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PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

The regular Session of the 96th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be in their -- at their seats? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Pastor Jeff Chitwood, South Side Christian Church, Springfield, Illinois.

PASTOR JEFF CHITWOOD:

(Prayer by Pastor Jeff Chitwood)

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Jacobs, to give the Pledge.

SENATOR JACOBS:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Jacobs)

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal. Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Mr. President, I move to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal for Wednesday, January 14th, 2009, pending the approval -- pending arrival and -- pending arrival of the printed transcripts.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Madam Secretary, Resolutions. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Resolution 8, offered by Senator Raoul and all Members.

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Senate Resolution 9, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 10 through 13, offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 14 through 16, offered by Senator Harmon and all Members.

Senate Resolution 17, offered by Senator Forby and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 18, offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Members.

They are death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Consent Calendar.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

And Senate Resolution 19, offered by Senator Frerichs. It is substantive.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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

Dear 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 No. 3

Offered by Senator Sullivan.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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House Joint Resolution 3, offered by Senator Sullivan.

(Secretary reads HJR No. 3)

Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House. Adopted January 14, 2009.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Sullivan, on the resolution. Senator Sullivan moves for the immediate consideration and adoption of the resolution. It's House Joint Resolution No. 3. All in favor, say Aye. All opposed, No. The Ayes have it. Resolution's {sic} adopted. Senator Sullivan moves for the adoption of the House Joint Resolution No. 3. All in favor, say Aye. All opposed, No. The Ayes have it. Resolution's adopted. Senator Clayborne. Senator Clayborne. Senator Clayborne has an announcement.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of an announcement. I would like to make an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Proceed.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Immediately after caucus today, members of the Democratic Caucus should gather in Room 400 to pick offices and Floor seats. Please be prompt. Immediately after caucus.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

We will now proceed to the Order of Resolutions Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all those resolutions read in the -- in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, have there been any objections filed to any resolutions on the Consent Calendar?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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No objection's been filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor, say Aye. All opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the resolutions are adopted. Senator Maloney, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MALONEY:

Just for the purpose of announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Proceed.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Okay. For the last two years, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I've had the privilege of beginning Session with the Pledge of Allegiance. We have a new leader. In that -- in that respect, this year Senate President Cullerton has chosen Senator Mike Jacobs to lead us in the Pledge every -- every day. I have -- I have -- in case he forgets the words, I have for you, Mike, your own official Pledge here that I am going to turn over to you, so in case you get nervous some morning. But, thank you all for the opportunity I've had the last couple years. I very -- very much -- it's been an honor. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Well, Senator Maloney, I'd like to make an announcement that would be applicable to everyone here. It's the intention of the Chair to start on time for the... So -- so, Senator Jacobs, if he's going to do the Pledge, he's going to have to be here to make sure that that will take place. Senator Sullivan, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I have an announcement.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Proceed.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

The Senate Democrats will caucus immediately upon adjournment in the President's Office. Immediately upon adjournment, the Senate Democrats will caucus in the President's Office.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the 26th day of January, 2009. The time of the Session will be -- you'll be notified later about the time of the Session, but it's anticipated it'll probably be 11:45. But you'll get individual notice. The Senate stands adjourned.