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**NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**30TH LEGISLATIVE DAY**

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**12:10 O'CLOCK P.M.**

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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.  
Honorable Emil Jones, Jr., President of the Senate, presiding.  
Prayer by Pastor Scott Poling, Harvest Baptist Church, Oswego, Illinois.  
Senator Maloney led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Friday, April 20, 2007, was being read when on motion of Senator Hunter, further reading of same was dispensed with, and unless some Senator had corrections to offer, the Journal would stand approved. No corrections being offered, the Journal was ordered to stand approved.

### **REPORT RECEIVED**

The Secretary placed before the Senate the following report:

Illinois State Police Report Pursuant to P.A. 87-522 (Flex time), submitted by the Illinois State Police.

The foregoing report was ordered received and placed on file in the Secretary's Office.

### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES FILED**

The following Floor amendment to the Senate Bill listed below has been filed with the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Rules:

Senate Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 1314

The following Committee amendments to the House Bills listed below have been filed with the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Rules:

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 260  
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 653  
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 654  
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 668  
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 732  
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 816  
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 845  
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 903  
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 3454

The following Floor amendment to the House Bill listed below has been filed with the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Rules:

Senate Committee Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 1300

### **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

#### **SENATE RESOLUTION 150**

Offered by Senator Clayborne and all Senators:  
Mourns the death of Claudia Mary Nash-Thomas of East St. Louis.

By unanimous consent, the foregoing resolution was referred to the Resolutions Consent Calendar.

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Senators Forby - Althoff offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 151**

WHEREAS, 4-H is the largest youth organization in the State of Illinois, challenging nearly 300,000 Illinois youth and adults with unique "hands on" learning each year; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is an effective educational program, based on the expertise of the United States Department of Agriculture and University of Illinois Extension, planned by local, county, and State committees; and

WHEREAS, More than 25,000 caring, nurturing adults work together with 4-H youth in family and community environments to create real life learning laboratories that help youth practice skills they need today and will continue to use in their future; and

WHEREAS, 4-H enriches Illinois youth with important programs that make countless differences in the lives of youth and adults and the communities in which they live; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is a family and community effort supplementing and complementing the home, church, and school with action-oriented and practical educational experiences; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we hereby designate Tuesday, March 27, 2007, as 4-H Day at the State Capitol, and we salute the rich traditions of Illinois 4-H club work and the outstanding accomplishments of Illinois 4-H members and leaders.

Senator Althoff offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 152**

WHEREAS, The Partnership for Local Government Education is a collaboration formed to increase interest and involvement in local government in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The Partnership for Local Government Education is composed of the Illinois Association of County Board Members and Commissioners, the Illinois Municipal League, the Township Officials of Illinois, and the University of Illinois Extension; and

WHEREAS, Local government is the branch of government which is closest to the people; and

WHEREAS, Illinois has more local governments than any other state; 6,700 local governments, an estimated 70,000 elected officials, and 100,000 appointed officials, providing critical services to the citizens of the State of Illinois and our communities; and

WHEREAS, Citizens do not have a clear understanding of the functions of local government; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Partnership is to further the understanding of the role that local government plays in individual lives and collectively, and appreciate the many services that the various forms of local governments provide their constituents; and

WHEREAS, "Local Government Week" focuses attention on the need for strong, independent and active local government in this State and recognizes the valuable contributions made by citizens serving their communities in public office; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that in recognition of the Partnership for Local Government Education and the leadership, innovation, and valuable service provided by our State's local elected and appointed official, we proclaim the week of March 4-10, 2007, and the first full week of March each year thereafter, as "Local Government Week" in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Partnership for Local Government Education as an expression of our esteem.

### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

A message from the House by

Mr. Mahoney, Clerk:

Mr. President -- I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed bills of the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

HOUSE BILL NO. 290

A bill for AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL NO. 822

A bill for AN ACT concerning animals.

HOUSE BILL NO. 948

A bill for AN ACT concerning aging.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1235

A bill for AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1327

A bill for AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1752

A bill for AN ACT concerning elections.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1753

A bill for AN ACT concerning elections.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1835

A bill for AN ACT concerning vehicles.

