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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Senator James F. Clayborne, Belleville, Illinois, presiding.
Prayer by Pastor Chad Pickering, Hope Evangelical Free Church, Springfield, Illinois.
Senator Maloney led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Thursday, May 1, 2008, 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.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

**OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT
STATE OF ILLINOIS**

EMIL JONES, JR.
SENATE PRESIDENT

327 STATE CAPITOL
Springfield, Illinois 62706

May 7, 2008

Ms. Deborah Shipley
Secretary of the Senate
403 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 3-5(c), I hereby appoint Senator Louis Viverito to replace Senator Debbie Halvorson as a member of the Rules Committee. This appointment is effective immediately.

Very truly yours,
s/Emil Jones, Jr.
Senate President

cc: Senate Minority Leader Frank Watson

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Ms. Deborah Shipley
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Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 3-5(c), I hereby appoint Senator Rickey Hendon as Chairman of the Rules Committee. This appointment is effective immediately.

Very truly yours,
s/Emil Jones, Jr.
Senate President

[May 7, 2008]

cc: Senate Minority Leader Frank Watson

REPORTS RECEIVED

The Secretary placed before the Senate the following reports:

Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability's Monthly Briefing, April 2008, submitted the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

CPS Legislative 265 BiAnnual Report, Chicago Public Schools as of May 1, 2008, submitted the Public Building Commission of Chicago.

School Districts' Special Education and Expenditures and Receipts Report, submitted the Illinois State Board of Education.

Illinois Emergency Food and Shelter Program and Supportive Housing Program, Fiscal Year 2007, submitted the Department of Human Services.

The foregoing reports were ordered received and placed on file in the Secretary's Office.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES FILED

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

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 887
Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2092

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

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 4255

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 896
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 946
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1432
Senate Committee Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 1432
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 4178
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 4221
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 4754
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 4992

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 687

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Clarence "Clancy" A. Groblewski of North Chicago.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 688

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:

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Mourns the death of Fred P. Swagerty of North Chicago.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 689

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:

Mourns the death of Margaret L. Luka of North Chicago.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 690

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:

Mourns the death of Bill Levak of Anza, California, formerly of North Chicago.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 691

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:

Mourns the death of George William Grosch of Waukegan.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 692

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:

Mourns the death of Lester B. Long, Sr., of North Chicago.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 693

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:

Mourns the death of Ann M. Burton of Waukegan.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 694

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:

Mourns the death of Stella (Gawlik) Ptasienski of Park City.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 695

Offered by Senator Forby and all Senators:

Mourns the death of Rose Marie Decatoire of Springfield.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 696

Offered by Senator Lightford and all Senators:

Mourns the death of Encarnacion Jose Vega of Chicago.

By unanimous consent, the foregoing resolutions were referred to the Resolutions Consent Calendar.

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

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 98

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that the 2008 report of the Compensation Review Board is hereby disapproved in whole in accordance with Section 5 of the Compensation Review Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be directed to the Compensation Review Board.

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 a bill of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

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HOUSE BILL NO. 953

A bill for AN ACT concerning insurance coverage.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5086

A bill for AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5518

A bill for AN ACT concerning civil law.

Passed the House, May 1, 2008.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of the House

The foregoing **House Bills Numbered 953, 5086 and 5518** 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 a bill of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

HOUSE BILL NO. 4919

A bill for AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL NO. 4981

A bill for AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5120

A bill for AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5148

A bill for AN ACT concerning civil law.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5204

A bill for AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5308

A bill for AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5703

A bill for AN ACT concerning aging.

Passed the House, May 1, 2008.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of the House

The foregoing **House Bills Numbered 4919, 4981, 5120, 5148, 5204, 5308 and 5703** 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 concurred with the Senate in the adoption of the following joint resolution, to-wit:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 99

Concurred in by the House, May 1, 2008.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of 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 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. 90

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WHEREAS, A portion of Lovett's Pond, in Kincaid Township, Illinois, was acquired by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources from the Nature Conservancy on or about January 8, 2004; and

WHEREAS, James "Gene" Korando has been dedicated to duck hunting in and around Kincaid Township and Lovett's Pond for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, James "Gene" Korando makes a famous duck soup and manufacturers hand-made duck calls that have been used by duck hunters all over the United States; and

WHEREAS, James "Gene" Korando has donated duck calls to different charities and fundraisers over the years; and

WHEREAS, James "Gene" Korando has a big heart and he leaves a profound impact on the people that he meets; 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 rename Lovett's Pond located in Kincaid Township in the honor of James "Gene" Korando; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to James "Gene" Korando.

