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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 Reverend Richard Irwin, First Christian Church, Springfield, Illinois.

THE REVEREND RICHARD IRWIN:

(Prayer by the Reverend Richard Irwin)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of Journal.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, February 7, 2006.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Madam President. I move that the Journal just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senators 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, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution -- 621, offered by President Jones, Senator Watson and all Members.

Senate Resolution 622, offered by -- also by Senator Emil Jones and all Members.

They are both death resolutions, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution 74, offered by Senator Silverstein.

And Senate Joint Resolution 75, offered by Senator Sandoval. They are both substantive.

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Message 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 passed bills of the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bills 4345 and 4607.

Passed the House, February 7, 2006.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hunter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HUNTER:

Point of -- personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR HUNTER:

We have visiting with us today kids, teachers and parents from the local school council from three of the schools in my district who are involved in -- in my after-school program with a group called Ameri-I-Can. I would like for the young people from Mayo, Crispus Attucks and Farren to please stand and -- elementary schools, and let's give them a -- a warm welcome to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Will our guests in the gallery please stand? Welcome to Springfield. Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Point of -- point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Thank you. Madam President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I am privileged to have with me today, in the upper gallery, students and their teacher from Zion-Benton High School with the JILG Program, which means Jobs for Illinois Graduates. And they're -- the Illinois career specialist is Michael J. Filipowicz - F-I-L-I-P-O-W-I-C-Z. And the students are: Erica Eastwood - E-A-S-T-W-O-O-D, Darrel - D-A-R-R-E-L - Rolls - R-O-L-L-S, Erin - E-R-I-N Hamm - H-A-M-M, and Andrew Adams. I might

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tell you that we are very happy to have the students and their teacher specialist, Michael Filipowicz, visit us today. And they are in the upper Chambers. And I ask you to welcome them here to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise? Welcome to Springfield. The Rules Committee will meet immediately in the President's Antechamber. Senator Axley, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR AXLEY:

Point of personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR AXLEY:

I would ask my fellow Senators to please welcome my first Page. This is Lou Elliott. He's eleven years old and he's from Arlington Heights.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Welcome to Springfield. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Madam President, a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I, too, have the honor of having individuals from the district representing Jobs for Illinois Graduates. And if all our group from Jacksonville would please rise, I would be honored. Thank you very much. And give 'em a warm welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

If our guests will rise.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I also have Carrollton and Litchfield here. So, I, too, would appreciate it. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Will our guests please rise and be welcomed to Springfield? Senator Watson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes, ma'am. The same order of business. A point of

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personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR WATSON:

Thank you very much, Madam President. I have the opportunity today to have with me Trent Gherardini. And Trent is from Clinton County and Carlyle High School. He's a junior there and he is a shadow for the day. And we'd just like to welcome here to the Illinois Senate. Trent, glad to have you here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Welcome to Springfield, Trent. Senator Crotty, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CROTTY:

On a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR CROTTY:

I also am very happy to have here today my Page for the Day, April Parker. She's a fifth grader at Mae Jemison School. She lives in Markham. But also -- and it's her first trip here to Springfield. So, it's pretty exciting for both of us. And also up in the gallery, I have her grandmother and grandfather, and that's Harry and Crystal Davis, also of Markham. If everybody would wish her a warm welcome, I'd appreciate it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Welcome to Springfield. Senator Rutherford, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RUTHERFORD:

Thank you, Madam President. I, too, have some special guests joining us in the Illinois Senate today. We've got Nicole Fatka, who's from Gilman, and Kayla Longwell, who's from Onarga. They're eighth graders. And their teacher, Barb Frobish, is with us today. Please welcome to the Illinois Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Welcome to Springfield. Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Madam President. How are you today?

