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PRESIDENT JONES:

The regular Session of the 95th General Assembly will please come to order. Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Journal of July 10th, 2008.

PRESIDENT JONES:

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.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Hunter moves to approve the Journal just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. WGBO-TV seeks leave to record the proceeding. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Senator Terry Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would call for a Democratic Caucus in the President's Office immediately.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Link, did you indicate that caucus would last about forty-five minutes? Senator Risinger.

SENATOR RISINGER:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Republicans would also like a caucus in the Minority's -- President's Office for forty-five minutes.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Okay, both sides will be in caucus until the hour of 4:15.

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We will return to the Floor at 4:15. The Senate stands in recess until the hour of 4:15.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDENT JONES:

The regular Session of the 95th General Assembly will please come to order. Will all the members of the Rules Committee kindly convene in the Antechamber? All the members of the Rules Committee. CBS Channel 2 would like leave to tape and record Session, as well as WBBM-TV. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Madam Secretary, Committee Report.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senator Hendon, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - House Joint Resolution 132.

Senator Rickey Hendon, Chairman. August 12th, 2008.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Yeah. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 797, offered by Senator Cullerton and all Members.

Senate Resolution 798, offered by Senator Murphy and all Members.

Senate Resolution 799, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members.

Senate Resolution 800, offered by Senator Althoff and all Members.

Senate Resolution 801, offered by Senator Koehler and all

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Members.

Senate Resolutions 802 through 809, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

Senate Resolution 810, offered by Senator Dillard and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 811 and 812, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

Senate Resolution 813, offered by Senator Clayborne and all Members.

Senate Resolution 814, offered by Senator Lauzen and all Members.

Senate Resolution 815, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members.

Senate Resolution 816, offered by Senator Watson and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 817 and 818, offered by Senator Collins and all Members.

Senate Resolution 819, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

Senate Resolution 820, offered by Senator Emil Jones and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 821 and 822, offered by Senator Demuzio and all Members.

Senate Resolution 823, offered by Senator Raoul and all Members.

And Senate Resolutions 824 through 826, offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Members.

They're all death resolutions, Mr. President.

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Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

And Senate Resolution 827, offered by Senator Hunter.

It is substantive.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, Messages.

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

Senate Bill 392, 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 Bill 1 to Senate Bill 392 -- I'm sorry, House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 392 and House Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 392.

We've received like Messages on Senate Bill 450, with House Amendment No. 4, and Senate Bill 1290, with House Amendment No. 1.

All passed the House, as amended, July 16th, 2008. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill -- 3051, offered by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 3052, offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 3052 {sic} (3053), offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Resolution -- Senate Bill 3054, offered by Senator Maloney.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 3055, offered by Senator Meeks.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill -- and Senate Bill 3056, offered by Senators Murphy and Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT JONES:

House Bill 1st Reading.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

House Bill 4863, offered by Senator Rutherford.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 5730, offered by Senator Noland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Kotowski, what purpose you rise?

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Gives me great pleasure and an honor to introduce my oldest son, Nate. He's eight years old. He came down with me to Springfield. He's very excited to be here. His goal is to one

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day be the Senate President. Please give him a -- a great Springfield welcome to my son, Nate.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Cronin, what purpose you rise?

SENATOR CRONIN:

Point of personal privilege, if I may.

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR CRONIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just wanted to introduce some very important, some very special folks that are seated in the gallery behind me on this side of the Chamber. They're from an outstanding institution in DuPage County that treats people with substance abuse. It is known as the Serenity House. And they're down here carrying their message to the Legislature and to the administration about the importance of funding of this very, very important cause. I'd ask the Legislature, the Senate, to please give them a warm welcome.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Will our guests in the gallery please rise and be welcomed by the Senate? Senator Jacobs, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR JACOBS:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR JACOBS:

I, too, have a special guest here today. You know, Senator Emil Jones served with my grandfather in the Illinois -- in the Illinois House, served with my father in the Illinois Senate and

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served with me. And today he met my young son, Elliott. And the Senate President said something very wise to me. He turned to Elliott and he said, "Son, we need you down here quick 'cause we need to replace your dad." I'd like to introduce my son, Elliott Jacobs.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Link, your purpose of rising?

