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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

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 Reverend Mike Pennell of the Sherman United Methodist Church in Sherman, Illinois. Reverend.

THE REVEREND MIKE PENNELL:

(Prayer by the Reverend Mike Pennell)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Geo-Karis, to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Geo-Karis)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Mr. President, I move to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal of Thursday, March 9th, 2006, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed -- transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading, please.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4339, offered by Senator Lightford.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4739, offered by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4951, offered by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5283, offered by Senator Halvorson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 4973, offered by Senator Martinez.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Ladies and Gentlemen, for the purposes of an announcement, please. May I have your attention? Ladies and Gentlemen, may I have your attention, please? All

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Members of the Rules Committee will meet immediately in the President's Anteroom. We ask all members of the Rules Committee to please come forward. Senator Jacobs, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR JACOBS:

Personal privilege, sir.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point.

SENATOR JACOBS:

I would just like to welcome Adeline Geo-Karis, Senator Karis {sic}, back to her rightful seat, and I'm glad she's on her feet and moving along well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Let's all give a warm welcome back to our colleague, Senator Geo-Karis. Welcome back. Senator -- Viverito, for what purpose you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR VIVERITO:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR VIVERITO:

I would like to give a warm welcome to a -- one of the -- one of the outstanding Public Works Director, Tony Speciale. Would you please give him a round of applause? From Stickney.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Will please -- please rise and be recognized. Welcome to Springfield, sir. Once again, would all members of the Rules Committee please report to the President's Anteroom? Senator Righter, for what purpose do you seek recognition, sir?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Good afternoon, Mr. President. Thank you. I rise on a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Mr. President, I would like to introduce a young man sitting here beside me. His name is Nick Halterman. He is a fourth grader at Palestine, in Palestine in my district. Also, his grandparents, who many of you know, John and Shirley Burner, are

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up in the gallery right above you, sir, as well as his parents, BJ and Tammy Fralicker, and also Nick's five-and-a-half-month-old sister, Tiara {sic} (Kiara). I would appreciate a warm Senate welcome, Mr. President. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Would our guests please rise and be recognized and welcomed to the Illinois State Senate? Would all Members within the sound of my voice please come to the Senate Floor? We're about to -- as soon as the Rules Committee will be finishing, we'll be going to 2nd Readings and 3rd Readings. Would all Members please come to the Senate Floor? Senator Althoff, for what purpose you seeking recognition, ma'am?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

I, too, have very important guests with me today. I have the Village President of the Village of Richmond, Lauri Olson, and her City Manager, Tim Savage. Might we welcome them to Springfield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Senator Rutherford, for what purpose you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR RUTHERFORD:

Mr. President, thank you. For a point of personal privilege if I may.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR RUTHERFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like for the Senate to please welcome Ben Fehr. Ben is a midshipman from -- going to school, second year at Annapolis Naval Academy, from Fairbury, Illinois, and is visiting us for a couple of days here at the Illinois State Senate. Please welcome Midshipman Ben Fehr.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Welcome. Welcome to the Illinois Senate, sir. Senator Sullivan, for what purpose you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

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Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

I have with me a guest today as well, a -- a Page for -- for a Day, Kate Durkin. She is from Macomb. She's a junior in high school, and her mother is here as well, above me in the gallery, Charlotte. Like you to welcome them to Springfield, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Would our guests please rise and be recognized by the Illinois Senate? Welcome to Springfield. Make sure you sign in for the Page for the Day, for the big check. Senator Cronin, for what purpose are you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR CRONIN:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR CRONIN:

As long as we're sort of standing at ease, I just wanted to introduce my two children who are guests here this week, my daughter, Elizabeth, who's twelve, and Sarah, who's ten. And they're doing a school project and they're going to be reporting on all the happenings here in the Senate, and who does what, and how, and why, and sort of a civic report. And so I just wanted to share that with you and ask the Senate to please welcome 'em.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

The beautiful Cronin children please stand up, rise and be recognized. I'd like the Cronin children to -- to pay a lot of attention to your left. That's where all the work gets done. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports, please.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senator Viverito, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to the Commerce and Economic -- Development Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 4147; refer to Environment and Energy Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1620; refer to Executive Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 4161; refer to the Health and Human Services Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill

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4404; refer to the Judiciary Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 4121, Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 4179, Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 4203, Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 4298, Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 4300, and Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 4438; refer to the Pensions and Investments Committee - Committee Amendment No. 3 to House Bill 2469; refer to the Revenue Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1744; refer to the State Government Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 5260.

