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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? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Pastor Jerry Doss, Abundant Faith Christian Center, Springfield, Illinois.

PASTOR JERRY DOSS:

(Prayer by Pastor Jerry Doss)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Remain standing for the Pledge. Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journals of Monday, April 10; Tuesday, April 11; Tuesday, April 18; Thursday, April 20; Tuesday, April 25; and Thursday, April 27, 2006.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Madam President, I move that the Journals just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator 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 735, offered by Senator Dillard and all Members.

Senate Resolution 736, offered by Senator Clayborne and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 737 and 738, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

Senate Resolution 739, offered by Senator Peterson, Senator Wendell Jones and all Members.

They're all death resolutions, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Resolution Consent Calendar.

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

And Senate Resolutions {sic} 740, Senate Resolution 741 and Senate Joint Resolution 91.

They're all substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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 concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 17, together with House Amendments 1 and 3.

Passed the House, as amended, May 1, 2006.

We have liked -- we have received like Messages on Senate Bill 17 with House Amendments 1 and 3, Senate Bill 49 with House Amendment 1, Senate Bill 585 with House Amendment 1, Senate Bill 619 with House Amendment 1, Senate Bill 1445 with House Amendments 1 and 2, Senate Bill 2328 with House Amendments 1, 2 and 3, Senate Bill 2330 with House Amendment 1, and Senate Bill 3018 with House Amendment 2.

All passed the House, as amended, May 1, 2006.

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 the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution 124.

(Secretary reads HJR No. 124)

Adopted by the House, April 19, 2006.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Viverito moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate consideration and adoption of House Joint Resolution 124. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Viverito now moves for the adoption of -- House Joint Resolution 124. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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A Message from the House by Mr. Mahoney, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint -- House joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

Senate -- House Joint Resolution 126.

(Secretary reads HJR No. 126)

Adopted by the House, April 26, 2006.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Viverito moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate consideration and adoption of House Joint Resolution 126. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Viverito now moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 126. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senator Hunter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HUNTER:

Point of an announcement, Madam Chair -- President -- I'm sorry.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your -- please proceed.

SENATOR HUNTER:

I would like to announce that today, at 3 o'clock, the Appropriations I, II and III will be meeting in Room 212.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you, Senator Hunter. Did everybody hear that? Appropriations I, II and III will be meeting - Room 212, 3 p.m. Senator Link, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Madam President. There will be a Senate Democratic Caucus in the President's Office immediately upon recess.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Burzynski, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Madam President. I believe I just heard Senator Link call for a caucus. Is that what I heard?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

You heard right, Senator.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Yes, well, we would like to have a Republican Caucus as well, in Senator Watson's Office. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you, Senator Burzynski. Senator Sandoval, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Madam President, a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

I'd like the Illinois Senate to welcome a -- couple of my guests here -- that are here today from the City of Berwyn. They are currently talking to Senator Link, but with us this afternoon is Frank Amaro, the Senior Vice Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America, Berwyn Post 2378; and Mr. Victor Smith, the State Parliamentarian for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Illinois. Like to give them a wide welcome today as they're lobbying the legislature.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Can we welcome our guests to the Senate? Welcome to Springfield. If I could have everybody's attention, the Senate will be standing in recess to the call of the Chair. However, I just want to announce that after committees, the Senate will reconvene for a Rules Committee meeting and committee postings. 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, Messages.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

A Message from the President, dated May 2, 2006.

Dear Madam Secretary - Pursuant to Rule 3-5(c), I hereby appoint Senator Debbie Halvorson to replace Senator Rickey Hendon as a member of the Rules Committee. This appointment is effective immediately.

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Very truly yours, Emil Jones, Jr., President.

Message from the Minority Leader, dated May 2, 2006.

Dear Secretary Hawker - Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rule 3-5(b) and (c), I hereby -- I am hereby appointing Senator Brad Burzynski to replace Senator Ed Petka as a Minority Spokesperson of the Senate Rules Committee. This appointment shall take effective immediately.

Sincerely, Frank Watson, Senate Republican Leader.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 742, offered by Senator Clayborne and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 743, offered by Senator Petka and all Members.

They're both -- death resolutions, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

A Message from House by Mr. Mahoney, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 304, together with House Amendment 1.
Passed the House, as amended, May 2, 2006.

We have received like Messages on Senate Bill 630 with House Amendment 1, Senate Bill 1625 with House Amendments 1 and 4, Senate Bill 2277 with House Amendment 2, and Senate Bill 2872 with House Amendment 2, which passed the House, as amended, May 2, 2006.

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 a bill of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 1814.
Passed the House, May 2, 2006.

A Message from the President -- pardon me. A Message from the House by Mr. Mahoney, Clerk.

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Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill -- House Joint Resolution 112.

Adopted by the House, April 19, 2006.

And I have a like Message with respect to House Joint Resolution 122, which was adopted by the House, April 25, 2006.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1814, offered by Senator Forby.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Rules Committee meeting will meet immediately in the President's Antechamber. The Senate will recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The Senate will come to order. 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 concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 185, together with House Amendment 1.

Passed the House, as amended, May 2, 2006.

I have a like Message with -- on Senate Bill 929, together with House Amendments 1 and 2.

Also passed the House, May 2, 2006.

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 a bill of following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 1815.

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Passed the House, May 2, 2006.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

House Bill 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1815, offered by Senator Schoenberg.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

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 Agriculture and Conservation Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2841; refer to Education Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 859, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 860, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 861, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2202, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2795, and Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 4974; refer to Environment and Energy Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 929 and a Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1827; refer to Executive Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to House -- pardon me -- to Senate Bill 585, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 and 4 to Senate Bill 1625, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2277, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2487 and a Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to Senate Bill 3086, and Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 4442, and House Bill 1918; refer to Financial Institutions Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 304; refer to Health and Human Services Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 630, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2170, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2199 and a Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 -- House Amendments 1, 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 2328; refer to Higher Education Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 5370; refer to the Judiciary Committee - Motion to Concur with House

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Ladies and Gentlemen, for purpose of an announcement. We will be making the committee announcements for tomorrow: Education will meet at 10 a.m. in Room 212; Judiciary -- oh, I -- I apologize, Local Government will meet in A-1 at 10 a.m.; at 10:30, Judiciary in 212 and Housing and Community Affairs in Room A-1 - both at 10:30; Pensions and Investments in Room 400 at 11 a.m.; Environment and Energy in Room 212 at 11:30; Health and Human Services in Room 400 at 11:30; Agriculture and Conservation in A-1 at 11:30; 9 a.m., Revenue in Room 400 and State Government in A-1; 12 noon, Licensed Activities in A-1; 12:30, Higher Education in Room 400; 9:30 a.m. is Executive Appointments in 212 and Financial Institutions in Room 400; 9 a.m., to repeat, Revenue in 400 and State Government in A-1. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 1 p.m., tomorrow, May 3rd, 2006. The Senate stands adjourned.