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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? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Bishop Livingston from Life Changers Church in Decatur, Illinois. Bishop.

BISHOP G.E. LIVINGSTON:

(Prayer by Bishop G.E. Livingston)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

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

SENATOR JACOBS:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Jacobs)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

...be seated. We have a request from the Illinois Channel. Terry Martin requests permission to videotape the proceedings. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal, please.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Journal of July 15th, 2009.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Garrett, good morning, ma'am. Actually, good afternoon, ma'am. Nice to see you.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Yes. Thank you very much, Mr. President. I move to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal just read by the Secretary, pending arrival of the printed transcript.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, Senator Garrett

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moves to approve the Journals just read. I'm sorry. Moves to postpone the reading -- let me start over again. For corrections for the record: Senator Garrett moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Madam Secretary, Introduction of Bills, please.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2462, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 2463, offered by Senator Brady.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 2464, offered by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 2465, offered by Senator John Jones.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 2466, offered by Senator Duffy.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 2467, offered by Senator Bomke.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 2468, offered by Senator Steans.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, could we go to the Order of Resolutions, please?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Resolution 369, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

Senate Resolution 370, offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all

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Senate Resolution 371, offered by Senator Lauzen and all Members.

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Senate Resolution 373, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

Senate Resolution 374, offered by Senator Dillard and all Members.

Senate Resolution 375, offered by Senator Forby and all Members.

Senate Resolution 376, offered by Senator Clayborne and all Members.

Senate Resolution 377, offered by Senator Lauzen and all Members.

Senate Resolution 378, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members.

Senate Resolution 379, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members.

Senate Resolution 380, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members.

Senate Resolution 381, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

Senate Resolution 382, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

Senate Resolution 383, offered by Senator Dillard and all Members.

Senate Resolution 384, offered by Senator McCarter and all Members.

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Senate Resolution 385, offered by Senator Raoul and all Members.

Senate Resolution 386, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members.

Senate Resolution 387, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

Senate Resolution 388, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

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Senate Resolution 390, offered by Senator Lauzen and all Members.

Senate Resolution 391, offered by Senator Lauzen and all Members.

Senate Resolution 392, offered by Senator Noland and all Members.

Senate Resolution 393, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

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Senate Resolution 398, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

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Senate Resolution 400, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

Senate Resolution 401, offered by Senator Clayborne and all Members.

Senate Resolution 402, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members.

Senate Resolution 403, offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Members.

Senate Resolution 404, offered by Senator Duffy and all Members.

Senate Resolution 405, offered by Senator Raoul and all Members.

Senate Resolution 406, offered by Senator Raoul and all Members.

Senate Resolution 407, offered by Senator McCarter and all Members.

Senate Resolution 408, offered by Senator Millner and all Members.

Senate Resolution 409, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members.

Senate Resolution 410, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members.

Senate Resolution 411, offered by Senator Lightford and all Members.

Senate Resolution 412, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

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Senate Resolution 414, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

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Senate Resolution 417, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members.

Senate Resolution 418, offered by Senator Lightford and all Members.

Senate Resolution 419, offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Members.

Senate Resolution 420, offered by Senator Collins and all Members.

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Senate Resolution 424, offered by Senator John Jones and all Members.

Senate Resolution 425, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members.

Senate Resolution 426, offered by Senator Raoul and all Members.

Senate Resolution 427, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

Senate Resolution 428, offered by Senator Haine and all

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Members.

Senate Resolution 430, offered by Senator Collins and all Members.

Senate Resolution 431, offered by Senator Cullerton and all Members.

They are all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Madam Secretary. Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Resolution 432, offered by Senator Trotter.

Senate Resolution 433, offered by Senators Delgado and Hunter.

Senate Resolution 434, offered by Senator Hutchinson.

Senate Resolution 435, offered by Senator Sandoval.

Senate Joint Resolution 74, offered by Senator Garrett.

Senate Joint Resolution 75, offered by Senator Frerichs.

Senate Joint Resolution 76, offered by Senator Meeks.

Senate Joint Resolution, Constitutional Amendment, 16 {sic} (77) offered by Senator Brady.

And Senate Joint Resolution, Constitutional Amendment, 17 {sic} (78) offered by Senator Brady.

They are substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Ladies and Gentlemen. Senator Lauzen, my friend and colleague, how are you, sir?

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Wonderful, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

For what purpose do you arise, sir?

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SENATOR LAUZEN:

For purpose of introduction. Personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

I have with me today two Pages for the Day. Danielle Taylor, who is a junior at Kaneland High School. She's here with her mom in the gallery, Melisa. Also, Elliot Witt, who is a sophomore at Kaneland. And he's with his mom, Teresa. And then they're visiting with a lady named Lisa Wiet, who is the President of the Kaneland School Board. I just ask the Senate to welcome our guests.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Would our -- welcome our guests on the Floor and our guests in the galleries. Please rise to be recognized. Welcome to Springfield. Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Madam Secretary, Messages from the House.

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

House Joint Resolution 28.

Offered by Senator Steans, and adopted by the House on May 28th, 2009.

We have received a like Message on House Joint Resolution 54.

Offered by Senator Maloney, and adopted by the House, May 28th,

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2009. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

They are both substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, Messages from the Secretary of State, please.

SECRETARY ROCK:

I have a Message dated October 14th, 2009.

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Sir - In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I am forwarding herewith the enclosed Senate bills from the 96th General Assembly that are being returned by the Governor with specific recommendations for change:

Senate Bills 47, 51, 231, 1050, 1391, 1576, 1583, 1595, 1662, 1682, 1685, 1698, 1725, 1882, 1909, 1920, 2043 and 2090.

Respectfully, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

I have another Message dated October 14th, 2009.

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Sir - In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I am forwarding herewith the enclosed Senate bills from the 96th General Assembly as vetoed by the Governor, together with -- with his objections:

Senate Bills 1472, 1743, 2121, 2218.

Respectfully, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Madam Secretary. WAND Television seeking permission to videotape the proceedings. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. My friend and colleague from McHenry County,

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how are you, Senator Althoff? For what purpose do you arise, ma'am?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

I am quite fine, thank you. And how are you today?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Fine. I'm fine. Thank you so much for asking.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

I'm -- I'm rising on a point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point. Could you give the speaker your attention, please? I know we're all excited about getting back to fall school here, so... Just hold it down. Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you very much for the courtesy. I have with me today two of my village presidents: one from Richmond, President Lauri Olson, and one from Fox River Grove, Bob Nunamaker. They're here today to see how government works and also to talk to you about Senate Bill 2011. So, might we give them a warm Springfield welcome? And when they call upon you, can you be courteous? Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Mayors, welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Welcome to Springfield. Madam Secretary, Messages from the Governor, please.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Message for the Governor by Sean Vinck, Chief Legislative Counsel to the Governor. April 16th, 2009.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the

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Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate 96th General Assembly - I have nominated and appointed the following named persons to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation to {sic} (of) these appointments of your Honorable Body.

