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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

The regular Session of the 96th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation will be given today by Rabbi Barry Marks, Temple Israel, here in Springfield, Illinois. Rabbi Marks.

RABBI BARRY MARKS:

(Prayer by Rabbi Barry Marks)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Jacobs)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Journals of May 30th and 31st, June 24th and 30th, July 1st {sic}, October 14th, 15th and 16th, 2009.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Mr. President, I move -- I move that the Journals just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senators has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Hunter moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Journal of Thursday, March 25th; Tuesday, April 6th; Wednesday, April 7th; and Monday, April 12th, 2010.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Now we'll get it right. Mr. President, I move to postpone the reading and approval of the Journals just read by the Secretary, pending arrival of the printed transcripts.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Senator Delgado, for what purpose do you seek recognition, sir?

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, Mr. President. For a personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Please state your point.

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, Mr. President. And as -- and as a member of our

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Public Health Committee - and, also, I know Senator Garrett's here also - in our gallery today -- as you know, we held a hearing on toxoplasmosis, and as we learn more about that, I just wanted to point to my left here in the gallery. We're joined today by a variety of our professionals and -- and stakeholders from around the State of Illinois and even a family from Merrillville, Indiana. We have one of the world's leading doctors, professor, MD, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, Rima McLeod. We have Mari Sautter here for -- Toxoplasmosis Program Coordinator, University of Chicago. Of course, Dr. Edward Linn, Department of OB/GYN from John Stroger; Mr. Kenneth Boyer, Dr., Chairman of Pediatrics, Rush University; and a litany of other stakeholders who were testifying in our hearings, and just to say a nice little shout out to our family Tirado that's visiting from Merrillville. These are both patients and stakeholders on an issue that we will be presenting in public hearings and I just wanted to give them a warm welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

...you -- thank you. Will our guests in the gallery please rise? Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Resolution 756, offered by Senator Viverito and all Members.

Senate Joint Resolution 122, offered by Senator Forby and all Members.

They are death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

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Resolutions Consent Calendar. 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 84.

Offered by Senator Rutherford, and adopted by the House, March 17th, 2010. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

It is substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Madam Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ROCK:

House Bill 6416, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of this House bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Cronin, for what purpose do you seek recognition, sir?

SENATOR CRONIN:

A point of personal privilege, if I may.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Please state your point.

SENATOR CRONIN:

Please allow me, Mr. President and Members of the Senate, to introduce some guests we have in the gallery here. On my right, we have Helen and Ron Remley, from Westchester, Illinois,

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and Diane and Steve Spasaff, from Elm Grove, Wisconsin. Let's give 'em a welcome here. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise? Welcome to the Illinois Senate. We'll now proceed to page 36 of your printed Calendar. Constitutional Amendments 2nd Reading. Madam Secretary, please read the constitutional amendment for a second time in full.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Joint Resolution, Constitutional Amendment, 121.

(Secretary reads SJRCA No. 121)

2nd Reading in full of this joint resolution constitutional amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

The Senate will now stand at ease for a few minutes to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. Will the members of the Committee on Assignments please come to the President's Anteroom immediately? The Committee on Assignments will now meet in the President's Anteroom. The Senate will now stand at ease.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to the Consumer Protection Committee -

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Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 4860; refer to the Criminal Law Committee - Floor Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 3513; refer to the Elections Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 5206; refer to the Environment Committee - Floor Amendments 2 and 3 and 4 to Senate Bill 3346; refer to the Judiciary Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 5429, Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 5888 and Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2850; refer to the Licensed Activities Committee - Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2863; refer to the Local Government Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 5685; refer to the Public Health Committee - Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 678, Floor Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 2627, Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 3773 and Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 5053; refer to the State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee - Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 3215; refer to the Telecommunications and Information Technology Committee - Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 120; and refer to the Transportation Committee - Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 3716.

