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GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

The Senate will come to order. And will the Members and our guests please be seated? Article IV, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois reads in part as follows: On the first day of (the) January session of the General Assembly in odd-numbered years, the Governor shall convene the Senate to elect from the membership a President of the Senate as presiding officer. Representatives of the media have requested permission to record the proceedings. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. The following are appointed to the Committee of Escort for the members of the Judiciary: Senators Noland, Hutchinson, LaHood, and Senators-elect Hastings and Barickman. Will the Committee of Escort please report to the rear of the Chamber to escort the distinguished member of the Judiciary into the Chamber? The Chair is pleased to welcome into the Chamber Illinois Supreme Court Justice Mary Jane Theis. The invocation will be offered by Monsignor Kenneth Velo, DePaul University and Co-Chairman of the Big Brothers -- Big Shoulders Fund. Monsignor Velo.

THE REVEREND MONSIGNOR KENNETH VELO:

(Invocation by the Reverend Monsignor Kenneth Velo)

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Will the Members and our guests please stand for the Presentation of the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance? The Colors will be presented by the Color Guard of Lincoln's Challenge Academy from Rantoul, Illinois. Permission granted. Senator Jacobs will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

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(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Jacobs)

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Please remain standing for our National Anthem, which will be sung by Molly Durand.

MOLLY DURAND:

("The Star-Spangled Banner", sung by Molly Durand)

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Please be seated. And thank you, Molly, for that stirring rendition of our National Anthem. I -- I hereby appoint the following persons as temporary Senate Officers of the 98th General Assembly: Tim Anderson, Secretary of the Senate, and Joe Dominquez, Sergeant-at-Arms. The Secretary will now read the Letter of Certification from the State Board of Elections of Senate Members elected on November 6th, 2012, to the 98th General Assembly. Mr. Secretary, please read the letter.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I have a letter dated December 4th, 2012, to Tim Anderson, Secretary of the Senate.

Dear Mr. Anderson - Enclosed is a list of individuals who have been elected to serve as Members of the State Senate in the General Assembly and have been duly certified by the State Board of Elections at their Board meeting on December 2nd, 2012. If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully, Jane Gasperin, Director of Election Information.

From the 1st -- from the 1st Legislative District, Antonio "Tony" Muñoz; from the 2nd Legislative District, William "Willie" Delgado; from the 3rd Legislative District, Mattie Hunter; from the 4th Legislative District, Kimberly A.

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Lightford; from the 5th Legislative District, Patricia Van Pelt Watkins; from the 6th Legislative District, John J. Cullerton; from the 7th Legislative District, Heather A. Steans; from the 8th Legislative District, Ira I. Silverstein; from the 9th Legislative District, Daniel Biss; from the 10th Legislative District, John G. Mulroe; from the 11th Legislative District, Martin A. Sandoval; from the 12th Legislative District, Steven Landek; from the 13th Legislative District, Kwame Raoul; from the 14th Legislative District, Emil Jones III; from the 15th Legislative District, Napoleon Harris; from the 16th Legislative District, Jacqueline "Jacqui" Collins; from the 17th Legislative District, Donne E. Trotter; from the 18th Legislative District, Bill Cunningham; from the 19th Legislative District, Michael E. Hastings; from the 20th Legislative District, Iris Y. Martinez; from the 21st Legislative District, Michael G. Connelly; from the 22nd Legislative District, Michael Noland; from the 23rd Legislative District, Thomas E. Cullerton; from the 24th Legislative District, Kirk W. Dillard; from the 25th Legislative District, Jim Oberweis; from the 26th Legislative District, Dan Duffy; from the 27th Legislative District, Matt Murphy; from the 28th Legislative District, Daniel W. Kotowski; from the 29th Legislative District, Julie A. Morrison; from the 30th Legislative District, Terry Link; from the 31st Legislative District, Melinda Willen Bush; from the 32nd Legislative District, Pamela Althoff; from the 33rd Legislative District, Karen McConaughay; from the 34th Legislative District, Steven "Steve" Stadelman; from the 35th Legislative District, Dave Syverson; from the 36th Legislative District, Mike Jacobs; from the 37th Legislative District, Darin LaHood; from the 38th

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Legislative District, Sue Rezin; from the 39th Legislative District, Don Harmon; from the 40th Legislative District, Toi W. Hutchinson; from the 41st Legislative District, Christine Radogno; from the 42nd Legislative District, Linda Holmes; from the 43rd Legislative District, Pat McGuire; from the 44th Legislative District, Bill Brady; from the 45th Legislative District, Tim Bivins; from the 46th Legislative District, Dave Koehler; from the 47th Legislative District, John M. Sullivan; from the 48th Legislative District, Andy Manar; from the 49th Legislative District, Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant; from the 50th Legislative District, William "Sam" McCann; from the 51st Legislative District, Chapin Rose; from the 52nd Legislative District, Michael W. Frerichs; from the 53rd Legislative District, Jason Barickman; from the 54th Legislative District, Kyle McCarter; from the 55th Legislative District, Dale A. Righter; from the 56th Legislative District, William "Bill" Haine; from the 57th Legislative District, James F. Clayborne, Jr., II; from the 58th Legislative District, Dave -- David Luechtefeld; from the 59th Legislative District, Gary F. Forby.

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Thank you. Will Justice Mary Jane Theis of the Illinois Supreme Court please come to the Rostrum to administer the Oath of Office to the Members of the Senate? Will Senators-elect Barickman, Bertino-Tarrant, Bush, Connelly, Thomas Cullerton, Cunningham, Harris, Hastings, Manar, McConnaughay, Morrison, Oberweis, Rose, Stadelman, Van Pelt Watkins, and Senators Biss, LaHood, McGuire and Rezin please rise and be sworn into office?

JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS:

Congratulations to you all. Please raise your right hand

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and repeat after me. I - state your name - do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of State Senator to the best of my ability. Congratulations, all. Will the remaining Senators please rise in this special year? Please raise your right hands and repeat after me. I - state your name - do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the United -- the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of State Senator to the best of my ability. Congratulations to you as well.