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I'm doing fine. Thank you. How about you?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Great. Thank you. I rise on a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

I have from my district in Robinson, Illinois, students from the Jobs for Illinois Graduates Program as well. They are seated right up here above you and to your left. I'd ask if they'd be kind enough to rise, and if the Senate would be kind enough to give them a Springfield welcome, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise? Welcome to Springfield. Rules Committee is meeting. Please, all members of the Rules Committee, make your way to the President's Antechamber. Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

A point of personal privilege, again.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Madam President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Senator DeLeo, I believe, has one of my constituents there. My constituent, Kalah - K-A-L-A-H - Hauser - H-A-U-S-E-R, and her daughter, are here from Gurney visiting us. I -- they're here somewhere. I -- I...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Will our guests please rise? Welcome to Springfield.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Please welcome them here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

They're over here, Senator. Thank you. They're sitting with Senator DeLeo. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Haine, Chairperson of the Committee on Insurance, reports Senate Bills 2655 and 2917 Do Pass.

Senator Lightford, Chairperson of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Bills 2630, 2670 and 2784 Do Pass.

Senator Crotty, Chairperson of the Committee on Local

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Government, reports Senate Bills 2555, 2664, 2713, 2871 and 3046 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 2615 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Martinez, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Housing and Community Affairs, reports Senate Bill 2772 Do Pass.

Senators Cullerton and Dillard, Co-Chairpersons of the Committee on Judiciary, reports Senate Bills 2303, 2562, 2570, 2601, 2739, 2915, 2954, 2966, 2971 and 3076 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 2295 and 2391 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Munoz, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation, reports Senate Bills -- 2233, 2837, 2865 and 2878 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 2283 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Ronen, Chairperson of the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports Senate Bills 2267, 2437, 2455, 2465, 2728, 2763, 2770 and 2936 Do Pass; Senate Bills 2237, 2381, 2448, 2782 and 3010 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Clayborne, Chairperson of the Committee on Environment and Energy, reports Senate Bill 2807 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 3095, offered by Senator Sandoval.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills -- bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 4345, offered by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 4419, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Viverito, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Executive Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1681, and Committee Report --

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pardon me, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2180 and Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2711; refer to -- to Financial Institutions Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2569 and Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2611; refer to Labor Committee - Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2339 and Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2449; refer to Licensed Activities Committee - Committee Amendments 3 and 4 to Senate Bill 2144 and Committee Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2511; refer to State Government Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2868.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Haine, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HAINE:

Madam President, a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR HAINE:

Madam President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I want to introduce to you a number of students from Alton High School, and these students are part of a program that has allowed these students to overcome any personal or family difficulty, to become top students, to set them on the road to personal achievement and we want the Senate to -- of Illinois to recognize them for coming up here and saying hello. The students from Alton High School.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise? And, welcome to Springfield. Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Purpose for announcement, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

The Senate Executive Committee will meet at 1 o'clock. And also the Senate will -- Executive Committee will consider a Motion to Concur on Senate Bill 1681 at about 1:45.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

If the Members could please turn their Calendar to page 2, we will be going to Senate Bills 2nd Reading. And after that we

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will be doing some 3rds. So, please, if you are not in the Senate Chambers, make your way. Senator Link, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Madam President. Just an announcement. Senator Meeks is not here today because of business within the district.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you, Senator. Senate -- Senator Garrett, on Senate Bill 2170. Senator Sandoval, on 2196. Senator Munoz. 2230. Senator Demuzio, on Senate Bill 2236. Senator Crotty, on 2257. Senator Raoul, on 2510. On the Order of 3rd Readings, continuing on page 2. On Senate Bill 2129, Senator Althoff. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2129.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

...President and Members of the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Excuse me, Senator. We are on 3rd Readings and I would appreciate if everybody would listen to Senator Althoff. Senator.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

...again, Madam President. Senate Bill 2129 is a very simple bill. It amends the Environmental Protection Act and actually provides that certain waste composting facilities are no longer considered -- pollution control facilities if the materials used for composting at the facility are limited to certain materials and in a certain quantity. This is actually an initiative of Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn, and passed out of committee unanimously. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2129 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the

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record. On that question, there are 54 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2129, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Watson, on 2130. Senator Jacobs. 2134. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2134.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Madam Chairman. Senate Bill 2134 amends the State Finance Act, automobile travel mileage reimbursement. Currently the situation is, is that our -- our employees are paying the cost of this discrepancy. And this is a cost the State ought to incur. I ask for your favorable support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2134 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2134, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Cullerton, on 2156. Senator -- Harmon, on 2162. Senator Collins. Senate Bill 2191. Senator Ronen, on 2195. Senator Ronen. Senator Ronen, do you wish... Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2195.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Ronen.