Passed the House, April 20, 2007.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of the House

The foregoing **House Bills Numbered 290, 822, 948, 1235, 1327, 1752, 1753 and 1835** were taken up, ordered printed and placed on first reading.

A message from the House by

Mr. Mahoney, Clerk:

Mr. President -- I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed bills of the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

HOUSE BILL NO. 291

A bill for AN ACT concerning courts.

HOUSE BILL NO. 556

A bill for AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1359

A bill for AN ACT concerning employment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1580

A bill for AN ACT concerning human services.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1717

A bill for AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1872

A bill for AN ACT concerning education.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1911

A bill for AN ACT concerning employment.  
Passed the House, April 20, 2007.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of the House

The foregoing **House Bills Numbered 291, 556, 1359, 1580, 1717, 1872 and 1911** were taken up, ordered printed and placed on first reading.

A message from the House by  
Mr. Mahoney, Clerk:

Mr. President -- I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed bills of the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1124

A bill for AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1529

A bill for AN ACT concerning local government.

Passed the House, April 20, 2007.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of the House

The foregoing **House Bills Numbered 1124 and 1529** were taken up, ordered printed and placed on first reading.

A message from the House by  
Mr. Mahoney, Clerk:

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

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26**

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Illinois regards the health of our children to be of paramount importance to families in our State; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Illinois regards poor child health as a threat to the educational achievement and social and psychological well-being of the children of our State; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Illinois considers protecting the health of our children to be essential to the well-being of our youngest citizens and the quality of life in our State; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature considers the All Kids Program, which is currently providing health coverage to approximately 160,000 children, to be an integral part of the arrangements for health benefits for the children of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes the value of the All Kids Program in preserving child wellness, preventing and treating childhood disease, improving health outcomes, and reducing overall health costs; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Illinois considers the federal funding available for the All Kids Program to be indispensable to providing health benefits for children of modest means; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge

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the members of the Illinois delegation to the United States Congress to ensure that the Congress timely reauthorizes the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to ensure federal funding for the All Kids Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislature proclaims that all components of State government should work together with educators, health care providers, social workers, and parents to ensure that all available public and private assistance for providing health benefits to uninsured children in this State be used to the maximum extent possible; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be sent to each member of the Illinois Congressional delegation.

Adopted by the House, April 19, 2007.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of the House

The foregoing message from the House of Representatives reporting House Joint Resolution No. 26 was referred to the Committee on Rules.

**MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER**

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER

ALEXI GIANNOULIAS  
STATE TREASURER

March 19, 2007

Honorable Members  
Illinois State Senate  
95<sup>th</sup> General Assembly  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Members:

I am nominating Benjamin Ghess to the State Treasurer's Personnel Review Board.

I respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of this appointment by your Honorable Body:

**TREASURER'S PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD MEMBER**

To be a member of the Treasurer's Personnel Review Board for a term ending March 19, 2013

Benjamin Ghess  
(Non – Salaried)

If you have any questions please contact Colleen Daley, Director of Legislative Affairs. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
s/Alexander Giannoulis  
Illinois State Treasurer

Under the rules, the foregoing Message was referred to the Committee on Executive Appointments.

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**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

Message for the Governor by Joseph B. Handley  
Deputy Chief of Staff for Legislative Affairs

April 20, 2007

Mr. President,

The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable  
Members of the Senate  
Ninety-Fifth General Assembly

I have nominated and appointed the following named persons to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments of your Honorable body.

s/Rod Blagojevich  
GOVERNOR

**DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY REVIEW BOARD**

To be a member of the Department of Employment Security Review Board for a term commencing April 9, 2007 and expiring January 19, 2009:

Constantine M. Zografopoulos  
Salaried

**ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY**

To be a member of the Illinois Finance Authority for a term commencing June 12, 2007 and expiring July 21, 2008:

William Barclay  
Non-Salaried

**NORTHERN ILLINIOS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

To be a member of the Northern Illinois University Board of Trustees for a term commencing April 6, 2007 and expiring January 21, 2013:

Robert T. Boey  
Non-Salaried

**WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

To be a member of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees for a term commencing April 6, 2007 and expiring January 21, 2013:

J. Michael Houston  
Non-Salaried

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Under the rules, the foregoing Message was referred to the Committee on Executive Appointments.

