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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Pursuant to the directive of the Senate President, the regular Session of the Senate is now in perfunctory Session.

Communication from the President. Letter dated December 1st, 2016.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to Rule 2-10, I am scheduling a perfunctory Session to convene on December 1st, 2016.

Sincerely, John J. Cullerton, Senate President.

Committee Reports.

Senator Martinez, (Vice) Chairperson of the Committee on Education, reports Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 516 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Landek, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government and Veterans Affairs, reports Motion to Concur - House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 845, House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1367, House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1488, House Amendment -- and House Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 1488, House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 3337 Recommend Do Adopt.

Messages from the House.

Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 514.

Together with the following amendments which are attached, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 514.

We have received like Messages on Senate Bill 1821, with House

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Amendments 1 and 2, and Senate Bill 3368, with House Amendment 1. Passed the House, as amended, November 30th 2016. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

Perfunctory Session will stand at ease until the Committee on Assignments has met. (at ease) Perfunctory Session will come to order. There being no further business to come before this perfunctory Session, pursuant to the directive of the Senate President, the Senate stands adjourned until Thursday, December 1st, 2016, at the hour of 11 a.m., or until the call of the Senate President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

The regular Session of the 99th General Assembly will come to order. Will all the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Pastor Tim Kruzan, Jacksonville Assembly Church, in Jacksonville, Illinois. Pastor Kruzan.

PASTOR TIM KRUZAN:

(Prayer by Pastor Tim Kruzan)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Bill Cunningham, to lead us in the Pledge.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Cunningham)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of April 19th, 2016.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Koehler.

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SENATOR KOEHLER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Koehler moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, November 30th, 2016.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Mr. President, I move to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal just read by the Secretary, pending arrival of the printed transcripts.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Koehler moves to -- to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolutions 2464 through 2471, offered by Senator Anderson and all Members.

They are all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, Communications from the Secretary of State.

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Letter dated December 1st, 2016.

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I am forwarding herewith the enclosed Senate bill from the 99th General Assembly as vetoed by the Governor, together with his objections.

Senate Bill 2822.

Respectfully, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Lisa Yuscus, with Blueroomstream.com, requests permission to videotape. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Senator Silverstein, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Purpose for an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your announcement, Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

There will be a Democratic Caucus upon recess, for about thirty minutes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Althoff, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Republicans would also like to caucus for about thirty minutes, immediately.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senators Silverstein and Althoff move that the Senate recess for the purposes of Senate Democrat and Republican Caucuses, lasting approximately thirty minutes. Seeing no

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objection, the motion is granted. The Senate now stands in recess to the call of the Chair. After the Senate Democrat and Republican Caucuses, the Senate will reconvene for the purposes of Floor action. The Senate stands in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senate will come to order. 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 that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 1941.

Together with the following amendments which are attached, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Amendments 1 and 5 to Senate Bill 1941.

Passed the House, as amended, December 1st, 2016. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk -- Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, if I could have your attention, will all members of the Committee on Assignments - all members of the Committee on Assignments - please come to the President's Anteroom? All members of the Committee on Assignments to the Anteroom immediately, please. Once again, Ladies and Gentlemen, all members of the Committee on Assignments to the President's Anteroom. And,

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all Members within the sound of my voice, please come to the Floor - please come to the Senate Floor. We will be taking up final action momentarily. Mr. Secretary, do you have any motions on file?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

A motion has been filed with respect to the Governor's action of the following Senate bill: To override total veto, Senate Bill 2822, by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Please print it on the Calendar. Once -- once again, Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to be going to Concurrences. We're going to be on the Order of Concurrences, here momentarily. All Members within the sound of my voice, please come to the Senate Floor. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolutions 2472 through 2474, offered by Senator McCann and all Members.

They are all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 514, Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 565, Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1673, Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 5 to Senate Bill 1941, Motion to Concur with House Amendments

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1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2504, and Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3368, and Senate Bill 443.

Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, if you'll turn to page 3 of the regular Calendar. Towards the top of page 3, on the Order of Secretary's Desk, Concurrence on Senate Bills, we have Senate Bill 870. Senate Bill 870. Senator Martinez. Mr. Secretary, let's move to Senate Bill 1506. 1-5-0-6. Senator Leader Lightford. Mr. Secretary, Senate Bill 1626. Leader Harmon, on 1626. Ladies and Gentlemen, with leave of the Body, let's go back to Senate Bill 870. Senator Martinez, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 870.

Signed by Senator Martinez.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Martinez, on your motion.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. I motion the Body to concur with House Amendment No. 1 and 2, where the Optometric Practice Act establishes the Collaboration Optometric and Ophthalmologist Task Force {sic} (Collaborative Optometric/Ophthalmological Task Force) to develop minimum education requirements. It also extends the new -- the time limit for prescribing inhibitors for treatment and also enables the optometrist to prescribe oral steroids for up to seven days and to extend the sunset for the next ten years. I'll be happy to answer any..

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, as this has an immediate effective date, it will require thirty-six votes for passage. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 870. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 870, and the bill is declared passed. Mr. Secretary, let's go to Senate Bill 1626. Leader Harmon. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1626.

Signed by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 1626 left the Senate as a bill related to fertilizer and chemical treatments of lawns. It has come back to us as an extension of the sunset date on the Mercury Switch Renewal {sic} (Removal) Act. While I'm disappointed that the underlying bill is no longer before us, I would move to concur on the House amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, as the bill has an immediate effective date, it will require thirty-six votes for passage. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment -- House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1626. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1626, and the bill is declared passed. Senator Tom Cullerton, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to -- to stop and pause for a moment. Today, I'll be filing here in the Senate the findings of our Veterans' Suicide Task Force. This was a bill {sic} (resolution) that we passed to put this task force together. It came from Representative Kifowit over in the House about a year and a half ago. We had hearings all throughout the State. Representative Kifowit was a major driver in this and has done an -- an incredible job on this. Coming in the next Session, we will be actually moving forward with some bills that I would hope to gain all of your support with, in the next General Assembly. And again, I'd like to thank, from the Senate side, on the Minority side, we had incoming Senator Schimpf - and I think I probably said it wrong - as part of our task force, as well as Representative Ives, and many people throughout this State. So we will be filing this today here in the Senate. Representative Kifowit filed the -- the legislation -- or the task force findings in the House

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earlier today and we look forward to all of your support as we address veterans' suicide here in Illinois. So, thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator Cullerton. Welcome to the Senate, Representative. Good to have you here. Senator Koehler, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR KOEHLER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Today, I have my wife, Nora Sullivan, here with me. Just -- she's been here before but I'll introduce you -- introduce her again. This past summer in -- in June, we just celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary, so we had a -- a good year, but...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Congrats.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

...we're -- we're on our way -- the reason she's down here is we're on our way to Washington, D.C., if we get out of here on time - driving. I've got two conferences and then we're going to go up to Gettysburg, but I just wanted her to come down to see what fun we have. So, if you'd please give her a warm welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Nora, welcome to the Senate. Great to have you here today. Thanks for joining us, and congratulations on forty years. That's wonderful. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, we're still on the Order of Motions to -- to Concur with Senate Bills. Senate Bill 2504.

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There was an error on the sponsor of it, but it is Senator Bertino-Tarrant. Senator, do you wish to proceed? Indicates she does. Please read the motion, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2504.

Offered by Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

Thank you, Mr. President. I ask for a motion to concur with the House. This simply adds a sunset date and there's no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on the motion? Any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2504. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are -- or having received the required constitutional -- on that question, there are 54 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2504, and the bill is declared passed. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, turn to the top of page 4. We're going to go, Mr. Secretary, to Senate Bill 2884. Leader Althoff. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

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I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2884.