Adopted by the House, April 10, 2008.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of the House

The foregoing message from the House of Representatives reporting House Joint Resolution No. 90 was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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. 92

WHEREAS, In May of 1948, with recognition by the United Nations of the need for a Jewish homeland, the State of Israel was established as a sovereign and independent nation; and

WHEREAS, The new State of Israel was established in the ancient homeland of the Jewish people, the culmination of decades of efforts by the modern Zionist movement to resettle and reinvigorate the land; and

WHEREAS, The United States was one of the first nations to recognize Israel, only 11 minutes after its creation; and

WHEREAS, The State of Israel provided a refuge to Jews who survived the horrors of the Holocaust and the evil acts committed by the Nazis; and

WHEREAS, Israel has provided the opportunity for Jews from all over the world, including immigrants from Ethiopia, the former Soviet Union, and from the Arab lands to make new lives in their ancient homeland; and

WHEREAS, Israel, home to religious sites sacred to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, is committed to

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the protection of these sites and to freedom of worship; and

WHEREAS, The people of Israel have established a pluralistic democracy which protects the freedoms cherished by the people of the State of Illinois, including freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of association, freedom of the press, an independent judiciary, and government by the consent of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Israel continues, in a region generally bereft of such practices, to serve as a shining model of democratic values maintaining gender equality, freedom of sexual orientation, and equal rights for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Israel has a thriving culture and has made significant global contributions in the fields of science, medicine, and technology; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois and the State of Israel have developed mutually beneficial economic, cultural, educational, trade, and scientific partnerships; 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 recognize the anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel as a significant event in providing refuge and a national homeland for the Jewish people; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commend the bipartisan commitment of all United States presidential administrations and United States Congresses since the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948 to stand by Israel and work for its security and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes to the people of Israel as they celebrate the 60th anniversary of their nation's independence.

Adopted by the House, May 1, 2008.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of the House

The foregoing message from the House of Representatives reporting House Joint Resolution No. 92 was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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. 107

WHEREAS, Illinois Route 173 is a major thoroughfare in the northern portion of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The designation of one of the United States Army's units is the 173rd Airborne Brigade; and

WHEREAS, Many of the men and women who have served in the 173rd Airborne Brigade have been the sons and daughters of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Jacob M. Lowell of New Lenox was the first Sky Soldier of the 173rd Airborne Brigade to have been killed in action in its current deployment; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
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ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that Illinois Route 173 be designated as the 173rd Airborne Brigade Highway in honor of the brave men and women of the United States Army 173rd Airborne Brigade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving notice of the name of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Highway; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, in recognition of the men and women of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, those available upon the end of the Brigade's current deployment be invited to the State of Illinois to attend this designation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Adopted by the House, May 1, 2008.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of the House

The foregoing message from the House of Representatives reporting House Joint Resolution No. 107 was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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 a bill of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

HOUSE BILL NO. 2748

A bill for AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL NO. 4417

A bill for AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL NO. 4548

A bill for AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL NO. 4779

A bill for AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5077

A bill for AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5666

A bill for AN ACT concerning finances.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5691

A bill for AN ACT concerning children.

Passed the House, May 6, 2008.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of the House

The foregoing **House Bills Numbered 2748, 4417, 4548, 4779, 5077, 5666 and 5691** 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 a bill of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

HOUSE BILL NO. 4464

A bill for AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL NO. 4571

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A bill for AN ACT concerning adoption.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5205

A bill for AN ACT concerning transportation.

Passed the House, May 6, 2008.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of the House

The foregoing **House Bills Numbered 4464, 4571 and 5205** 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 concurred with the Senate in the adoption of the following joint resolution, to-wit:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 90

Concurred in by the House, May 6, 2008.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of the House

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

SENATE BILL NO. 3039. Introduced by Senator Jacobs, a bill for AN ACT concerning State government.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

READING BILLS FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES A FIRST TIME

House Bill No. 953, sponsored by Senator Jacobs, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 2392, sponsored by Senator Raoul, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 2748, sponsored by Senator Hunter, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4157, sponsored by Senator Althoff, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4401, sponsored by Senator Dillard, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4426, sponsored by Senator Lauzen, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4464, sponsored by Senator Althoff, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4571, sponsored by Senator Cullerton, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4771, sponsored by Senator Syverson, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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House Bill No. 4779, sponsored by Senator Steans, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4789, sponsored by Senator Haine, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4822, sponsored by Senator Koehler, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4981, sponsored by Senator Dillard, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5077, sponsored by Senator Forby, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5086, sponsored by Senator Jacobs, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5120, sponsored by Senator Link, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5142, sponsored by Senator Bivins, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5148, sponsored by Senator Collins, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5204, sponsored by Senator DeLeo, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5308, sponsored by Senator Forby, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5666, sponsored by Senator Demuzio, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5703, sponsored by Senator Hunter, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5930, sponsored by Senator Althoff, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

READING BILLS FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES A SECOND TIME