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Please be seated. Mr. Secretary, please call the roll of the Senators of the 98th General Assembly.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Althoff, Barickman, Bertino-Tarrant, Biss, Bivins, Brady, Bush, Clayborne, Collins, Connelly, John Cullerton, Tom Cullerton, Cunningham, Delgado, Dillard, Duffy, Forby, Frerichs, Haine, Harmon, Harris, Hastings, Holmes, Hunter, Hutchinson, Jacobs, Jones, Koehler, Kotowski, LaHood, Landek, Lightford, Link, Luechtefeld, Manar, Martinez, McCann, McCarter, McConnaughay, McGuire, Morrison, Mulroe, Muñoz, Murphy, Noland, Oberweis, Radogno, Raoul, Rezin, Righter, Rose, Sandoval, Silverstein, Stadelman, Steans, Sullivan, Syverson, Trotter, Van Pelt Watkins.

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Thank you, Mr. Secretary. A quorum is present. It is the intention of the Chair to begin organizing the 98th General

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Assembly under the Rules of the 97th General Assembly until new rules are adopted as part of the organization of the newly constituted General Assembly. The next order of business is the election of the President of the Senate of the 98th General Assembly. As required by Senate Rules 12-4 and 2-2(b) of the 97th General Assembly, thirty affirmative votes will be required to elect a President of the Senate. Nominations are now open. Senator Raoul is recognized for the purpose of placing a name in nomination.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you, Governor. I rise to place in nomination the name of John J. Cullerton. My first interaction with John Cullerton was my talking with him when I was being considered for appointment to the Senate in 2004. I was confident of my chances and even hopeful of serving on the Judiciary Committee, which he chaired at the time. Our meeting turned awkward once it became clear the word in Springfield was that someone else was going to get the appointment. After I shared information about my relationship with two local committeemen, Senator Cullerton, then, as now, understood that all politics is local, and that I might indeed be joining him in the Senate. But a couple of days later, he unintentionally almost upset the applecart by telling a committeeman he bumped into that I shared with him that I'd be appointed to the seat. She was not pleased, but I made it here anyway. As it turns out, I did serve on the Judiciary Committee under Senator Cullerton's leadership, and it was a great learning experience for me. Our Chairman's temperament made it easy for our committee to work in a bipartisan manner, and I saw glimpses of what the Senate could



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look like with him as its President. Recognizing the urge felt by many Members to send newsletters back to their districts proclaiming how tough they'd been on crime, Senator Cullerton frequently gave us a warning we began to call the "Cullerton Rule" - "Remember, we can only enhance a criminal penalty by one class per General Assembly." And with this bit of humor, he was able to send a message to those of us on the committee, and in the Senate at large. John Cullerton is a heck of a stand-up comedian, and he uses his keen wit to make valid and memorable points. Now, the media's characterization of John Cullerton often has been way off base, and as a result, the public does not have a full appreciation of who he is as a leader and who he is as a man. President Cullerton took the reins of the Senate at a very difficult time. We were beginning an unprecedented impeachment of our -- trial of our governor, even as we celebrated the inauguration of one of our former Members as President of the United States of America. Our State was in dire need of new revenue and a new approach to government. At this pivotal moment, President Cullerton -- President Cullerton demonstrated an essential quality in any leader - boldness. Bold leadership is not easy, particularly with a caucus as diverse as ours. We may all call ourselves Democrats on this side of the Chamber, but we hold a wide array of opinions and represent very different districts. It takes someone like President Cullerton to handle these differences and potential conflicts with patience, grace and, of course, his good humor. He does not steer our caucus in a heavy-handed manner or practice government by ultimatum. He offers explanations, not threats. He solicits input from his Members to craft mutually

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beneficial solutions. President Cullerton's desire to get to know his Members and their perspectives is genuine. There is no better way to understand someone than to break bread together, and President Cullerton makes a point of going to dinner with every Member of his caucus at least a couple of times every Session. On these occasions, he doesn't just talk business; he gets to know their -- the Senators, their districts, their families and their priorities. This careful, patient, respectful leadership style has paid off, yielding major accomplishments such as workers' compensation reform, Medicaid reform, revenue legislation, pensions ethics reform, driver's licenses for the undocumented, convention center reforms, civil unions and the abolition of the death penalty. Finally, I want to say a few words about John Cullerton the family man. It has been a joy to get to know him and Pam and their children over the years. When you watch President Cullerton with his family and see what family means to him, you begin to understand how his great leadership qualities have developed. I remember being with him on one occasion, getting a ride from him, when he and his family had been treated unfairly in the press, and he was talking about one of his children and how that child was amongst his best friends. I remember tearing up, but trying to hide it, as I was quietly hoping that when my kids reach the adult age, I would have a similar relationship with them. His passion for his family became clear to me. Although our accomplishments under President Cullerton's leadership have been impressive, some of our greatest challenges lie ahead. We are entering uncharted waters with a diverse forty-member caucus; it has a downstate caucus, a suburban caucus, Black Caucus, Latino Caucus

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- sometimes two Latino caucuses - and now it even has two Cullertons. But I trust President Cullerton's navigational abilities. It is a high honor to nominate John J. Cullerton for Senate President for the 98th General Assembly.

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Thank you. Senator Raoul nominates Senator John J. Cullerton for President of the Senate. Senator Sandoval is recognized for the purpose of seconding the nomination.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

(Remarks in Spanish) We've heard -- about President Cullerton's unique brand of leadership, and all of us in this Chamber are aware of his talents in the legislative arena, but what I have come to appreciate about Senate President Cullerton is his sensitive awareness of where he came from. He knows that he's son of proud Irish immigrants, who came to this country looking for a better life, just as all of our ancestors did at one time. Though some of us immigrated more recently than others, like mine, it's my observation that the Irish and the Latinos have similar histories and shared values. We have persisted, pushed past all barriers, to build better lives for ourselves and for our families and add our own rich heritage to what it means to be an American. The Senate President understands and lives this common story. He lives it by caring about my communities, your communities. He shows up and listens and learns, then seeks to do what's best for the people that live in our neighborhoods. Whether it's in Benton - Senator Forby - or Cicero, John Cullerton takes the time out and effort to care and make a difference. At a time when too many in our Party - that's right, in our Party - take certain communities