#### **READING BILLS FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES A FIRST TIME**

**House Bill No. 129**, sponsored by Senator E. Jones, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

**House Bill No. 290**, sponsored by Senator Sullivan, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

**House Bill No. 291**, sponsored by Senator Sullivan, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

**House Bill No. 419**, sponsored by Senator Dillard, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

**House Bill No. 556**, sponsored by Senator Collins, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

**House Bill No. 572**, sponsored by Senator Brady, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

**House Bill No. 576**, sponsored by Senator Althoff, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

**House Bill No. 622**, sponsored by Senator Cullerton, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

**House Bill No. 652**, sponsored by Senator Cullerton, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

**House Bill No. 663**, sponsored by Senator Althoff, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

**House Bill No. 948**, sponsored by Senator Hunter, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

**House Bill No. 1529**, sponsored by Senator Cullerton, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

**House Bill No. 1555**, sponsored by Senator Raoul, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

**House Bill No. 1684**, sponsored by Senator Hultgren, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

**House Bill No. 1717**, sponsored by Senator Crotty, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

**House Bill No. 1759**, sponsored by Senator Collins, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

**House Bill No. 1832**, sponsored by Senator Demuzio, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

**House Bill No. 2858**, sponsored by Senator Wilhelmi, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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**House Bill No. 3374**, sponsored by Senator Maloney, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

**House Bill No. 3383**, sponsored by Senator Link, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

At the hour of 12:30 o'clock p.m., Senator Halvorson presiding

### REPORT FROM RULES COMMITTEE

Senator Halvorson, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, during its April 24, 2007 meeting, reported the following Legislative Measures have been assigned to the indicated Standing Committees of the Senate:

Education: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 816.**

Judiciary Criminal Law: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 260; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 281; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 722; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 845; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1293.**

Local Government: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 924.**

Public Health: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 653; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 732; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1058**

State Government and Veterans Affairs: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 32; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 668.**

Transportation: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 654; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 903.**

### MOTION IN WRITING

Pursuant to Article 10, Section 10-1., paragraph (C) of the Rules of the Senate, we the undersigned members request a separate vote on the nomination of Robert Vickrey to be a member of the U of I Bd. of Trustees which was contained in the Governor's Message of March 15, 2007.

DATE: 4-20-07

s/John Miller  
David Luechtefeld  
Dale A. Righter  
Kirk Dillard  
Bill Brady

The foregoing motion was held on the Secretary's Desk.

### REPORT FROM STANDING COMMITTEE

Senator Hendon, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive Appointments, moved that the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session to consider the report of that Committee relative to the Governor's Message appointments.

The motion prevailed.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Senator Hendon, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message to the Senate of March 8, 2007, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointments:

**ILLINOIS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

To be Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency for a term commencing March 5, 2007 and expiring January 19, 2009:

Andrew Velasquez  
Salaried

**DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY**

To be Director of the Department of Employment Security for a term commencing March 5, 2007 and expiring January 19, 2009:

James Sledge  
Salaried

Senator Hendon moved that the Senate advise and consent to the foregoing appointments. And on that motion, a call of the roll was had resulting as follows:

Yeas 53; Nays None.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Althoff	Garrett	Luechtefeld	Sandoval
Bomke	Halvorson	Maloney	Schoenberg
Bond	Harmon	Martinez	Sieben
Brady	Hendon	Meeks	Silverstein
Burzynski	Holmes	Millner	Sullivan
Collins	Hultgren	Munoz	Syverson
Crotty	Hunter	Murphy	Trotter
Cullerton	Jacobs	Noland	Viverito
Dahl	Jones, J.	Pankau	Watson
DeLeo	Koehler	Peterson	Wilhelmi
Delgado	Kotowski	Raoul	Mr. President
Demuzio	Lauzen	Righter	
Dillard	Lightford	Ronen	
Frerichs	Link	Rutherford	

The motion prevailed.

