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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

The regular -- 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 Brandon Boyd of Loami Christian Church in Loami, Illinois. Reverend Boyd.

THE REVEREND BRANDON BOYD:

(Prayer by the Reverend Brandon Boyd)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

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

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Will the Members please come to the Senate Chamber? We're going to 2nd Readings and we will be moving at a decent pace. So, please come to the Senate Chamber if you want your bills moved to 2nd Reading. Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, February 1, 2006.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

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 HENDON)

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

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 600, offered by Senator Lightford and all Members.

It is a death resolution.

And Senate...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

And Senate Resolution 601, offered by Senator Risinger.

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It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Madam Secretary, anything further? Messages. Madam Secretary, Messages.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

A Message for the Governor by Joseph B. Handley, Deputy Chief of Staff for Legislative Affairs, November 2, 2005.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 94th General Assembly - I have nominated and appointed the following named persons to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments of your Honorable Body.

Rod Blagojevich, Governor.

I have a like Message for January 12th, 2006, and January 19, 2006.

Both signed by Rod Blagojevich, Governor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 4137, offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Would all Members please come to the Senate Chamber? Would all Members please come to the Senate Chamber? We're about to go to 2nd Readings. Senator Jones, for what purpose do you seek recognition, sir?

SENATOR J. JONES:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President. A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

State your point, sir.

SENATOR J. JONES:

Right up above you we have the Mt. Vernon Township High School Superintendent, Terry Milt, as a guest today. So will you please welcome him to Springfield.

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Will our guest please rise and be welcomed to the Senate? Welcome. Would all Members please come to the Senate Floor? We're about to begin Floor action. Would all Members please come to the Senate Floor? We are about to begin Floor action. Senator Brady, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR BRADY:

A point of order, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

State your point, Senator.

SENATOR BRADY:

Could you let me know what your intention is -- what -- what order of business we intend to do today?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

I most certainly will and before I do, let me let you know, you did a wonderful job the other night on the debates. I was surprised, but I think you actually won the debates. But today we want to do 2nd Readings and pretty much that'll be it for the day, Senator. Senator Brady.

SENATOR BRADY:

Thank you, and I -- I want to thank you for the information, but I also want to thank you for that kind compliment, and coming from Rickey "Hollywood" Hendon, I -- I -- I got to tell you that means so much to me.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Again, Senator, I was surprised. Senator Link, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR LINK:

An announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Please make your announcement.

SENATOR LINK:

Senator Meeks is absent today from the Chamber due to business in the district.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Well, praise the Lord. Madam Secretary, 2nd Reading. Will you please turn to page 2 of your Calendar? On the top of page 2, on the Order of 2nd Reading, is Senate Bill 2129. Senator Althoff. Senate Bill 2129. Senator Althoff. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2129.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Energy -- pardon me, Environment and Energy adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Madam -- Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2130. Leader Watson. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2130.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2156. Senator Cullerton. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2156.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2170. Senator Garrett. Senate Bill 2191. Senator Collins. Senate Bill 2195. Senator Ronen. Senate Bill 2195. Senator Ronen. Senate Bill 2195. Senator Ronen. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2195.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2199. Senator Crotty. Senate Bill 2199. Senator Crotty. Senate Bill 2202. Senator del

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Valle. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2202.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2204. Senator Demuzio. Senate Bill 2204. Senator Demuzio. Senate Bill 2230. Senator Munoz. Senate Bill 2230. Senator Munoz. Senate Bill 2235. Senator Martinez. Senate Bill 2235. Senator Martinez. Senate Bill 2236. Senator Demuzio. Senate Bill 2238. Senator Ronen. 2238. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2238.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Top of page 3. Senate Bill 2247. Senator Link. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2247.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2257. Senator Crotty. Senate Bill 2271. Senator John Sullivan. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2271.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Agriculture and Conservation adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

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No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Madam Secretary, with the leave of the Body, we're going to return to Senate Bill 2235. Senator Martinez. 2235. Madam -- Senator Martinez. With the leave of the Body, we have returned to Senate Bill 2235. Senator Martinez. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2235.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Education adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Now back to our order of business. Senate Bill 2272. Senator Cullerton. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2272.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2285. Senator Clayborne. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2285.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2286. Senator Righter. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2286.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2300. Senator Cullerton. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2300.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2306. Senator Link. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2306.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2308. Senator Link. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2308.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2330. Senator Jacobs. 2330, sir. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2330.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on State Government adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2334. Senator Luechtefeld. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2334.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2336. Senator del Valle. Senator del Valle, 2336. Senator del Valle. Senate Bill -- Madam Secretary, please read the gentleman's bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2236 {sic} (2336).

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2345. Senator Peterson. Senate Bill 2335 {sic} (2345). Senator Peterson. Senate Bill 2345 -- I mean, 2348. Senator Cullerton. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2348.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Top of page 4. Senate Bill 2350. Senator Harmon. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2350.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2360. Senator Clayborne. Madam Secretary, please read the -- the bill.

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Senate Bill 2360.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2395. Senator Wilhelmi. Madam Secretary, please read the Senator's bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2395.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2397. Senator Halvorson. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2397.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Local Government adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2402. Senator Millner. I went out of order, sir. Senate Bill 2399. Senator Halvorson. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2399.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2402. Senator Millner. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2402.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2412. Senator Clayborne. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2412.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2456. Senator Althoff. Senate Bill 2456. Senator Althoff. Senate Bill 2475. Senator Cullerton. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2475.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2489. Leader Halvorson. Senate Bill 2489. Senator Halvorson. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2489.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Transportation adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2491. Senator Garrett. Senate Bill 2491. Senator Garrett. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2491.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2510. Senator Raoul. Senate Bill 2510. Senator Raoul. Senate Bill 2513. Senator John Sullivan. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2513.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Sandoval, Chairperson of the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, reports Senate Bill 2196 Do Pass.

Senator Collins, Chairperson of the Committee on Financial Institutions, reports Senate Bill 2325 Do Pass and Senate Bills 2305 and 2495 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Madam Secretary, Resolutions Consent Calendar. We will now proceed to the Order of Resolutions Consent Calendar. With the 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 of the resolutions on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

There have been no objections filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries. The resolutions are adopted. Madam Secretary, Resolutions. 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 House joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask

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the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution 94.

(Secretary reads HJR No. 94)

Adopted by the House, February 1, 2006.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Halvorson moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate consideration and adoption of House Joint Resolution 94. Those in favor will say Aye. Those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Halvorson now moves for the adoption of (House) Joint Resolution 94. All in favor will say Aye. All opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senator Clayborne, for what purpose do you seek recognition, sir?

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Point of -- point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

State your point.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

It is one of our staffer's -- it is one of our longtime staffer's birthday. I think she turned twenty-one today, and that's Nia Hassan.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Happy birthday, Nia. Let's wish her a very happy birthday. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I have some special guests here with me today that is observing the Senate and I would like to introduce them to the Members of the General Assembly here. I have the honor of having Mayor Frank Mathon from Christian County, Taylorville, Illinois, and also, Mary Renner, she's the Chair of Economic Development for the Christian County area. I'd like to give 'em a warm welcome here today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Will the Senate please rise and welcome our guests, Mayor and Madam Chairman, to the Illinois Senate? Pursuant to the House Joint Resolution 94, the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, February the 7th, at 12 noon. The Senate stands adjourned.