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for granted, the -- he champions issues to help the immigrant community. That shows in his leadership on the capital construction program - a program that invested millions of dollars in each of our districts and billions statewide. It's still putting people to work today. It shows in his helping pass a hundred million dollars to build new schools in Illinois. It shows in his outspoken leadership, most recently, on the Illinois Dream Act and the driver's license bill for the undocumented. Because of President Cullerton's advocacy and hard work on this legislation, young people can save for college, regardless of immigration status. They have a real opportunity to live the American dream, support themselves and their families, and in turn -- and give back to their communities, and drive on the roads of Illinois. John Cullerton understands why this is so important - not just to people in the neighborhoods of my district or of Assistant Majority Leader Antonio Muñoz or Chairwoman Iris Martinez or Chairwoman William "Willie" Delgado -- Chairman -- Chairwoman -- Chairman. It's in English - I have a hard time. President Cullerton is not afraid to talk the talk and walk the walk. He did it -- he does it because it's the right thing to do. Because, in the end, whether your family arrived here five generations ago on a boat, or you were brought across the border, like mine was a few years ago, we are all here now and we are all in this together. With hope that this understanding will guide us in the next two years, I am proud and honored to second the nomination of John Cullerton - we know him in our neighborhoods as "Juan" Cullerton - as President of the Illinois Senate. And in closing - we on the southwest side of Chicago keep it very simple - we say,

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"President Cullerton, continue to speak softly and carry a big stick." And so, here's the big stick on behalf of...

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Senator Martin Sandoval seconds the nomination of Senator John J. Cullerton for President of the Senate. Senator Bush is recognized for the purpose of seconding the nomination.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you, Governor. It is my great honor to second the nomination of Senator John J. Cullerton to continue his distinguished service as President of this Body. President Cullerton's record of balanced, fair and inclusive leadership is known far beyond the walls of this Chamber. A few moments ago, I had the humbling experience of taking the Oath of Office for Senate for the first time. I look forward to beginning my service here as one of fifty-nine distinct voices, with a genuine opportunity to bring my constituents' concerns to the policy-making process. With Cullerton -- President Cullerton, excuse me, at the helm - that could have been Tom - my colleagues and I are assured of being able to fulfill our responsibility to represent our districts and work for the good of the State. Time and again, on issues from education reform to workers' compensation to enterprise zones and fixing Medicaid, President Cullerton has tapped the expertise of this institution's Members, both leaders and rank-and-file, and on both sides of the aisle, to carefully craft an effective solution to complex problems. I'm confident in his ability to assemble the best ideas for better government. I'm confident that his approach to leadership will empower me, as a new State Senator, to provide my constituents with the best representative

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and representation here in Springfield. My life experiences have been varied - from working on an assembly line, owning a small business, and serving on the Lake County Board. I've helped large employers create jobs in my community, and I've led efforts to conserve public lands. The common denominator was always the need to bring people with diverse perspectives together to solve a problem or take advantage of an opportunity. This approach will characterize my work in the Senate. I know President Cullerton, whose dedication to public service transcends party, region or interest, and that will encourage us to involve all stakeholders in forging pragmatic and fair solutions. As we know, the 98th General Assembly will be called upon to make difficult decisions, will be called upon to do more with less, restore trust in government and widen an economic recovery that still leaves far too many behind. President Cullerton has proven he's equal to the task of leading this Body in a fair and measured way through times of uncertainty and contention. His legislative acumen, inclusive approach to problem solving and commitment to accountability are needed now more than ever. I am proud to second the nomination and urge you to stand with President Cullerton as we begin our work. Thank you.

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Senator Bush seconds the nomination of Senator John J. Cullerton for President of the Senate. Senator Kotowski is recognized for the purpose of seconding the nomination.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you, Governor Quinn. Thank you for your leadership and thank you for your commitment to the higher ideal. Ladies

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and Gentlemen of the Senate, honored guests, and all of our family, friends and supporters who are here with us today, throughout the storied and great history of our State, many leaders have moved through these aisles and raised their voices in resounding advocacy within this beautiful Chamber. Each led in his or her own way. Each led with a commitment to a certain agenda, with a substance and style entirely their own. Their lives are our story and they have left an indelible thumbprint on the pages of Illinois history. When the chapter of this history book is written about John J. Cullerton, it should be titled, "He built bridges and consensus for a brighter future for all of us." As you just heard, John J. Cullerton makes it a practice of taking people out to dinner. This is part of his regular routine. And he brings people together from a diverse set of backgrounds - upstate, downstate, the suburbs; black, white, Latino; Republicans and Democrats; those who like each other and those who don't. And he brings people together at this table, where they sit down and eat. And it is here at this table that John J. Cullerton builds. He builds bridges. He builds consensus. And if you're really paying attention, he builds leaders. It is here, at this table, that party and race and geography are transcended. It is here, at this table, we hear intimate stories from our colleagues and our friends about what brings us together in a common purpose - that we are all alike in our love for our friends and our families; that we all came here with a singular and specific and a strong purpose and a commitment to helping out people; and that we all know our State can be and it will be better. This is how John J. Cullerton builds. This is how he builds a brighter future for

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all of us. He takes you out of your comfort zone. He challenges you to think, and he compels you to let your guard down and be open to possibility. And he does this all in a way that is calm and steady, funny and insightful, smart and strategic, fair and open, and confident, yet surprisingly humble. There are others, when given the same opportunity, the same title, might tread cautiously, just to keep their position and their power. Not John J. Cullerton. He embraces policies because they're right, not because they're popular - whether it be supporting revenue to create jobs, fund education or protect the most vulnerable among us; whether it be fighting for equality for all people, regardless of their race, religion or sexual orientation; or keeping our children and families safe from the ill-effects of tobacco, the menace of drunken driving, or the dangers of gun violence; or simply and fundamentally reforming the way we spend taxpayer dollars so we have an open, ethical and accountable government, and we can, once and for all, restore the public trust in our State. John J. Cullerton has stood resolute, despite fierce and often relentless opposition. But in remaining steady and calm, and by staying committed to building bridges and consensus, he has prevailed. I rise to second the nomination of John J. Cullerton for these reasons and one more. When John J. Cullerton walks into this Chamber, there is what I like to call an "Expectation of Excellence". It is the quiet and often unstated assumption that he has for all of us, that we're supposed to be good and that we can be and we should be much, much better. We've all had people like this in our lives. It could have been a parent, a coach, a teacher, a friend, a spouse, someone we'd vote for in the



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polling booth or someone we'd vote for on this Senate Floor. They lead by example and they convey through their direct actions, a brief conversation or a fixed gaze that they believe and trust in us, that they believe in the possible within us. This belief, it drives us. It inspires us. It forces us. It compels us to evaluate who we are, where we are and where we need to be. So I'm proud to second the nomination of John J. Cullerton as President of the Illinois Senate, because in this moment, in this time, our time, in the unconditional service of the people, we need and we deserve a leader who builds bridges and consensus all in the expectation of excellence and toward a brighter future for all of us. Thank you.