SENATOR RONEN:

Thank you, Madam President, for saying that so slowly. Give me a chance. This is a -- similar to something we passed two years ago, and it's -- it's -- we need to do this because federal

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law was denying certain immigrants access to health care benefits because they weren't able to become citizens fast enough due to no fault of their own. The process moves slowly. This -- the Act sunsets...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Excuse me, Senator Ronen. I'm sorry. We cannot hear Senator Ronen. Again, this is 3rd Reading. Please keep your conversations to a minimum. Senator Ronen.

SENATOR RONEN:

Thank you, Madam President. As I was saying, the -- the bill that we passed sunsets. This would continue it on so that elderly and disabled low-income people will still have access to the kinds of services that would be denied them otherwise. And I would urge do pass. I would urge...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

To -- to the bill, Madam President. I rise in support of the bill. The bill did pass out of committee unanimously. It's important to note, these people are here with the federal government's permission, and -- but they're not here being assisted by the federal government in -- in -- in any way whatsoever. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2195 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2195, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Turning to page 3. Top of page 3 is Senator Crotty on Senate Bill 2199. Senator del Valle, on Senate Bill 2202. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2202.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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Senator del Valle.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 2202 is intended to eliminate barriers that keep working early childhood practitioners including prekindergarten teachers' aides and paraprofessionals, in public schools, from obtaining teacher certification. Senate Bill 2202 makes two changes regarding preparation and certification of early childhood teachers. First, it clarifies that a certification candidate's required student teaching experience may include supervised work with children younger than six. And second, the bill allows student teachers who have been employed by a school or a community-based organization for at least a year to be paid and receive credit for student teaching with their current employer as long as the experience meets the requirements of their student teacher preparation program. And we have several groups, including Ounce of Prevention and Voices for Illinois Children, that are in strong support of this legislation. It's meant to increase the number of certified early childhood ed teachers in the State of Illinois. I'll be glad to ask -- answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2202 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2202, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Demuzio, on Senate Bill 2204. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2204.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. Thank you, Madam President and Members of the Senate. This bill -- what -- what 2204 does, is to -- increases the membership of the -- of the task force charged with evaluating

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the pilot project to prevent health care workplace violence from six members to ten members. And the following members that are to be added to the -- task force is one representative from ACFSME, one representative from the Illinois -- Federation of Public Employees, and three representatives of the DHS, instead of eleven {sic}, with one of these DHS representatives specifically from the Division of Mental Health and another specifically from the Division of Developmental Disabilities.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Senator Millner.

SENATOR MILLNER:

Thank you, Mr. {sic} President. As the committee, we felt no -- we found no problems with the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any other discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2204 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2204, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Martinez, on 2235. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2235.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 2235 is -- along with some minor technical changes, the bill adds to the uses for funds allowed under the Grow Your Own Teacher initiative and increases flexibility in the requirement for the program's loan forgiveness provision. It's -- the proponents are Grow Your Own of Illinois, ISBE, IEA, SEIU, IFT. I will ask for favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is,

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shall Senate Bill 2235 pass. All those in favor will say -- vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2235, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Ronen, on 2238. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2238.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Ronen.

SENATOR RONEN:

Thank you, Madam President. This bill has to do with -- patient safety. It requires that a registered nurse licensed under the Nursing Act and qualified by training and -- and experience in operating -- room nursing shall be present in the operating room and function as the circulating nurse during all invasive or operative procedures. There's -- know of no opposition to this bill and I would ask for a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2238 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2238, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Link, on 2247. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2247.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading -- pardon me -- 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 2247 states that if

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there is neither a family nor friends to whom a coroner may deliver the body of a deceased or the remains of a deceased, the coroner shall cause the body to be discreetly {sic} buried or, at the coroner's discretion, cremated. The coroner shall not approve cremation of the body if there is reason for the coroner to believe that the cremation is in contrast with religious beliefs of the deceased, or in any case when the body or the remains must be preserved for law enforcement purposes. I know of no opposition to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Senator Axley.

