Senate Bill 244, offered by Senator del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 245, offered by Senator Halvorson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 246, offered by Senator Halvorson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 247, offered by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 248, offered by Senator Shadid.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 249, offered by Senator Shadid.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 250, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 251, offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 252, offered by Senator Jacobs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 253, offered by Senator Emil Jones.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 254, offered by Senators Cullerton, Radogno, Halvorson, Sandoval, Viverito, Schoenberg and Garrett.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 255, offered by Senator del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 256, offered by Senator Althoff.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 257, offered by Senator Harmon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 258, offered by Senator Harmon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 260, offered by Senator Shadid.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

That was Senate Bill 259, by Senator Shadid.

Senate Bill 260, offered by Senator Martinez.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 261, offered by Senators Collins, del Valle, Silverstein, Pankau, Martinez, John Jones and Dave Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 262, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 263, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

(Senate Bill 264.) (Bill within parentheses submitted in writing, but inadvertently not read into the record.)

Senate Bill 265, offered by Senator Righter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 266, offered by Senator Ronen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 267, offered by Senator Ronen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 268, offered by Senator Ronen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 269, offered by Senator Ronen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill 270, offered by Senators Dillard and Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 271, offered by Senator Dave Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 272, offered by Senator Lightford.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 273, offered by Senator DeLeo.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 274, offered by Senator DeLeo.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 275, offered by Senator DeLeo.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 276, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 277, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 278, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 279, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 280, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 281, offered by Senator Shadid.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 282, offered by Senator Shadid.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 283, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 284, offered by Senator Meeks.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 285, offered by Senator Meeks.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 286, offered by Senator Silverstein.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 287, offered by Senator Silverstein.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 288, offered by Senator Sandoval.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 289, offered by Senator Sandoval.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 290, offered by Senator Righter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 291, offered by Senator Risinger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 292, offered by Senator Risinger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 293, offered by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 294, offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 295, offered by Senator Wendell Jones.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 296, offered by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 297, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 298, offered by Senator Halvorson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

Pursuant to the adjournment resolution, the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 15th, the hour of 12 noon. Senate stands adjourned.