Offered by Senator Althoff.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Althoff, to your motion.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. House Amendments 1 and 2 -- well, if you'll remember, this is the budget for -- Budgeting for Results mandate reform and the GOMB cleanup, and so Amendments 1 and 2 removed or clarified nine of the one hundred and ten mandates from the underlying bill. Those items need to either be clarified or discussed a little bit further.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on the motion? Is there any discussion? As this has an immediate effective date, the bill does require thirty-six votes for passage. The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2884. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2884, and the bill is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to -- still on the Motion to Concur with Senate Bills, we're going to go to Senate Bill 2921. 2-9-2-1. Senator Hutchinson. Do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their

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Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2921.

Signed by Senator Hutchinson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hutchinson, on your motion.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I move to concur with House Floor Amendment No. 2. It's a gut-and-replace amendment that becomes the bill. The amendment extends the affordable housing donations income tax credit to December 31st, 2021. We've had multiple subject matter hearings on this and I'd appreciate your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, as the bill has an immediate effective date, it will require thirty-six votes for passage. The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2921. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2921, and the bill is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, let's go back to Senate Bill 1506, 1-5-0-6. Leader Lightford, indicates she'd like to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 1506.

Signed by Senator Lightford.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Lightford, on your motion.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I'd like to offer Amendment No. 1 and 3. There were some small changes. It's a trailer bill and I'd be happy to debate it on 3rd. Oh! My apologies, I mean to discuss it. It adds a member from an association representing school management and a member from an organization representing the principals in Chicago. Those are two organizations that are very important to the education community and they were incidentally omitted in the original bill that -- we'd like to add them. It clarifies the Council; it shall operate under the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, which is also significant. And we extended the deadline for the Council to -- for the report to be due by December 31st of each year, opposed to the 15th. I'd be happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on the motion? Is there any discussion? As this bill has an immediate effective date, it will require thirty-six votes for passage. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 1506. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 1506, and the bill is declared passed. Senator Link in the Chair.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senate Bill 2924. Senator Sullivan, do you wish to proceed?
Mr. Secretary, please read the bill -- motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their
Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2924.

Signed by Senator Sullivan.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Sullivan, on your concurrence.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen. I do wish to
concur with the House Floor Amendment No. 2. We've actually voted
on this bill three times in about the last thirty -- sixty days.
But at any rate, it extends the sunset date for the filter strip
assessment to December 31st of 2026. Be more than happy to answer
any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, since this has an
immediate effective date, it will need thirty-six votes. All those
in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all
voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, no Nays,
none voting Present. Having received the required constitutional
majority, the Senate concurs with House Amendments 1 and 2 to
Senate Bill 2924, and the bill is declared passed. Senator
Sullivan in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, Supplemental Calendar No. 1 is being
circulated. Will be on your desks momentarily. We're going to go

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to that order, which is Secretary's Desk, Concurrence on Senate Bills on Supplemental Calendar No. 1. Senator Rezin, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR REZIN:

Mr. President, for -- I'd like to make an announcement. Thank you. Purpose of... Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Point of personal privilege. Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. Yes, Mr. President, today I have a very special person. As you know, we have staff that makes us look good all of the time behind the scenes. I'm proud to say that I have Colin Finnegan here today with me. Colin worked as my intern back in Morris. He is -- he will be graduating from Northern University on the 11th, so in a couple days. He is a political science major. And I know that he has been studying to take the LSAT, so he has plans to go to law school as well. I always ask my guests on the Floor for one interesting fact about you that no one else knows. And Colin said that he studied in the Philippines, so he speaks Filipino. So there you go. There's his one fascinating fact. I would like a warm Springfield welcome for Colin Finnegan. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's welcome Colin to the Senate Floor. Welcome. Great to have you here today. Thanks for joining us. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, on the Supplemental Calendar No. 1 on page 2, we have Motions in Writing, Override -- Override Total Vetoes, Senate Bills. We have Senate Bill 2822. President Cullerton indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please

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read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move that Senate Bill 2822 do pass, notwithstanding the veto -- veto of the Governor.

Signed by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Before we go to that, Ed Cross with WAND -- WAND-TV requests permission to videotape. Seeing no objection, Leader -- leave is granted. President Cullerton, on your motion.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I move to override the Governor's veto of Senate Bill 2822. I'd like to explain what the bill does and then give a little reaction to the Governor's veto. This bill provides for fiscal year '17 that the State will pay the employer normal cost of 215.2 million dollars to the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund. It'll be made through a continuing appropriation from the Common School Fund. By way of background, the Chicago Board of Education contributes, as you undoubtedly know, a majority of the pension contribution to the Pension Fund. In fiscal year '16, the Board contributed six hundred and eight-eight million dollars. The State contribution to this fund in '16 was twelve million. So residents in Chicago are paying for the normal cost and the unfunded liability of pensions for Chicago teachers and the normal cost and the unfunded liability for downstate teachers. So, we agreed, in passing this bill, that we would appropriate this money, 215.2 million dollars. It's the normal cost. We pay the normal cost for everyone else in the rest of the State. This money was used in contract negotiations with the Board of Education and the Teachers' Union

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in assuming that they could reach a contract, and it was counted on. Now, when the bill was passed, the Governor indicated that he would not sign it unless we had some form of pension reform, and I told him that I agreed with that concept. We had to release the bill for -- to the Governor in time for us to see if we can get that pension reform, and if not, we'd have an opportunity to override the Governor. So, therefore, I gave the Governor the bill on November 7th. So, between November 7th and today, we have been engaged in discussions about pension reform that I am committed to. Unfortunately today, apparently the Governor felt that I was somehow suddenly not interested in negotiating a comprehensive pension reform. That is not true. And as a result, he vetoed the bill, unfortunately, and therefore we have to ask to override. After we override this Governor's veto, I would be more than happy to go right back to the bargaining table and to continue to discuss the Chicago pension's reform, pension reform for the entire State. The issue is not so much what's in such a reform, but rather how to pass it. And I look forward to working with the Governor in getting the necessary votes. In the meantime, this is nothing but parity. We have already paid over nine hundred million dollars for the normal cost for everybody else's school district. We're asking to pay the 215.2 million for Chicago. Be happy to answer any questions and I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Discussion? Senator Righter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

To the gentleman's motion, if I might, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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To the motion, Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. If any of you have taken the time to read the Governor's Veto Message, I think words in it will ring familiar, not just to Republicans, but people throughout the building on both sides of the aisle. There was an agreement. There was an agreement. The Governor was going to sign this pension parity legislation in exchange for which we were going to see meaningful progress on an agreement on comprehensive pension reform - now, by the end of the year. It's not the end of the year yet. We still have time. We still have time to do that. But meaningful progress on an agreement means meaningful progress on an agreement. This bill was not passed or signed by the Governor in a vacuum. There was another part to that. So far, the other part has not come to fruition, so it is premature, at the very least, to move this bill. The option here is to not move this bill and instead figure out a way to make meaningful progress on an agreement on pension reform that can actually become law. That's the way to handle this issue. This was a very delicately negotiated matter a few months ago. We struggle in this building sometimes to reach agreements on issues large and small because of issues of trust. The perception here, at the very least, Mr. President, is very solid. There was an agreement. The passage of this bill violates the agreement. Based on that, I would urge a No vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Seeing no other Senator seeking recognition, President Cullerton, to close.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

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I appreciate the Senator's comments, but perhaps I should make a procedural point here. We had till January 6th for the Governor to act on this bill. He had it since November 7th. We were waiting -- I was going to wait till January 6th to see if we could get a pension reform passed. It was always understood that had we not been able to do that, we didn't waive our right to move to override a veto. And procedurally, because the Governor vetoed this bill today, because the Constitution requires that we are -- since we're in Session, we read it into -- into the record, we now have only till now and December 16th to call this bill. So, I chose to call it today, assuming you all don't want to come back here again sometime in the next sixteen days. So that's why it has to be voted on today, as a courtesy to the Members of the Senate. And again, it doesn't mean that I'm not going to go right back to the meeting we have scheduled with the Governor to talk about pension reform, which I have one hundred percent agreed to. The bill is virtually drafted and the only issue is how do we pass it? Because we all know from experience, and you on that side of the aisle are aware, when we had our major fights on pension reform, many of you voted No. It's a very difficult issue. And so, therefore, the merits of this bill are in -- not in dispute. The Governor chose to use it as leverage for another reform. I agree with him. But since he chose to veto it today, we have no choice but to override him today. So I'd ask for an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Legislation requires thirty-six votes for passage. The question is, shall Senate Bill 2822 pass, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor. All those in favor will