SENATOR AXLEY:

To the bill, Madam President. This came out of Local Government, for the benefit of my colleagues, with a 9-0 vote. I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2247 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Yeas, none voting Nay, and none voting Present. Senate Bill 2247, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Hunter, on 2252. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2252.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 2252 creates the Secretary of State Antique Vehicle Show Fund. The fund will be used to promote and produce the annual Secretary of State Antique Vehicle Show. This bill has no fiscal impact. There are no oppositions to this bill, as far as I know, and I ask for a favorable vote.

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Is there any discussion? Senator Millner.

SENATOR MILLNER:

On behalf of the minority side, we find the bill -- bill is a good bill. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2252 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2252, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Sullivan, on 2271. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2271.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Madam President. The Senate Bill 2271 amends the Wildlife Code. It allows members of a limited liability company and partners in a partnership to issue -- for the Department to issue wild turkey hunting permits without charge to hunt on the company's or partnership's land. One permit will be issued for every forty acres of land, with limits. I'll be more than happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Senator Dahl.

SENATOR DAHL:

...President, this bill passed out of the Ag Committee unanimously. This side has no opposition. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2271 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Yeas, none voting Nay,

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none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2271, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Cullerton, on 2272. Senator Clayborne, on 2285. Senator Righter, on 2286. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2286.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Chamber. Senate Bill 2286 is a simple bill that adds some language to the Speech-Language Pathology Act with regards to schools that have had an Illinois Community College Board-certified class in that specialty. The case arises from the fact that after a group of students from Lake Land Community College in my district graduated from their program, the State changed the -- the -- the requirements for being licensed in that area. The requirements that were changed put the student -- put that goal beyond the student's reach by two hours of general education credit. This bill would simply add to the statute and allow for licensure if, in fact, you graduated from a Community College Board-certified program, which Lake Land College and all the community colleges that offer this specialty are. It is designed only to -- to fix this particular problem and not designed to -- in some other way to expand the Community College Board's authority in any other area. And I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2286 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2286, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Cullerton, on 2300. Senator Link, on 2305. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2305.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Madam President. Basically, this -- what this bill does, as amended, permits the Secretary of Financial and Professional Regulations {sic} and the Director of the Division of Banking and the Director of the Division of Financial Institutions to -- may impose the reporting requirements of the Act of {sic} (on) individual banks and savings and loans and credit unions if he or she believes the financial institution is expected of a rate default or foreclosure on residential mortgage loans substantially exceeding the rate of defaults or foreclosures of financial institutions and precludes them from reporting on high-risk loans. If there's any questions, I'll be more than happy to answer 'em.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Senator Rutherford.

SENATOR RUTHERFORD:

Thank you, Madam President. Working with Senator Link on this, I would stand in support of this legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2305 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2305, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Top of page 4. Senator Link, on 2306. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2306.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Link.

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SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Madam President. This bill is a -- a bill that provides the issuance of the Illinois Professional Golfers Association Foundation Junior Golf license plate. This bill is where the appropriate registration fee will be with a special license plate fee, where forty dollars of the original issuance of the plate and at renewal, where twenty-five dollars of the plate and additional original -- issuance fee and thirty-eight dollars at renewal, will be deposited into the Illinois Professional Golfers Association Foundation Junior Golf Fund. What this license will do, will help different foundation organizations, such as the - I'll get that right away - as the Hooked on Golf, the - I got it right here; excuse me one second - and the First Tee Program, which is a statewide type of program that we have in various parts of the entire State. I would ask for a positive vote. Be more than happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Bomke.

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you, Madam President. Just so the Members know, this is another license plate bill. And I know there are -- some here are pretty -- are concerned about the number of plates we have, or different plates, on the road. So, I just want to bring it to your attention, this is another one of those bills. I suspect Senator Rutherford will probably want to speak to this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Rutherford.