Whereupon the President of the Senate announced confirmation of the foregoing appointments.

Senator Hendon, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message to the Senate of March 15, 2007, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointment:

**HUMAN SERVICES, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF**

To be Assistant Secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services for a term commencing March 19, 2007 and expiring January 19, 2009:

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Catalina Soto Jones  
Salaried

Senator Hendon moved that the Senate advise and consent to the foregoing appointment.  
And on that motion, a call of the roll was had resulting as follows:

Yeas 56; Nays None.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Althoff	Garrett	Maloney	Sandoval
Bomke	Halvorson	Martinez	Schoenberg
Bond	Harmon	Meeks	Sieben
Brady	Hendon	Millner	Silverstein
Burzynski	Holmes	Munoz	Sullivan
Clayborne	Hultgren	Murphy	Syverson
Collins	Hunter	Noland	Trotter
Crotty	Jacobs	Pankau	Viverito
Cullerton	Jones, J.	Peterson	Watson
Dahl	Koehler	Radogno	Wilhelmi
DeLeo	Kotowski	Raoul	Mr. President
Delgado	Lauzen	Righter	
Demuzio	Lightford	Risinger	
Dillard	Link	Ronen	
Frerichs	Luechtefeld	Rutherford	

The motion prevailed.

Whereupon the President of the Senate announced confirmation of the foregoing appointment.

Senator Hendon, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message to the Senate of February 8, 2007, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointments:

### **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

To be a member on the University of Illinois Board of Trustees for a term commencing January 17, 2007 and ending January 14, 2013:

Lawrence Eppley  
Non-Salaried

To be a member of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees for a term commencing January 17, 2007 and ending January 14, 2013:

James Montgomery  
Non-Salaried

Senator Hendon moved that the Senate advise and consent to the foregoing appointments.  
And on that motion, a call of the roll was had resulting as follows:

Yeas 34; Nays 19; Present 2.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Bond	Garrett	Lightford	Schoenberg
Clayborne	Halvorson	Link	Silverstein
Collins	Harmon	Maloney	Sullivan

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Crotty	Hendon	Martinez	Trotter
Cullerton	Holmes	Meeks	Viverito
DeLeo	Hunter	Murphy	Wilhelmi
Delgado	Jacobs	Noland	Mr. President
Demuzio	Koehler	Raoul	
Forby	Kotowski	Sandoval	

The following voted in the negative:

Althoff	Hultgren	Pankau	Rutherford
Bomke	Jones, J.	Peterson	Sieben
Brady	Lauzen	Radogno	Syverson
Burzynski	Luechtefeld	Righter	Watson
Dahl	Millner	Risinger	

The following voted present:

Dillard  
Frerichs

The motion prevailed.

Whereupon the President of the Senate announced confirmation of the foregoing appointments.

Senator Hendon, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message to the Senate of March 2, 2007, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointment:

#### **ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD**

To be a member of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board for a term commencing February 26, 2007 and expiring July 1, 2010:

John Penn  
Non-Salaried

Senator Hendon moved that the Senate advise and consent to the foregoing appointment. And on that motion, a call of the roll was had resulting as follows:

Yeas 55; Nays None.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Althoff	Forby	Lightford	Risinger
Bomke	Frerichs	Link	Rutherford
Bond	Garrett	Luechtefeld	Sandoval
Brady	Halvorson	Maloney	Schoenberg
Burzynski	Harmon	Martinez	Sieben
Clayborne	Hendon	Meeks	Silverstein
Collins	Holmes	Millner	Sullivan
Crotty	Hultgren	Murphy	Syverson
Cullerton	Hunter	Noland	Trotter
Dahl	Jacobs	Pankau	Viverito
DeLeo	Jones, J.	Peterson	Watson
Delgado	Koehler	Radogno	Wilhelmi
Demuzio	Kotowski	Raoul	Mr. President
Dillard	Lauzen	Righter	

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The motion prevailed.

Whereupon the President of the Senate announced confirmation of the foregoing appointment.