Pat Quinn, Governor. April 16th, 2009.

Message for the Governor by Sean Vinck, Chief Legislative Counsel to the Governor. June 8th, 2009.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 96th General Assembly - I have nominated and appointed the following named persons to the office enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments by your Honorable Body.

Pat Quinn, Governor.

Message for the Governor by Sean Vinck, Chief Legislative Counsel to the Governor, dated June 18th, 2009.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 96th General Assembly - I have nominated and appointed the following named persons to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments by your Honorable Body.

Pat Quinn, Governor.

Message for the Governor by Sean Vinck, Chief Legislative Counsel to the Governor, dated June 29th, 2009.

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Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 96th General Assembly - I have nominated and appointed the following named persons to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of their appointments by your Honorable Body.

Signed, Pat Quinn, Governor.

Message for the Governor by Sean Vinck, Chief Legislative Counsel to the Governor, dated July 6th, 2009.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 96th General Assembly - I have nominated and appointed the following named person to the office enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of this appointment by your Honorable Body.

Signed, Pat Quinn, Governor.

Message for the Governor by Sean Vinck, Chief Legislative Counsel to the Governor. July 17th, 2009.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 96th General Assembly - I have nominated and appointed the following named persons to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments by your Honorable Body.

Signed, Pat Quinn, Governor.

Message for the Governor by Sean Vinck, Chief Legislative



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Counsel to the Governor, dated August 13th, 2009.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 96th General Assembly - I have nominated and appointed the following named persons to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments by your Honorable Body.

Pat Quinn, Governor.

Message for the Governor by Sean Vinck, Chief Legislative Counsel to the Governor, dated August 20th, 2009.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 96th General Assembly - I have nominated and appointed the following named person to the office enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of this appointment by your Honorable Body.

Pat Quinn, Governor.

Message for the Governor by Sean Vinck, Chief Legislative Counsel to the Governor, dated August 25th, 2009.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 96th General Assembly - I have nominated and appointed the following named individuals to the office enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments by your Honorable Body.

Signed, Pat Quinn, Governor.

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Message for the Governor by Sean Vinck, Chief Legislative Counsel to the Governor, dated September 2nd, 2009.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 96th General Assembly - I would like to serve notice to the Illinois State Senate that the individuals enumerated below were appointed by former Governor Blagojevich with incorrect term lengths in June of 2004. I now seek concurrence by your Honorable Body to correct these errors.

Signed, Pat Quinn, Governor.

Message for the Governor by Sean Vinck, Chief Legislative Counsel to the Governor. September 4th, 2009.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 96th General Assembly - I have nominated and appointed the following named individuals to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments by your Honorable Body.

Signed, Pat Quinn, Governor.

Message for the Governor by Sean Vinck, Chief Legislative Counsel to the Governor, dated September 9th, 2009.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 96th General Assembly - I have nominated and appointed the following named individuals to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments by your

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Honorable Body.

Signed, Pat Quinn, Governor.

Message for the Governor by Sean Vinck, Chief Legislative Counsel to the Governor, dated September 17th, 2009.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 96th General Assembly - I have nominated and appointed the following named individuals to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments by your Honorable Body.

Signed, Pat Quinn, Governor.

Message for the Governor by Sean Vinck, Chief Legislative Counsel to the Governor. September 28th, 2009.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 96th General Assembly - I have nominated and appointed the following named individuals to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments by your Honorable Body.

Pat Quinn, Governor.

Message for the Governor by Sean Vinck, Chief Legislative Counsel to the Governor, dated September 30th, 2009.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 96th General Assembly - I have nominated and appointed the following named individuals to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask

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concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments by your Honorable Body.

Signed, Pat Quinn, Governor.

Message for the Governor by Sean Vinck, Chief Legislative Counsel to the Governor, dated October 5th, 2009.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 96th General Assembly - I have nominated and appointed the following named individuals to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments by your Honorable Body.

Signed, Pat Quinn, Governor.

Message for the Governor by Sean Vinck, Chief Legislative Counsel to the Governor, dated October 13th, 2009.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 96th General Assembly - I have nominated and appointed the following named individuals to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments by your Honorable Body.

Signed, Pat Quinn, Governor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. We'll now take a vote on the pay raise. All in favor -- oh, I knew that'd get their attention. We are in Session, Ladies and Gentlemen. So, could we please keep the conversation down to a light roar, please? Senator Haine, my dear friend from the southern part of the State, for what

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purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR HAINE:

...President, on a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir. Ladies and Gentlemen, please give the speaker your attention. Thank you.

SENATOR HAINE:

Mr. -- Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I wish to introduce my Page for today, Judah Sweig. He's from the Chicago area. Young man - he's eight years old. Brilliant at the age of eight. He'll be a great Page and I -- he's from northern Illinois. I'm not certain that he -- what district he's in, but he's very knowledgeable and I would ask you to give him a hardy Senate welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please stand up and be recognized. Welcome. Welcome. Now, there's a history of this Chamber, young man, I want you to know. I've been told by Pages over the last decade -- or, two decades, actually, that the tips are better on this side. Madam Secretary, Messages from the Treasurer, please.

SECRETARY ROCK:

I have a Message from the Treasurer, dated August 7th, 2009.

Dear Senate President Cullerton and Members - I am nominating Marcia Lipetz, Ph.D. to the Charitable Trust Stabilization Committee. I respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of this appointment by your Honorable Body.

Signed, Alexi Giannoulis, Treasurer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

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Senator Haine, for what purpose you seek recognition?  
Ladies and Gentlemen. Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Mr. President, I neglected to introduce Judah's father, Michael Sweig, who's with the -- the Safer Foundation of Chicago. Does much good work. Michael.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Would our guest please rise and be recognized? Welcome -- welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Madam Secretary, Messages from the Comptroller, please.

SECRETARY ROCK:

I have a Message dated July 2nd, 2009.

Please be advised that I have re-nominated the following named person to the State Mandates Board of Review as non-salaried members pursuant to the State Mandates Act to serve a term ending June 30th, 2011. I respectfully ask for the concurrence in the confirmation of these appointments by your Body.