SENATOR RUTHERFORD:

Thank you, Madam President. To be consistent from my days in the Senate, and actually since 1995, I've opposed all of these bills, because in 1995, the House and the Senate -- signed into law was the charitable license plate provision in which the underlying purpose I know, for Senator Link's interest, is -- is a good cause. But there are multiple good causes that we could create efforts for. Law enforcement has too many issues to deal with and the proliferation of specialty plates is one more problem there. As of today, the Secretary of State of Illinois has not promulgated the rules to allow the legislation that went into effect in 1995 to create the universal charitable plates.

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And I understand that some people, you know, will find this difficult to support or oppose this bill. I'm going to be a No, as I have been now for the last decade, and would encourage the Secretary of State today, and maybe a future Secretary of State will do it if this one doesn't, to create the rules and regulations for the charitable plates.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any further discussion? Senator Link, would you like to close?

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Madam President. I understand all those nice speeches and I understand political speeches very well, because we've all heard 'em and said 'em, but I think one of the things is, regulations are already intact with charitable plates. The amounts of plates have to be intact. I think it's roughly eight hundred and fifty plates have to be obtained prior to the issuance of this plate. That has to be maintained every year. The Secretary of State has gone above and beyond the duty of making sure that this amount of plates were in effect, and that law enforcement has not slipped this bill on charitable plates of being opposed to this. So, I think law enforcement is very capable of making sure of understanding what an Illinois plate is and understanding what the numbers are on those plates and I think it's a way of helping charitable organizations without going to the taxpayers of the State of Illinois, and I would ask for an affirmative vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2306 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 43 Yeas, 9 voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2306, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Link, on 2308. Senator Jacobs, on 2325. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2325.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Madam Chairman, my esteemed colleagues. This amends the Banking Emergency {sic} (Emergencies) Act. Amends the Banking Act to allow banking commissioners to authorize banks organized under the laws of the United States to operate in Illinois during times of emergencies: such as floods, earthquakes or perhaps any other kind of thing that could happen to us in Illinois, such as a terrorist attack or, God forbid, something worse. I ask for your favorable consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Senator Rutherford.

SENATOR RUTHERFORD:

Thank you, Madam President. Senator Jacobs, during committee we had a discussion in regards to defining what an emergency may be and there was a suggestion that perhaps it's something declared by the Governor, something declared by the President of the United States, some kind of a process that we have an objective standard to define that. Where are you with regards to trying to clarify that in the language?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

As you -- as you -- as you eloquently suggested, we should give that to the Department and allow them to develop rules, and if the rule standard's not strong enough for you, then we should amend that in the House to include a definition. But I think most of us in Illinois understand what an emergency is. An emergency isn't -- allow a -- out-of-state bank to come into Illinois and set up. An emergency would be, in my area, would be the hundred-year flood, or for that matter, the flood of 1963 or the flood of 1984.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Rutherford.

SENATOR RUTHERFORD:

Understand, Senator, I -- I support the bill. The concern, I think, that we expressed in committee, and if you're attempting to address it by this -- this dialogue or if you feel staff has

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already given you assurance that you feel that the appropriate agency can promulgate rules, then I'm willing to -- to suggest then -- then -- then we've hit the nail on the head. I just don't like -- I don't think you nor I want to have a completely subjective opportunity for an administration for some procedure to call something in a -- an emergency. I think it is going to be necessary to have rules in place on which everyone will know what is defined in -- as emergency, whether it's, you know, again by -- by the federal government or the State government. So, am I hearing you say to me that you believe that the existing language allows for and will direct the agency to promulgate rules to define an objective standard of emergency?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Senator. What I'm suggesting is that anybody in this building understands what an emergency is. And that ought to be called by the Department when there's an emergency. I don't think there's anything in this -- in this legislation that would suggest that an Illinois institution controlled by this Body is going to declare an emergency in a situation that's not an emergency. So, I think this is a red herring, Senator. And I think we ought to move the bill. It's not a -- there's no known opposition. So, I'd suggest we move the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Rutherford.