The Chair announced that a motion was filed earlier today requesting that a separate vote be taken on Robert F. Vickrey to be a member of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees. The Chair ruled that being supported by the required number of sponsors, the motion is in order and a separate vote will be taken on Robert F. Vickrey.

Senator Hendon, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message to the Senate of March 15, 2007, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointments:

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

To be a Member of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees for a term commencing March 9, 2007 and expiring January 14, 2013:

Robert F. Vickrey  
Non-Salaried

Senator Hendon moved that the Senate advise and consent to the foregoing appointments.  
And on that motion, a call of the roll was had resulting as follows:

Yeas 39; Nays 13; Present 3.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Bond	Garrett	Lightford	Rutherford
Brady	Halvorson	Link	Sandoval
Clayborne	Harmon	Maloney	Schoenberg
Collins	Hendon	Martinez	Silverstein
Crotty	Holmes	Meeks	Sullivan
Cullerton	Hunter	Noland	Trotter
DeLeo	Jacobs	Pankau	Viverito
Delgado	Koehler	Radogno	Wilhelmi
Demuzio	Kotowski	Raoul	Mr. President
Forby	Lauzen	Ronen	

The following voted in the negative:

Althoff	Luechtefeld	Righter	Watson
Bomke	Millner	Risinger	
Burzynski	Murphy	Sieben	
Hultgren	Peterson	Syverson	

The following voted present:

Dahl  
Dillard  
Frerichs

The motion prevailed.

Whereupon the President of the Senate announced confirmation of the foregoing appointments.

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Senator Hendon, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message to the Senate of March 15, 2007, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointments:

**MEDICAL DISCIPLINARY BOARD, ILLINOIS**

To be a Member of the Illinois Medical Disciplinary Board for a term commencing March 12, 2007 and expiring January 1, 2011:

Rohit K. Danak  
Non-Salaried

To be a Member of the Illinois Medical Disciplinary Board for a term commencing March 12, 2007 and expiring January 1, 2008:

Mehul Shah  
Non-Salaried

**NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

To be a Member of the Northeastern Illinois University Board of Trustees for a term commencing March 9, 2007 and expiring January 17, 2011:

Carlos M. Azcoitia  
Non-Salaried

Senator Hendon moved that the Senate advise and consent to the foregoing appointments. And on that motion, a call of the roll was had resulting as follows:

Yeas 57; Nays None.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Althoff	Ferichs	Link	Rutherford
Bomke	Garrett	Luechtefeld	Sandoval
Bond	Haine	Maloney	Schoenberg
Brady	Halvorson	Martinez	Sieben
Burzynski	Harmon	Meeks	Silverstein
Clayborne	Hendon	Millner	Sullivan
Collins	Holmes	Murphy	Syverson
Crotty	Hultgren	Noland	Trotter
Cullerton	Hunter	Pankau	Viverito
Dahl	Jacobs	Peterson	Watson
DeLeo	Jones, J.	Radogno	Wilhelmi
Delgado	Koehler	Raoul	Mr. President
Demuzio	Kotowski	Righter	
Dillard	Lauzen	Risinger	
Forby	Lightford	Ronen	

The motion prevailed.

Whereupon the President of the Senate announced confirmation of the foregoing appointments.

Senator Hendon, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Secretary of State's Message to the Senate of February 28, 2007, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointment:

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COMMISSIONER OF THE EXECUTIVE ETHICS COMMISSION FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

To be Commissioner of the Executive Ethics Commission for the Office of the Secretary of State for a term ending June, 30, 2008.

Maria Kuzas  
(Salaried)

Senator Hendon moved that the Senate advise and consent to the foregoing appointment. And on that motion, a call of the roll was had resulting as follows:

Yeas 57; Nays None.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Althoff	Garrett	Luechtefeld	Rutherford
Bomke	Haine	Maloney	Sandoval
Bond	Halvorson	Martinez	Schoenberg
Brady	Harmon	Meeks	Sieben
Burzynski	Hendon	Millner	Silverstein
Clayborne	Holmes	Munoz	Sullivan
Collins	Hultgren	Murphy	Syverson
Crotty	Hunter	Noland	Trotter
Cullerton	Jacobs	Pankau	Viverito
Dahl	Jones, J.	Peterson	Watson
DeLeo	Koehler	Radogno	Wilhelmi
Delgado	Kotowski	Raoul	Mr. President
Demuzio	Lauzen	Righter	
Forby	Lightford	Risinger	
Frerichs	Link	Ronen	

The motion prevailed.