Signed, Daniel W. Hynes, State Comptroller.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, Introduction of Senate Bills, please.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2469, offered by Senator Brady.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 2470, offered by Senator Noland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 2471, offered by Senator Bomke.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 2472, offered by Senator Brady.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 2473, offered by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 2474, offered by Senator Bomke.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 2475, offered by Senator Koehler.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 2476, offered by Senator Hendon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 2477, offered by Senator Hendon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 2478, offered by Senator Meeks.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 2479, offered by Senator Raoul.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Ladies and Gentlemen, for purposes of an announcement. Can I have your attention for a moment? We're in the process of finalizing the Committee on Assignments report. It'll be just another minute or so. So, we'll just stand here until we finish. But I'd like to notify all members of the Committee on Assignment, the committee will be meeting very shortly in the President's Anteroom. So, all members on the Committee of Assignments will be notified very shortly. Thank you for your patience.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, for purposes of an announcement. May I have your attention, please? I ask all members of the Committee on Assignment {sic} to please come to the President's Anteroom immediately. All members of the Committee on Assignments, please come to the President's Anteroom immediately. The Senate will stand at ease for just a few minutes so the Committee on Assignments can meet. We will make -- immediately after the Committee on Assignments, we will announce the committees. Committees will meet this afternoon, so please stay close by. We'll stand at ease.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

The Senate will come to order. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports, please.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to the Criminal Law Committee - Motion to Accept Specific Recommendations for Change to Senate Bill 1050, Motion to Accept the Specific Recommendations for Change to Senate Bill 1725; refer to the Environment Committee - House Joint Resolution 63; refer to the Financial Institutions Committee - Motion to Accept the Specific Recommendations for Change to Senate Bill 1698; refer to Local Government Committee - House Bill 644; Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Bill 332, Senate Bill 353, Senate Bill 380, Senate Bill 390, Senate



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Bill 395, Senate Bill 588, Senate Bill 595, Senate Bill 602, Senate Bill 614, Senate Bill 616, Senate Bill 728, Senate Bill 747, Senate Bill 748, Senate Bill 931, Senate Bill 932, Senate Bill 1421, Senate Bill 1833, House Bill 806 and House Bill 2239. Okay, just clarification: Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Bill 614.

Signed by Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to the Education Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 616, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 614; refer to the Energy Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 390; refer to the Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 353, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 747, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 588, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 932; refer to the Human Services Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 931; refer to the Licensed Activities Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 728; refer to the Revenue Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 595 and Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 2239; refer to the State Government and Veterans Affairs {sic} (Affairs) Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 332, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 380, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 395; refer to the Telecommunications and Information Technology Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 and House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1421; refer to the Transportation Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1833.

Signed by Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Madam Secretary. Ladies and Gentlemen, can I have your attention, please? The Chair would like to recognize the President of the Cook County Board, President Todd Stroger. President Todd Stroger, Ladies and Gentlemen. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, for purposes of announcement. We'd like to announce the following committees. So please pay attention. For all Members in their offices, within the sound of my voice: The Transportation Committee will meet in Room 400 at the hour of 4:45. Transportation will be in Room 400 at 4:45. The Education Committee will meet in Room 409. Education in Room 409 at the hour of 4:45. At the hour of 5 o'clock - at the hour of 5 o'clock - the Criminal Law will meet in 212. Criminal Law in Room 212. At the hour of 5 o'clock, the Environmental Committee will meet in Room 400. Environmental in Room 400 at the hour of 5 o'clock. At the hour of 5 o'clock, Local Government will meet in Room 409. At 5 o'clock, Local Government in Room 409. At 5:15 - at 5:15 - the Executive Committee will meet in Room 212. At the hour of 5:15, the Executive Committee will meet in Room 212. At 5:15 in Room 400 - at 5:15 in Room 400 - the Revenue Committee will meet. At the hour of 5:15 in Room 409 will be the Licensed Activities. That's at 5:15 in Room 409, Licensed Activities. At the hour of 5:30 - at the hour of 5:30 - in Room 409, State Government and Veterans Affairs will meet. At the hour of 5:30, that's Room 409. At the hour of 5:45 - at the hour of 5:45 - in Room 212 - in Room 212 - the Energy Committee will meet. That's at 5:45 this evening in Room 212, the Energy Committee. At 5:45 in Room 400 - in Room 400 - Financial Institutions will meet. At 5:45

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in Room 400, Financial Institutions. Okay. There's a cancellation on the committee schedule. There's a cancellation. At 5 o'clock, the Environmental Committee in Room 400 has been cancelled. At 5 o'clock, the Environmental Committee has been cancelled. (Senate at ease) Senate will come to order. I'd ask all Members, please be in their seats. At this time, I'd ask staff to retire to the rear of the Chamber or to the sides, please. The Senate is now on the Order of Resolutions. Mr. Secretary, read the lady's resolution, please.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Resolution 429, offered by Senators Radogno, Cullerton and all Senators.

(Secretary reads SR No. 429)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you very much, Mr. Secretary. President Cullerton, for what purpose do you arise, sir? President Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to say a few words on behalf of my former colleague, Mr. and Senator Watson. Frank, you may recall, it was a real busy day back in January of '79 - we came in together on that same day. The House was a little different then than it is now. They had a lot more folks over there. And as a result of your decision this last year to resign, you made me feel a little older by making me the Dean of the Senate, even though I've only been here for eighteen years and ten months. I must say that I was looking forward to serving with you in this capacity. I know we don't have a lot of paper left on the desks, because, you know, we have these computers, but I'm sure there would have been an opportunity at

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some point in time during the Session for you to toss one of those bills up in the air like you've -- like you've done in the past, which, I got to tell you, was one -- always one of the highlights of the Session for me, to be honest with you. I also know that we -- we probably are -- are about the extreme ends of the political spectrum in our political philosophy, but I know we -- we definitely have enjoyed a good relationship, especially in the area of talking about baseball. And I have great respect for your knowledge about baseball. Maybe you were willing to talk to me because, even though I represent Wrigley Field, I'm not a Cubs fan. I'm a Sox fan. That probably helped me in my -- in my position with you. I want to thank you, though, for some -- a big improvement in our -- the way we work down here. I probably should give your wife, Susan, the credit. But we're at home in the month of -- normally, we're at home in the month of June as a result of the -- the work that you did on that. So, it's great to see you back here. It's great to see that you're making great progress in your health and your improvement and I hope that you come back and visit us often. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Mr. President. Further people seeking recognition. Senator Rutherford, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR RUTHERFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. If I could make a few remarks, in that, I graduated from Illinois State University in 1978 and the first job I had out of college was to work for a colleague of some folks back then; it was Tom Ewing. And I remember after that election, this young State Representative by the name of