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. Announcement. First of all, that Senator Silverstein's in his -- asked to be excused. He's in his district for legislative purposes. And Senator Halvorson is in Washington, D.C., with her stepson who is in the hospital, who just came back from Iraq. And I would ask that the Senate remember them in -- remember him in their prayers and for a quick recovery.

PRESIDENT JONES:

On the Supplemental Calendar, which has been distributed - Supplemental Calendar No. 1 - on the Secretary's Desk, Resolutions, Senator -- Resolution -- House Joint Resolution 132. Senator Garrett, you wish to proceed? Okay, Senator Garrett move for the suspension of Senate rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution -- House Joint Resolution 132. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Madam Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

House Joint Resolution 132, offered by Senator Garrett.
No committee or Floor amendments reported.

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Senator Garrett, to explain the resolution.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Yes, thank you very much, Mr. President. House Joint Resolution 132 does the following: It's a recommendation by the Compensation Review Board, and the Board recommends that all public officials in the executive and legislative branches under the Board's jurisdiction be placed in the same position they would be if the COLAs payable by the law for Fiscal Year 2006 had been paid. No back pay will be issued. Number two, the Board also recommends that all public officials in the executive and legislative branches under the Board's jurisdiction be placed in the same position they would be if the COLAs payable by law for Fiscal Year 2007 had been paid. No back pay will be issued. And the report also recommends the salaries of the judiciary, county State's attorneys and executive branch -- by one and one-half percent as of July 1, 2008, and by one and one-half percent beginning July 1, 2009. And then, finally, the report recommends increasing the salaries of members of the legislative branch by one percent as of July 1, 2008, and by one percent beginning July 1, 2009. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to speak to this resolution. I am really glad that we're doing this today. It's a great relief. I think it's a darn shame that we have to be pushed to the brink by public pressure to do the right thing. This is clearly the right thing, to reject this pay raise at

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this time. Our constituents are suffering with increased gas prices, food prices, a mortgage crisis. It is absolutely unconscionable that we would accept a pay raise of this or any magnitude right now. So, President Jones, thank you for calling this bill {sic}. I'm sure that the majority of the Members in this Body will do the right thing and reject this pay raise. I certainly intend to do so. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I rise in strong support of Senator Garrett's resolution. I would like to first compliment her on all her hard work in bringing this to the public's attention. I'd also like to say that I think it's very important that we pass this resolution. Got a phone call from a constituent today. His name is Ted. He's been in business for twenty-eight years and he is in the print-screening business. And he is going to have to close his doors. A lot of people can't afford health care, they can't afford fuel, they can't stay in their homes because of high property taxes. This is no time for a legislative pay increase of this magnitude. And I rise in strong support of it. And I -- again, I commend the sponsor for all her good work on this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Mr. President. First, I'd like to thank the members of the Rules Committee - Senator Radogno, Senator Link,

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Senator Martinez and Senator Risinger - who sat in today on the Rules Committee. This came out of the Rules Committee five to nothing - a clear indication that the members of the Rules Committee are in support of this resolution of rejecting the Compensation Review Board's recommendation. I do have to say, however, that it's unfortunate that some people would make this a total political game. I saw the Lieutenant Governor just the other day trying to upstage the Governor at a very important function for political purposes only. But, yet, he still gets his 3.8 percent every year and I'm sure he's glad to have it. If we were able to do a capital bill, if we were able to do funding for education and transportation, I would have been more in support of getting a raise at that time. But, clearly, we passed it over here in the Senate. We passed everything for education, for transportation, for capital. But over in the House, in the other Chamber, they let everything die. Because of that, to accept the raise right now, as Senator Radogno said, would be outrageous. I urge all Members on this side of the aisle and that side of aisle to reject the raise at this point. Now, I've taken a lot of criticism, a lot of heat, over this issue throughout the year. As Chairman of the Rules Committee, it was always my intention to allow the Members the right to vote. The Members have a right to vote. We know the clock was ticking. We understand timing. But I always, since I've been put in that position by our esteemed President - and many of you know it - have felt that bills should be able to come out of Rules and we've let more out of Rules than we ever have before. This is a continuation of that. And I urge everyone on both sides of the aisle, because of what Senator Radogno said -- she