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 Agriculture and Conservation Committee - House Bill 5307; refer to the Appropriations I Committee - House Bill 5029 -- excuse me, House Bill 5021, House Bill 5022 and House Bill 5023; refer to the Consumer Protection Committee - House Bill 5139 and 5772; refer to the Criminal Law Committee - House Bills 4779, -- 5006, 5007, 5130, 5341, 5675, 5745, 5832, 5914, 6459,

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6462 and 6464; refer to the Education Committee - House Bill 16, 4209, 5322, 5633, 6017, House Joint Resolution 74 and Senate Joint Resolution 114; refer to the Environment Committee - Senate Resolution 755; refer to the Executive Committee - House Bills 2516, 4744, 5483, 6041, 6262, 6272, Senate Joint Resolution 110, and Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 98; refer to the Financial Institutions Committee - House Bill 6113; refer to the Gaming Committee - House Bill 5437; refer to the Higher Education Committee - House Bill 6206; refer to the Human Services Committee - House Bills 4910, 5306, 5357 and Senate Joint Resolution 115; refer to the Insurance Committee - House Bill 5085; refer to the Judiciary Committee - House Bills 4684, 5214, 5381, 5630, 5677 and 6080; refer to the Labor Committee - House Bills 5154, 5668, 6112 and Senate Resolution 723; refer to the Licensed Activities Committee - House Bills 4975, 5517, 5783 and 6252; refer to the Local Government Committee - House Bill 4837, House Bill 5295, House Bill 5664 and House Bill 6380; refer to the Pensions and Investments Committee - House Bills 4644, 4960, House Bill 5262 and 5511; refer to the Public Health Committee - House Bills 4703, 4835, House -- House Joint Resolution 92, House Joint Resolution 104, Senate Joint Resolution 112 and Senate Joint Resolution 117; refer to the Revenue Committee - House Bill -- excuse me, House Bill 4652, 5169 and 6241; refer to the State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee - House Bill 4694, 5124, 5329, 5905, 5956, 6015 and Senate Resolution 722; refer to the Transportation Committee - House Bill 156, 5301 and House Joint Resolution 80 and Senate Joint Resolution 118; and Be Approved for Consideration - House Bills -- House Bill 43 and

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Senate Resolution 728.

Signed by Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

The Chair wishes to announce that the matters reported by the Assignments Committee, as read by the Secretary, will be heard in committee on the following dates and times. The Public Health Committee will convene at -- today at 1:45 p.m. in Room 212. The -- the Judiciary Committee will meet in Room 400. The Transportation Committee -- the -- the Judiciary Committee will meet at -- today at 2:30. The Transportation Committee will meet today at 4 p.m. in Room 400. On -- tomorrow, Wednesday: The Criminal Law Committee will meet at 9 a.m. in Room 212. The Environment Committee will meet at 9 a.m., Room 400. And the Local Government Committee will meet at 9 a.m. in Room 409. At 2 p.m. tomorrow, the Licensed Activities Committee will meet in Room 409. At 4 p.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, the State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee will meet in Room 409. On Thursday at 11 a.m., the Telecommunications and Information Technology Committee will meet in Room 212. Please consult with the system to identify the appropriate committee where these amendments have been sent. Senator Burzynski, for what purpose do you seek recognition, sir?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Please state your point.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you. Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the

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Senate, normally we would say that we have great -- gives me great honor and pleasure to introduce a former Member of the Illinois Senate here with us today, but I think it gives me dubious pleasure to introduce to you the longest-serving Ukrainian Senator here in the Illinois General Assembly. Would you please join me in welcoming back Walter Dudycz, State Senator?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Welcome back, Senator Dudycz. It's great to see the pride of the Northwest side back here at the Senate. Senator Muñoz, for what purpose do you seek recognition, sir?

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, requesting a Democratic Caucus immediately upon recess.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Muñoz, we're going to adjourn. The -- the Democrats will go to caucus immediately following adjournment. Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Likewise, Senate Republicans would like to caucus upon adjournment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

The Republicans will also caucus upon adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate now stands adjourned until the hour of 11 a.m. on April 14th, 2010. The Senate now stands adjourned.