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Frank Watson -- I remember his office was over in the Stratton Building. That was thirty years ago. I was an aide in that wing. And I remember getting my camera. I don't know if it was the kind that you click, you know how it kind of rolls the photo out at the bottom of it - one of those kind of photos. It's called a Polaroid, says the pharmacist that probably did -- wished they did develop them in their -- in their pharmacy though. And took that photo of Frank Watson. Here I was in my three-piece suit, young college guy just getting ready to kick things off, and here was this young man from Greenville, and had a lot of hair, or at least some hair at that time. And that's when I first got to know Frank. Thirty years ago. I can't believe it, Frank. It's been that long ago that you and I got to meet each other and -- and I got to work in this august Body. And over those thirty years, I went on and did my own thing in the private sector and I watched Frank Watson grow and develop. I watched him leave the House and come over to the Senate. I had the chance to be a member of the House then later, and I remember one of the, perhaps, greatest accomplishments that I will think will be a part of my legislative career and that was work with the nursing home industry to fundamentally change the process on the funding formula from the old inspection of care to the minimum data set. And here's this guy from central Illinois, not much seniority, lower Chamber, but I knew who my Senate sponsor was, and that was Frank Watson, being the assistant Majority Leader at that time. So when we sat down to negotiate with the administration and with the industry to really make a massive change, I knew I came into that negotiation with the clout of the big dog Frank Watson, and we

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got that thing done. Well, then, in 2002, the Lord had a decision for our mutual friend, John Maitland, and he retired, and that brought me into this Chamber. And little did I think back in 1978 and '79 that I would serve in Frank Watson's caucus. So, Frank, if you recall that photo we took thirty -- that photo we took thirty years ago, I found it and I blew it up as an eight by ten, autographed it and said, "Boy, I can't wait to someday be in your caucus", and I stuck it in his office back here. And I think that thing sat there probably about a week or ten days before you realized it was there, and I -- and -- and when he discovered it there, it really caused a big smile on both of our faces, to remember that it's been three decades, my friend, that you and I've worked together and I'm honored to have been a part of your caucus. And Frank, thank you, God bless you, Susan and your children, especially your grandkid. Thank you for all your service and we look forward to being friends for the next thirty years. God bless you, Frank.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Further people seeking recognition. Senator Cronin.

SENATOR CRONIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to offer a -- a quick thought here, if I may, about Frank. A big part of Frank's legacy, I think, is that he's a fun-lovin' guy. And I have sort of an interesting, funny story. When I first got to know Frank shortly after I came over here to the Senate, I learned that Frank was a Purdue man and I had gone to Northwestern, and we were going to go to a football game together. I thought, I'll get to know this guy, downstater and everything, and make a friend, and so let's go to the football

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game together. The Boilermakers are in town. We'll go up to Evanston. So Frank was in town with his lovely wife. I think you were visiting one of your kids who lived in the City of Chicago. I was with my wife. We were going to pick up Frank in the City and then drive up to Evanston. He was a little vague on where he was going to be. You know, on the corner of Lincoln Street and Fullerton, something like that. And I said, "Well, you know, specifically where?" He says, "Don't worry, you won't -- you know, you won't miss me." So, I -- so, my wife's never met him before, and we're driving in the vehicle, and we got the cooler and we got the grill and we're going to have a good time at the game. And I'm driving up Lincoln Avenue and it's a crowded Saturday morning, people, and I look up and I see some goofball - not a goofball - I see my friend. He's got a Purdue helmet on; Purdue, you know, shoulder pads. Julie's like, "Where is this guy?" I said, "He's right there." So we picked him up; we went to the game. We had a lot of fun. People in our section - you know, we're a very, kind of, staid North Shore kind of crowd where we were sitting - they kept wondering who the heck is that guy that keeps screaming for Boilermakers every time they get a first down. So, Frank is a fun-lovin' guy. He's a huge sports fan. I think that's what I like about him best, is his fun-loving nature. We'll always remember it, and we will cherish it. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Further discussion on the resolution? Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you, Mr. President. You know, there's a lot of talk

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here about the past. There is a current -- recent current event though that I think we need to discuss. And that would be, you know, unlike the President I actually am a Cubs fan. And I noticed where I took a lot of grief last year when the Cubs got swept in the first round in three games by the Dodgers. And of course, everybody here knows what a big Cardinal fan Frank is. And I think we can finally put to rest those Cub fan jokes about getting swept by the Dodgers in light of recent events in the National League Divisional Series. Problem, of course, with doing it this way is he gets the mike after I do. I got to -- to know Frank campaigning for the Senate in 2006. And I hadn't had a lot of exposure to Springfield. I hadn't had a lot of exposure to this process. And he, as the Leader, was someone who was involved, someone I got to know. And people would ask, you know, "What's your take? What do you think about this process?" And I said, "I don't really know what to make of the town yet or -- or the process", but the thing that always struck me and really made me feel good about being involved was that someone as genuine and sincere, someone who so clearly cared deeply about what we do in this State, had risen to the level to be one of the five Leaders of State government. It said a lot about the process to me. But it said a lot about the man himself after 1979. This is a grinding process. Everybody in this room knows it. It can wear you down. But thirty years on, Frank Watson was as passionate and cared as much about what we do and what he could do for the State and his constituents as on day one. And that's damned rare. I don't know how many other people in this room are ever going to be able to achieve that. But he left a special mark on the General Assembly, was a truly



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special part of it, and is a unique member of Illinois history. We're glad to have you back. We look forward to seeing you for years to come, coming by and giving us a hard time. And I look forward to my Cubs putting their foot on your Cardinals throat next year.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Further discussion on the resolution? Senator Haine, are you seeking recognition on this resolution, sir?