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made it clear: gas prices are through the roof, people are losing their homes in foreclosure, people are losing their jobs, even the City of Chicago may do some layoffs in the very near future. So I urge all of us to do the right thing and reject the raise at this time because we were not able to do the business that we needed to do for the people of this great State.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

You know, the easiest thing for me to do right now is to go along with Senator Hendon's urging and to respond to the -- the sign of the times, and the calls, and the public, and the newspaper stories that talk about how the Legislature votes itself a pay raise. But that would be a little bit irresponsible, because what it does, it tells a story as if there was some legislation proposed to increase the salary of the Legislature. And I don't know if anybody else in this room has seen such legislation, but I have not. It's my understanding that years ago something called the Compensation Review Board was created, and part of the rationale for creating the Compensation Review Board was to take this decision outside of the domain of the Legislature. Now, I haven't sat and compared my salary to the salary of a legislator in the State of Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, New York or various other states. I haven't tracked how cost-of-living -- adjustments have been going for people in other professions. I haven't done these things because I don't think that, at anytime, I should be in the position to make a determination as to what my compensation

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should be. There should be a separate entity to do so. So if, in fact, as it's being characterized in the newspapers that legislators are voting themselves a pay raise, in -- if, in fact, there were such legislation proposing that we give ourselves a pay raise, I would vote the same as I am about to vote right now, which is voting Present, because it should not be my decision as to how much I am compensated. And -- and so, therefore, I think for those who year after year after year, no matter what the economy is -- let's be clear about this - the Compensation Review Board historically has made recommendation in good times. And guess what? There will always be a legislator to come with a resolution that says the Legislature should not vote themselves a pay raise. But that's not what we're doing here. We're -- we're making a decision as to whether or not the Compensation Review Board appropriately did its job. And if we're going to make that decision, let's look at their rationale, let's examine things from that standpoint. If there are challenges with the Compensation Review Board, that's what we should be addressing. We shouldn't just -- we're -- we've been lazy as legislators. We've been lazy 'cause we're reactionary to what is in the papers instead of doing the duty of commuting -- communicating to our constituents exactly how this goes on.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Risinger.

SENATOR RISINGER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I wasn't going to speak, but after hearing a -- a colleague on the other side of the aisle speak, I felt compelled to get up and -- and talk about this a

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little bit. I've been against the increase, the pay-raise increase in the General Assembly from the get-go, when the Compensation Review Board came out with the report. And while I may not disagree with the work of the Compensation Review Board, it is our responsibility to take a look at the State budget and to see what we're able to fund and what we're not able to fund. And this is just the wrong time for us to approve a salary increase for the General Assembly, whenever we are allowing a lot of things to go unfunded that are really hurting the people of the State of Illinois. I mean, there is some real pain that is going on in this State right at the moment. And for us to even entertain the notion that we ought to be raising our salaries while that suffering is going on is, in my opinion, just outrageous and shouldn't happen. So I will be voting Yes in favor of the resolution. And I hope that everybody does.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Senator Martinez in the Chair. Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

The sponsor indicate yield.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Could you tell me a little bit about this three-percent -- 3.8-percent increase that Pat Quinn and, I suppose -- I mean, I don't know if other legislators took it. I don't -- did you take it?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

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Every single legislator and member of the Executive Branch has received a cost-of-living increase that went into effect in July.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

It seems to me that this is part and parcel and typical of what we do in the Legislature. We have people in the -- in the -- in the Assembly today that need help - not -- not the one million dollars that the increase of -- of the entire legislative salary's going to cost, but needs real serious help. We have education funding going through the roof, but what do we do? We focus on the thing that people can understand - pay raise. I work very hard. I raise a family on what I earn. I have a young son here that I have to provide for. No, I'm not saying poor, pity me, I should be in -- I should be out of public service, I should do something else. But I'll tell you, it does frustrate me when we suggest that only the richest among us should be able to be lawmakers, that only the people who have second jobs should be lawmakers. I believe that people of lower and middle economic status should have the opportunity to serve the public. And, yes, they should give something and we do give something. I give all of myself. I give myself away to the media. I give myself away to my constituents. And -- and my colleagues can say, "Hey, I'm going to take an increase" or "I'm not going to take an increase." But what I don't understand, Senator, is why you feel the need to say not only do you not want an increase but no one else should have one. Shouldn't that be something that is decided by an independent board, such

