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PRESIDENT JONES:

The regular Session of the 94th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Reverend Joseph Eby of the Chatham Presbyterian Church. Reverend Eby.

THE REVEREND JOSEPH EBY:

(Prayer by the Reverend Joseph Eby)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journal of May 31, 2005.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

May 31st, 2005. Mr. President, I move that the Journal just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senators has additions or corrections to offer. And also October 19th, 2005. Mr. President, I move to postpone the reading and approval of the Journals, October 19th, pending -- 2005, pending arrival of the printed transcripts.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Hunter moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Senator Hunter also moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Madam Secretary, Messages from the House.

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 adopted the following joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution 65

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(Secretary reads HJR No. 65)

Adopted by the House, October 25, 2005.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator -- Senator Halvorson moves to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and -- and adoption of House Joint Resolution 65. All in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Resolution approved. Senator Halvorson move for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 65. All in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nays. The Ayes have it. House Joint Resolution 65 is adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like to announce the committee of Senators who will be appointed to escort the Governor to the House -- House of Representatives: Senator Wilhelmi, Senator Demuzio, Senator Halvorson, Senator Millner, and Senator Dillard. Senator Link, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LINK:

Announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Just so long it's about the Cubs.

SENATOR LINK:

There -- there will be a -- there will be a Democratic Caucus immediately following the Governor's speech in the President's Office and we will be talking about a lot of important things, mainly the World Series and the Chicago White Sox.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator, you are out of order. Senator Burzynski, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. For purposes of announcement.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Proceed.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, sir. There will be a Republican Caucus, as well, immediately after the Governor's speech in Senator Watson's Office. If any of you would like to come over, you're more than welcome, but thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

I understand the Cardinals are not in the World Series.

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That's the reason why you wanted them there. Senator Watson, what purpose you rise?

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you very much, Mr. President. And first of all, welcome everybody back to Springfield and it's a pleasure to be here, as always. But I want to take this opportunity. We have two new Members on our side of the aisle and I'd like for those of you who serve the people of this State to recognize the fact that we do have these new Members. One of 'em is standing right here next to me. This is Senator John Millner. John. As we all know, John's a former House Member and was Chief of Police at Elmhurst and is taking the place of Kay Wojcik. So, we're glad to have him here and honored to have him as part of our caucus. Cheryl Axley, Senator Axley over here in the middle sitting next to Pam Althoff. She's Township Clerk in Elk Grove Township and that's where she's from. She's taking Dave Sullivan's place. So, we're glad to have both of these new Members here and hope that we'll have the opportunity to work with them as they represent their districts. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Thank you. A -- a reminder to all Members, we will reconvene on the Floor. Come back here after the Governor's address in the Joint Session. So, don't leave the building, come back here after the Governor's address in -- in Joint Session. Senator Halvorson, what purpose you rise? Could you tone it down a little bit? Senator Halvorson. Senator Halvorson is at my seat.

SENATOR HALVORSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. For a point of an announcement. I would like the record to reflect that Senator Silverstein is not in attendance today or tomorrow.

PRESIDENT JONES:

The record -- the record shall -- the record shall so reflect. Ladies and Gentlemen, we will reconvene immediately after the Governor's address at the call of the Chair. The Senate stands in recess.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The Senate will reconvene. Senate will come to order. Madam Secretary, are there any messages?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Message from the Minority Leader.

Dear Secretary Hawker - Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rule 3-5(b) and (c), I hereby appoint Senator Peter Roskam to replace Senator Christine Radogno as a member of the Senate Rules Committee. This appointment shall take effect immediately. Thank you.

Sincerely, Frank Watson, Senate Republican Leader.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Madam Secretary, are there any motions on the Calendar?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I have two motions. On veto motions, House -- pardon me, Senate Bill 1654, offered by Senator Radogno, and Senate Bill 2104, offered by Senator Sieben.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Now place them on the Calendar. Madam Secretary, any resolutions?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 460, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468 -- pardon me, 467 -- pardon me, through 466. They were all offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

Senate Resolution 467 and Senate Resolutions 468 through Senate Resolution 482, all offered by Senator Forby and all Members.