Whereupon the President of the Senate announced confirmation of the foregoing appointment.

Senator Hendon, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Secretary of State's Message to the Senate of March 1, 2007, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointment:

COMMISSIONER OF THE MERIT COMMISSION FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

To be Commissioner of the Merit Commission for the Office of the Secretary of State for a term ending June 30, 2013.

Ferdinand Serpe  
(Salaried)

Senator Hendon moved that the Senate advise and consent to the foregoing appointment. And on that motion, a call of the roll was had resulting as follows:

Yeas 56; Nays 1.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Althoff	Garrett	Luechtefeld	Rutherford
Bomke	Haine	Maloney	Sandoval
Bond	Halvorson	Martinez	Schoenberg

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Brady	Harmon	Meeks	Silverstein
Burzynski	Hendon	Millner	Sullivan
Clayborne	Holmes	Munoz	Syverson
Collins	Hultgren	Murphy	Trotter
Crotty	Hunter	Noland	Viverito
Cullerton	Jacobs	Pankau	Watson
DeLeo	Jones, J.	Peterson	Wilhelmi
Delgado	Koehler	Radogno	Mr. President
Demuzio	Kotowski	Raoul	
Dillard	Lauzen	Righter	
Forby	Lightford	Risinger	
Frerichs	Link	Ronen	

The following voted in the negative:

Dahl

The motion prevailed.

Whereupon the President of the Senate announced confirmation of the foregoing appointment.

On motion of Senator Hendon, the Executive Session arose and the Senate resumed consideration of business.

Senator Halvorson, presiding.

#### COMMITTEE MEETING CANCELLED

Senator Sullivan, Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, announced that the Agriculture and Conservation Committee scheduled to meet Wednesday, April 25, 2007, has been cancelled.

#### SENATE BILL RECALLED

On motion of Senator Schoenberg, **Senate Bill No. 1617** was recalled from the order of third reading to the order of second reading.

Senator Schoenberg offered the following amendment and moved its adoption:

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO SENATE BILL 1617

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Amend Senate Bill 1617 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the following:

"Section 5. The Illinois Finance Authority Act is amended by adding Section 825-90 as follows:  
(20 ILCS 3501/825-90 new)

Sec. 825-90. Emerald ash borer revolving loan program.

(a) The Illinois Finance Authority shall administer an emerald ash borer revolving loan program. The program shall provide low-interest or zero-interest loans to units of local government for the replanting of trees on public lands that are within emerald ash borer quarantine areas as established by the Illinois Department of Agriculture. The Authority shall make loans based on the recommendation of the Department of Agriculture.

(b) The loan funds, subject to appropriation, must be paid out of the Emerald Ash Borer Revolving Loan Fund, a special fund created in the State Treasury. The moneys in the Fund consist of any moneys transferred or appropriated into the Fund as well as all repayments of loans made under this program. Moneys in the Fund may be used only for loans to units of local government for the replanting of trees within emerald ash borer quarantine areas established by the Department of Agriculture and for no other purpose. All interest earned on moneys in the Fund must be deposited into the Fund.

(c) A loan for the replanting of trees on public lands within emerald ash borer quarantine areas established by the Department of Agriculture may not exceed \$5,000,000 to any one unit of local government. The repayment period for the loan may not exceed 20 years. The unit of local government

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shall repay, each year, at least 5% of the principal amount borrowed or the remaining balance of the loan, whichever is less. All repayments of loans must be deposited into the Emerald Ash Borer Revolving Loan Fund.

(d) Any loan under this Section to a unit of local government may not exceed the moneys that the unit of local government expends or dedicates for the reforestation project for which the loan is made.