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Senator Kotowski seconds the nomination of Senator John J. Cullerton for President of the Senate. Senator Righter is recognized for the purpose of placing a name in nomination.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Governor. Ladies and Gentlemen, I rise to nominate Republican Leader Senator Christine Radogno for the Office of Senate President. But first, before doing so and talking a little bit about Senator Radogno and what's going on in this State, I want to take a moment and welcome all the many guests we have today, not just in crowded galleries, but also here on the Floor. I want to welcome all the Members, not just who are returning, but particularly all twenty of you, the new Members here. Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Despite the best efforts of some, you made it here and you earned your seats. So, welcome. Now, today is a day that is traditionally a day of celebration, filled with pomp and circumstance and speeches and

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flowers and handshakes and hugs, congratulations and best wishes - and grandiose promises of bipartisanship. And in just a moment, I'm going to ask at least eleven Members of the Majority Party's side of the aisle to engage in a grandiose, sweeping and unprecedented act of bipartisanship and join the Members on this side of the aisle to elect Senator Radogno Senate President - but we'll get back to that, maybe, in just a moment. Even though today is a day of ceremony, there still is some serious business that takes place. Most serious among those is the vote for the Office of Senate President and who will lead this Chamber. Now this is my sixth swearing-in ceremony in which I've been a direct participant, and in those six, I don't know that there's ever been one that was more important than the one that we take part in here today. The leader of this Chamber, much like the leader of this State and the leader of the Chamber across the hall, sets the agenda, sets the tone, makes the decision, not just how challenges are taken up, but whether or not they'll be taken up at all. And that is a problem that plagues us here in this State today. Now, the candidate for whom I rise and the incumbent Senate President share a very, very important quality of leadership, and that is this, is that they are both willing to reach across the other side of the aisle and work with Members of the other party or people of different regions or different governing philosophies to fashion practical solutions to very, very real problems. McCormick Place is an example. The capital bill is another example. But our problems are more serious than that. This State's years-long fiscal instability, reflected objectively in the fact that Illinois has the lowest credit rating of all fifty states, is a

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problem that threatens the future of every family in this State. The fact that this State's unemployment rate is higher than all of our surrounding states, higher than all of our peer states, speaks trouble, not for the wealthiest among us, but the people who find themselves on the middle rungs or the lowest rungs of this State's economic ladder. Ladies and Gentlemen, Governor, I rise on behalf of Senator Christine Radogno to fill the Office of Senate President. This State, beginning today, needs to step forward and not only talk about the problems we have here, not only file legislation, but boldly act to take these problems on and solve them. Thank you, Governor.

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Senator Righter nominates Senator Christine Radogno for President of the Senate. Senator Rezin is recognized for the purpose of seconding the nomination.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Governor. I rise to second the nomination of Senator Christine Radogno for Leader. This Session of the General Assembly will contain some of the most difficult challenges our State has ever faced. We all know the risks of debt, deficits, and pensions posed to our State. We've heard the warnings of impending calamity on the horizon, but we all know if we fall victims to the same mistakes of the past that our children will pay for the sins of inaction. However, we can avert the challenges that -- if we entrust the right people to lead. In a Chamber of my colleagues and a Chamber full of leaders, this is no small task. I am supporting Senator Christine Radogno because she has demonstrated that she knows how to marry values and how to compromise. Her tireless

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patience allows her to build consensus on both sides. The policies she pursues are a direct reflection of value - living within our means and opportunity for all. She's never -- but she's never blind to the necessity for civil discourse. Under her leadership, we have bipartisanly reformed Medicaid, workers' compensation, and we've eliminated legislative scholarships. Senator Radogno has been an exemplary public servant, a champion for fiscal restraint, and a true leader for our Party. This is why I wholeheartedly support Senator Christine Radogno for Leader. Thank you, Governor.

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Senator Rezin seconds the nomination of Senator Christine Radogno for President of the Senate. Senator Connelly is recognized for the purpose of seconding the nomination.

SENATOR CONNELLY:

Can you hear me, Governor? There we go. Thank you, Governor Quinn. To my son watching this online in St. Louis, sorry, Matthew, about that, but there's been a malfunction. I, too, rise to second the nomination of Senator Christine Radogno. Senator Radogno has, throughout her career, committed herself to fiscal restraint, while also maintaining an ability to build consensus while not compromising her beliefs. Now I know where Senator Radogno learned this - a town that she and I share is what I call my hometown - LaGrange, Illinois, 60525. In the early 1970s, a large, loud - sorry, Mom and Dad - Irish Catholic family, known as the Connellys, left the south side of Chicago and moved to the western suburbs, settling in LaGrange. LaGrange is a town that puts a premium on the values that we hold dear - honesty, integrity, community, and service. Senator

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Radogno has brought those values here to the Senate. I can say that those of us who will always consider ourselves being from LaGrange, Illinois, are proud that one of our own has ascended to leadership in the greatest State of the Union. In her tenure, Senator Radogno has demonstrated a willingness to roll up her sleeves, do the hard work, and champion solutions to the great challenges we all face, not just for the betterment of her Senate district, but for the betterment of the State of Illinois. We here in the 98th General Assembly of the great State of Illinois will be -- will be forced to confront challenges that many say we cannot meet. But, folks, meet them we will, because we have no other choice. To help us meet those challenges, Senator Radogno's continued leadership will serve not only our caucus, but this entire Chamber and this State as well. I am proud and honored today to second the nomination of Christine Radogno to President of the Illinois Senate. Thank you, Governor Quinn.

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Senator Connelly seconds the nomination of Christine -- Senator Christine Radogno for President of the Senate. If there are no further nominations, Senator Silverstein is recognized for the purpose of making a motion.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Thank you, Mr. Governor. I move that the nominations for the Office of President of the Illinois State Senate of the 98th General Assembly be closed.