SENATOR RUTHERFORD:

Senator, I'm trying to help in regards to have something be a positive standard established. You're sitting here -- I'm -- I'm -- I'm for the bill. Let's move it. But the fact of leaving an arbitrary decision of what is defined as emergency may not be something that -- that you would want to have put into place. An emergency could be enough dust out of a grain elevator in a small community. That's an emergency because of people with asthma in certain parts of the State. I'm just suggesting to you that it's going to be imperative, and I -- and I -- this is not a partisan thing, Senator. This isn't because of anything more than -- than -- than trying to help good public policy. And we've been able to do this, I think, in a fashionable and good way out of the

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Senate Financial Institutions Committee. I do stand in support of the bill, Senator. And I would encourage my colleagues to vote for it. But as this thing moves through the process, I hope that we do have clarity in defining an emergency rather than an arbitrary or subjective decision by someone that happens to sit in a cabinet position on a certain day in a certain administration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

...I greatly respect my colleague's seniority and wisdom and I assure you, if that's a concern of this Body, we will amend that in the House. It seems like a simple amendment and a simple change, and I'd agree to it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

As Chair of the Senate Financial Institutions, when the legislation came through - and I concur with my colleague, Senator Rutherford - I was very uncomfortable with the generic and the broad definition of what an emergency really constitutes, and I want to just say, I was waiting for a ruling from my staff whether or not it could be addressed by -- by rules. And I'm very uncomfortable. I'm even uncomfortable moving it forward today without some kind of reading. And so unfortunately, I have to stand -- and I support the legislation, what -- the attempt, but I'm uncomfortable in passing it through without some kind of clarification. I would take it out of the record until we get that. That was the agreement in the Financial Institutions Committee and I think we need to uphold our agreements made on -- in committee. So, I ask my colleague to take it out of the record and -- and to follow through with the promise made in the committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Senator, this Senator made no such promise. The simple fact is, as you made suggestions, I have the right to take your suggestions or not take them. And in this case, I'm going to ask

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my members in the House to clear up your concern. And it's a good day and we ought to move forward. I have faith in the people in Illinois to do the right thing. I don't believe that a -- an agency is going to declare for another bank from out of Illinois to come into Illinois on any kind of false basis. I take people at their -- at their words and their ability. And I do think that this bill should move forward today, and if we need to fix it, we'll amend it in the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Thank you, Madam President. Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Senator, under the bill that you've crafted, you've created a scenario where one person - Right? - one person gets to make the declaration of an emergency and that happens to be the Commissioner. That's right, isn't it?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

I would think the Commissioner of Banking would be the best person to make that call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

And under your bill, Senator, as you've drafted it in your wisdom, you have created a scenario where there's no other person under your statute that you're proposing that would be able to countervail that. In other words, if the Banking Commissioner simply made a declaration, whether if it's a good idea or a bad idea, there's nobody else, not one other person, who'd be able to counter that. Is that right?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

We can all create imaginary horrors, but at the end of the day, we have to trust people who work for us. I think that's one

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of the complaints this Body's had with some other legislative officials in this Body, is we don't trust people to do what they're hired to do. You know, the bank -- the Banking Commissioner seems like the proper person to decide if another bank outside of Illinois should move in on a temporary emergency basis to solve a problem.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

...as long as -- as long as you brought it up, one of our duties, one of the things that we're called upon to do, is to create ground rules. What -- what your Chairman is suggesting to you is that we -- you're asking us to abrogate our responsibility and that is to create a clear rule. What your Minority Spokesman, who's bending over backwards to be gracious to you on the Senate Floor, is suggesting to you, not trick-bagging you into saying that you made a promise, but suggesting to you... Why? Is there somebody in the gallery that you need to hear from? I can wait if you need to talk to 'em. All right. So, you're with me? What these two people who are really well-respected here, your Chairman and the Republican spokesman on the committee, are suggesting to you is that maybe the more artful way of approaching this, Senator, is to say, "You know what? Yeah, maybe we give it a definition, or maybe we tether it to something else. Maybe we make the Governor, who's an elected official, make the declaration of an emergency. Maybe we tie it to a national emergency and that's what the President does." But to sit here and basically say, "Well, yeah, you know, let's trust the people that work for us without giving 'em a groundwork, without giving 'em a definition." There's no definition in your bill. There is nothing. Your bill is silent. It is completely a declaration by your own admission, Senator, by one person. One person has to sign a piece of paper that says, "I declare an emergency. Therefore it exists." That, Senator, in the words of your own Chairman, is a bad idea, if I could give you the subtext of what she was saying.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