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as the Compensation Review Board, rather than legislators? And if it's not going to be that way, we ought to go back and fix the system and be more honest. Let's just be honest for once in this building. I'm tired of it. You know, I know the taxpayers of Illinois are tired of it too. They want us to move forward. That I've been called back here to deal with this issue today, to spend seventy thousand dollars of taxpayer money to come back and deal with this issue, when these poor people in the audience today are losing valuable dollars for prevention of -- and -- and needed treatment - it's a frustrating system. I encourage everyone to run for office. It's not the greatest experience in the world, but you learn a lot about yourself. And, you know, I'm going to do the political thing. Everybody will be really happy in my district, not everybody. My newspaper friends who have been writing bad editorials will say, "Look he did the right thing." I'm doing the wrong thing. It's seven straight years the Legislature has been without an increase. Is that correct? Nine years. Nine years. Never are -- is there ever going to be a time when the Legislature deserves a pay raise? Never.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes, thank you very much, Madam President. I'm not sure that last statement was totally accurate. I think we have had cost-of-living increases periodically over the last seven years. Maybe not every year, but I know we've had some increases - much more than maybe a lot of people are getting. Senator Raoul, I was there when the Compensation Review Board was -- when that

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legislation passed, and if -- if I felt that it was truly an independent body, I -- I'd feel differently about this. But -- and I -- I haven't even looked to see what the makeup of the Board is currently today. But if you go back in years, you'll see people serving on the Board that their interests were the interests of the General Assembly. And I hate to say that, but that was -- it was a cover. It's a cover. I mean, that's -- that's basically what it was all about - create this independent body that's going to make all these decisions on pay raises, that'll take it out of the legislative -- legislative action. And that was -- that's just certainly not the way it ought to be. I mean, we do decide the budget. We should act on it and it includes salary increases, not only for us but other members of -- of State government. And -- and we -- we see here today all these people that came here today from the drug treatment and the drug prevention programs that -- that have the shirts, said "help us help them". And we see what's happened to their budget and the cuts that have been made to them and what -- ultimately the impact that has on the people of this State, I think is significant. Significant. So it's truly not the time for us to have our hand out. I mean, we ought to be helping hands, but we ought to be helping people like the drug treatment and the prevention programs and the other services in this State that have been -- that have been cut. So, I -- personally, I think that State government is in shambles, nothing's getting done, people won't even sit in the same room together. It's just not the time at all for anyone, anyone in the legislative process to think they deserve a pay increase. So I support the rejection of any pay increase and certainly this resolution

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which will -- will do that. And I thank the Senate President for giving us the opportunity to debate this today. I was concerned about that, as I've told him. And this is something that the public deserves, is a debate on the issue and you vote your conscience. But this is certainly not the time for any kind of pay increase for those of us in the legislative process. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Thank you. Senator Raoul, for a second time.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Yeah, it's just my name was used in debate. Couple of -- couple of points: One, if there's a challenge with the Compensation -- with the composition of the Compensation Review Board, that's what we should be debating here. If there's a challenge with the procedure that the Compensation Review Board uses, that's what we should be debating here. But that's not what we're debating here. And we're either taking this out of the domain of the Legislature or we're -- we're just going to keep it -- keep it here. Secondly, with regards to the -- the good people from the substance abuse treatment community, we passed a budget here. We passed a budget appropriating money for the people from that community. We also passed a revenue source to pay for that. And those that have asked to override the vetoes of the Governor did not pass a revenue source to pay for those services. So -- so that should be -- made clear to all of the people from -- from -- from the substance abuse treatment community. The Senate did their job. You can't go to a grocery store, fill up a grocery cart and not have money to pay for the groceries when you're at the checkout counter. We -

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- we -- we put money in the pocketbook. It was rejected by the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Senate President Emil Jones.