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vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 36 voting Aye, 16 voting Nay, 2 voting Present. Senate Bill 2822, having received the required three-fifths majority is declared passed, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor. Leader Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Verification of that roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

President Cullerton.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Yes, Senator Righter, if you wish. Senator Hunter is back in my office in a wheelchair. If you want, we can wheel her out here or perhaps... You got it. Okay, thank you. Just wanted to make sure you were aware of that. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter has requested a verification. Will all Members please be at their desks? Mr. Secretary, will you please read the affirmative votes?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Members voting in the affirmative: Aquino, Bennett, Bertino-Tarrant, Biss, Bush, Clayborne, Collins, Tom Cullerton, Cunningham, Forby, Haine, Harmon, Hastings, Holmes, Hunter, Hutchinson, Koehler, Landek, Lightford, Link, Manar, Martinez, McCann, McGuire, Morrison, Mulroe, Muñoz, Murphy, Raoul, Sandoval, Silverstein, Stadelman, Sullivan, Trotter, Van Pelt, President Cullerton.

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Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Senator Righter, do you question the presence of any Member voting in the affirmative?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Mr. President, I do not and I would withdraw the request. Also, I would like to extend thanks on behalf of the Senate Republicans to Senator Hunter for hobbling her way out here on the call. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. On a verified roll call, there are 36 voting Aye, 16 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, Senate Bill 2822 is declared passed. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to go back to Senate Calendar -- excuse me, Supplemental Calendar No. 1 on the -- and on the Order of Secretary's Desk, Concurrence on Senate Bills, we will start at the top of the Order, which is Senate Bill 514. Senator McGuire. Do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 514.

Signed by Senator McGuire.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator McGuire, on your motion.

SENATOR MCGUIRE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 514, as amended, does two things. It allows Elwood School District 203 to transfer eighty-one thousand dollars from its Bond and Interest Fund to its Operation and Maintenance Fund and it extends the time period within which Sandoval Community

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Unit School District 501 may issue bonds outside of its statutory debt limitation. I ask for a Yes vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion on the motion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the legislation requires thirty-six votes for passage, as it has an immediate effective date. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall -- shall Senate Bill 514 pass, not -- no, excuse me. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 514. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received -- received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 514, and the bill is declared passed. Next up on our Calendar, again on Supplemental Calendar No. 1, we have Senate Bill 516. Leader Clayborne. Mr. Secretary, read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 516.

Signed by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is an initiative of a school district, Mascoutah School District, in my -- in my area that -- it -- that receives impact -- federal impact

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aid. And basically, they're unable to meet the ninety-five (percent) statutory State average because of the way the levy comes out and how their property is reassessed. So what they would like to do is to be able to adjust their levy and shift bond and interest payments around in order to satisfy the certain categories where they have to be at a ninety-five percent State average. The levy requires a public hearing for this -- this to take place. I would ask for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator McCarter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR McCARTER:

To the -- to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the motion.

SENATOR McCARTER:

To the motion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Yeah, this -- this affects Scott Air Force Base, which is right in the middle of our -- both Senator Clayborne's district and mine. This will allow four million dollars to come to the Mascoutah School District that otherwise would not. There is no increase of levy to the people and it's been -- been done in a very -- in a -- in a public fashion through the typical process for any levy that they would ever have to make. So, I would encourage an Aye vote.

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Thank you. Senator Raoul, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR RAOUL:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the motion. Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

I urge -- I urge an Aye vote on this bill to make sure that his school district can get the -- the -- the -- the -- the money that they desperately need.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator -- Leader Clayborne, do you wish to close? Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 516. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 516, and the bill is declared passed. Senator Biss, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BISS:

For a point of personal privilege, if I could, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point. Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I -- I want the Chamber to join me for a moment in saying thank you and congratulations and farewell to a really extraordinary person who's been a part of the Senate

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for a long time. My Legislative Assistant, Judy Johnson, is going to be retiring at the end of this year. It's pretty customary for people in this situation to talk about how their Legislative Assistant knows more about the legislative process than they do. Man, is it ever true in this case. Judy has worked for the Senate since 1971. I'm sure some of us were alive then. None of us were -- none of us were Members of the Legislature then. I lucked into the opportunity to work with Judy because my predecessor, Jeff Schoenberg, had the same privilege. Before that, she worked with Senator Lightford and previous Senators Earlean Collins and Alice Palmer. And she has been not only a friend, but an incredible teacher to me about how the legislative process works, about how to interact with other people, about how to think about what's good for the whole State. Judy has been on the Springfield School Board since 2001 and she's been a good teacher to me about Springfield's civic life and about how I can be a legislator who's sensitive to the needs of school districts outside of just my own area. She's really a treasure. I feel absurdly lucky to have had the chance to learn from her and to work with her. She is ready for an extraordinarily well-deserved retirement that'll allow her to spend more time with family. I'm going to miss her an awful lot. I know the whole Senate will miss her an awful lot. I hope you'll all join me not only in wishing her well, but saying a really, really, deep, deep thank you for many years of important and valuable and appreciated service.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Judy, on behalf of all of us, thank you very much for your service. Thank you very much. Leader Lightford, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

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SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I want to add to the retirement of Judy Johnson. Judy, come here, please. I know you're getting your accolades here and you deserve them, but I would be so remiss if I didn't tell you all, when I first was elected at twenty-nine years old, Judy was my assistant for the first ten years of serving in the Legislature. And she had a wealth of knowledge, having served as the Floor Sergeant-at-Arms for many years, and just knew her way around Springfield. My son calls -- called Judy "Grandma Judy". So she's been a grandmother to my son. I was a part of her life when her grandchildren were born. And Judy's just been an all-around dear friend and was good to me my first ten years. So I want to thank you, Judy, for being there for me when I just walked in the door, very young, had no idea what was going on, and she was the absolute best teacher that any legislator could have had coming through the door. So God bless you, Judy. I love you, appreciate you. Isaiah does too. And I wish you nothing but a happy retirement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you again, Judy. Senator Manar, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MANAR:

For a point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Please state your point. Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

I would like to, despite my voice, continue the accolades for my dear friend, Judy Johnson. So I'm going to keep it short. Judy was an incredible help to me as a young staffer. She was an incredible help to me as a Chief of Staff and she has been an incredible help to me as her State Senator. She is a wonderful, wonderful woman and individual. I cherish your friendship, Judy, with all of my heart. And you deserve the very best. And on behalf of the people of the State and this institution, you have given a good portion of your life to the institution of the Illinois Senate and I want to commend you for that and thank you for that. Thank you for your service, Judy.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Bush, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BUSH:

I just want to say that I never worked with you directly, Judy, but you have been with both of my officemates since I've been here. You are a treasure. I love you. You are an amazing woman. I wish you so many wonderful years and I know you're going to be causing problems somewhere. But I just wanted to say how much I'm going to miss you and all the best to you, Judy. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to continue on Supplemental Calendar No. 1 on Secretary's Desk, Concurrence on Senate Bills. We have Senate Bill 565. Leader Lightford, on Senate Bill 565. Do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please

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read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 565.