SENATOR HAINE:

Yes, sir.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please proceed.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senator Murphy, our distinguished colleague, referred to Senator Watson's special mark on this Chamber. I desire to call attention to a special mark on our region. He was, after all, a Leader - one of the four tops. And he was from the southern Illinois/southwestern Illinois region. Frank Watson never forgot that. Never. He -- he treated local politics as something that trumped party politics - occasionally. For example, Bond County adjoins Madison County, which, as we have known, although we were removed from that list by the same anonymous gnomes of Zurich that put us on the list, we were known as the "hell hole". But when the judges were running - Judge Romani of Madison County, a democrat; and Judge Knight, the resident circuit judge of Bond County, a democrat; Judge DeLaurenti, a democrat from Bond County - who would show up at our judicial fundraisers? Senator Watson would show up. And it

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-- he would 'cause a stir every time he walked in -- in the door. When it came to our projects and, of course, some of them have been mentioned in the resolution, some of them have not been mentioned, I don't think - the pharmacy school at SIUE, the science building at SIU Edwardsville, our parks, the levee bill last year, which we put so much time and effort into - all of these things would not have come to fruition but for Frank Watson. And I say this, especially with the levee bill, which was not only a new tax passed without a referendum and it created a new level of government, which defied all of the conservative axioms - but who was for it? Senator Watson. Why? It had to be done. It had to be done. Now, he extracted many changes in the bill that certainly obstructed some of our usual practices in Madison County and the hiring of what we termed in a friendly way "the usual suspects". But he did it for the region. I remember attending a meeting when I was nominated for this position, before I was elected in 2002, in which Senator Watson led a group of Senators and Representatives of both parties to try to cut a deal with the St. Louis Cardinals to build a stadium in St. Clair County, because Missouri, being led by a third world-type government, almost squandered the opportunity to build a stadium in St. Louis. Senator Watson led the charge. The stadium was going to be built in the Metro East. He did this with class and with integrity. Didn't ask for any favors. Didn't ask for any jobs. He did it because that's what the region needed. That's the -- in my -- my estimation, that is the hallmark of an American political leader. That's what's made this country so great. Last of all, in conclusion, I will say that I truly love and admire the

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President of the Senate, Cullerton, and the Minority Leader, Senator Radogno, but I'll say, Ladies and Gentlemen, it was much better theater under Emil Jones and Frank Watson. When Emil Jones would refer and castigate the Minority Leader and Senator Watson would wheel around and he'd point that finger and he'd say, "You should be ashamed of yourselves. It's a disgrace. You know who you are." And he'd be looking right at me. I don't know who I am. No. We're going to miss those days, Senator Watson. And as Charles de Gaulle once said, Senator Schoenberg: The cemetery is full of irreplaceable men. But certainly, in many respects, this Chamber and my region are at a loss with your retirement. Thank you for your service.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Burzynski, you seeking recognition on this resolution, sir?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Yes, Mr. President. Thank you. You know, we've heard a lot of great accolades already given to Senator Watson. We've heard a list of his awards, his accomplishments. We already know he's a Cardinals fan, St. Louis Rams fan. We've heard the words used to describe him as -- as being passionate, sincere, genuine. But I think there's one word that we haven't heard maybe yet today - I -- I didn't recall it - and that's competitive. And any of you that know Frank know that he's extremely competitive. Now, that's whether or not it's -- it's politics or whether it's basketball, where he's all elbows, whether it's golf, where he's -- still extremely competitive. And, you know, this guy doesn't know the word quit or surrender. And it's kind of been a take no prisoners attitude, and I

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certainly do appreciate him for that. I had the opportunity -- Frank gave me the opportunity to serve on his leadership team when he first became the Republican Leader in the Illinois Senate. And I will forever thank him for that, and certainly appreciate his understanding of another guy from southern Illinois that kind of moved to northern Illinois. But it's -- it's a little known secret that I used to live in St. Rose, Illinois, which was part of Frank's Senate district. Now, it wasn't part of his district when I lived there. But everything we've talked about with Frank really has been appreciated and has served his district well over the years. He's a statesman. He really worked hard for his district and we appreciate that. One of the things in the resolution that said that Frank was going to spend more time with his family - and -- and, Susan, you've had a few months now - I'm not sure that's a good thing - but -- but, anyway, you can tell me that later. And certainly we know that Frank's very proud of -- of his -- his kids, his grandchild and grandchildren-to-be, and certainly Susan, and that we're going to miss him here and that's for sure. There is another thing that is for sure - there will never be another Frank Watson. And, Frank, we wish you the best. May God bless you and your family in whatever you endeavor to do in the future, and you're always welcome. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Muñoz, you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution: Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I want to stand here before you and say

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a few words on former Leader Frank Watson. When you took control of your side of the aisle, you always had an open-door policy and I respect you for that. Just prior to your resignation, for the -- about three years, we worked closely together on different issues. One thing I can only say -- always say about you, you're a fair man. You are a man of your word. For thirty years, you've taken care of your district; you've taken care of what -- a lot of good things for the entire State. You always looked out for your Members. And as they said, when you would get upset and -- you didn't throw just paperwork, you threw an entire budget up in the air, and a lot of your Members were ducking for cover there. So, I was shocked when I seen that. But you'll always be missed. It was great having you here. It was great working with you. I wish you the best. You truly deserve it after thirty years of service to this State, to your district. God bless you and I wish you the best.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Luechtefeld, are you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I -- I asked Frank to write -- write down a few things that I could say about him. And -- and he didn't -- did not do that. So I'm going to have to... You know, I -- all of us have been through a lot of these. We've listened to people talk about individuals who are leaving and many of you I -- I think would agree to me -- agree with me that we've heard things - a lot of times, very -- very flattering things - about people that we thought "That's not the person I knew." I mean, we -- we -- you know, it -- it certainly doesn't

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describe somebody that I knew and -- and that -- but I really believe today that you -- you know, you're going to hear, Frank, a lot of stuff that people truly mean. In fact, a lot of good stuff. There are some things, you know, I -- I think -- this guy's not perfect, I can tell you that. You know, I -- I want to tell you, first of all, that he's a little cheap. He is. And -- and also, a handicap in golf - Frank believes that a handicap is enough strokes that he can win every time. And -- and he's a very good negotiator. I don't think I've ever beaten him. No, I haven't, Frank. That's -- you know what? As you probably know, Frank and I probably have become, at least in this Senate, best friends over the years. You know, I would not be in this business if it weren't for Frank. There was this -- my -- the Senator that was -- many of you -- it's amazing how -- how a lot of new faces are in here, and -- and many of you don't even know this, but my predecessor was a -- a fellow by the name of Ralph Dunn, who was, I think, at the time about eighty-two years old and he was going to quit in the middle of his term. His wife was sick. And so they were looking for someone to -- to appoint to that position. I -- I had been interviewed by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on an -- on a sports issue and the guy had been in my home for probably an hour and we talked. I knew the fellow because I'd been involved with sports in that area all my adult life, at least, and as he's leaving the room he's - - and going home - in fact, he had his hand on the door - he turned around and he says, "Coach, what in the world would you do if you didn't coach?" And I said, you know, I -- and I -- I'd taught history and government and I'd always been interested in that sort of thing and I read and watched anything I could

