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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Honorable John J. Cullerton, President of the Senate, presiding.
Prayer by Reverend Jeff Chitwood, South Side Christian Church, Springfield, Illinois.
Senator Jacobs led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Hunter moved that reading and approval of the Journal of Wednesday, January 14, 2009, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

The motion prevailed.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

Offered by Senator Raoul and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Victoire Raoul.

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Offered by Senator Forby and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Bonnie Lou Eickholz of Metropolis.

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Offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Margaret D. Horrigan of Joliet

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

[January 15, 2009]

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19

WHEREAS, Congress and the new administration are working to shape federal policy to respond to the nation's economic crisis; and

WHEREAS, Congress and the new administration are working to stimulate the economy by some of the largest public works investment in 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Difficult choices must be made in determining what types of investments to make in the nation's infrastructure in any federal stimulus and recovery Act; and

WHEREAS, Passenger train service offers some of the best return on investment as expanded and improved passenger train service is an environmentally-friendly transportation choice, a permanent source of economic development by tying together cities and regions, and a creator of permanent jobs both in the operation of the service and in the maintenance of the trainsets, tracks, and related infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Railroad jobs, whether with Amtrak, host freight railroads, or railroad suppliers, are typically well-paying full-time jobs with benefits that usually pay more than the nation's median income; and

WHEREAS, The United States' passenger rail service is far inferior to those of our global competitors due largely to a lack of rigorous federal investment over the last 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Recently the federal government has begun to invest in passenger rail, and the upcoming debate over the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan is an opportunity to fully invest in passenger rail as part of the nation's economic stimulus and recovery; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Illinois Senate calls on Congress and President Barack Obama to maximize the investment in expanded and improved passenger train service as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Congress and President Barack Obama take full advantage of this opportunity for a full, vigorous federal investment in expanding and improving passenger train service with 100% federal sources to build the foundation for lasting prosperity with environmentally-friendly connections between cities and towns in the region and the nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to President Barack Obama, the U.S. Senate Majority Leader, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, and each member of the Illinois Congressional delegation.

MESSAGE 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 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. 3

[January 15, 2009]

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the House of Representatives adjourns on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, January 20, 2009, in perfunctory session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Friday, January 23, 2009, in perfunctory session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, January 27, 2009, in perfunctory session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Friday, January 30, 2009, in perfunctory session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 3, 2009, in perfunctory session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Wednesday, February 4, 2009; and when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, January 15, 2009, it stands adjourned until Monday, January 26, 2009.

Adopted by the House, January 14, 2009.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of the House

By unanimous consent, on motion of Senator Sullivan, the foregoing message reporting House Joint Resolution No. 3 was taken up for immediate consideration.

Senator Sullivan moved that the Senate concur with the House in the adoption of the resolution.

The motion prevailed.

And the Senate concurred with the House in the adoption of the resolution.

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Senator Sullivan announced a Democrat caucus to begin immediately upon adjournment.

RESOLUTIONS CONSENT CALENDAR

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The Chair moved the adoption of the Resolutions Consent Calendar. The motion prevailed, and the resolutions were adopted.

At the hour of 10:18 o'clock a.m., pursuant to **House Joint Resolution No. 3**, the Chair announced the Senate stand adjourned until Monday, January 26, 2009.