Signed by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

...you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 565 left our Chamber back in May. I made some indicators to you all that they would work on this bill much more in the House. I have to commend them. They did a wonderful job. Representative Lilly worked really hard the entire summer. I was a part of their work effort on many occasions. What -- what the goal was and still is, is to ensure that we're able to identify potential mental health problems in school-age children. Our goal is to remove the stigma of mental illness and to reduce teen suicide. This bill does a number of things that really just made it such a better bill. It clarifies that there are two separate and distinct screenings, a developmental screening and a social/emotional screening. What they did was they dived really deep into identifying ages and the type of tests so pediatricians are well informed and know what test that would be. And they only use those nationally validated screenings, so definitely the best practices that are available. It clarifies that the Department of Public Health will develop the rules and appropriate revisions to the Child Health Examination form that they issue when students are required to go for testing in kindergarten, first grade, fifth, sixth, or ninth grade, depending. It removed the report card

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withholding provisions. It added language stating that after a screening and proof of the screening had been done that the parent was not obligated to share that information with the school. It clarifies the effective date of being June 1 of 2017. And it also changed that -- oh, that little strong word from "shall" to "may" as it relates to parent notification. So I'd be happy to answer questions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 565. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 46 voting Aye, 6 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 565, and the bill is declared passed. Kelsey Gibbs with WCIA 3 requests permission to videotape. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Continuing on the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 845. Leader Harmon. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 845.

Signed by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

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

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Last year, I passed a bill out of the Senate to create the Law Enforcement Information Task Force. That was signed into law but has been slow to get started. This bill left the -- the Senate - Senator Mulroe passed a bill relating to probation services. The House amended it to extend the reporting deadlines and the sunset date of the task force that I created. Senator Mulroe graciously signed the bill over to me and I move to concur in those House amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator Harmon. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 845. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 845, and the bill is declared passed. Next up, we have House -- or, excuse me, Senate Bill 1367. Leader Harmon. Mr. Secretary, read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1367.

Signed by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Last spring, Representative Tryon and I passed a bill relating to

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the use of SNAP benefits at -- at farmers' markets. The Governor amendatorily vetoed that to clarify a couple of -- of the administrative issues and to reduce the amount of matching funds that could be made available. This bill embodies the substance of the Governor's amendatory veto of our original bill with corresponding extensions of the dates required by the late adoption here. I thank Senator Steans for signing sponsorship over of this -- of the underlying bill, which was unrelated to this topic. I move to concur in the House amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator McCarter, for what purpose do you seek recognition? Senator Bivins, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BIVINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for a question. Senator Bivins.

SENATOR BIVINS:

Thank you. Senator, is this bill subject to appropriation and how much?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, Senator, it is.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Bivins.

SENATOR BIVINS:

Is that the same amount that it was in committee or has that -- has that changed?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, Senator, it's the same amount that was in committee this fall. It's reduced in half from the bill that passed in the spring, based on the Governor's veto -- amendatory veto, I apologize.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, Leader Harmon, do you wish to close? Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1367. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 47 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 3 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1367, and the bill is declared passed. Senator McGuire, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR McGUIRE:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point.

SENATOR McGUIRE:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I am humbled to have the opportunity this afternoon to extol one of the real glories, one of the real stalwarts, one of the real saints of our Chamber, Rhonda Wood. This is Rhonda's last Session day after thirty years of service to the Illinois State Senate, thirty-six years of

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service to the State of Illinois. Now, one sign of Rhonda's wisdom is that she served as the Legislative Assistant to two of my predecessors, Larry Walsh, Sr., and A. J. Wilhelmi, and had the wisdom to move to the Senate President's Office shortly before I arrived. During her thirty years, Rhonda has clerked the Executive Committee, the Agriculture Committee, the Redistricting Committee; she's served under three Senate Presidents - Phil Rock, Emil Jones, and of course our current President, John Cullerton. And we know that there's a hierarchy in this building and, Rhonda, while you've never served as a Senator or as a Senate President, we know that in the true hierarchy of things, you rank with the saints and the angels. Ladies and Gentlemen, please join me in wishing Rhonda Wood a rich, fulfilling and long retirement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Rhonda, thank you very much for your service. We very much appreciate it. Good job. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, continuing on Supplemental Calendar No. 1 on the Order of Secretary's Desk, Concurrence on Senate Bills, we have Senate Bill 1488. Senator Stadelman. Mr. Secretary, read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1, 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 1488.

Signed by Senator Stadelman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 1488, as amended, is a one-year extension of the River Edge Redevelopment Zone historic tax credit. This tax credit is

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scheduled to expire at the end of this year. If it's not extended, there's concern that investments in jobs in the communities of Rockford, Aurora, Peoria, Elgin, and East St. Louis would be at risk. This program has been vital to the redevelopment efforts and growth in downtown historic districts in these communities that have struggled economically over the years. Again, this credit leverage is private dollars to put vacant, crumbling, unused properties back in the market. It's really been the main and only economic development tool incentive for these communities to redevelop their downtowns. In Rockford alone, to date, the credit has provided incentive for private investments of more than one hundred million dollars and the needed jobs associated with that. We really have a time-sensitive issue here and that's why it's moving this Session. There are projects in the pipeline. In Rockford alone, I know there are more than one hundred ten million dollars in projects that are scheduled to take place at the beginning of 2017 with this credit still in place. I'm sure Senator Holmes, chief co-sponsor of this bill, and other sponsors from both sides of the aisle who have projects in their communities can -- have similar stories as far as potential projects that are still in the work. This legislation grows our economy, expands our tax base, and means more revenue for the State. I urge an Aye vote and I'm willing to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator McCarter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR McCARTER:

To the motion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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To the motion, Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Yeah, I -- I -- I don't doubt that this program has been beneficial to the areas that you're talking about and others. I -- I just do want to make -- make it aware to people that this is -- this is about two million dollars that does not come into the revenue of the State because -- now, there is a argument, which I'm actually quite amazed by, that it's a ten-to-one return on this money. Now, on a ten-to-one return, I -- I'm -- I want to invest myself. I'm sure everybody would. So I -- I don't quite believe that, but I'm sure there is a return on the investment. But at this time, in this State's budget crisis, we have to say no to some good things. I'm not saying it's a bad thing. So, I just want to remind everybody, this is two million dollars that you're going to have to look -- you're going to have to look at some folks in your district, maybe the developmentally disabled that are not getting paid, whatever it is, and say you made a choice between this and them. I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there further discussion? Senator Holmes, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HOLMES:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the motion, Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Yes, I want to thank you, Senator Stadelman, for carrying this along with me, because this is such a vitality important bill to so much of Aurora. Currently, our latest project was the

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revitalization of the old St. Charles Hospital, which was built in 1932. It's one of the only two remaining art deco buildings in downtown Aurora. So the importance of preserving this is vital. This hospital has turned into a senior living facility. So I just want to have everybody understand that in preserving some of these old buildings, we're also keeping their usefulness. This building was a hospital, has now gone to be a senior living facility, and I want to thank everybody for supporting this. This is vitally important to so many of our communities.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Stadelman, to close.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I appreciate all the comments from the Senators. I guess I just would add some additional information. As mentioned, the fiscal impact to the State - I guess I would argue that that does not take into account the significant income that this program has brought into the State. This program pays for itself in many, many ways. Even before the tax credit is redeemed, these projects have to begin returning sales tax and revenue -- income tax revenue to the State. So the money is already coming in before that tax credit is redeemed. Looking at the twenty-nine pilot projects across the State, it's been proven that this credit stimulates our private investment and with almost half of that revenue coming into the General Fund even before that tax credit is redeemed. So, again, this tax credit more than pays for itself and these projects would not even take place without that tax credit in place. So I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Thank you. Senator Stadelman, as the legislation has an immediate effective date, it will require thirty-six votes for passage. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to Senate Bill 1488. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, 1 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to Senate Bill 1488, and the bill is declared passed. Still on Supplemental -- Supplemental Calendar No. 1, we have Senate Bill 1673. Senator Koehler. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1673.