Signed by Senator Viverito.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

For purposes of an announcement. I'd like to ask Senator Demuzio to take over the Chair for a special presentation. Senator Demuzio. Senator Demuzio in the Chair.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

All right. It is my pleasure today to have the opportunity to introduce to the Members of our General Assembly the Lady Hiltoppers from Hillsboro, Illinois. The Lady Hiltoppers are the Class A -- State Champions of our -- of our State, and I think we should give them a great big round of applause. The Lady Hiltoppers won the IHSA back on Saturday, February the 25th, at ISU at -- by defeating Okawville by forty-four to forty-three. Okay. The Lady Hiltoppers finished the season with an impressive winning record of thirty-one and four, and it was highlighted by both Regional, Sectional, Super-Sectional and Semifinal State Tournament victories. The Lady -- Hiltoppers championship victory is the first girls sport State title in school history and the -- and only the second State title overall with the last one being in 1914. So there -- it -- they are quite an impressive team. They're juniors and many of them are juniors so they're -- they will be returning next year for another wonderful season and I -- it is my pleasure to be their representative here in the General Assembly. And let's give 'em a great big hand for our State champions. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you turn to page 9 of your Calendars. Page 9. We'll be doing House Bills 2nd Reading. House Bills 2nd Reading on page 9 in your Calendar is House Bill

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4134, Mr. Secretary. Senator Cullerton. Senator John Cullerton. Senator John Cullerton, on House Bill 4134, sir. Out of the record. Senator Harmon, on 4461, sir. No. Out of the record. Senator Lightford, on 4788, ma'am. Senator Lightford, on 4788. Out of the record. Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, we will now be moving to the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading. House Bills 3rd Reading. Final passage. Senator Sieben, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR SIEBEN:

For an announcement, sir.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I rise to remind you of the annual Sportsmen's Caucus dinner and auction tonight out at the fairgrounds. There's a ticket and a map on your desk, and encourage you-all to come out and participate. The proceeds from our auction are used to help fund activities from the Illinois Conservation Foundation for youth hunting and also for handicapped events. You'll notice our celebrity auctioneers this year are Senator John Sullivan and Representative Jim Sacia. Our food will be catered by Poe Catering. So, you're going to get a good meal and you have a good show with the auctioneers. One disappointment, we did want to schedule a hunter safety demonstration tonight, but Vice President Cheney was unable to attend, so we will not have that event on the schedule this evening.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, on House Bills 3rd Reading on the page 8 of your Calendar. This is final passage. House Bill 542. Senator Sandoval. Senator Marty Sandoval. Out of the record. House Bill 3183. Senator DeLeo. Leave of the Body, we'll come back to that. House Bill 4196. Senator Risinger, do you wish to proceed, sir? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4196.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Risinger.

SENATOR RISINGER:

Thank you, Mr. President. What this bill does, it -- it amends the Township Code. It deletes the sunset provisions that limits, as of January 1st, 2006, the authority of a township to formally request that the county board commence with specific proceedings concerning demolition, repair, or enclosure of dangerous and unsafe or uncompleted and abandoned buildings. I ask for an Aye vote. This came out of the House with no negative votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, sir. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall House Bill 4196 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 4196, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Continuing on House Bills 3rd Reading is House Bill 4222. Senator Haine. Senator Haine, do you wish to proceed on House Bill 4222, sir? Out of the record. Senator Sandoval, on 4313, sir. Out of the record. Senator Millner, on 4315, sir. Do you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4315.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Millner. Senator Millner, who's that good-looking gentleman to your right?

