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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR VIVERITO)

The regular Session of the 94th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desk? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Dr. Clifford Hayes, First Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Illinois.

DR. CLIFFORD HAYES:

(Prayer by Dr. Clifford Hayes)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR VIVERITO)

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

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR VIVERITO)

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, January 18, 2006.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR VIVERITO)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Mr. 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 VIVERITO)

Senator Hunter moves to approve the Journal just read by the Secretary. There will be no objections, so in order. Senator -- Debbie Halvorson.

SENATOR HALVORSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to announce that Senator Meeks is not in attendance due to business in his district.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR VIVERITO)

Thank you, Senator. It will be recorded. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senators Cullerton, Dillard, Co-Chairpersons of the Committee on Judiciary, report Senate Bills 2156 and 2162 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 2137 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Garrett, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government, reports Senate Bills 2134 and 2252 Be -- Do Pass; and Senate Joint Resolution 57 Be Adopted.

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Jack Conaty with Fox News, permission to film will be granted. 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 15.

Adopted by the House, March 15, 2005.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR VIVERITO)

Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 576, offered by Senator John Jones, Senator Righter and all Members.

Senate Resolution 577, offered by Senator Mattie Hunter and all Members.

Senate Resolution 578 -- oh, pardon me.

Both of those are death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR VIVERITO)

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint - pardon me - Senate Resolution 578, offered by Senators Sandoval and del Valle.

Senate Resolution 579, offered by Senator Wilhelmi.

They are both substantive.

Senate Joint Resolution 61, offered by Senator Brady.

And it is a Constitutional Amendment.

Senate Joint Resolution, Constitutional Amendment, No. 62, offered by Senator Brady.

Senate Joint Resolution 63, offered by Senator Brady - Constitutional Amendment.

Senate Joint Resolution 64, offered by Senator Hunter.

Senate Joint Resolution 65, offered by Senator Watson.

It, too, is a Constitutional Amendment.

Senate Joint Resolution 66, offered by Senator Lightford.

They're all substantive, Mr. President.

And Senate Resolution 580, offered by Senator Righter.

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It, too, is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR VIVERITO)

A Rules Committee -- a Rules Committee will start in five minutes. Thank you.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution 67, offered by Senator Wilhelmi.
It, too, is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Rules Committee meeting immediately in the President's Anteroom. Rules, immediately.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR VIVERITO)

Madam Secretary, 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 -- 2271 and 2334; refer to Commerce and Economic Development Committee - Senate Bills 2262 and 2519; refer to Education Committee - Senate Bills 2336 and 2464; -- refer to Environment and Energy Committee - Senate Bills 2285, 2333, 2353 and 2412; refer to Executive Committee - Senate Bills 2180, 2270 {sic} (2277), 2310, 2318, 2378, 2454 and 2554; refer to Financial Institutions Committee - Senate Bills 2305, 2325 and 2495; refer to Health and Human Services Committee - Senate Bills 2267, 2308, 2381, 2432, 2436, 2437, 2448, 2455, 2465, 2483, 2487, 2491 and 2510; refer to Higher Education Committee - Senate Bills 2312, 2351 and 2376; refer to Housing and Community Affairs Committee - Senate Bills 2290, 2451; refer to Insurance Committee - Senate Bill 2301; refer to Judiciary Committee - Senate Bills 2272, 2284, 2295, 2300, 2303, 2368, 2374, 2391, 2402, 2466, 2475 and 2515; refer to Labor Committee - Senate Bills 2399, 2446 and 2449; refer to Licensed Activities Committee - Senate Bills 2274, 2286, 2292, 2297, 2345, 2355, 2395, 2469 and 2511; refer to Local Government Committee - Senate Bills 2348, 2360, 2371, 2397 and 2555; refer to Pensions and Investments Committee - Senate Bill 2268; refer to Revenue Committee - Senate Bills 2350 and 2513; refer to State Government Committee - Senate Bills 2330, 2356 and 2456; refer to Transportation Committee - Senate Bills 2283, 2306, 2401, 2439 and 2489.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR VIVERITO)

Ladies and Gentlemen, you -- you should have the Supplemental Calendar on your desk. On the Supplemental Calendar, in the Order of Secretary's Desk, Resolutions. Senator Emil Jones, do you wish your resolution considered? Madam Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution 57. There are no committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR VIVERITO)

Senator Jones.

SENATOR E. JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Joint Resolution No. 57 is a -- a product of the Illinois -- Illinois Prevention of Blindness of America. It's a resolution designed to bring about more awareness to glaucoma in America. For those -- many individuals past the age of forty are those persons most afflicted with blindness. So, what this does is declare the month of January as Glaucoma (Awareness) Month in the State of Illinois. That's all that it does. I ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR VIVERITO)

Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, Senator Jones moves the adoption of Senate Resolution -- Joint Resolution 57. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Resolution Consent Calendar. We will now proceed to the Order of Resolution Consent Calendar. We will leave -- the Body, all those resolutions read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Madam Secretary, have there been any objection filed to any resolution on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

There have been no objections filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR VIVERITO)

Is there no -- is there any discussion? If not, the question, shall the resolution on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries. The resolutions are adopted. Madam Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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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 am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution 86.

(Secretary reads HJR No. 86)

Adopted by the House, January 19, 2006.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR VIVERITO)

Senator Halvorson moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate consideration and adoption of House Joint Resolution. Those in favor will say Aye. Those opposed, Nay. Those Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Halvorson now moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 86. All in favor will say Aye. All opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Pursuant to the House Joint Resolution 86, the Senate stands adjourned until Friday, January the 20th, in Perfunctory Session, and then Tuesday -- again, until Tuesday, January 31st, at 12:00 o'clock. The -- noon. The Senate stands adjourned.