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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

...(microphone disengaged)...the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Pastor Larry Luster, Sr., Second Timothy Baptist Church, Springfield, Illinois. Pastor.

PASTOR LARRY LUSTER, SR.:

(Prayer by Pastor Larry Luster, Sr.)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Pledge of Allegiance. Please stand for Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Cunningham)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journals of Sunday, May 31st, and Friday, June 5th, 2015.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

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 MUÑOZ)

Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Mr. President, I call for a Democratic Caucus upon recess, in the President's Office for a half an hour.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Hunter has called for a Democratic Caucus in the President's Office immediately upon recess for approximately thirty minutes. Senator McCarter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR McCARTER:

The Republicans would like to caucus for thirty minutes as well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator McCarter also requesting -- so both Senator Hunter and Senator McCarter move that the Senate recess for the purpose of Senate and -- Senate Democratic and Republican caucuses lasting thirty minutes. Seeing no objection, the motion is granted. The Senate now stands in recess to the call of the Chair. After the Democratic and Republican caucuses, the Senate will reconvene for Floor action, including the Committee of the Whole. The Senate stands in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

The Senate will come to order. I would ask that the Members please be at their desks. For the Membership and their guests, I would outline the procedures we will be operating under during this Committee of the Whole. After testimony from each panel of witnesses, Members of the Committee of the Whole may seek further information through questions within the time limits deemed necessary by the Chair. The provisions of our rules governing access to the Floor will apply, except that witnesses who will be

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providing oral testimony will be allowed on the Floor. Senator Harmon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the Senate resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole solely to allow all the Members to receive testimony or written submissions from witnesses, or both, regarding the topic of Freezing Property Taxes in Illinois and inquire of those witnesses under the procedures outlined by the President.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Harmon moves that the Senate resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of testimony from witnesses regarding the topic of Freezing Property Taxes in Illinois. Is - - is there any discussion? All those in favor, say Aye. All opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries. The Senate is resolved into the Committee of the Whole.

(COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

(Contact Senate Transcribing for Audio)

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

The Senate has arisen from the Committee on {sic} (of) the Whole. Yes, Senator Oberweis, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I have an announcement.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

State your point.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

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I'm -- I'm wearing a tie that says liberty and ice cream for all. I hope this Chamber will help provide liberty. I, on the other hand, will provide ice cream for all today. We have two new flavors that we're testing, a cherry pie ice cream and an apple pie ice cream. So if anybody would like to sample it, help us, come on back here, we've got it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Anyone interested in being part of the test is welcome. Senator Bivins, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BIVINS:

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

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

State your point.

SENATOR BIVINS:

I'd like to wish our last speaker a happy birthday tomorrow, Senator Oberweis.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Koehler, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Mr. President. A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

State your -- state your point.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

With me today are my two neighbors, live right next door, Dave and Susie Keene. They are retired teachers from District 150. And I think it was very appropriate that they came down to hear the discussion today because it's something that they're very interested in. But I'd like to have the Senate give 'em a warm welcome.

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PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Welcome to Springfield. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 639, offered by Senator McCarter and all Members.

Senate -- Senate Resolutions 640 through 642, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

Senate Resolution 643, offered by Senator Stadelman and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 644 through 649, offered by Senator Althoff and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 650, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members.

They are all death resolutions.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Mr. -- Mr. Secretary, Appointment Messages, please. Appointment Messages. Sorry. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions Consent Calendar. Now, Mr. Secretary, Appointment Messages.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Appointment Message 990229

Executive Ethics Commission salaried appointment

Benault Bagby

Title of Office: Chief -- Chief Procurement Officer for procurements made by a public institution of higher education

Appointment Message 990230

Executive Ethics Commission salaried appointment

Ellen Holzman Daley

Chief Procurement Officer for matters other than construction

Appointment Message 990231

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Executive Ethics Commission salaried appointment

Lorri Lawton

Chief Procurement Officer for procurements committed by law  
to the jurisdiction or responsibility of the Capital Development  
Board

Appointment Message 990232

Governor's salaried appointment

Steve Kim

Member, Human Rights Commission

Appointment Message 990233

Governor's salaried appointment

Jerry White

Member, Property Tax Appeal Board

Appointment Message 990234

Governor's salaried appointment

Robert Schillerstrom

Chairman, Illinois State Toll Highway Authority

Appointment Message 990235

Governor's non-salaried appointment

Jean Alison Bussone

Member, Employment Security Authority {sic} (Advisory) Board

Appointment Message 990236

Governor's non-salaried appointment

John Easton

Member, Employment Security Advisory Board

Appointment Message 990237

Governor's -- Governor's non-salaried appointment

Sharon Thomas Parrott

Member, Employment Security Advisory Board

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Appointment Message 990238

Governor's non-salaried appointment

Timothy Rand

Member, Illinois Sports Facilities Authority

Appointment Message 990239

Governor's non-salaried appointment

Ezequiel Flores

Member, State Board of Investment

Appointment Message 990240

Governor's non-salaried appointment

Michael Conley

Member, Workforce Investment Board

Appointment Message 990241

Governor's non-salaried appointment

Michael Uremovich

Member, Workforce Investment Board

Appointment Message 990242

Governor's non-salaried appointment

Roy Gibson

Public Administrator and Public Guardian of Cumberland County

And Appointment Message 990243

Governor's non-salaried appointment

Elizabeth Nohren

Public Administrator and Public Guardian of Shelby County

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

We will now proceed to the Order of Resolutions Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all those resolutions read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, have there been any objections filed to any resolution on the Consent



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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No objections filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor, say Aye. All opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the resolutions are adopted. Being no further business to come before the Senate, pursuant to the House Joint Resolution 85, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 12 o'clock noon on the 16th day of June 2015, or until the call of the President. The Senate stands adjourned.