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Senator Silverstein has moved that nominations be closed. All those in favor of the motion, indicate by saying Aye. Those

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opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the nominations are closed. The Secretary will call the roll of the Senators. Each Senator should answer the roll by stating one of the names nominated or by voting Present. Please call the roll, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Althoff. Althoff votes Radogno. Barickman. Barickman votes Radogno. Bertino-Tarrant. Bertino-Tarrant votes Cullerton. Biss. Biss votes Cullerton. Bivins. Bivins votes Radogno. Brady. Brady votes Radogno. Bush. Bush votes Cullerton. Connelly. Connelly votes Radogno. John Cullerton. John Cullerton votes Radogno. Tom Cullerton. Tom Cullerton votes John Cullerton. Cunningham. Cunningham votes Cullerton. Delgado. Delgado votes Cullerton. Dillard. Dillard votes Radogno. Duffy. Duffy votes Radogno. Forby. Forby votes Cullerton. Frerichs. Frerichs votes Cullerton. Haine. Haine votes Cullerton. Harmon. Harmon votes Cullerton. Harris. Harris votes Cullerton. Hastings. Hastings votes Cullerton. Holmes. Holmes votes Cullerton. Hunter. Hunter votes Cullerton. Hutchinson. Hutchinson votes Cullerton. Jacobs. Jacobs votes Cullerton. Jones. Jones votes Cullerton. Koehler. Koehler votes Cullerton. Kotowski. Kotowski votes Cullerton. LaHood. LaHood votes Radogno. Lightford. Lightford votes Cullerton. Link. Link votes Cullerton. Luechtefeld. Luechtefeld votes Radogno. Manar. Manar votes Cullerton. Martinez. Martinez votes Cullerton. McCann. McCann votes Radogno. McCarter. McCarter votes Radogno. McConnaughay. McConnaughay votes Radogno. McGuire. McGuire votes Cullerton. Morrison. Morrison votes Cullerton. Mulroe.

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Mulroe votes Cullerton. Muñoz. Muñoz votes Cullerton. Murphy.  
Murphy votes Radogno. Noland. Noland votes Cullerton.  
Oberweis. Oberweis votes Radogno. Radogno. Radogno votes  
Cullerton. Raoul. Raoul votes Cullerton. Rezin. Rezin votes  
Radogno. Righter. Righter votes Radogno. Rose. Rose votes  
Radogno. Sandoval. Sandoval votes Cullerton. Silverstein.  
Silverstein votes Cullerton. Stadelman. Stadelman votes  
Cullerton. Steans. Steans votes Cullerton. Sullivan.  
Sullivan votes Cullerton. Syverson. Syverson votes Radogno.  
Trotter. Trotter votes Cullerton. Van Pelt Watkins. Van Pelt  
Watkins votes Cullerton.

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

The election of the Senate President for the 98th General  
Assembly: Senator John J. Cullerton, thirty-seven votes;  
Senator Christine Radogno, nineteen votes. Senator John J.  
Cullerton, having received the constitutionally required number  
of votes, is hereby declared President of the Senate of the 98th  
General Assembly. Will Senator John J. Cullerton and Justice  
Theis please come to the Rostrum?

JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS:

Senator, would you raise your right hand and repeat after  
me. I, John J. Cullerton,

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

I -- I, John J. Cullerton,

JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS:

Do solemnly swear

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Do solemnly swear

JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS:

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That I will support the Constitution of the United States  
SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

That I will support the Constitution of the United States  
JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS:

And the Constitution of the State of Illinois  
SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

And the Constitution of the State of Illinois  
JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS:

And that I will faithfully discharge the duties  
SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

And that I will faithfully discharge the duties  
JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS:

Of the Office of President of the Senate  
SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Of the Office of President of the Senate  
JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS:

To the best of my ability.  
SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

To the best of my ability.  
JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS:

Congratulations, Mr. President.  
PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Thank you very much. Once again, I'd like to thank my good friend, Supreme Court Justice Mary Jane Theis, for swearing me in and swearing in the Members of the Illinois Senate. Justice Theis swore me in twenty-two years ago, when she was a Circuit Court Judge. And she's now sworn me in for the third time as Senate President. I want to congratulate her for her recent election to a seat on the Illinois Supreme Court. I also would



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like to thank Monsignor Ken Velo from DePaul University for the invocation and Rabbi Tzvi Bider from the Chicago Center for Torah and Chesed for the benediction that he will be giving. Rabbi Bider is also joined here today by his father. Welcome you to the Senate. Like to thank Governor Quinn for presiding over today's ceremony. The Governor came in under very tough circumstances and has served through difficult times and should be credited with tackling very tough issues. And we are honored in Illinois to have the second-highest-ranking member of the U.S. Senate, someone who used to work right here as the Parliamentarian - our Senator, U.S. Senator Dick Durbin. I'd also like to recognize a former Member of this Chamber, our fine Comptroller, the one and only Judy Baar Topinka. I'm also proud to introduce yet another former Senate Member, our Treasurer Dan Rutherford. We are also joined by a former Senate Chief of Staff, the Auditor General Bill Holland. Let me also introduce one of Illinois' newest Congressmen, he and his wife and I have been longtime friends, Congressman William Enyart and his wife, Annette. I'm honored to have my predecessor in this post here with his wife - former Senate President Emil Jones, Jr., and his wife, Dr. Lorrie Jones. Emil, I hate to tell you this, but you're no longer my favorite Emil Jones. We are honored to have a number of Chicago Aldermen who've traveled to Springfield to join us: From the 46th Ward, Alderman James Cappleman; the 2nd Ward, Alderman Bob Fioretti; the 50th Ward, Alderman Debra Silverstein; and the 41st Ward, Alderman Mary O'Connor; and the former Alderman from the 47th Ward, Gene Schulter. Aldermen, thank you very much. I would also like to recognize Springfield Mayor Michael Houston. Mayor. Mayor, you'll be happy to know

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everyone will be spending a lot of money in the city today, so this will be good for us. Okay, so now I'd like to get to the Cullertons. For those of you who are new to this, I should tell you that my wife and I each have five sisters and three brothers. Lucky for you, only four of 'em are here today. I'd like to introduce my sister-in-law, Rebecca Wilson; my brother, Michael Cullerton, and his wife, Kai; my sister, Margaret Hosty; and my sister, Mary Carroll Durand. Ladies and Gentlemen, I've just been re-elected President of the Illinois Senate, but I want to introduce to you the speaker of my house, my wife, Pam Cullerton. We are very fortunate today to be joined by our five children: Maggie, Garritt, Kyle, Josephine and John Cullerton III. I would also like to introduce John Cullerton III's fiancée, Rachel Sudimack. Senator Radogno, you and your colleagues will be happy to know that she is a Republican. And I'd like to congratulate Senator Radogno on being re-elected Republican Leader. I'm looking forward to continuing to work with you. I'd like to thank Senator Kwame Raoul for his kind words in giving the nominating speech. Also like to -- to thank Senator Martin Sandoval, Senator Melinda Bush and Senator Kotowski for their seconding speeches. Not only were your words very kind, they were very accurate. Thank you. As I look out across this -- this dignified Chamber, I find several familiar faces, but also many new ones. There are a number of new Members joining the Senate today. And with your addition, the average term in this Body, right now, is less than six and a half years. This gives us a tremendous mix of institutional knowledge and fresh ideas. Let me be the latest to extend my congratulations to each and every one of you and your families.