Signed by Senator Koehler.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Koehler, to your motion.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is a bill that I took over for Senator Steans. This is -- as amended, allows the Pollution Control Board to adopt a time-limited water quality standard for a watershed or other body of water consistent with federal law. This bill was brought by the Illinois EPA. It would grant relief from requirements of water quality standards that are currently available in federal law and it'll make them available in Illinois. There are no opponents to this and I would appreciate an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Thank you, Senator Koehler. Discussion? Senator Bennett, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BENNETT:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

We're on a bill here. We'll come back to that in just a second. Is there any other -- any other discussion on the legislation? Seeing none, Senator Koehler, do you wish to close? Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1673. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1673, and the bill is declared passed. Senator Bennett, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BENNETT:

Thank you, Mr. President. Sorry, I didn't turn that off. With all the talk of the -- the -- the great staff members that are retiring, I did want to point out we do have the presence of Illinois' newest State employee, Matt Pasquini, who's in the back gallery. If you'll stand up, Matt. Now Matt is a new graduate, from last May, of the University of Illinois. I've had a chance to work with him on several issues and he's having his first -- starting his first day here with the State Treasurer's Office. So it's great to see some -- some bright young talent coming into State government, as well as those that we've lost. So please welcome Matt Pasquini to the State Senate.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's welcome Matt. Great to have you here today. Thanks for joining us. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, up -- up next on our Calendar is Senate Bill 1941. Senator Haine. Mr. Secretary, please read the gentleman's motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1 and 5 to Senate Bill 1941.

Signed by Senator Haine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine, to your motion.

SENATOR HAINE:

...you -- thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This House Floor Amendment No. 5 to Senate Bill 1941 really replaces the bill. And -- and it extends -- it only extends unemployment benefits for steel workers who were laid off between April 1 of '15 and the effective date of the bill. And it's -- it was -- it went through an extensive review over the past two weeks by the business community and -- and labor, as well as the Department of Employment Security. They all signed off - the Chamber of Commerce, the Manufacturers' Association, and IRMA, and labor. So this is -- I'm not bringing in some kind of carve-out or special deal. This went through the required procedure that protects the fund. And it's made necessary by the import, frankly, of cheap Chinese steel, which has ruined many areas. The plant is not closed. It is only shuttered temporarily. Granite City Steel officials tell me they expect these -- steel to rebound and they want these workers to remain in the community, because highly skilled steelworkers are hard to find. And -- so they're an asset

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if they're there. So this is a temporary measure, twenty-six weeks. It's Christmas and I would ask for an Aye vote on this motion to concur.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator Haine. Is there any discussion? Senator McCarter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR McCARTER:

To the motion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the motion, Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Ladies and Gentlemen, this - just so you understand this - this is in regards to what is called the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. Trust Fund - meaning you got to watch out what you do with the money, because it's for a specific purpose. Now what -- what's happened here is, come January, we're gonna -- we -- we've found out, and we normally do, we've got 1.5 billion dollars in this fund. Now at one point, four years ago, we didn't have enough money in the fund and we had to actually raise the rates on every employer in this State. So, since then, every employer has been paying in a higher rate. So, now, we find it easy to give the money away. It's always easy to give other people's money away. And so, we -- we do this through what's called an extensive process, which nobody ever knew about. It was the agreed bill process, which was a deal made behind closed doors - no notification to the public, no public hearing except -- till today. This is not our money to be -- to be giving. Employers throughout this State have been paying these high rates. And the 1.5 billion is to translate into lower rates for employers in this State. That's what it was

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supposed to do. Now, another thing, you're setting a bad precedent. No energy bill comes over here. There's another group waiting to be next. The forty-two hundred people at the nuclear plants are going to say, "Hey, we want it too." And then there's going to be another group. And then there's going to be another group. This is a bad precedent to set. And just because some -- a few people got -- got into a room and made a deal on this doesn't mean that the major employers and -- and the small employers, like me, in this State had anything to say about it. But I'm going to say it for 'em. You wonder why we're not competitive and why we -- we don't have manufacturing in this State, this is one of the reasons. It's work comp, it's unemployment insurance, it's high regulations, it's tort liability, all these things, which you could have been dealing with for the last decade. But now you want to give 'em other people's money. You voted Present on -- you vote -- voted Present on the workers' comp bill that came to this Floor and now you want to give other people's money away. I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Merry Christmas, Mr. President. I just want to respond. I am not suggesting we give anybody's money away. This is a fund controlled through an agreed bill process in which the Chamber of Commerce, the Manufacturers' Association, IRMA - Mr. Shattuck and Mr. Rob Karr were -- today testified - and the Department of Employment Security were all part of this negotiation, otherwise I wouldn't be here arguing for the bill. This is a bill which went through the process. It is not precedental for anything

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except a respect for the process that we set up to protect business and labor and the fund. Nothing could be fairer. The -- the rest of the Senator's comments have nothing to do with the bill and they're left for another day and perhaps a fifth of whiskey. Thank you. I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Well, we have some further discussion, Senator Haine. Senator Nybo, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR NYBO:

Mr. President, to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

I -- I just wanted to stand up. With -- with all due respect to my -- my colleague over here, I -- I agree with a lot of what he just discussed; I don't think this is the right issue to make that fight on. I -- I support this bill and I just rise -- in the House, as I understand it, this came over a 107 to 2. So I think this is a good bill. I would ask my Republican colleagues to support this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Haine, now to close.

SENATOR HAINE:

I -- I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1 and 5 to Senate Bill 1941. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. Excuse me, Mr. -- it does require a three-fifths vote for passage. All those in

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favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 47 voting Aye, 6 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendment 1 and 5 to Senate Bill 1941, and the bill is declared passed. Next up on our Calendar is Senate Bill 3337. Leader Harmon, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, he indicates that he does. Please read the gentleman's motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 3337.

Signed by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Harmon, on your motion to concur.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 3337 left the Senate as a -- an excellent improvement in the senior citizen property tax freeze, but it's become the case that -- I have -- I have not had many bills unmolested by the House this -- this Session. Representative Feigenholtz borrowed this bill and has sent back a modernization of the Special Service Area Tax Act. I am not aware of any opposition to the bill, and under the circumstances, I would move to concur in the House amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Leader Harmon, do you wish to close? Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House

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Amendment 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 3-3-7. All those in favor will vote Aye -- 3-3-3-7. 3337. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 3337, and the bill is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, we are on the bottom of the first page of Supplemental Calendar No. 1 on the Order of Secretary's Desk, Concurrence on Senate Bills, and we have Senate Bill 3368. Senator McConnaughay, you wish to proceed? Indicates that she does. Mr. Secretary, would you please read the lady's bill?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3368.

Signed by Senator McConnaughay.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator McConnaughay, to your motion.

SENATOR McCONNAUGHAY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 3386 {sic} requires the Department of Corrections to verify a released person's name, date of birth, and social security number and providing that -- the information to the Secretary of State for use in issuing an ID Card. The amendment in the House added some additional requirements that the Secretary of State is looking for. So in implementing the State ID legislation, an element of success for inmates is to get permanent IDs upon release and provides the ability of those inmates in gathering the necessary underlying

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identification documents while in custody. The Illinois Department of Corrections is committed to assisting the inmates in gathering those documents and will work with the necessary agencies to help facilitate that process.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you very much. Ladies and Gentlemen, is there any discussion on the motion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3368. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3368, and the bill is declared passed. Senator Barickman. His light's flashing. Somebody might have pushed his light. Turn his light off, please. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, continuing on the Calendar... Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, actually we're done with Supplemental Calendar No. 1. Mr. Secretary, I understand you have a Message from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 2437.

Together with the following amendments which are attached, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

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House Amendments 3 and 6 to Senate Bill 2437.