(e) The Authority, with the assistance of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Natural Resources, shall adopt rules to administer the program under this Section.

Section 10. The State Finance Act is amended by adding Section 5.675 as follows:  
(30 ILCS 105/5.675 new)

Sec. 5.675. The Emerald Ash Borer Revolving Loan Fund.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law."

The motion prevailed.

And the amendment was adopted and ordered printed.

There being no further amendments, the foregoing Amendment No. 1 was ordered engrossed, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

### READING BILL OF THE SENATE A THIRD TIME

On motion of Senator Schoenberg, **Senate Bill No. 1617**, having been transcribed and typed and all amendments adopted thereto having been printed, was taken up and read by title a third time.

And the question being, "Shall this bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Yeas 58; Nays None.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Althoff	Frerichs	Link	Ronen
Bomke	Garrett	Luechtefeld	Rutherford
Bond	Haine	Maloney	Sandoval
Brady	Halvorson	Martinez	Schoenberg
Burzynski	Harmon	Meeks	Sieben
Clayborne	Hendon	Millner	Silverstein
Collins	Holmes	Munoz	Sullivan
Crotty	Hultgren	Murphy	Syverson
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DeLeo	Jones, J.	Peterson	Watson
Delgado	Koehler	Radogno	Wilhelmi
Demuzio	Kotowski	Raoul	Mr. President
Dillard	Lauzen	Righter	
Forby	Lightford	Risinger	

This bill, having received the vote of a constitutional majority of the members elected, was declared passed, and all amendments not adopted were tabled pursuant to Senate Rule No. 5-4(a).

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof and ask their concurrence therein.

### SENATE BILL RECALLED

On motion of Senator Schoenberg, **Senate Bill No. 1618** was recalled from the order of third reading to the order of second reading.

Senator Schoenberg offered the following amendment and moved its adoption:

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**AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO SENATE BILL 1618**

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Amend Senate Bill 1618 on page 18, by replacing line 14 with the following:

"Sec. 7. ~~Charges~~ ~~Hospital charges~~ and reimbursement.

(a) When".

The motion prevailed.

And the amendment was adopted and ordered printed.

There being no further amendments, the foregoing Amendment No. 1 was ordered engrossed, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

**READING BILLS OF THE SENATE A THIRD TIME**

On motion of Senator Schoenberg, **Senate Bill No. 1618**, having been transcribed and typed and all amendments adopted thereto having been printed, was taken up and read by title a third time.

And the question being, "Shall this bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Yeas 58; Nays None.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Althoff	Frerichs	Link	Ronen
Bomke	Garrett	Luechtefeld	Rutherford
Bond	Haine	Maloney	Sandoval
Brady	Halvorson	Martinez	Schoenberg
Burzynski	Harmon	Meeks	Sieben
Clayborne	Hendon	Millner	Silverstein
Collins	Holmes	Munoz	Sullivan
Crotty	Hultgren	Murphy	Syverson
Cullerton	Hunter	Noland	Trotter
Dahl	Jacobs	Pankau	Viverito
DeLeo	Jones, J.	Peterson	Watson
Delgado	Koehler	Radogno	Wilhelmi
Demuzio	Kotowski	Raoul	Mr. President
Dillard	Lauzen	Righter	
Forby	Lightford	Risinger	

This bill, having received the vote of a constitutional majority of the members elected, was declared passed, and all amendments not adopted were tabled pursuant to Senate Rule No. 5-4(a).

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Senator Schoenberg, **Senate Bill No. 1619**, having been transcribed and typed and all amendments adopted thereto having been printed, was taken up and read by title a third time.

And the question being, "Shall this bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Yeas 57; Nays None.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Althoff	Garrett	Luechtefeld	Rutherford
Bomke	Haine	Maloney	Sandoval
Bond	Halvorson	Martinez	Schoenberg
Brady	Harmon	Meeks	Sieben
Burzynski	Hendon	Millner	Silverstein

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Clayborne	Holmes	Munoz	Sullivan
Collins	Hultgren	Murphy	Syverson
Crotty	Hunter	Noland	Trotter
Cullerton	Jacobs	Pankau	Viverito
Dahl	Jones, J.	Peterson	Watson
DeLeo	Koehler	Radogno	Wilhelmi
Delgado	Kotowski	Raoul	Mr. President
Demuzio	Lauzen	Righter	
Forby	Lightford	Risinger	
Frerichs	Link	Ronen	

This bill, having received the vote of a constitutional majority of the members elected, was declared passed, and all amendments not adopted were tabled pursuant to Senate Rule No. 5-4(a).