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get my hands on. And I -- I -- I did say to the guy, "You know, I've -- I've been -- I've always been interested in government." Next day in the St. Louis Post Dispatch, it said, "Luechtefeld wants to get into government." Frank Watson, who is a sports nut, worse than I am, read that article and called me the next day and said, "Would you, by any chance, be interested in being the Senator from that district?" And, you know, I had retired from teaching already and was coaching basketball, an athletic director, and playing golf about five days a week. Now, you can't beat that. I mean, that is -- that's a pretty good life. And my first answer to Frank was "No, I'm not interested. "I'm just not interested." Well, we -- we talked probably for twenty minutes or so, and he's a very persistent person. And as we're going along in the conversation, there was a question I wanted to ask him - and many of you will appreciate this - and it just kept coming up in my mind. I got to finally ask him. I had heard of Frank Watson. I had seen him -- I had seen his picture in the paper before. He says we've met, but I didn't remember that. But, anyway, finally after about twenty minutes, I said, "Frank, before you go on, I have to ask a question. Ralph Dunn was a Republican. I'm a Republican. And you're a Democrat, aren't you?" That's a fact. It -- it -- it really stunned him. But Frank kept after me for probably six weeks. He would call and say, "You know, this is something you need to do. You need to come to Springfield." And finally I did it. Now, one of the real problems at that age -- at that age - and some of you have done this maybe a little later in life - you wonder whether it's the right decision. Because this changes your life dramatically. There's no question about that. And so it was a

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very difficult decision to make. I made this decision and I -- and I -- and I want to say to him, and it -- for me, it was a good decision. It -- it is something that I've enjoyed and, you know, obviously there are good days and bad days, but it certainly turned out to be a good decision. One other story I want to tell you about him. You know, you would never want to run against Frank Watson. He has unbelievable energy. The guy can be going all over the place and you'd think on weekends he might sit down and -- and just sit down and do nothing. He might call me and say, "Let's go to the Cardinal game" or "Let's..." He -- just tremendous energy. So, he said to me one day in a campaign, "I'd like to come over and walk with you." So we did. We went to Freeburg, Illinois, and we walked for about three hours. We had one car. He pulled up, saw me -- finally he was done -- done going door to door and he pulled up and he says, "Get in." So, a lot of little towns in southern Illinois, in particular this town, has a little corner tavern. And it's like about 4:30/5 o'clock and people are getting off from work. So, Frank drives up to the corner and he's says, "This is a great place to campaign". And there probably were twenty people in there - mainly men who had -- had worked during the day and were in there for a beer. As we walk in Frank says, "Drinks are on Luechtefeld." So, we buy a round of drinks. A little bit later, Frank, who is very observant, said, "By the way, there's a car in the parking lot with a Luechtefeld sticker on it. Which one of you is a Luechtefeld fan?" Some guy stands up and says, "That's my car. Just bought the damned thing and it had a sticker on it." But anyway, it -- you know, I -- I really think you're going to hear an awful lot of good things



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about Frank, obviously. You know, when you go through life, what would you like people to say about you? You know, I -- I think you'd like people to say -- all of us would like people to say that we were very good at what we did, very successful, and that we were a good person. And I -- I would agree, and I think I -- I'm right about this, most of you in this Chamber would agree with all of those things about Frank Watson. I will miss him. But, you know, a lot of people leave here and we really don't miss them. But I really believe there are a lot of people that miss this guy. So, have a great life and I'd like to be there with you, Frank. All right. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Further discussion? Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Chamber. I think I would be remiss if I didn't first start my remarks by extending a sincere thank you to Chad and to Susan, and the rest of Senator Watson's family who could not be here. We've heard a lot and we will continue to hear a lot about Senator Watson's work ethic and how he was everywhere all the time. And everyone in here has family. And everyone in here knows the toll that that can exact on a family. And so on behalf of the people I represent, Chad, Susan, thank you for sharing such a special blessing on us. You know, when Senator Watson made the announcement that he was going to resign from the Senate, the conventional wisdom and, of course, it was followed shortly thereafter by his public statement that -- from Senator Watson, it had to do with his health. I have a different thought. Back in 2003, I was a freshman, a newly

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sworn in Senator, and I was hustling from my district over to Springfield to meet with the newly-elected Republican Leader in the Senate, Frank Watson. Wanting to make a good impression on my new Leader, I wanted to make sure and be on time. I was running late. I was driving quickly. There is, on the way from my district to the Capitol, a place that's a gas station, a little convenience mart. It's known as "Howie's Lakeside". Howie's Lakeside is kind of a traditional pit stop. It's about halfway between my district and the -- and the Capitol. Today was no different. Because I was late and for other reasons, I pulled my car into the parking lot, I rushed through the front doors of Howie's, I went toward the back, toward the restrooms. I was in such a hurry that I did not pay particular attention to the women's sign on the door that I blew through. After stopping and looking around and realizing the equipment was not quite right, I turned around and began to exit the women's restroom, only to run into a nice little old lady who was on her way into the women's restroom. I stopped. Of course, I had in my mind at the time, "I'm running late for Senator Watson. I'm running late for Senator Watson." So, instinctively, I shook out -- I stuck out my hand, shook the lady's hand and said, "Hello. My name is Senator Frank Watson." Now, I didn't tell the Leader that story until I later introduced him as -- at a public event. But, you know, in my part of the State and I think Senator Watson's, the public frowns on men spending much time in women's restroom, or any time at all, and I think that the whisper campaign has gotten to such an intense degree that Senator Watson decided to step aside. Frank, we appreciate why you did that. And the other reasons that you stated. You know,

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people become leaders for many reasons. People become great leaders for many reasons. One of those is because of the time in which they are chosen to lead. Frank Watson became the Republican Leader in the Illinois Senate at a time when another elected official assumed the highest office in the State of Illinois, that of Governor. A person who we found out later would say anything and do anything, who would tell the public that you can have it all for nothing at all, that I'm a reformer and I'm here to change the way we do business in Springfield. The one legislative leader who, on a consistent basis, stood up and told the people in this Chamber and in this Capitol and in this State that the former Governor was wrong in what he was doing, was the Republican Leader in the Illinois Senate, Frank Watson. But there's another and even more important reason why people become great leaders, and that is because of -- by sheer force of their personality and their drive and their dedication and their integrity that they will become a leader, regardless of the time in which they are elected. Frank Watson was clearly just such a person. There are many, many characteristics that make up such a person, but the one -- the one most important in a representative government is this, is that the Frank Watson that we all saw here in this Capitol Building on this Senate Floor talking about what he believed in, what his constituents believed in, what was right and what was wrong, was exactly the same Frank Watson that his constituents saw in his district day in and day out, telling them this is what I stand for, this is what I believe in, this is right and this is wrong. That is the true hallmark of a great leader. Frank Watson, I want to thank you so much for sharing that leadership with all of us. Best