Passed the House, as amended, December 1st, 2016. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to go back to the regular Calendar, towards the bottom of page 2, on the Order of Secretary's Desk, Resolutions. We're going to start with House Joint Resolution 163. Leader Lightford. Mr. Secretary, would you please read the resolution?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution 163, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Lightford, on your resolution.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, this is the mandate waiver request that we address yearly. It's for the 2016 fall school year. The resolution denies the request made by one school district, that's Central School District 104, with respect to debt limitation. All other waiver requests will be deemed approved. There was a total of seventy-five applications - fourteen waiver requests, denied one {sic} (none), returned four, and transmitted fifty-seven to the General Assembly. I'd be happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on the resolution? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, as this deals with school mandates, it will require a roll call vote. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall the Senate -- the question is, shall House Joint Resolution 163 pass. All those in

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favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Joint Resolution 163, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared adopted. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, just to kind of give you an update as far as what our schedule is going to be, we're going to be kind of moving around on the Calendar, but we are going to be doing some additional resolutions. We are waiting on some concurrences to come over from the House, so kind of bear with us as we move through the Calendar. We're going to be jumping around a little bit. Ladies and Gentlemen... Ladies and Gentlemen, on the regular Calendar, in the middle of page 4, on the Order of Secretary's Desk, Concurrence, Resolutions, we have Senate Joint Resolution 53. Leader Harmon, do you wish to present -- move forward with your resolution? Indicates that he does, so, Mr. Secretary, would you please read the motion?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Joint Resolution 53.

Signed by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Harmon, to present your concurrence motion on the resolution.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. The -- the joint resolution creates a task force to study how we deal with feral cats. The House amendment simply changes the constitution of that task force. I move to concur in the House

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amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator Righter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Will the sponsor yield, please, Mr. President, for just a couple questions?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Yes, he indicates that he will yield. Senator Righter, please proceed.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Harmon, my question is, in the House amendment that turns the feral cat issue into a task force, are there -- are there appointments of legislators to be made?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Again, Senator, it is -- we passed it as a task force and we have -- the House has added members. It does include one designee of each of the four Legislative Leaders, if the Legislative Leaders themselves wish not to serve.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Senator Harmon. I wonder, Senator, if, in exchange for my Yes vote on this incredibly important concurrence, you can work with me to make sure that I am not appointed to the task force.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harmon, do you wish to respond?

SENATOR HARMON:

My -- my plans have been foiled. I -- I -- maybe I should take this out of the record.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, seeing no further discussion, the question is, shall Senate Joint Resolution 53 pass. This resolution does require an expenditure of State funds, so it does -- it will require a roll call vote. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Joint Resolution 53 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, 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 45 voting Aye, 2 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Joint Resolution 53, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared adopted. Leader Radogno, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR RADOGNO:

...privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Leader Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you. Well, unfortunately, this is yet another staff announcement - retirement that I am making right now. The Senate is losing another longtime staffer. That person is Greg Kenworth of the Secretary of the Senate staff. He'll be retiring at the end of this month. He takes with him a considerable amount of knowledge that has been relied upon by Senators, by the Secretaries

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of the Senate, and the Parliamentarians for nearly thirty-seven years. He spent the last fourteen years as the Chief Journal Clerk, doing all the -- behind the scenes work so necessary so that we can get the job done that we need to do. He's been described as steady, committed, always ready with the right answer, and most of all, Greg has been a guardian of the procedures and the precedents of this Body, always putting respect for the institution ahead of any personalities. I know that he's looking forward to spending time with his wife, Tanya, his children and grandchildren. So we want to thank Greg for his many years of service to the entire Senate. Thank you, Greg.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's show our appreciation to Greg. Thank you, thank you, thank you, Greg, so much for your dedicated service. We really appreciate it. Thank you very much. Ladies and Gentlemen, if I could have your attention, kind of give you a roadmap here. We are waiting on some legislation to come over from the House. They're debating it now. So in the interim, we are going to stand at ease here to the call of the Chair. So the Senate will stand at recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senate will come to order. Please come to the Floor, Senators. Senate will come to order. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolutions 2475 through 2477, offered by Senator McCann and all Members.

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Senate Resolutions {sic} 2478, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members.

Senate Resolution 2479, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

Senate Resolution 2480, offered by Senator Harmon and all Members.

And Senate Resolutions 2481 through 2483, offered by Senator Hunter and all Members.

They are all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Resolutions -- Resolutions Consent Calendar. I'd like to ask the Senators within the sound of my voice to please come to the Floor. We have action to begin on the Senate Floor. We have a bill on 3rd Reading - a House bill on 3rd Reading. We also have potential legislation coming from the House. So please come to the Floor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, all Members within the sound of my voice, please come to the Senate Floor. We're ready to go to final action. Going to be doing 3rd Readings. All Members, please come to the Senate Floor immediately. In the interim, we're going to do some resolutions. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you'll turn to the regular Calendar, on page 2, to the -- on the Order of Resolutions. On Secretary's Desk, Resolutions, about the middle of page 2, we have Senate Resolution 2366. Senator Bivins, you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 2366, offered by Senator Bivins.

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Senator Bivins, on your resolution.

SENATOR BIVINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Resolution 2366 designates December 4th through the 10th, 2016, as "Illinois Groundwater Awareness Week" and urges citizens of Illinois to learn about groundwater and its importance to lives and act in ways that value and protect the resource. I would appreciate your support on this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator Bivins. Is there any discussion on the resolution? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution's adopted. Mark Stevens, with KWQC-TV, requests permission to videotape. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're still on page 2 of the regular Calendar, on the Order of Secretary's Desk, Resolutions. We have House Joint Resolution 142. Senator Rezin, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, she indicates that she does. Would you please read the resolution?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution 142, offered by Senator Rezin.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Joint Resolution 142 simply designates new Route 89 Bridge in Spring Valley as the "Illinois Valley Veterans Memorial Bridge" to be a daily reminder to the people of the Illinois Valley of the sacrifice, bravery, and heroism of the men and women of our Armed Forces. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Thank you, Senator Rezin. Is there any discussion on the resolution? Is there any discussion? As this resolution requires an expenditure of State funds, it will require a roll call vote. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Joint Resolution 142 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 50 Aye votes, 0 Nay votes, 0 Present votes. House Joint Resolution 142, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared adopted. Lee Milner, with the Illinois Times, requests permission to take still photographs. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. 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 that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 2814.

Together with the following amendments which are attached, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Amendments 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10 to Senate Bill 2814.

Passed the House, as amended, December 1st, 2016. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, if I could have your attention. All members of the Committee on Assignments, please come to the

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President's Anteroom immediately. All members of the Committee on Assignments, please come to the President's Anteroom. Anthony Panicucci, with WQAD, requests permission to videotape. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Bill 2574, Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10 to Senate Bill 2814. Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, if you will turn to page 2 of the regular Calendar, on the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading, we have House Bill 6-4-1-8. 6418. This is House Bills 3rd Reading. I'll let it come up on the board. Senator McConnaughay, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 6418.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator McConnaughay.

SENATOR McCONNAUGHAY:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. This is a simple technical issue dealing with the -- that amends the County {sic} (Counties) Code. Essentially, it provides that no person shall seek election to both the county board as a member and as the county board chairman at the same election. This was an oversight in the original legislation that was written.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, is there any discussion? Is there any discussion on the bill? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 6418 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 49 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 6418, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, Supplemental Calendar No. 2 has been printed and distributed. We're going to go to that document now. On the Order of Secretary's Desk, Concurrence on Senate Bills, we have Senate Bill 2814. Senator Rose, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary... Mr. Secretary, read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10 to Senate Bill 2814.

