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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

The regular Session of the 96th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desk? Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal, please.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, June 30th, 2009.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Madam Secretary. Good afternoon. Senator Crotty, how are you this afternoon, ma'am?

SENATOR CROTTY:

Well, I'm -- I'm great and it's almost evening, but thank you for asking. But, Mr. President, I move to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal just read by the Secretary, pending arrival of the printed transcript.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Crotty moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Senator Crotty moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. We have a number of people requesting permission to photograph. The State Journal-Register; WAND-TV Channel 17 requests permission to videotape the proceedings; Jack Conaty, FOX; WICS-TV Channel 20 here in Springfield requesting permission to videotape the proceedings; FOX Chicago; and WLS-TV Chicago requesting permission to videotape the proceedings. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Madam Secretary, Messages, please.

SECRETARY ROCK:

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

Senate Bill 291, 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 1.

Passed the House, as amended, July 15th, 2009. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Madam Secretary, Resolutions, please.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Resolution 347, offered by Senator Schoenberg and all Members.

Senate Resolution 348, offered by Senator Schoenberg and all Members.

Senate Resolution 349, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

Senate Resolution 350, offered by Senator Clayborne and all Members.

Senate Resolution 351, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

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Senate Resolution 354, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

Senate Resolution 355, offered by Senator Collins and all

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Members.

Senate Resolution 356, offered by Senator Collins and all Members.

Senate Resolution 357, offered by Senator Harmon and all Members.

Senate Resolution 358, offered by Senator John O. Jones and all Members.

Senate Resolution 359, offered by Senator Duffy and all Members.

Senate Resolution 360, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

Senate Resolution 361, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

Senate Resolution 362, offered by Senator Demuzio and all Members.

Senate Resolution 363, offered by Senator Demuzio and all Members.

Senate Resolution 364, offered by Senator Hutchinson and all Members.

Senate Resolution 365, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

Senate Resolution 366, offered by Senator Viverito and all Members.

Senate Resolution 367, offered by Senator Viverito and all Members.

Senate Resolution 368, offered by Senator Hunter and all Members.

They're all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

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Resolutions Consent Calendar. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, for purpose of announcement. Would all members of the Committee on Assignments -- would all members of the Committee on Assignments please report to the President's Anteroom immediately? We'll have a committee meeting on Committee of Assignments immediately so we can post committees. So I'd ask all members, please report to the President's Anteroom immediately. Senator Jones, for what purpose do you rise, sir, and how are you today?

SENATOR J. JONES:

I'm -- I'm fine, Mr. President. And -- and you're looking very dapper up there in the Chair today. But I do have an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your announcement, sir.

SENATOR J. JONES:

Senator Bomke is -- is absent today due to the fact that his wife's brother passed away and so he has gone to the visitation and the funeral out of town. And so he'll be excused today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

The record will so reflect his absence. Thank you, Senator Jones.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

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SECRETARY ROCK:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to the Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 662, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 291; Be Approved for Consideration - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1, House Amendment 2 and House Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 321.

Signed by Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Madam Secretary. Senator Silverstein, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Purpose for an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your announcement, sir.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. There will be a subject-matter hearing at 5:45 in Room 210 {sic} (212) on the contents of the amendments filed to -- in the House to Senate Bill 1216, Senate Bill 1292 and Senate Bill 1912. There also will be a hearing at 6:20. We'll be hearing Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 622 {sic} (662) and a Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 291 at 6:20.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, for purpose of announcement. In case you did not hear the Chairman's announcement, for those Members that are still in their offices, the -- all members of the Executive Committee are asked to

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report to Room 212 at the hour of 5:45 for subject matter only on budget matters. And at the hour of 6:20, there'll be -- Executive Committee will reconvene for the purposes of hearing legislation. We will be returning to the Floor for full Senate action and Floor votes after the Executive Committee. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise, ma'am?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, ma'am.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes, I have with me today, as a Page, Caleb Combs, who is the nephew of John Combs, who is here on our staff, and he is a constituent of Senator Bomke's. But he's going -- he's been with me here today and he's a student at Franklin Middle School here in Springfield. I think he's somewhat of a comedian and may be taking some tips from our Senate President. He's been kind of watching him today and kind of job shadowing everybody. So, Caleb's been very enthusiastic and we would like to welcome him to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Caleb, welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Welcome to Springfield. Caleb, I'm funnier than the Senate President. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, for purpose of announcement. The Senate will stand in recess to call of the Chair. We will be coming back after the Executive Committee for further Floor action and final action. So the Senate will stand in recess to the call of the Chair.

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(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

The Senate will come to order in regular Session. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senator Silverstein, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 291 recommended Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we are going to turn to substantive business. If all Members within the sound of my voice could be at their desks. Supplemental Calendar No. 1 has been distributed to the Members' desks. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Supplemental Calendar No. -- No. 1 has been distributed to the Members' desks. On that Supplemental Calendar is Secretary's Desk, Senate Bills. WAND-TV seeks leave to videotape the proceeding. There being no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of Secretary's Desk, Concurrence is Senate Bill 291. Senator Raoul, are you ready to proceed? Madam Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ROCK:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 291.

Signed by Senator Raoul.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Raoul, to explain your motion.

SENATOR RAOUL:

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Thank you, Mr. President. I'm moving to concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 291, which amends the Notice by Publication Act and the Newspaper Legal Notice Act to reduce the required size of newspaper in which legal -- legal notices are published from one hundred and thirty square inches of printed matter per page to one hundred square inches. It also provides that any previously published notice that is compliant with the reduced-size requirement of the bill shall be considered legal and valid.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 291. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And the motion having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 291. And the bill is declared passed. Senator Millner, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MILLNER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to be recorded as a No vote on that last vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator, the record will reflect your intention to have voted No. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, the regular Session of the 96th General Assembly will stand in recess until the call of the Chair.

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(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

The regular Session of the Senate will now come to order. Madam Secretary, Resolutions Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all resolutions read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Madam Secretary, have there been any objections filed to any resolution on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No objections have been filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

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, say Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries and the resolutions are adopted. Madam Secretary, Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2460, offered by Senator Koehler.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 2461, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ROCK:

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

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joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution 69.

Offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads HJR No. 69)

Adopted by the House, July 15th, 2009. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Clayborne moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate consideration and adoption of House Joint Resolution 69. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, say Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Clayborne moves the adoption of House Joint Resolution 69. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. There... There being no further business to come before the regular Session, the regular Session of the Senate stands adjourned to the call of the Chair. The Senate stands adjourned.