Senate Resolution 483, offered by Senator Watson and all Members.

Senate Resolution 484, also offered by Senator Watson and all Members.

Senate Resolution 485, offered by Senator Shadid and all Members.

Senate Resolution 486, offered by Senator Forby and all Members.

Senate Resolution 487, offered by Senator Forby and all Members.

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And Senate Resolution 488, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

They're all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 489, offered by Senator Righter and all Members.

It is substantive.

Senate Joint Resolution 53, offered by Senator John Jones.

It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Viverito, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Labor Committee - Floor Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1268; refer to Revenue Committee - Committee Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 2706; refer to State Government Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Joint Resolution 31; refer to Transportation Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 708; and Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Bills 595, 830, 1991 and House Bill 3801.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cullerton, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CULLERTON:

For the purposes of making two announcements.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your announcements.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

The Executive Committee will meet -- the Executive Committee of the Senate will meet in Room 212, at 2:10 p.m., this afternoon. And the second announcement is that the Judiciary Committee will meet at 3 p.m. in the same room, Room 212. That'll be the Executive Committee at 2:10, Judiciary Committee at 3 p.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Ronen, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RONEN:

The Health and Human Services Committee will meet at 3:30

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today in Room 400. That's 3:30, in Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Harmon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

For purposes of an announcement, Mr. President. The Senate Revenue Committee will convene at 2:10 in Room 400. 2:10, in Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hendon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Executive Appointments Committee will meet tomorrow morning at 8 a.m. in Room 212, and it will be quite interesting.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator -- Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Mr. President, I -- this is a point of -- Licensed Activities will meet at 4 o'clock in A-1 at the Stratton Building today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Garrett, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR GARRETT:

For purpose of making an announcement. State Government will meet today at 2:10 in A-1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Lightford, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. Purpose of an announcement. Senate Education will meet at 4:30 in Room 212 today. 4:30, in 212.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

The Rules Committee should have the following additions: Refer to Education Committee - Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 852; and refer to Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 3 to House Bill 806.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Maloney, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR MALONEY:

Purpose of an announcement, Mr. President. The Labor Committee will meet at 4 o'clock in Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Shadid, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SHADID:

An announcement, Mr. President. Transportation Committee will be meeting at 3 p.m., Room 400, Capitol.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Just as a reminder, there will be caucus for each -- caucus immediately upon recess of the Chair. The Senate will stand in recess to the call of the Chair. After committees, the recess -- the Senate will convene to receive Committee Reports and other matters not requiring Floor action. There will be no Floor action until the Senate reconvenes tomorrow at 11 a.m. The Senate stands in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The Senate will come to order. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Lightford, Chairperson of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 852 recommended Do Pass.

Senator Cullerton, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Amendment No. 3 to House Bill 806 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Forby, Chairperson of the Committee on Labor, reports Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1268 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Munoz, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 708 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Harmon, Chairperson to the Committee on Revenue, reports House Bills 1142 and 1731 Do Pass; and House Bill 2706 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Garrett, Chairperson of the Committee on State



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Government, reports House Bills 1716, 3871 and 4025 Do Pass; Senate Joint Resolution 49 Be Adopted; Senate Resolutions 253, 258 and 264 Be Adopted; House Joint Resolutions 34, 42, 43 and 54 Be Adopted; House Joint Resolution 31 Be Adopted, as Amended.

Senators Cullerton and Dillard, Co-Chairpersons of the Committee on Judiciary, reports House Bills 692, 1088, 2459, 2612, 2900 and 2943 Do Pass.

Senator Munoz, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation, reports House Bill 3814 Do Pass.

Senator Ronen, Chairperson of the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports House Bill 3478 Do Pass.

Senator Forby, Chairperson of the Committee on Labor, reports House Bills 1368 and 2133 Do Pass.

Senator Demuzio, Chairperson of the Committee on Licensed Activities, reports House Bill 3158 Do Pass.

And Senator Lightford, Chairperson of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Joint Resolution 52 Be Adopted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 11 a.m. on Wednesday, October 26, 2005. The Senate -- Senate stands adjourned.