SENATOR MILLNER:

I'd like to introduce my son, John Millner, Jr.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

John Millner, Jr., welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator Millner, on House Bill 4315, sir.

SENATOR MILLNER:

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Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 4315 amends the Solicitation for Charity Act to modify the definition of professional solicitor to include persons employed or retained by professional fundraisers for compensation to receive or collect charitable contributions. It requires every professional fundraiser to file a statement with the Attorney General for every vehicle, boat or motorcycle sold, collected or resold. And this information must include the VIN for each vehicle received, the fees collected for the vehicle and the resale value of the vehicle. This is an initiative of the Attorney General and I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall House Bill 4315 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 58 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 4315, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Demuzio. Senator Demuzio, on 4349, ma'am. Senator Demuzio. Out of the record. Senator Haine, on 4419, sir. Do you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4419.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

...you -- thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This House bill amends the Public Utilities Act to require that the Illinois Commerce Commission shall require all public utilities - now it -- the current law is it's all electric public utilities, so this will be all public utilities - to establish a security policy and -- and -- and sign an affidavit, execute an affidavit that this policy is in place, that it meets the requirements of -- of -- of the Act, and it has conducted at

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least one practice exercise based on the security policy. This bill -- as far as legislative intent, this bill is intended to assist the Illinois Commerce Commission and the State of Illinois to satisfy certain requirements of the United States Homeland Security Agency and, further, that the language of this bill is to the -- a level of specificity that would mitigate the need for the Illinois Commerce Commission to promulgate a rule. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator Risinger.

SENATOR RISINGER:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill: This bill passed through committee with a unanimous vote and I urge an Aye vote on this side of the aisle.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Haine, to close.

SENATOR HAINE:

...vote, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. The question is, shall House Bill 4419 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 58 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 4419, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Continuing on House Bills 3rd Reading on the bottom of page 8 is 4462. Senator Demuzio. Senator Demuzio. Out of the record. Ladies and Gentlemen, continuing on House Bills 3rd Reading on the top of page 9 of your Calendar is House Bill 5243. Senator Hunter, do you wish to proceed, ma'am? On 5243, ma'am. She indicates she wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 5243.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Hunter.

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SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. House Bill 5243 would designate each December 10th as Jane Addams Day. The State currently recognizes twenty-eight commemorative dates. These dates are occasions of honor, -- commemorate and celebrate notable events, causes -- causes and individuals. Born in Cedarville, Illinois, on September 6th, 1860, Jane Addams graduated from -- Rockford College in 1882. She founded the world famous social settlement Hull-House on Chicago's Near West Side in 1889. At Hull-House, Addam's built her reputation as one of the country's most prominent women through her writing, her settlement work and her international efforts for world peace. December 10 is the date chosen to honor Addams because it was on this day in 1931 that she became the first American woman to win the Nobel -- Peace Prize, and I ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 5243 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye -- will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 5243, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bills 3rd Reading. 5249. Senator Dillard. On 5249, sir, do you wish to proceed? Out of the record. Majority Leader Halvorson, for what purpose are you seeking recognition, ma'am?

SENATOR HALVORSON:

For the purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR HALVORSON:

I would like the record to reflect that Senator Silverstein is not here being he is observing a religious holiday.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. The record will so reflect. Thank you very much. Senator John Sullivan, for what purpose you rise, sir?

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SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege and an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir, and your announcement.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

And an announcement. I'd like folks to -- just to remind you about the fourth annual St. Patrick's Day celebration put on by the Sullivan Caucus. It is tomorrow evening from 5 until 9 p.m. at Karma, which is just a block and a half south of the Capitol here. Our annual event, music, refreshments, food. Hope everybody can come. You and your staffs can come and attend. It'll be a great evening.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you -- thank you very much. Senator Martinez, for what purpose do you rise, ma'am?