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Everyone in this room understands and appreciates the hard work and sacrifice that resulted in you adding your names to the opening lines of this new chapter of the Illinois State Senate, a Chamber whose ranks have included former U.S. Senator Peter Fitzgerald and the iconic Paul Simon. This ceremony and this Session are about the fifty-nine Members of the Senate coming together to make Illinois a better place to live, to work and to play. There is greatness within and around all of you in this Chamber. And we're going to need it. My advice is to enjoy today and celebrate with your families. But you must know that tough decisions and votes await us in the weeks and months ahead. I know, however, that we can meet any challenge, if we work together. Over the past four years, we've proven time and time again that the Senate is able to set aside our partisan differences and bring the best ideas from both aisles -- both sides of the aisle together to find compromise and resolution. It began with that thirty-one-billion-dollar construction program that is building roads and schools in every part of our State, investing in our economic future and providing thousands of jobs now. We invested more in our transportation system and educational facilities than all of the other states combined. Together, we took the first steps in gaining control of our pension finances when we approved reforms that set up a new, sustainable pension system for new employees. Similarly, we worked together to pass overdue McCormick Place reforms that, once again, established Chicago as a convention destination. Our list of bipartisan accomplishments goes on and on. We restructured the flawed workers' compensation system in a way that saved businesses millions while preserving workers' rights.

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This past spring, we toiled together to construct a Medicaid reform package that maintains services to those most in need while saving taxpayers billions. We crafted education reforms that address tenure and performance standards that have become a national model. And of course, four years ago, there was the task of hearing the case of a corrupt Governor and our final, unanimous decision to remove him from office. We are going to need more of this collaborative spirit and effort in the months ahead. I have the utmost confidence in the Members of the 98th General Assembly. Today, this new Illinois Senate is more diverse than ever before. Think about it. We have, in this Chamber, lawyers and linebackers, accountants and TV anchors, farmers and former staff, people who make ice cream and people who are lactose intolerant. And, of course, we have cousins. We've been elected by the most diverse collection of Illinois voters ever to go to the polls. They want us to solve problems, to improve the quality of life and open doors of economic and educational opportunity for their families. To the Republicans of this new Senate, I say welcome aboard. We are not of the same party, but we are all in the same Senate and we represent the same number of people. Given our challenges, your help and input are critical. Now, keep in mind, I served in the political minority for a decade, under the leadership of Senate President Pate Philip. So, in the words of Bill Clinton, "I feel your pain." And yet, during those ten years, I was the chief sponsor of fifty-nine bills that became law, including some that I consider among the most important pieces of legislation I've worked on. Every time I stood up on this Floor - and this applies to you as well - to present legislation, I

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knew I needed bipartisan support. That experience taught me how important it is to know my colleagues on both sides of the aisle and the importance of compromise. I'll also remind you that a State Senator by the name of Barack Obama spent most of his time here in the political minority. And he, too, worked to find opportunities for agreement with his political rivals. Working across the aisle didn't hurt his political career. The so-called aisle that divides us should not close doors of opportunity. I'm certainly not afraid to step across it to ask for your help. And now, for my fellow Democrats, I'd like to congratulate you for assembling what is currently the largest Senate caucus in America and also the largest Senate Democratic Caucus in the history of the State of Illinois. So I know a lot of you are sitting there thinking, "This is great, we've got forty Members. I don't have to take any tough votes." But if everybody thought like that, we wouldn't get anything done, would we? So that's not going to work. We have to work together to get everything done. So now that we're here, what are we going to do? We must address our pension system. The finances of our pension system have to be addressed in a fair and Constitutional manner. The issue has lingered for generations and threatens to doom future generations if something isn't done. We are on the verge of a State -- of our State budget turning into a financial plan that funds pension benefits rather than essential services. Our investments in higher and elementary and secondary education and human services are increasingly crowded out - some would say, squeezed - by our pension cost. That's why I will file today Senate Bill 1. It's an all-encompassing plan that includes both the House and the

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Senate concepts for pension reform. We also need to be aggressive with a new economic development agenda. And that's why today Senate Bill 2 will be filed to remodel the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity through a public-private partnership that will bring real-world business effectiveness to our policies. This approach has worked in other states and it's past time we do it here. This is where we, as a Senate, need to go. You know, we have a tremendous State, but we do have to admit our reputation has suffered. People forget - and we need to remind them - that Illinois is a great State. We have been, and remain, a destination state of tremendous opportunity. That's why our population swelled by more than four hundred thousand people in the last decade. We are the transportation center of America, whether it be rail, air, rivers or roads. We have world-class cultural centers. And we have a strong education network and a world-leading agricultural industry. If we work together, we can resolve our problems, build upon our success, and continue to restore the standing of the great State of Illinois. Thank you very much. The next order of business is the election of the Minority Leader of the Senate. Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Mr. President, and congratulations. I move that Senator Christine Radogno of Lemont be declared Minority Leader of the Senate by acclamation with unanimous consent of the Body.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Althoff requests unanimous consent on behalf of the Republican Members of the Senate to -- to declare Senator Christine Radogno Minority Leader of the Senate of the 98th

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General Assembly. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Senator Christine Radogno is declared Minority Leader. Congratulations, Senator Radogno. Chair recognizes Senator Christine Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Well, thank you, President Cullerton, and to all of my colleagues, family and friends, both those of you that are here today and those that are listening at home, and to all of the honored guests. Every single one of you in this Chamber is our honored guest. Thank you to my longtime and dear friend, Senator Dale Righter, for the nomination. And thank you, Senator Rezin and Senator Connelly, for the seconds, and also to my Republican colleagues for electing me as Leader. It's a tremendous honor to be elected Leader. I want to offer my sincere appreciation to the people of the 41st District, who have sent me here and thus allowed me to have that opportunity to serve as Leader. You know, today - it's been mentioned - is about -- about flowers and fanfare and festivities, but we will be right back down to work tomorrow. The Senate Republicans are ready to get down to business and we're anxious to work with you, where it makes sense, and where it doesn't, we will stand as the loyal and vocal opposition. We certainly recognize your clear majority. We did everything we could to prevent that, but we certainly respect that and we will expect that same kind of respect in return. We represent four million people, collectively, on this side of the aisle. We have ideas. We have principles and we have microphones, and if the microphones don't work, we have soapboxes. You know, many times our approaches to solving the problems will be a bit different, but the Senate has the opportunity to once again set the mark for

