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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Regular Session of the 97th General Assembly, please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? And will our guests in the gallery please rise? The invocation today will be given by Rabbi Barry Marks of Temple Israel, here in Springfield. 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)

Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Thursday, April 26th, 2012.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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 SCHOENBERG)

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

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 732, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

Senate Resolution 733, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

Senate Resolution 734, offered by Senator McCarter and all Members.

Senate Resolution 735, offered by Senators Radogno, Lauzen and all Members.

Senate Resolution 736, offered by Senator Lauzen and all Members.

Senate Resolution 737, offered by Senator Lauzen and -- and all Members.

Senate Resolution 738, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members.

They're all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Thank you. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution 73, offered by Senator McCarter. It's substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the

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concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution No. 66.

Offered by President Cullerton and adopted by the House, April 24th, 2012. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House. It is substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4642, offered by Senator Tom Johnson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5002, offered by Senator Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5115, offered by Senator Althoff.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5865, offered by Senator Righter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5880, offered by Senator Righter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5914, offered by Senator Righter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of these House bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Tom Johnson, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR T. JOHNSON:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Please state your point.

SENATOR T. JOHNSON:

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Yes, some good news this morning on the way down. Very early this morning, I got a text from our colleague John Millner, and he is a proud new grandfather - a baby girl, Sabrina Lynn, born in Jerusalem this morning. So, some good news for John, and continue to keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Thank you very much for that wonderful news. We'll now proceed to page 39 on your printed Calendar, is the Order of Secretary's Desk, Resolutions to amend the Constitution of the State of Illinois. Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 49, offered by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Mr. Secretary, having had its 1st Reading on April 26th, 2012, we'll now proceed to the 2nd Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 49. Mr. Secretary, please -
- read the resolution in full for a second time.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment.

(Secretary reads HJRCA No. 49)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Haine, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HAINE:

A point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

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Could you hold off on that momentarily? 3rd Reading.
Senator Haine, now, with a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I would call attention to the Republican gallery -- Republican side of the aisle, the gallery there; we have twenty-two students from the Mississippi Valley Christian School government class, in the Alton area. The ladies and gentlemen of that class are here to watch their State government at work. And Joan Conrad is shepherding them around, along with others. And I would ask that the Senate afford them a warm welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise? Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Please rise. Thank you. Senate will now stand at ease for a few moments to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. Will the members of the Committee on Assignments please come to the President's Anteroom immediately? Committee on Assignments in the President's Anteroom. If the members could please come forward immediately. The Senate will now stand at ease. (at ease) Senate will come to order. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Agriculture and Conservation Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 404, Floor Amendment 3 to House Bill 404, Floor Amendment 4 to House Bill 404; refer to Commerce Committee - Committee Amendment 2 to House Bill 3091; refer to Criminal Law Committee - Floor Amendment 3 to Senate

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Bill 2621, Floor Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 2621, Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 4637, Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 5289; refer to Education Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2706, Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 2984, Committee Amendment 2 to House Bill 2984, Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 5290, Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 5825; refer to Energy Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 4559, Committee Amendment 2 to House Bill 5814; refer to Environment Committee - Committee Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3728, Committee Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 3728; refer to Executive Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 222, Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 1261, Committee Amendment 2 to House Bill 1261, Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 1404, Committee Amendment 2 to House Bill 3779 and Committee Amendment 2 to House Bill 5078; refer to Financial Institutions Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 3985; refer to Higher Education Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 1864, Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 4757, Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 5248 and Committee Amendment 2 to House Bill 5248; refer to Human Services Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 3893, Committee Amendment 2 to House Bill 3893 and Committee -- Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 4129; refer to Insurance Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2721; refer to Judiciary Committee - Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2534, Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 4028, House Bill 4662, Committee Amendment 3 to House Bill 4687, Committee Amendment 2 to House Bill 5434; refer to Labor Committee - House -- Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 3695; refer to Licensed Activities Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 4076, Committee

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Amendment 1 to House Bill 4479, Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 5033, Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 5104; refer to Local Government Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 555, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 555, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 3892, Floor Amendment 3 to House Bill 4753; refer to Public Health Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 5142; refer to Revenue Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3004, Committee Amendment 2 to House Bill 1605, Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 4242, Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 5789; refer to State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2998 and Committee Amendment 2 to House Bill 5650; refer to Transportation Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2653, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2979 and Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 5493; Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Bill 282.

Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the following committees will be meeting to take up Floor amendments: The Agriculture and Conservation Committee will be meeting today in Room 409 at 1:42 p.m.; Judiciary will be meeting at 2:46 -- p.m. today in Room 400; Transportation will be meeting in Room 400 at 4:01 p.m.; Education will be meeting today in Room 409 at 4:01 p.m.; Criminal Law be -- will be meeting tomorrow at 10:01 a.m. in Room 212; Local Government will be meeting tomorrow in Room 409 at 10:01 a.m.; Labor Committee will -- will be meeting tomorrow in Room 212 at 2:01 p.m.; Revenue will be meeting tomorrow in Room 400 at 3:06 p.m.; Insurance will be meeting tomorrow at

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4:01 p.m.; and State Government and Veterans Affairs will be meeting tomorrow at -- in Room 409 at 4:01 p.m. Chair also wishes to remind all Members that Friday is the House bill committee passage deadline. Also, if you do have committee amendments that you would like to be heard this week, you should file them immediately. Thank you. Senator LaHood, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR LaHOOD:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Please state your point.

SENATOR LaHOOD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'm joined here today by my Page for the Day, Ella Newton. Ella is from Peoria and is a sixth grader at St. Vincent de Paul in Peoria. She enjoys being in school, spending time with her family. And her hobbies include gymnastics, basketball, reading, piano, swimming and track. She plans to attend Peoria Notre Dame High School. And her future plans include medical school and she wants to be a pediatrician. And she's having a great day in Springfield and I'd ask for a warm welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Thank you. Welcome to the Illinois Senate. The Chair would now like to call Senator Althoff to the Chair to introduce some special guests to the Illinois Senate today. Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you very much, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. It is my honor to remind you that today is our

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international cultural exchange with the Republic of Turkey. We have a reception this afternoon at the Secretary of State's Office from 5:30 to 7:30. We encourage all of you to come and stop by. But right now what I would like to do is introduce a - - special guests from Turkey. If you'll recall, two years ago we passed a resolution that created the Joint Task Force on Turkish and Illinois Relations. The mission of that Task Force is to strengthen and continue the State of Illinois' friendship, business, and cultural ties with the Republic of Turkey. And with us today, we have the Consul General of the Republic of Turkey, Fatih Yildiz, and we also have a member of Parliament, Asim Mollazade. And what I'd like to do now is turn the Podium over to the Consulate General.

CONSUL GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY FATIH YILDIZ:

(Remarks by the Consul General of Turkey in Chicago)

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

And now just a few words from one of the members of Parliament of the Republic of Turkey {sic} (Azerbaijan).

REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN PARLIAMENT MEMBER ASIM MOLLAZADE:

(Remarks by Republic of Azerbaijan Parliament Member)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Leader Radogno, I couldn't help but notice that you're accessorizing a bit differently today. For what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR RADOGNO:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Please state your point.

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SENATOR RADOGNO:

Yes, well, I'm sorry to have to inform the Body today that our friend and colleague, Senator John Millner, just lost his wife a short time ago. It was shortly after the birth of their second grandchild. She had the opportunity to see the picture of the baby, who was born in Israel. And it seems that that was enough comfort that she could let go. And I think all of us that have talked and -- and texted with John during all of this know how -- with what grace he's handled this situation, always wanting to make sure everyone else around him was comfortable. So I know we all extend our thoughts and our prayers to John and his family right now. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Thank you, Leader Radogno. Our thoughts and prayers go to Senator Millner and to his family for this very untimely tragedy. The Senate will now stand in recess until the call of the Chair. Following committee meetings, the Senate will reconvene to receive committee reports and other matters that will not be requiring Floor action. The Senate now stands in recess.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The Senate will now come to order. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Frerichs, Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, reports Senate Amendment 4 to

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House Bill 404 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Delgado, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Health, reports House Bills 4453, 4968, 5009, 5142 and 5682 Do Pass.

Senator Maloney, Chairperson of the Committee on Higher Education, reports House Bill 4116 Do Pass; and House Bills 1864, 4757 and 5248 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Hunter, Chairperson of the Committee on Human Services, reports House Bills 3893 and 4129 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Silverstein, Chairperson of the Committee on Judiciary, reports House Bills 4615, 5221, 5586, 5823 Do Pass; House Bills 4028, 4687 and 5434 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2534 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Lightford, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Education, reports House Bill 5826 Do Pass; and House Bills 2984 and 5290 Do Pass, as Amended; and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2706 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Sandoval, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation, reports House Bills 4468, 4863, 4982, 5624, 5780 Do Pass; and House Bill 5021 and 5493 Do Pass, as Amended; and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2653 and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2979 recommended Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5606, offered by Senator Forby.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of this House bill.

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There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 11:30 a.m. on the 2nd day of May, 2012. The Senate stands adjourned.