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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The regular Session of the 95th General Assembly will please come to order. Will our Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Driss Elakarich, Islam {sic} (Islamic) Society of Greater Springfield, Springfield, Illinois.

DRISS ELAKARICH:

(Prayer by Driss Elakarich)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Will -- will you please stand and rise for the Pledge Allegiance? Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Journals of Thursday, May 31st, and Friday, June 1st, 2007.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Mr. 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 LINK)

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

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

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Senate Resolution 237, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 238, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members.

They're both death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Madam Secretary, Messages.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

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 68, together with the following amendment which is attached, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 68.

We've received like Messages on Senate Bill 597, with House Amendments 1 and 3; Senate Bill 677, with House Amendment No. 1; Senate Bill 833, with House Amendment No. 1; Senate Bill 996, with House Amendment No. 1; Senate Bill 1366, with House Amendments 1, 4 and 5; Senate Bill 1424, with House Amendment No. 1; Senate Bill 1487, with House Amendments 1 and 2; and Senate Bill 1568, with House Amendments 1 and 2.

All passed the House, as amended, June 1st, 2007. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

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

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

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concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution 46.

Offered by Senator Martinez. Adopted by the House, June 1st, 2007. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

It is a substantive resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Channel 59 requests leave to video. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. For purposes of an announcement, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your announcement.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Would like the record reflect, if it might, Mr. President, that Senator Lauzen will be absent today. He is attending his son's high school graduation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The record shall reflect. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Joint Resolution 61, offered by Senator DeLeo, Harmon and Kotowski.

It's a death resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Resolution Consent Calendar. The Rules Committee will meet immediately in the President's Anteroom. Rules Committee meeting immediately in the President's Anteroom. Senator Martinez in the Chair. Senator Sieben, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SIEBEN:

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Point of personal, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

Well, thank you very much, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, the district that I represent in northwest Illinois -- the district that I represent in northwest Illinois happens to adjoin Senator Jacobs' district and we represent various parts of northwest Illinois, and as I went home this weekend, heard a lot of favorable comments about my colleague Senator Jacobs and the courage of his convictions to speak up about what he believes about the legislative process and what's important in his district. And I read in some of those articles that some of those discussions got kind of difficult and a little tense. So I wanted to offer to Senator Jacobs, if the negotiations get a little to difficult in the final few weeks as we try to negotiate our final budget here, I did bring a pair of boxing gloves that Senator Jacobs is welcome to use if he needs them as he fights for his district, and I wish him well in our final weeks of the Session here. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senator Halvorson, Chair -- 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 No. 1 to Senate Bill 1617; refer to Education Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 853 and a Motion to Concur with

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House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1183; refer to Executive Committee - a Motion to Concur with House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 158, Motion to Concur with House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1327 and a Motion to Concur with House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1625; refer to Higher Education Committee - a Motion to Concur with House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 729; refer to Human Services Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 574, Motion to Concur with House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1579 and a Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1664; refer to Judiciary-Civil Law Committee - a Motion to Concur with House Amendment No. 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 337 and Floor Amendment No. 8 to Senate -- I'm sorry, Floor Amendment No. 8 to House Bill 830; refer to Judiciary-Criminal Law Committee - a Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1, 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 607, Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 697, Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 4 to Senate Bill 1094 and a Motion to Concur with House Amendment No. 1 to 1627; refer to Local Government Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 684, a Motion to Concur with House Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1261, Motion to Concur with House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1453 and a Motion to Concur with House Amendment No. 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 1746; refer to Pensions and Investments Committee - a Motion to Concur with House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1481, a Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1621 and a Motion to Concur with House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1653; refer to Public Health Committee - a Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 144 and a Motion to Concur with House Amendment

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No. 1 to Senate Bill 940; refer to Revenue Committee - a Motion to Concur with House Amendment No. 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 13; refer to State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee - a Motion to Concur with House Amendment No. 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 8, a Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 336 and a Motion to Concur with House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1619; and refer to Transportation Committee - a Motion to Concur with House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 314 and a Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1, 3 and 4 to Senate Bill 435.

Senator Debbie Halvorson, Chairman. June 5th, 2007.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Madam Secretary, Communications.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

I have a letter dated June 5th, 2007.

Dear Madam Secretary - Pursuant to Rule 3-2(c), I hereby appoint Senator Donne Trotter to temporarily -- temporarily replace Senator Rickey Hendon as a member of the Senate Executive Committee. This appointment is effective immediately.

Sincerely, Emil Jones, Jr., Senate President.

I have a letter dated June 5th, 2007.

Dear Madam Secretary - Pursuant to Rule 3-2(c), I hereby appoint Senator Jacqueline Collins to temporarily replace Senator James Meeks as a member of the State -- Senate State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee. This appointment is effective immediately.

Sincerely, Emil Jones, Jr., Senate President.

A letter dated June 5th, 2007.

Dear Madam Secretary - Pursuant to Rule 3-5(c), I

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hereby appoint Senator Terry Link to replace Senator Louis Viverito as a member of the Rules Committee. This appointment is effective immediately.

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

And a final letter, dated June 5th, 2007.

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

Emil Jones, Jr., Senate President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Announcements of Committees: At 2:30 today is Judiciary-Civil Law. At 2:45 is Agriculture and Conservation. At 3 o'clock is Executive and State Government and Veterans Affairs. At 3:30 is Judiciary-Criminal Law and Transportation. And at 4 is Pension and Investments. Tomorrow morning -- or, tomorrow afternoon -- or, morning - I'm sorry: 10 a.m. is Local Government and Public Health. 10:30 is Human Services. 11 is Education. And 11:30 is Higher Education. Senator Haine, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HAINE:

Mr. President, a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR HAINE:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I would ask that the Senate give a warm welcome to a constituent of mine, longtime friend of my wife and I, a -- born and raised in Oak Park, in Senator Harmon's district. She's a librarian of all

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things. Very concerned about the Book. And I would ask you to welcome Mary Katherine Serio.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Will our guest rise and the Senate welcome her? One other announcement: At 11:45 tomorrow will be Revenue. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of noon tomorrow, June 6, 2007. The Senate stands adjourned.