Signed by Senator Rose.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose, on your motion.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to adopt the amendments and then we can debate it on Concurrence.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

All -- all are adopted. We're ready to go. Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. This is the -- the bill we've all been waiting for today. I appreciate the Senate's indulgence for myself and -- and Senator Anderson that have so

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much at stake tonight. I want to start off by saying thank you - a genuine thank you - to all of you who have waited here today to be here for this vote. It means a lot to us personally, but, more importantly, it means much to our constituents, who would like to have a nice Christmas moving forward. So thank you for staying around tonight. This bill gives us a chance, a chance to protect jobs here in Illinois, grow jobs here in Illinois. It gives us a chance to protect consumers and ratepayers. Over the last eighteen months, we probably know more about energy and power than any of us really ever wanted to. But, I've been to a couple different things. I went to a -- a forum that the University of Illinois held in Chicago and I heard a couple things there. Different economists say different things that tell me this is the right thing to do. They tell me the cost of doing nothing today will be extraordinarily expensive to ratepayers all over the State of Illinois and we have a chance here to protect them with this bill. I've heard from MISO, the grid operator in downstate Illinois, who said that the only way to replace these electrons will be to build expensive power lines all over the State, which, of course, ratepayers would pay for, but also, also, that would take five to ten years. And as they indicated in their testimony, MISO, the grid operator - not a power company, the grid operator, the independent people who are in charge of making sure when you flip the switch, the light comes on - they tell us that in the time it takes to do that, that the uncertainty of supply will wreak havoc in pricing for consumers. And, yes, yes, one of the key components of this bill that's bringing people together tonight is the energy efficiency parts. This has been worked on for eighteen months. Eighteen months it's been worked on, maybe longer if you go back

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to the ICC study actually. There's another one right there. Illinois Commerce Commission, who works for this Legislature and, more importantly, works for the taxpayers, not for any entity out here, not for any entity up there, but works for the taxpayers of this State and the citizens of this State - the Illinois Commerce Commission said two years ago, this is the right direction to go. This is the right direction to go. So, yeah, I could sit here all night and talk about the parochial interests of the folks that I represent that this means so much to, the fact that Richland Community College will lose twenty percent of their assessed valuation. I could talk about the Clinton School District, but for the rest of the State of Illinois, this is the right thing to do. University of Illinois economists said this is the right thing to do. MISO, the grid operator, has said -- said if we don't do this, we're going to have big problems. The Commerce Commission that works for the citizens of the State of Illinois has said this is the right thing to do. Please join us tonight in doing the right thing. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator McCarter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR McCARTER:

To the motion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the motion.

SENATOR McCARTER:

To the -- to the sponsor, I -- I -- I've said this to him personally, I -- I respect his parochial obligation. It would be mine if -- if not his, so... But here we go again. Now some of you

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might -- might have been here the last time we had a big power bill and it ended up in a big ruckus on my side. But here we go again picking winners and losers, providing over eight billion dollars of subsidies, bailout money and, to the other gentleman who we had a discussion today, other people's money in the form of increased electric bills. The money has to come from somewhere. This is a bailout for a very profitable company - two billion dollars last year. CEOs totaled thirty-one million dollars - thirty-one million. And five percent of their profits wasn't enough to save these facilities, so we jump in. You know, not all companies -- not all companies have every one of their products as profitable - some are, some unfortunately aren't, but as a whole, companies, like this one, make a substantial profit. You know, somebody's going to pay for this - families who need relief and not an increase in their power bill, commercial and industrial users who struggle to stay in this -- stay in business in this State. Companies who struggle with the high price of workers' comp, the high price of unemployment insurance, increased regulations, tort liability, and high property taxes - the one thing they've got left is affordable power. It's the one thing that keeps 'em here. And we want to gamble that fifty-plus lobbyists, spending a lot of money, tell us if we don't do something, the sky's going to fall and rates are going to go up. This is the wrong direction. It's estimated by others that there will be a job loss statewide of over forty thousand jobs and you won't see 'em in the headlines. It won't be like a headline tomorrow on this. It'll be twenty-five here, fifty here. Maybe it's the complete end of Granite City Steel, maybe they don't come back because of this. Number two, cost of goods sold to ADM, Tate

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& Lyle. I would guarantee you that Granite City Steel, that's their second, cost of goods sold. You want to gamble with them? So instead of addressing the real problem, we're going to extend their unemployment benefits. Really? How little do we think of them? So, let me remind you, we -- we live in a big world and economics still works. The sky is not falling and the rates are not guaranteed to go up. We just found thirty billions - thirty billion barrels of oil and gas in west Texas, second only to Saudi Arabia. We contain the most resources in the whole world and we're going to sit here and say, hey, the -- the -- the rates are going up, the rates are going up, we got to bail 'em out. We have a free market power generation system that has worked and will work if we allow it to continue to work. Let's not pick winners and losers. Let's support the manufacturers who are struggling to stay alive, like Granite City Steel. Let's support the workers in our coal plants in southern Illinois and let's respect the workers who've lost their job in the five coal plants that were shut down and not bailed out by us. I never heard a word when that happened. Nobody jumped up here and said, oh, let's -- let's -- let's bail them out. We let 'em -- they were efficient and clean plants and we allowed 'em to shut down and we didn't even come back and ask for an extension of unemployment for the workers. But today is different, for some reason. I'm going to go home and celebrate Christmas with my family, knowing that I fought for the right people. I fought for the hardworking people of southern Illinois, even those who were let go in the coal-powered plants and for all those manufacturers statewide. Join me. I urge you to vote No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Anderson, for what purpose do

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you seek recognition?

SENATOR ANDERSON:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the motion, Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

Excuse me, to the motion. Ladies and Gentlemen, as Senator Rose said, this has been eighteen months in the making and I want to talk a little bit about what it means to my district. My district, this -- this means eight-hundred-plus jobs, not just eight hundred jobs, but eight hundred good-paying union jobs that pay an average of ninety thousand dollars a year, even more jobs if you factor in the indirect jobs. Millions -- actually billions of dollars in economic impact, eight billion dollars of property taxes. It's the largest property tax payer in my district. Three million of those dollars go to school districts in my area. Before I go any farther, I just want to say, I've taken multiple -- multiple tours of my plant in the Quad Cities and I can't thank those eight hundred workers enough for their passion, for the pride they take in their work. If anybody ever has an opportunity -- and I'm sure it's probably not particular to my plant - any nuclear plant you go to, I mean, you could literally eat off the floors. These guys take so much pride in their work and I could not be more proud to represent and fight for them. Now, as far as those here that are contemplating this vote that don't have nuclear plants in their district, this comes down to how it is going to affect your ratepayers. The bottom line is this is what we do know - we do know that if we do nothing and we let these plants close, rates will go up. What we don't know, though, is by how

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much. What we do know is that if they do close, we're taking away twenty percent of our State's baseload power - baseload power that is the most stable, most reliable, cleanest, and most efficient power our State has. My colleague earlier said that it's a gamble if we do this. It's a gamble if we take twenty percent of our State's baseload power out of the puzzle. I've also been hearing a lot of people talk about free market. We should let the free market decide. Well, I'm here to tell you, the problem is, is that with the energy market, it is not a free market, not even close to -- thanks to bad federal policy. And I'm all for free markets. I'm a free market guy, especially for my district and for nuclear power, because if it were -- if we did have truly free markets, we would not be here today talking about closing nuke plants, but rather talking about how many more of them to build. For jobs, for ratepayers, for the State of Illinois, this is a good bill. I ask you, I beg of you, not only for my district, but for all of your districts, please join me in voting Yes for this bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Leader Trotter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR TROTTER:

To the motion, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the motion, Leader Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. You know, with passage of this legislation today - and I do believe we all should be voting for this legislation - it would demonstrate