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

For the purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Today the Pension and Investments Committee will meet in Room 400, at 4 o'clock.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you very much. Senator Crotty, for what purpose do you rise, ma'am?

SENATOR CROTTY:

For an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Local Government will meet at 1 o'clock today in the Stratton Building, Room A-1. Be there.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Be there or be square. Senator Carol Ronen, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RONEN:

For an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

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Please state your announcement.

SENATOR RONEN:

Yes, sir. The Health and Human Services Committee will meet tomorrow at 9 a.m., in Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

That is tomorrow. Senator Trotter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR TROTTER:

For purposes of announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your announcement, sir.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Appropriations I will be meeting today at 4 o'clock, in Room 212. There will also be another meeting tomorrow.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Reverend Senator Meeks, what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR MEEKS:

Purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Nice to see you, Reverend.

SENATOR MEEKS:

Well, thank you so much, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your announcement, sir.

SENATOR MEEKS:

Housing and Community -- Affairs will meet today, in A-1, at 1 o'clock.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you very much.

SENATOR MEEKS:

No. I'm sorry...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Meeks, could you please repeat that for clarification, sir?

SENATOR MEEKS:

Thank you so much, Senator. Housing and Community Affairs will meet today at 2:30, in Room A-1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

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Thank you very much. Senator Haine, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR HAINE:

Purpose of announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your announcement, sir.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you. The Insurance Committee will meet today, at 1 p.m., in Room 400. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Harmon, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR HARMON:

To make an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your announcement, sir.

SENATOR HARMON:

The Senate Judiciary Committee will meet today, at 2:30, in Room 212.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Clayborne, for what purpose are you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

A point of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your announcement, sir.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Environment and Energy will meet tomorrow morning at 9 a.m., in Room 212. Again, 9 a.m., in 212.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you very much. Senator Lightford, for what purpose you rise, ma'am?

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Education Committee will meet at 1 o'clock, in Room 212. Education at 1, in 212.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Shadid, for what purpose are you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR SHADID:

For an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your announcement, sir.

SENATOR SHADID:

Transportation Committee meets at 2:30, Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Viverito, for what purpose are you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR VIVERITO:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Point of personal privilege?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR VIVERITO)

Yeah.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR VIVERITO:

There's going to be a -- hors d'oeuvres and cocktails at the Sangamo Club. The Human Rights is having a -- a little -- in honor of women and I hope that everybody would stop by and say hello to a lot of those that work so hard for the human rights and dignity of all the diversities that we have in our society. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, sir. Senator Schoenberg, for what purpose are you seeking recognition, sir? Welcome to Springfield.

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Thank you, Mr. Saturday Night. Mr. President, I rise on purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your announcement, sir.

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Thank you. I'd like to announce that the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, which was originally supposed to meet in the CDB Board Room, will be meeting tomorrow

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morning in Room -- 118 of the Capitol here at the regularly scheduled time of 8 a.m. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Burzynski, for what purpose are you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. Purposes of announcement. The Senate Republicans would request a caucus immediately upon adjournment. Fifteen minutes in length.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. The -- your order -- your request is always in order, sir. The ordinary -- the committees that were ordinarily start - - going to start at 1 o'clock will now start at the hour of 1:20. So, we'll -- 1:20. All 1 o'clock committees will be just temporarily delayed while the Republicans caucus. Senator Hendon, what purpose you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to say how great it is to see Adeline Geo-Karis back. She's looking great and vibrant. It's just wonderful to have you back, beautiful. Love you. Just love you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Watson - Senator Watson - there was a -- a request of a recording that's going to be heard a lot this spring and we'd like you to join in and listen to this recording. It's going to be broadcast a lot this spring and it goes like this. (Plays recording of broadcast of a Cubs' win) There -- there being no further business before this -- the Senate will stand adjourned until the hour of noon, tomorrow, March 15th, the year 2006. The Senate stands adjourned.