SENATOR E. JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Madam President. You know, the more years you stay here, the -- the more you hear all the hypocrisy that goes around when it come down to various issues. It get rather disgusting sometime to -- to listen to individuals who call themselves public officials representing the taxpayers. And to say "The clock is running this week; if you don't act this week, the pay raise goes into effect." Biggest lie ever told. Some folks don't even know how to count. The -- the Constitution is specific: When you are called into Special Session, you deal with the subject matter that the Special Session is called for. Those days do not count. We, in the Senate, when we passed the budget back in May, did not include the Compensation Review Board report for those COLA increases that you did not receive. Some call it pay raise, but they were COLA increases that you did not receive. We did not include that in the budget, nor did we include the cost-of-living increase that is statutorily. But when it got to the House, they sent it back with the money for the cost-of-living increase. The Lieutenant Governor running to the press, he never said, "I got a 3.8-percent increase and I'm cashing my check everyday." He didn't say that. Hypocrisy, game playing, grandstanding. The Comptroller even made a statement: "I'm not going to honor any checks that come before me." Playing games. There's no money in the budget for a pay raise. I have never

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held or forced individuals in a position where they could not vote for the report from the Compensation Review Board. No, Senator, we're not pressured into doing that. There are many days left we could have called this particular issue. No bigger lie has been told than told on this particular issue. There's enough days still left for us to call it in regular Session. So let -- let's quit playing games with this issue, the COLA increase, the cost-of-living. And as I -- it's very strange to have these folks sitting in the gallery back there. When the budget was presented with the funds in there to support those programs, individuals talking about them - they need this - but they didn't even vote for the budget. Did not vote for the money to support the budget. That's the hypocrisy that exists. You folks in the gallery should look at the vote and see who voted for the money for your budget, as well as the funds to support the budget. But they know you don't know that so they can make those kind of statements. Talking to poor people in the gallery for substance abuse programs - let's stop playing games. Let's stop playing games with the Compensation Review Board. The facts are the facts. I wish the Lieutenant Governor would call a press conference, say, "Yes, Mr. -- Madam Taxpayer, Mr. Taxpayer, we shouldn't get these raises, but I must admit, I got a 3.8-percent increase that I'm not giving back." Tell the truth. That's a fact. A true fact. This resolution does not deal with that. It does not deal with that. The Compensation Review report -- Compensation Review Board report deals with the executive branch and commissions, as well as the judiciary all across the State of Illinois. But what has happened is people play games with that. They play games with this particular

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issue. And it's the gamesmanship that create all the problem. No, there's no pressure in -- in -- said he called it on account of pressure. No, because we have enough days still left to deal with the issue. And we've always done that in the Senate and we shall continue to do such. Vote your conscience.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Senator Garrett, to close.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Thank you, Madam President. I just want to say that this has been a long and winding road. And that, as Senators, we have the responsibility and the obligation to give this an up or down vote, whether good arguments made on both sides. But, certainly, our role is to send a message to the taxpayers of Illinois to let them know where we stand and why we believe or don't believe that we deserve a pay raise. I think all of the comments that we've heard about how other people in the State are hurting, people are losing jobs, we haven't really come up with the right formula for education funding reform -- but we need to take a leadership role here and set a precedent that in times like this, we will hopefully reject a pay raise. Let me make it clear how to vote. If you want to reject the pay raise, vote Yes. If you want to accept the pay raise, vote No. I urge a Yes vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Senator Garrett moves the adoption of House Joint Resolution 132. This -- this resolution requiring the Compensation Review report -- Board Review -- the Compensation Review Board report requires a record vote. Those in favor of House Joint Resolution 132 will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The

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voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On the question, there are 43 voting -- 47 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 3 voting Present. The -- the resolution is adopted. We will now proceed to the Order of Resolutions Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all those resolutions read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Madam Secretary, have there been any objections filed -- to any -- in -- resolution on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

No objections filed, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, the motion carries, and the resolutions are adopted. There being no further -- further business to come before the regular Session, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 5:02 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2008. The regular Session stands adjourned.