On motion of Senator Forby, **House Bill No. 1054** was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Schoenberg, **House Bill No. 2254** was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Murphy, **House Bill No. 4165** was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Demuzio, **House Bill No. 4190** was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Collins, **House Bill No. 4191** was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

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On motion of Senator Steans, **House Bill No. 4456** was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Schoenberg, **House Bill No. 4527** was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Link, **House Bill No. 4583** was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Harmon, **House Bill No. 1702** was taken up, read by title a second time. Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 was held in the Committee on Pensions and Investments. Senate Floor Amendment Nos. 2 and 3 were held in the Committee on Rules. There being no further amendments, the bill was ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Lightford, **House Bill No. 4705** was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

REPORT FROM RULES COMMITTEE

Senator Hendon, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, during its May 7, 2008 meeting, reported the following Legislative Measures have been assigned to the indicated Standing Committees of the Senate:

Agriculture and Conservation: **HOUSE BILLS 1768 and 4162.**

Education: **HOUSE BILLS 4229, 4309 and 4522.**

Environment and Energy: **HOUSE BILL 4838.**

Executive: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 5768; HOUSE BILL 1809.**

Higher Education: **HOUSE BILLS 4567 and 5905.**

Housing and Community Affairs: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 4178; HOUSE BILL 4683.**

Insurance: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1432.**

Judiciary Civil Law: **HOUSE BILLS 4196 and 4450.**

Judiciary Criminal Law: **HOUSE BILLS 2757, 2862, 3416, 4207, 4402, 4879, 5101, 5230, 5243 and 5909.**

Licensed Activities: **Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 887.**

Local Government: **HOUSE BILLS 4182, 4646, 4675, 4766, 4956, 5196, 5278 and 5505.**

Pensions and Investments: **Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 1702; Senate Floor Amendment No. 3 to House Bill 1702; HOUSE BILL 4603.**

Revenue: **HOUSE BILL 1040.**

State Government and Veterans Affairs: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1434; HOUSE BILLS 4723, 5312 and 5368.**

Transportation: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 896; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 946; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House**

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Bill 4221; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 4754; HOUSE BILLS 4251, 4648, 4736 and 5108.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Delgado, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Public Health, announced that the Public Health Committee will meet today in Room 400, immediately upon adjournment.

Senator Crotty, Chairperson of the Committee on Local Government, announced that the Local Government Committee will meet today in Room 409, immediately upon adjournment.

Senator Harmon, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Judiciary Civil Law, announced that the Judiciary Civil Law Committee will meet today in Room 212, immediately upon adjournment.

Senator Trotter, Chairperson of the Committee on Appropriations I, announced that the Appropriations I Committee will meet today in Room 212, at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

Senator Trotter, Chairperson of the Committee on Appropriations I, announced that the Appropriations I Committee will meet Thursday, May 8, 2008 in Room 212, at 12:00 o'clock p.m.

Senator Trotter, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Environment and Energy, announced that the Environment and Energy Committee will meet today in Room 212, at 4:30 o'clock p.m.

Senator Meeks, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Housing and Community Affairs, announced that the Housing and Community Affairs Committee will meet today in Room 409, at 3:00 o'clock p.m.

Senator Meeks, Chairperson of the Committee on Human Services, announced that the Human Services Committee will meet today in Room 400, at 4:30 o'clock p.m.

Senator Demuzio, Member of the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, announced that the Commerce and Economic Development Committee will meet Thursday, May 8, 2008 in Room 409, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

Senator Forby, Member of the Committee on Transportation, announced that the Transportation Committee will meet today in Room 400, at 3:00 o'clock p.m.

Senator Haine, Member of the Committee on Judiciary Criminal Law, announced that the Judiciary Criminal Law Committee will meet today in Room 212, at 3:00 o'clock p.m.

Senator Haine, Chairperson of the Committee on Insurance, announced that the Insurance Committee will meet Thursday, May 8, 2008 in Room 400, at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Senator Maloney, Chairperson of the Committee on Higher Education, announced that the Higher Education Committee will meet Thursday, May 8, 2008 in Room 409, at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Senator Schoenberg, Chairperson of the Committee on Appropriations II, announced that the Appropriations II Committee will meet Thursday, May 8, 2008 in Room 212, at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Senator Hunter, Chairperson of the Committee on Appropriations III, announced that the Appropriations III Committee will meet Thursday, May 8, 2008 in Room 212, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

Senator Martinez, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Pensions and Investments, announced that the Pensions and Investments Committee will meet today in Room 400, at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

Senator Sullivan, Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, announced that the Agriculture and Conservation Committee will meet today in Room 409, at 4:30 o'clock p.m.

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At the hour of 1:47 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand adjourned until Thursday, May 8, 2008, at 10:30 o'clock a.m.