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Thank you. JCAR will set up the rules. That's the intent and the purpose. Everyone will have the influx. I think it's a good bill we ought to move. You know, we can sit around and debate who's going to do what, who's not going to do what. I think the bill is clear on its face. It's not anything that's going to cost the State of Illinois any money. It's just an opportunity to make sure the people in my district and your districts are protected when these cases happen. And I would point out to the recent hurricane in -- in my area that's caused a lot of destruction. And the people need to be able to get their money and their banking, and I will clear this up in the House. I ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

I -- I rise in support of Senator Jacobs and his desire to get this out today. He's given his word that he will amend it in the House if there is any problems. And I just want to remind everyone, the Commissioner of Banking was -- did come up for confirmation and was voted -- approved unanimously by this Chamber. So, we have to have some confidence in the Commissioner and to belittle his position and -- and decision-making authority, I think, is the wrong thing to do. And I strong -- stand strongly in support of the Senator's bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

Well, thank you very much, Madam President. I, too, rise in support of the gentleman's legislation. We've discussed this. We know what the issue is all about. We know the importance of this if we do have an emergency. I would also mention to my colleague from -- from Rock Island that we do not have an emergency here today. We have several weeks before we reach -- reach our 3rd Reading deadline, so I would encourage the Senator to consider the suggestions, the thoughtful suggestions from both sides of the aisle, that we can take a good bill, a good idea, and make this better. And I think, as history would tell us about this Chamber, we have an obligation to send the best possible bill over to the House. We don't always have control of

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what -- what happens to our legislation from the Senate when it gets to the House. So, we do not have an -- emergency here today. We have time to strengthen this bill. Your example in your opening remarks about the hundred-year flood on the Mississippi River. Well, I -- my district borders the Mississippi, too. And we may have that hundred-year flood, but it may not be an emergency in Rock Island County because we have several bridges that cross the Mississippi River. However, it might be an emergency in Quincy, as we saw several years ago, when there's only one bridge across the Mississippi River in Quincy. So, there are some questions here about the appropriate process of declaring... The legislation is good. I plan to vote for the legislation at the appropriate time, but I would encourage the Senator to give it a little more thought. We don't have to pass this today. We're still doing committee hearings. We've got several more weeks before we have a 3rd Reading deadline and we'll have plenty of time to work on this bill a little bit and, I think, address these concerns and I would encourage him to reconsider his -- his thought. I admire you for your tenacity and fighting your -- for your bill and wanting to move it over to the House, but there may be a better vote on another day. Thank you, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Madam President. I'm just a little bit -- I -- I'd like to state that I have all the faith in JCAR in the world. However, I've served on JCAR for the last eleven, twelve years and I've seen a lot of changes and this ain't your father's JCAR anymore. It's a little bit different. And I just wanted to clarify, though. I'm not sure I heard you say it, but I heard Senator Hendon say that you had promised to change this or correct it in the House. But that's not what I heard. Senator, in -- with all due respect, it would be better. We've got four more weeks of 3rd Readings here on the Senate Floor. If you could just take it back and get 'er done, I think we'd all be better off.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Jacobs, to close.