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wishes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Further discussion on the resolution?  
Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Well, Frank, you're very entertaining. I just got to tell you that. Very entertaining. There were some boring nights in here and I just waited for you to get up and do your thing. I am going to miss that. Also, Frank, it might make some of your Members uncomfortable, but you re-elected me at least twice. At least twice. One time you re-elected me, we had a -- a scrimmage on the Floor and you got up and you screamed and you hollered at me and when I got back home they said, "Who was that red guy hollering at you, Rickey?" You probably got me twelve points that night. I really appreciate it. You also -- on a serious note, you put me on - I know you remember this - the task force for prescription drugs reform. And we did great work there together. We got rid of the copay on senior citizens and we -- we -- we dealt with that and brought the cost of prescriptions down. But the thing I love about you the most - when I first got here, this Senate had lost fifty softball games in a row to the House. You took over the team. You became the coach. You were mad at me, but you still let me start and bat leadoff and we won that game. I won eighteen hundred dollars because of you. You were a winner then. You're a winner now. You'll always be a winner, Frank.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank -- thank you for those kind, soft remarks. Our last person seeking recognition is Leader Radogno.

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SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Mr. President. It's always difficult to go last, especially after Senator Hendon. So -- but I am last and so it's difficult to think of something new and different to say. A lot's been said about Frank and his service to the people of this State, and we are all grateful for everything he did for his region, for the State, and also for his leadership within this Chamber. We've -- you've heard a lot of description of that. He certainly did it very well. One word I haven't heard though is humble, and that's one thing I've always thought Frank to be, is very humble. He was always willing to listen. He was always willing, even when he thought he was right, to take some time and -- and hear another side. And -- and that I think is a very important quality. But one thing that I do want to highlight that I think I have a unique perspective on is that, for better or for worse, I'm here because of Frank Watson. And, you know, when Frank was running for Leader of the Senate, there were many people that said to me, "Boy, you don't want that downstate conservative male as the Leader of your caucus. It's not good for the caucus. It's not good for the party. You know, it's just more of the same." And I can't tell you how wrong those people were. Frank is someone that was more than willing to give me and I think anybody else who wanted an opportunity to be part of the team, to have that opportunity. So, I think that all the women, certainly in this Chamber and the State of Illinois, should Frank -- thank Frank Watson for helping us put this other little crack in the glass ceiling, because I certainly wouldn't be here without -- without you, Frank, and I want to say, hope I do you proud. So... We'll miss

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you. Hopefully we'll see you around here and there. Certainly to Susan and Chad and Kami, enjoy the time that you have together at a little more relaxed pace than we all have now. This place is not going to be the same without you. So, thank you so much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, at this time, Senator Radogno moves to suspend all the rules for immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 429. So, all those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. And the Ayes have it, and notice and posting requirements have been waived. Okay. At this time, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate pass Resolution 429. All those in favor will please rise in their seats. All those opposed will remain seated. It's the opinion of the Chair, the Ayes unanimously have it and the resolution is adopted. The President has waived the next -- we had a request from the Minority Leader to have the honoree address the Chamber. The President has waived that requirement. The -- I'd ask the technician please recognize Leader Watson at Senator Radogno's seat. Leader Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Oh! I'm sorry. I didn't realize that. I've been -- only been here thirty years. I guess that's part of the stroke. I must have forgot it. I -- seriously, I didn't know you -- I didn't know you didn't respond. Don't -- don't they normally?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Only elected Members can respond.

SENATOR WATSON:

Is that right? Well, anyway, I'm going to talk. I'm

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sorry. But what -- one thing I want to hear before I leave, I want to hear from the Senate President the five reasons -- or five ways that someone leaves the Illinois Senate. Would you do that for me, Mr. President? Can you...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Chair recognizes President Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. I -- I'm trying to do this from memory. There's five ways to leave. The worst way is if you die. That's -- that's the first way. Second worst way is probably to lose an election. Another way, real close to dying, would be to be indicted. And then you can leave because you got elected to a higher office, as many of us have - like U.S. Senator or President of the United States. Peter Fitzgerald. Barack -- and Barack Obama. And maybe the best way, though, is to voluntarily leave with a full pension. And there's your five ways.

SENATOR WATSON:

Well, I -- I did want to hear that just one more time. I -- I like to think I'm going out the way I should. And it was the right thing to do, because at the time, of course, after a stroke and all, I -- I needed therapy, I needed rehabilitation, and I got excellent care. And I -- I'm just a few days away from a year. Can you believe that? But it's almost been a year since the stroke. And I'm doing pretty good. And I'm doing pretty good. So, I -- I owe an awful lot to -- to many people. But I appreciate you doing that, John. I didn't mean to put you on the spot. I have -- of course, I'm joined here by Susan, who's stood by me for thirty-some years. And our son -- our

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son, Chad, who, by the way, works for the St. Louis Rams. Not having a good year. Maybe -- maybe not a good century. I don't know. We're -- anyway, I -- and our daughter -- our daughter, Kami, is at home and she's watching this on the Internet, and she's about to have a child, our second grandchild, Evelyn Lucille, in just, really, a few -- few days. So, she couldn't come down here, but she wanted to be here. I know she's at home watching and I -- hello, Kami. And good luck in the next few days. We're looking forward to our second grandchild. That's -- that's another thing that's happened. Nineteen months ago, we had our first. We didn't have it, of course - Chad and Erin did. But it seems like we did. We -- that's a joy, if you -- when you get to that point in life, it's -- it's truly a joy. And we've got a wonderful grandchild in Brennan. And -- and he's nineteen months old. He spent a day with us and night, and we -- we enjoyed him -- enjoyed him completely. But -- and we look forward to Evelyn Lucille. Going to be "Evie". So, she'll be here with us in a few short days. I did want to comment about Dan Cronin, when he said about the -- the helmet. I -- I -- I embarrassed more than just half the stadium there. I -- people didn't know who I was. You know, they didn't care. They didn't know who I was, but they knew who Dan was. And -- and he has pretty good seats, by the way, and it was pretty close to the President's box, if I remember. And who was in the box, but our Lieutenant Governor at the time. And I'm walking out of the stadium, Northwestern. What was really bad about it was, the guy -- the field announcer was "First down, Northwestern". You know, was all excited and everything. And then it was -- then it was "First down, Purdue". So, I had to change that a little