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Senator Schoenberg, **Senate Bill No. 1621**, having been transcribed and typed and all amendments adopted thereto having been printed, was taken up and read by title a third time.

And the question being, "Shall this bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Yeas 57; Nays None.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Althoff	Frerichs	Luechtefeld	Rutherford
Bomke	Garrett	Maloney	Sandoval
Bond	Haine	Martinez	Schoenberg
Brady	Halvorson	Meeks	Sieben
Burzynski	Harmon	Millner	Silverstein
Clayborne	Holmes	Munoz	Sullivan
Collins	Hultgren	Murphy	Syverson
Crotty	Hunter	Noland	Trotter
Cullerton	Jacobs	Pankau	Viverito
Dahl	Jones, J.	Peterson	Watson
DeLeo	Koehler	Radogno	Wilhelmi
Delgado	Kotowski	Raoul	Mr. President
Demuzio	Lauzen	Righter	
Dillard	Lightford	Risinger	
Forby	Link	Ronen	

This bill, having received the vote of a constitutional majority of the members elected, was declared passed, and all amendments not adopted were tabled pursuant to Senate Rule No. 5-4(a).

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Senator Ronen, **Senate Bill No. 1625**, having been transcribed and typed and all amendments adopted thereto having been printed, was taken up and read by title a third time.

And the question being, "Shall this bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Yeas 56; Nays None.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Althoff	Frerichs	Luechtefeld	Rutherford
Bomke	Garrett	Maloney	Sandoval

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Bond	Haine	Martinez	Schoenberg
Brady	Halvorson	Meeks	Sieben
Burzynski	Harmon	Millner	Silverstein
Clayborne	Holmes	Munoz	Sullivan
Collins	Hultgren	Murphy	Trotter
Crotty	Hunter	Noland	Viverito
Cullerton	Jacobs	Pankau	Watson
Dahl	Jones, J.	Peterson	Wilhelmi
DeLeo	Koehler	Radogno	Mr. President
Delgado	Kotowski	Raoul	
Demuzio	Lauzen	Righter	
Dillard	Lightford	Risinger	
Forby	Link	Ronen	

This bill, having received the vote of a constitutional majority of the members elected, was declared passed, and all amendments not adopted were tabled pursuant to Senate Rule No. 5-4(a).

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Senator Raoul, **Senate Bill No. 1653**, having been transcribed and typed and all amendments adopted thereto having been printed, was taken up and read by title a third time.

And the question being, "Shall this bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Yeas 56; Nays None.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Althoff	Frerichs	Luechtefeld	Rutherford
Bomke	Garrett	Maloney	Sandoval
Bond	Haine	Martinez	Schoenberg
Brady	Halvorson	Meeks	Sieben
Burzynski	Harmon	Millner	Silverstein
Clayborne	Hendon	Munoz	Sullivan
Collins	Holmes	Murphy	Trotter
Crotty	Hultgren	Noland	Viverito
Cullerton	Hunter	Pankau	Watson
Dahl	Jacobs	Peterson	Wilhelmi
DeLeo	Jones, J.	Radogno	Mr. President
Delgado	Koehler	Raoul	
Demuzio	Kotowski	Righter	
Dillard	Lauzen	Risinger	
Forby	Link	Ronen	

This bill, having received the vote of a constitutional majority of the members elected, was declared passed, and all amendments not adopted were tabled pursuant to Senate Rule No. 5-4(a).

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof and ask their concurrence therein.

The Chair announced all committees scheduled to meet today will meet thirty minutes later than originally scheduled.

At the hour of 1:32 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand adjourned until Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at 11:00 o'clock a.m.