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promoting civil, respectful debate, thoughtful discussion, and productive exchanges of ideas. President Cullerton, you helped create that environment. We heard that in your nominating speeches and I sincerely appreciate that. I think we've developed a very good, cordial working relationship and I sincerely hope to continue that. We've partnered on good economic policy in recent years. Medicaid has been mentioned. The infrastructure plan. McCormick Place. Workers' comp - which we'd like to work with you a little bit more on. We've eliminated many legislative perks. And frankly, we've gotten closer to anyone else to addressing the pension problem. That is a credit to this Chamber. When we work together on a common goal, we can move forward and help our State. To the new Members now in their first term, welcome to each and every one of you. We look forward to working with you. We encourage you to reach across the aisle to foster relationships and build coalitions. Make sure you look for someone other than your neighbor and someone in your comfort level. It's -- it's really important and it will enrich your experience. I've also had the opportunity to serve both in the Majority and the Minority, and I can tell you, it definitely pays dividends to work with each other on both sides of the aisle, as well as getting to know people from other parts of the State. We have to seize the opportunity to develop bipartisan solutions, which absolutely will require compromise, whether you're in the Majority or the Minority. At the end of the day, we all need to do -- have our collective efforts to address the tremendous challenges facing Illinois. Now I don't want to dwell on what those are. They've been mentioned. Our State budget, we absolutely have to address



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the severe financial problems that we have right now to pay for our priorities - and our priorities, I think, are the same. We do want to help the truly needy, have a strong public education system and a solid transportation system. We have to come to grips with some of the very real problems we have - our antiquated service delivery systems, the fact that we're actually closing overcrowded prisons. We must address these. The underlying pillar that will allow us to begin to address those is solving the pension problem, and I think there's a lot of focus on that in this Chamber. Illinois has been lagging in the jobs climate, and unfortunately, many people in Illinois really don't have a lot of confidence in us. And hopefully we can turn that around. We simply can't allow the status quo to carry on or to do the thing that most Illinois think -- Illinoisans think we do best, and that is to kick the can down the road once again. We've got to roll up our sleeves. Despite our differences, we have to find ways to make Illinois an attractive place to do business. We've got to pay our bills on time. We have to live within our means and we have to restore the citizens' faith in our government. Now many of you, on both sides of the aisle, came to the -- this Body with those very same promises. Let's not forget that as we move forward. I know you'll find the Senate Republicans ready to share -- our ideas and those of our constituents to reach our common goals. I'm very proud to lead the Senate Republicans in the 98th General Assembly. I want to mention my leadership team who will be joining me in that effort. Senator Matt Murphy will serve as Deputy Republican Leader. His insight is invaluable to me, to our caucus, and to the Body as a whole. Senators Bill Brady,

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Kirk Dillard, Dave Luechtefeld and Dave Syverson will serve as Assistant Minority Leaders. Together, they have a tremendous amount of valuable experience and perspective. Our Caucus Chair will be Pam Althoff. Those of you who don't yet know Pam, know that she will bring a great deal of energy to this position and possibly even get us all to caucus on time. And the very steady Tim Bivins will serve as the Minority Whip. Now there's fifty-nine Members here in the Illinois Senate and I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you. Please remember that elections sometimes are an ugly part of this process, but we're past those now and it's time to govern, so we need to come together. Once again, I sincerely appreciate the opportunity that you all have given me to be the Minority Leader in the 98th General Assembly. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

You know, one of the perks of this office is that I get to select the -- the person to provide the musical selection. So we did a nationwide search and we got Molly Durand from California. She happens to be my niece. I know she's a little under the weather, but I'm -- want to ask her to come up and sing a song. Molly.

(Musical selection sung by Molly Durand)

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Thank you very much, Molly. The Benediction will be offered by Rabbi Tzvi Bider of the Chicago Center for Torah and Chesed. Rabbi Bider.

RABBI TZVI BIDER:

(Benediction by Rabbi Tzvi Bider)

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

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The following Senators are appointed to the Committee of Escort for the Governor: Senators Manar, Bertino-Tarrant, Van Pelt Watkins, Rose, and Connelly. Will those Senators please come forward to escort his Excellency, the Governor, from the Chamber? Will the Senators appointed to the Committee of Escort for the members of the Judiciary - Senators Noland, Hutchinson, Hastings, Barickman, and LaHood - please come forward to escort the distinguished member of the Judiciary from the Chamber. It's the intention of the Chair to begin the organization of the Senate of the 98th General Assembly. Mr. Secretary, Communications.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I have a letter dated January 9th, 2013, to Mr. Tim Anderson, Secretary of the Senate.

Dear Mr. Secretary, - Pursuant to Rule 3-5(c), I hereby appoint Senator Don Harmon as Chairman of the Committee -- Senate Committee on Assignments. In addition, I hereby appoint Senator Kimberly Lightford and Senator Terry Link as members of the Senate Committee on Assignments. These appointments will automatically expire upon adjournment of the Senate Committee on Assignments.

Sincerely, John J. Cullerton, Senate President.

Have a letter dated January 9th, 2013.

Mr. Tim Anderson, Secretary of the Senate.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to the temporary Senate Rules of the 98th General Assembly, I hereby appoint Senator Pamela Althoff to serve as Minority Spokesperson of the Senate Committee on Assignments and Senator Dale Righter to serve as a member of the Committee. These appointments are effective

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immediately.

Sincerely, Christine Radogno, Illinois Senate Republican Leader.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1, offered by Senator Harmon.

Senate Resolution 2, offered by Senator Harmon.

They are both substantive.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senate will stand at ease to allow time for our guests to exit the Chamber. The Committee on Assignments will meet immediately in the President's Anteroom. Members are asked to remain in their seats. The Senate will stand at ease. (at ease) The Senate will come to order. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Harmon, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Resolution 1 and Senate Resolution 2.