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bit. So, every time Purdue got a first down, I'm standing up with the helmet on, the jersey, the whole bit, "First down, Purdue". And I was pretty animated about it. Leaving the stadium - they beat us, Northwestern beats us in the last second on a field goal - and Bob Kustra comes up to me and he said, "You're not the guy that was -- had that helmet?" And I said, "Yes, I am. I'm sorry." Yes, I embarrassed one of our former Members here. But he was sitting there wondering who in the heck Dan Cronin had at the game that had that Purdue helmet on. But I -- I -- I appreciate that and we did have a great time. I'm also joined here, by the way, with Nancy Beaty, who was my secretary for the -- six years and she worked for Pate Philip before that, and she's a wonderful lady and worked for me and -- and did a -- covered for me like -- like no one can, and she did a great job. Nancy, please stand. And -- and when I got into the new district, when I ended up with Decatur, and I didn't know many people up there -- and Duane Noland helped me an awful lot. He was a State Senator here and -- and he helped me a great deal in Decatur when I got into the business. But the second person is Helen Albert, who's sitting right here. Also still works for Kyle McCarter and worked for Duane Noland. And so she's gone through three of us. Helen Albert, please would you stand? We're -- we're also -- in town tonight, there's a dinner over at the Executive Mansion. And some of you, I believe, are going to that. And I hope you -- hope you will. There are some tickets still available. John Sullivan actually was the -- this was a auction over -- last spring wasn't it? And I'm sitting at a table, and we're over at the mansion, and they're auctioning off a dinner for sixteen at the mansion and

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it -- I think I -- it was either you or Jim Sacia, I don't know which. It was probably you, John. It was Jim. All right. Well, anyway, I'm talking to everybody at the table. You know, we're all carrying on, and all of a sudden, I realize I would like to buy these sixteen dinners at the mansion. Just invite some people over and it'd be a fun thing to do. Well, what happened - "Well, I got eight, who will give me nine?" and I hear nine. I'm thinking nine hundred dollars, I'll -- you know, I didn't -- that's sixteen, that isn't bad. Sixteen dinners for nine hundred dollars. And I raise my hand. It was nine thousand dollars. So, good old John Nicolay and Senator Pam Althoff had a great idea, why don't we just have a dinner and charge a thousand dollars a plate? And Governor Thompson -- former Governor Thompson's going to be there. Current Governor Pat Quinn will be there. And -- and we'll have a dinner in October, and that's what we're doing tonight. So, there are tickets available. They are -- they're a thousand dollars a piece. That's all. You can pay out of your campaign. It goes to the Executive Mansion Committee. And I think, John, you are the Chairman of that Committee or -- ex officio, kind of, with Governor Thompson. And so that is available for you this evening at 7:30 - if you're in the neighborhood stop on by. And I think, John Sullivan, you'd better be there. You are. All right. Very good. Well, I -- I don't have anything other to say, other than I -- this was a good -- I mean, thirty years of my life. I got through pretty good on -- to this point, and it's always the case. But public service - there's something to say about public service. It doesn't matter whether you're elected or you're in the Knights of Columbus or the Jaycees or

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the Lions Club, or whatever it is, when you do something -- when you do something for somebody else. And -- and -- and the appreciation that you get from the people, from -- from all over the -- those back home that we represent. It doesn't matter what we do when you do good for people and you help them individually. Could be anything. But it's amazing the appreciation people have for you. And that's what -- one thing about public service, you can -- we catch all the flack, we get all that, but the good things are the letters we get, the thanks we get and the appreciation from the people back home, because that -- that makes it all worthwhile. And that certainly made those thirty years worthwhile, because there were some trying times, and -- at home, as well as here in Springfield. But it -- we made it work. And I was proud to be part of this -- this Body, I'll tell you that. It was -- when I walked in here, I was -- I was always nervous just to walk down the aisle to -- to the second row. It always -- always felt like somebody -- walking in. It -- it -- it's just -- there's something about it, the Illinois State Senate. And those of you who've been here a while know what I'm talking about. And those of you that are just joining us will know what -- what I mean in a few short years. So, thanks for everything, for all of the accolades. It was nice. Even Senator Luechtefeld had a few good things to say, except that thing about the -- that's not true about the golf and the handicap and the -- getting the strokes and all that. But now that I've had the big stroke, you know, I'm coming after all the strokes I can get. So, anyway, thank you and hope to see you soon and I'll be back up here to keep all of you at... Thank you.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, for purpose of an announcement. I need everybody's attention. There are some committee changes. There are some changes in the committee announcement schedule. Local Government - Local Government that was originally scheduled for 5 o'clock in Room 409 has been canceled. Local Government has been canceled. Telecommunications - Telecommunications is now scheduled at 6 p.m., 6 p.m. in Room 212. Telecommunications in 212. Those are the changes. And let me just remind you that Human Services will meet immediately upon adjournment. Immediately upon adjournment, Human Services will be in -- in Room 212. The other committees have been -- have been announced. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, once again, there being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate will stand in recess to the call of the Chair. The Senate will reconvene later tonight in perfunctory Session for the receipt of committee reports and other matters not - not - requiring Floor action. After which, the Senate will stand in - - adjourn until the hour of 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 15th, the year 2009. The Senate stands in recess to call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

The Senate will please come to order. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senator Demuzio, Chairman {sic} (Vice-Chairperson) of the

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Committee on Human Services, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 931 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Sandoval, Chairman of the Committee on Transportation, reports Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1833 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Meeks, Chairman of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 616 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Noland, Chairman of the Committee on Criminal Law, reports Motion to Accept the Governor's Amendatory Veto on Senate Bill 1050 and Senate Bill 1725 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Demuzio, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government and Veterans Affairs, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 332, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 380 and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 395 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Viverito, Chairperson of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 595 and Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2239 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Martinez, Chairperson of the Committee on Licensed Activities, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 728 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Silverstein, Chairman of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 588, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 747, and Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 932 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Collins, Chairperson of the Committee on Financial Institutions, reports Motion to Accept the Governor's Amendatory Veto on Senate Bill 1698 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Jacobs, Chairman of the Committee on Energy,

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reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 390 recommend Do Adopt.

And Senator Bond, Chairperson of the Committee on Telecommunications and Information Technology, reports Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1421 recommend Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Madam Secretary, any written motions filed?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Mr. President, I have -- motions have been filed with respect to the Governor's actions on the following Senate bills: Senate Bill 1472, filed by Senator Frerichs; Senate Bill 1743, - - filed by Senator John Jones; Senate Bill 47, filed by Senator Pankau; Senate Bill 1662, filed by Senator Murphy; Senate Bill 1882, filed by Senator Cronin; and Senate Bill 2043, signed -- filed by Senator Steans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Please print those motions on the Calendar, Madam Secretary. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 15th, 2009. The Senate stands adjourned.