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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

The First -- Second Special {sic} of the 93rd {sic} General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desk? Will the galleries -- will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Dr. Clifford Hayes, First Presbyterian Church, here in Springfield. Doctor.

DR. CLIFFORD HAYES:

(Prayer by Dr. Clifford Hayes)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Maloney, to lead in the Pledge, sir.

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal, please.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Journal of February 14th and 15th, 2008.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Good morning, Senator Hunter. Nice to see you.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Good morning, Mr. President. Wonderful to see you as well. I move that the Journal just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senators has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, Senator Hunter moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Madam Secretary, Messages from

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the House, please.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

I have 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 concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution 96.

Offered by Senator Sullivan.

(Secretary reads HJR No. 96)

Adopted by the House, February 15th, 2008. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, Resolution, please. Okay, Senator Sullivan moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate consideration and the adoption of House Joint Resolution 96. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it and the rules are suspended. Senator Sullivan now moves the adoption of House Joint Resolution 96. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. And the Ayes have it. And House Joint Resolution 96 is adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen, can I have your attention, please? Can I have your attention, please? At this time, the Chair would like to announce the committee of five Senators who's been appointed to escort the Governor to the House of Representatives: Senator Hunter - Senator Mattie Hunter; Senator Hultgren - Senator Hultgren; Senator Koehler; Senator Millner; and Senator Noland. Ladies and Gentlemen, the five Senators that have just been announced will be appointed to

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escort the Governor. We ask you immediately report to the House -- to the beginning of the House Chamber. Okay -- right now. Ladies and Gentlemen, for purposes of announcement. We're going to stand in recess to call of the Chair for the Budget Address. We -- the Senate will reconvene -- the Senate will reconvene moments after the Budget Address. We will be going to committees. We will have some Floor action, and then we go to committees this afternoon. And the -- so, at this time, the Senate will stand in recess to call of the Chair after the Joint Session.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

The regular Session of the 95th General Assembly will please come to order. Madam Secretary, Resolutions, please.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 549, offered by Senators {sic} Wilhelmi and all Members.

It's a death resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

And Senate Resolution 550, offered by Senators Dillard and Hultgren.

Senate Joint Resolution 551 {sic}, offered by Senator Emil Jones.

Senate Joint Resolution 552 {sic}, offered by Senator Maloney.

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And -- Senate Joint Resolution, Constitutional Amendment, 553 {sic}, offered by Senator -- Senator Dahl. They're all substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading, please.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

House Bill 2482, offered by Senator Hendon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4163, offered by Senator Haine and Wilhelmi.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4170, offered by Senator Harmon and Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 4191, offered by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Ladies and Gentlemen, for purposes of an announcement. First, I'd ask all Members, please come to the Floor. All Members within the sound of my voice please come to the Floor. We're about to do some Senate action. Ladies and Gentlemen, for purposes of an announcement. For purpose of announcement, may I have your attention, please? The following committees will meet this afternoon. The following committees will meet this afternoon: Judiciary-Civil will be at 3 p.m. at -- in Room 212. That's Judiciary-Civil Law, 3 p.m., at -- in Room 212. Judiciary-Criminal - Judiciary-Criminal Law will meet at 3:30 in Room 212. Also meeting today, this afternoon - Ladies and Gentlemen, have your attention, please - Local Government - Local Government will be at 3 p.m. in Room 409. That's Local

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Government, 3 p.m. in Room 409. And our fourth and last committee meeting today is Pensions and Investment - Pension and Investment. That's at 4 p.m. That's at 4 p.m. in Room 400. Also, tomorrow morning, Thursday the 21st - February 21st - at 9 a.m. - 9 a.m. - is Environmental and Energy in Room 212. That's Environmental and Energy. That's Thursday at 9 a.m. in 212. Those are the five committees that will be posted. Four -- four today and one tomorrow. Thank you. Madam Secretary, Resolutions, please.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Yes, Mr. President, the prior Senate Joint Resolutions I read in were in error.

Senate Joint Resolution 82, by Senator -- offered by Senator Emil Jones.

Senate Joint Resolution 83, offered by Senator Maloney.

And Senate Joint Resolution, Constitutional Amendment, 84, offered by Senator Dahl.

They're all substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Madam Secretary. The record will so reflect the correction. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, for purposes of announcement. We will have a Rules Committee meeting immediately in the President's Anteroom. So I'd ask all members of the Rules Committee, please report to the President's Anteroom immediately. Thank you very much. Senate will come to order. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senator Halvorson, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned:

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Refer to Education Committee - Senate Bill 2091, Senate Bill 2288 and Senate Bill 2328; refer to Environment and Energy Committee - Senate Bill 2083, Senate Bill 2095, Senate Bill 2120, Senate Bill 2129, Senate Bill 2163 and Senate Bill 2238; refer to Executive Committee - Senate Bills {sic} 2176 and Senate Bill 2240; refer to Financial Institutions Committee - Senate Bill 2098; refer to Higher Education Committee - Senate Bill 2076 and Senate Bill 2086; refer to Housing and Community Affairs Committee - Senate Bill 2115 and Senate Bill 2146; refer to Human Services Committee - Senate Bill 2165 and Senate Bill 2199; refer to Insurance Committee - Senate Bill 2109, Senate Bill 2187 and Senate Bill 2197; refer to Judiciary-Civil Law Committee - Senate Bill 2124, Senate Bill 2138, Senate Bill 2154 and Senate Bill 2212; refer to Judiciary-Criminal Law Committee - Senate Bill 2117, Senate Bill 2118, Senate Bill 2135, Senate Bill 2142, Senate Bill 2254, Senate Bill 2275 and Senate -- Senate Bill 2280; refer to Labor Committee - Senate Bill 2070, Senate Bill 2188 and Senate Bill 2216; refer to Licensed Activities Committee - Senate Bill 2179, Senate Bill 2211, Senate Bill 2217, Senate Bill 2222, Senate Bill 2285 and Senate Bill 2290; refer to Local Government Committee - Senate Bill 2160, Senate Bill 2190, Senate Bill 2239, Senate Bill 2292, Senate Bill 2297, Senate Bill 2307, Senate Bill 2314 and Senate Bill 2321; refer to Pensions and Investments Committee - Senate Bill 2068, Senate Bill 2078, Senate Bill 2093 and Senate Bill 2250; refer to Public Health Committee - Senate Bill 2150, Senate Bill 2173, Senate Bill 2300 and Senate Bill 2303; refer to Revenue Committee - Senate Bill 2097, Senate Bill 2298 and Senate Bill 2301; and refer to State Government and Veterans

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Affairs Committee - Senate Bill 2074, Senate Bill 2149, Senate Bill 2193, Senate Bill 2311 and Senate Bill 2327.

Senator Debbie Halvorson, Chairman. February 20th, 2006 {sic}.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, the committee announcements have been made for this afternoon's committees. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 21st, the year 2008. The Senate stands adjourned.