Signed, Senator Don Harmon, Chairman.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senators, we have to take action, so I would ask the Senators to please take their seats. Ask the family to please retire from the Chamber. The Senate Calendar has been distributed. On the Calendar is Senate Resolution No. 1. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution No. 1, offered by Senator Harmon.

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PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Harmon, to explain the resolution.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Resolution 1 is our first organizing resolution. It elects the officers of the 98th General Assembly. We are re-electing our terrific team: our Secretary, Tim Anderson; our Assistant Secretary, Scott Kaiser; our fine Sergeant-at-Arms, Joe Dominguez; and Dirk Eilers, the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms. I move for its adoption.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Harmon has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 1. Is there any discussion? If not - this will be your first vote - the question is, shall the Senate adopt Senate Resolution No. 1. All those in favor will signify by voting Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. ...all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Yes, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Resolution No. 1, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared adopted. On the Order of Resolutions is Senate Resolution No. 2. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution No. 2, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Harmon, to explain the resolution.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Resolution 2 is the adoption of our Senate Rules

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for the 98th General Assembly. The Rules are the same as those of the 97th General Assembly with the exception of the list of standing committees; we are reducing that list by four. I move for its adoption, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Harmon has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 2. Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt Senate Resolution No. 2. All those in favor will signify by voting Aye. All those opposed, by voting Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Yes, none voting No, none voting Present. And Senate Resolution No. 2, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared adopted. The Senate is now operating under the Rules of the Senate of the 98th General Assembly. Mr. Secretary, Communications.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Have a letter dated January 9th.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to Rule 3-5(c), I hereby appoint Senator James Clayborne as Chair -- Chairman of the Senate Committee on Assignments for the 98th General Assembly. In addition, I hereby appoint Senator Don Harmon and Senator Kimberly Lightford as members of the Senate Committee on Assignments for the 98th General Assembly.

Sincerely, John J. Cullerton, Senate President.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Mr. Secretary, Resolutions. Back to Communications, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Sincerely, Christine Radogno, Illinois Senate Republican Leader.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution No. 3, offered by Senator Harmon.

Senate Resolution No. 4, offered by Senator Harmon.

Senate Resolution No. 5, offered by Senator Harmon.

They're all substantive.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Ladies and Gentlemen, if I can have your attention. We are going to ask the Color Guard to return to the Chamber. After that, we will stand at ease for a few minutes. The Committee on Assignments will meet immediately in the President's Anteroom -- Anteroom. Members are also asked to please stay in your seats. We would ask for the Color Guard, if they're available, to come and remove our flags. Okay. If we can ask the Committee on Assignment {sic} (Assignments) to please meet immediately in the Anteroom. Members, please be in your seats. We'll stand at ease. (at ease) The Senate will come to order. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Harmon, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Resolution 3, Senate

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Resolution 4, Senate Resolution 5.

Signed, Senator Don Harmon, Chairman.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Supplemental Calendar No. 1 has been distributed. On Supplemental Calendar No. 1 is Senate Resolution No. 3. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution No. 3, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Harmon, to explain the resolution.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Resolution 3 notifies the House of Representatives that the Senate is organized and ready to conduct our business this Session. I move for its adoption.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Harmon has moved for the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 3. Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt Senate Resolution No. 3. All those in favor will signify by voting Aye. Those opposed, by voting Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Resolution No. 3, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared adopted. On the Order of Resolutions is Senate Resolution No. 4. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution No. 4, offered by Senator Harmon.



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PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

...Harmon to explain the resolution.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Resolution 4 directs the Secretary to prepare the Senate Journal. I move for its adoption.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Harmon has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 4. Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt Senate Resolution No. 4. All those in favor will signify by voting Aye. And those opposed, by voting No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Resolution No. 4, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared adopted. On the Order of Resolutions is Senate Resolution No. 5. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution No. 5, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

...Harmon, to explain the resolution.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Resolution 5 appoints the Standing Committee of Correspondents. And I move for its adoption.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Harmon has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 5. Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall

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the Senate adopt Senate Resolution No. 5. All those in favor will signify by voting Aye. Those -- by voting Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Resolution No. 5, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared adopted. Mr. Secretary, Communications.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I have a letter dated January 9th, 2013.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Enclosed please find the Senate Session Schedule for the 98th General Assembly. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my Chief of Staff, David Gross.

Sincerely, John J. Cullerton, Senate President.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Mr. Secretary, Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 2, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 3, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 4, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 5, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 6, offered by President Cullerton.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 7, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 8, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 9, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 10, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 11, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 12, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 13, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 14, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 15, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 16, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 17, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 18, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 19, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 20, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 21, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 22, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 23, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 24, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 25, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of these Senate bills.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Haine is recognized for a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I wish to call the attention of the Senate to someone very near and dear to me, who has served with distinction in public service, and she is typical of all those who have served us and are serving us now. She is a -- a person that ran a law office - myself and later Judge Randy Bono - in Wood River. Then she became executive secretary to the State's Attorney in Madison County for fourteen long years and then she ran the legislative office of the 56th Legislative District in Alton, Illinois, and handled all those tremendous duties, especially dealing with a high maintenance, erratic Member of the Senate. Ladies and Gentlemen, she's retiring. She's had it. And I want to recognize her today for her service to the people of Illinois - Jan Kreutzberg of Grantfork, Illinois. Thanks...

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PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Ladies and Gentlemen, we're about to adjourn, but I have one more announcement to make and this would be to announce the Senate Democratic Leadership Team. So if you're interested, I'd like to have your attention. Senator Hutchinson, you might be - - if I could have your attention. I'm about to announce the Senate Leadership Team. Maybe you might be on the Team. You never know. So the Majority Leader is Senator James Clayborne; the Assistant Majority Leader, Senator Donne Trotter; Assistant Majority Leader, Senator Terry Link; Assistant Majority Leader, Senator Kimberly Lightford; Assistant Majority Leader, Senator Antonio Muñoz; Assistant Majority Leader, Senator John Sullivan; and the Majority Caucus Chair - that would be the Caucus Chairman, and this would mean that this Senator would have to be at all the caucuses - is Senator Ira Silverstein; the President Pro Tem, Senator Don Harmon; the Majority Caucus Whip, Senator Bill Haine; Majority Caucus Whip, Senator Mattie Hunter; and Majority Caucus Whip, Senator Iris Martinez. Thank you. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 9 a.m. on Thursday, January 10th. The Senate stands adjourned.