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something that we've been - we, as a Body - been working on ourselves for two years and it's going to demonstrate, in fact, that we can work together to bring positive things to our State. We can work not only with each other, but also work with the Governor, who has had a lot of input into this legislation. It shows that when we start listening to the stakeholders of our State, listening to those from the industry who -- those in Exelon, from the generators to the distributors, from ComEd to -- to the wind and solar, the renewable energy people, that we, working collaboratively, can come up with legislation that's not just going to be good for the people in our communities, our individual communities, but for the State in its entirety. And if I could, just let me tell you just a few of the things about this bill. This bill will allow nuclear plants to obtain annual zero-emission credits for ten years. A rate cap limits the credits for {sic} (to) no more than approximately two hundred and thirty-five million dollars annually. It overhauls the energy efficiency -- program, thereby allowing the utilities to make larger up-front investments and are -- earn a return on those energy efficiency investments. This legislation -- also, it overhauls the current renewable portfolio standard to allow for greater long-term investment in wind and solar projects, with important carveouts for solar in an effort to help that sector of growth in Illinois. It requires ComEd to -- to invest thirty million dollars in job programs and about seven hundred and thirty-five million in low-income assistance programs in this legislation. This legislation, you know, helps all of us in our community. And you talk about the rates, well, there's an umbrella of protection there. There are caps on the rates through the State, caps that are on for the

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residential, caps on the midsized manufacturing that is in this State, and also caps to protect those large industries as well. We have put in a component in here -- and I've heard people throughout the day talk about, well, where is the ICC? You know, with the Governor's recommendation, we have put extra dollars in there which will go to the ICC, which they can -- can build up their own force that -- with their administrative force to oversee the components of this, to ensure that those rate caps are in place and that we're acting accordingly to the legislation that we have. There are protections for everyone in here and there's opportunities for many of us in here. This -- this is a positive piece of legislation and I seek an Aye vote for this because -- in our legislation and again commend us on all the hard work that's been done, and hopefully after we do this, start working towards finding solutions for our budget and our other economic situations here in the State of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Rezin, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the motion, Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Yes, thank you. First of all, I would like to thank Chairman Hunter, Leader Trotter, Leader Harmon, everybody who worked on this bill - also Chairwoman Chapa LaVia, who allowed hours and hours of hearings in the House, as well, regarding this issue. As Minority Spokesman for Energy, it was interesting listening to the

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debate regarding this bill, because I represent a district that is an energy-producing district and I talk about it all of the time. I do have, and I'm proud to say, I have three of the six nuclear fleets in the Senate district. As a result, I see the tremendous jobs and economic output that these plants produce. I also have wind farms, I have solar, I have natural gas - a natural gas peaker plant, coal plants, as a -- an oil refinery, biorefineries, as a result of this, a grid system. So it was interesting listening to the -- the debate, because there were many moving pieces and each piece affected my district. We also have to recognize that there is a cost -- or that the cost of power in this State, which is low, is one of the biggest business advantages that we have in this State, and I do talk about that all of the time as well, because, as well as representing an energy corridor, I represent a chemical corridor, high energy users who are very sophisticated users of energy and -- and the change in the power, the uptick in power, the cost of power, is very important to them, so they pay attention to bills like this. Having said that, though, as we contemplate and debate integrated energy policy for the State of Illinois, I look at four goals for each bill: reliable, resilient, clean, and cost-effective. More importantly, does this bill balance our priorities between energy producers and energy users? The other question is, how important to our State is three thousand megawatts of zero carbon emission? How important is that to our State? We sat through hundred -- or, excuse me, many hours in the House and in the Senate of testimony on this bill. We sat through numerous amendments - I lost track - I think at the last number we were at ten. I would like to thank all of our staff, who spent many late hours - Scott Foiles, behind me - our staff - many late

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hours analyzing this, figuring out where we were. And I respect everybody who spoke to me that represents the energy corridor and the chemical corridor as well, or the high energy users. But at the end of the day, there are many reports out there and lots of numbers being thrown around in these hearings about whether we save money, whether we don't, what -- are the assumptions correct, are they not? I think, though, at the end of the day, though, many of us - almost all of us - go back to the reports, the Brattle Group, who was commissioned by the Illinois -- excuse me, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, Illinois Hispanic Chamber, and - - and Illinois Retail Merchants to do a study to see what the cost would be if we did nothing and if these two plants went offline. And the group stated that the cost, if we did nothing and these two plants went offline, would increase to ratepayers. The cost would be over three hundred and sixty-five million dollars more to ratepayers if we did nothing. So, Ladies and Gentlemen, this isn't a bill -- this isn't just about Cordova, this just isn't about a Clinton issue, this is an issue that impacts the State of Illinois. With half of our power produced in Illinois coming from nuclear - - and by the way, our State is very unique that we have this nuclear fleet in our State that's zero carbon emissions - not all states have it and you probably won't see it again, so we're very unique that we have this fleet in this State. With half of our power come -- coming from nuclear, taking two nuclear plants offline would result in electric bills climbing higher and higher for decades. This legislation protects residential consumers and changes that were made to the legislation in the last few days - as we know, they were flying around like crazy - alleviated my previous concerns regarding the high energy users. I respectfully

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and humbly ask for your support on this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Rose, to close.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen, I want to -
- I want to highlight something that my colleague, Senator
Anderson, said a -- a second ago in response to a previous speaker.
Gamble - a gamble - what do you define losing twenty percent of
the supply on your grid? That's a gamble. That's a gamble. This
is first-year macroeconomics, supply/demand curve. Supply goes
down, demand stays constant, costs go up. It doesn't get any
simpler than that. So, yeah, tonight I am, I'm fighting for DeWitt
County, I'm fighting for Clinton, I'm fighting for Central
Illinois, and my constituents. But you know what, I'm fighting
for all of downstate Illinois and all of the State of Illinois.
But don't take my word for it. Don't take anybody's word for it,
frankly, in this building right now. The Illinois Commerce
Commission - here it is - Illinois Commerce Commission, pursuant
to a resolution that we asked for in May of 2014, electric prices
would increase overall, with increases climbing as high as 11.9
percent during times of normal energy demand and as high as 26.6
percent in certain regions during stress events. Now that's funny.
That -- that was May of 2014. Three weeks ago, I sat in Urbana,
Illinois, at the University of Illinois, and I had an econometrics
person estimate that it'd take about twelve percent increase in
power costs until - five to ten years from now as MISO says, maybe,
maybe not - we build enough transmission to come back in here and
rebalance the grid. Who pays for all that? We do, the ratepayers,
the consumers. Brattle - think about this study - it's more money.

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It costs more money. Ladies and Gentlemen, we have an opportunity right here to make the right decision and I -- and I -- I -- someone -- Senator Rezin had an interesting point a minute ago, in -- our nuclear fleet is a strategic asset of the State of Illinois. It is one of the great things we have going for us, is the richness and diversity of our supply. Keep the supply stable, keep it reliable, and keep prices low. The Commerce Commission, the University of Illinois, and the grid operators have said this is the right thing to do. Listen to the people that are the experts that aren't -- have any other affiliations in this room. Please vote for this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10 to Senate Bill 2814. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 32 voting Aye, 18 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10 to Senate Bill 2814, and the bill is declared passed. President Cullerton, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I would like to thank you for your hard work, and as you all know, a lot of work remains to be done. We are distributing the -- we are distributing the spring Calendar, but in the meantime, I will be continuing to meet with the Governor and Leader Radogno. We have a meeting scheduled over the weekend with the goal of advancing a

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fair and balanced budget for our State. Thank you, again, for your work. We will be adjourning to the call of the Chair in the hope that if there is a breakthrough in our negotiations, we could reassemble to take action. So in the meantime, enjoy yourself.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, President Cullerton. Ladies and Gentlemen, 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 Calendar?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No objections filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the resolutions are adopted. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

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

House Joint Resolution 169.

(Secretary reads HJR No. 169)

Adopted by the House, December 1st, 2016. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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On the Order of Resolutions is House Joint Resolution 169.
Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution 169, offered by Senator Link.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate consideration and -- and adoption of House Joint Resolution 169. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Link moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 169. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen, like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. There being no further business to come before the Senate, pursuant to the -- House Joint Resolution 169, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 12 noon on the 9th day of January 2016 {sic} (2017), or until the call of the Senate President. The Senate stands adjourned.