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SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Madam Chairman. I will bow to my esteemed colleague, Senator Sieben. I will pull the bill. But I would hope this Body in the future doesn't pass bills through first -- first committee. It seems kind of silly to me that we negotiate on 2nd and 3rd Reading. We ought to negotiate on 1st Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Rules Committee will meet immediately in the President's Antechamber. Senator Garrett, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR GARRETT:

For purpose of announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR GARRETT:

State Government will meet right after Session, A-1, in the Stratton Building.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Announcement, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR MALONEY:

The Senate Higher Education Committee will meet at 4 o'clock, in Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Harmon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

For purposes of an announcement, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR HARMON:

The Senate Revenue Committee will meet upon adjournment in Room 400. Senate Revenue Committee upon adjournment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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State your announcement.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Again, Senate Executive Committee will meet right after we adjourn -- after we break, and then the Motion to Concur on Senate Bill 1681 will be heard about 1:45.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Forby, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR FORBY:

...of announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR FORBY:

Labor will meet at 2:30, in Room 400. 2:30.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Sandoval, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Madam President, purpose of announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

The Committee on Commerce and Economic Development for tomorrow morning has been canceled.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Collins, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR COLLINS:

Purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Financial Institutions will meet tomorrow morning at 9, in Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. Purpose of an announcement. Licensed Activities will meet today at 2:30, in the Stratton Building, A-1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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Senator Viverito, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Agriculture and Conservation Committee - Senate Bills 2263, 2716 and 2744; refer to Education Committee - Senate Bills 2346, 2477 and 2546; refer to Environment and Energy Committee - Senate Bills 2579, 2721 and 2884; refer to Executive Committee - Senate Bills 1835, 2302, 2358, 2400, 2445, 2505, 2688, 2827, 2845 and 2983; refer to Financial Institutions Committee - Senate Bills 2349, 2363, 2396 and 2617; refer to Health and Human Services Committee - Senate Bills 2223, 2229, 2270, 2326, 2328, 2394, 2415, 2514, 2561, 2568, 2695, 2898, 2913, 2965 and 2967; refer to Insurance Committee - Senate Bills 2375, 2444, 2582, 2718, 2959; refer to Judiciary Committee - Senate Bills 2243, 2291, 2320, 2427, 2613, 2680, 2738, 2869, 2873, 2980 -- and then House Bills 1299 and 2946; refer to Labor Committee - Senate Bills 2462 {sic} (2426) and 2442; refer to Licensed Activities Committee - Senate Bills 2240, 2275 2372, 2574, 2632, 2732, 2745, 2799 and 3062; refer to Local Government Committee - Senate Bills 2255, 2340, 2631, 2969, 2986, and House Bill 3183; refer to Pensions and Investments Committee - Senate Bills -- pardon me, that makes -- that is Senate Bill 2492, 2576, 2585, 2740, 2749, and House Bill 2469; refer to Revenue Committee - Senate Bills 2173, 2185, 2241, 2242, 2246, 2369, 2548, 2872, and House Bill 542; refer to State Government Committee - Senate Bills 2159, 2870 and 2931; refer to Transportation Committee - Senate Bill 2405; and Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Bills 392, 1839 and 1991.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The Senate will stand in recess to the call of the Chair after committees. The Senate will reconvene to receive Committee Reports and other matters not requiring Floor action. So, there will be no Floor action until the Senate reconvenes tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. The Senate stands in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The Senate will come to order. Madam Secretary, Committee

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Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Garrett, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government, reports Senate Bills 2726, 2899, 2951, 2952 and 3011 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 2356 and 2639 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Revenue, reports 3088 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 2691 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Silverstein, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Bills 2165, 2487, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, -- 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, -- 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2544 -- pardon me, that's 2554, 2587, 2748, 2978, 2981 and 2998 Do Pass; and Senate Bills -- pardon me, 2277, 2454 and 2711 Do Pass, as Amended; and the Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1681 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Forby, Chairperson of the Committee on Labor, reports Senate Bill 2446 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 2339 and 2449 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Demuzio, Chairperson of the Committee on Licensed Activities, reports Senate Bills 2556, 2774 and 2909 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 2292 and 2297 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Maloney, Chairperson of the Committee on Higher Education, reports Senate Bills 2225, 2312, 2351 and 2778 Do Pass.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 10 a.m., tomorrow, February 9th, 2006. The Senate stands adjourned.