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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Senator Donne Trotter, Chicago, Illinois, presiding.
Prayer by Pastor Michael Dye, Knox Knolls Free Methodist Church, Springfield, Illinois.
Senator Maloney led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Hunter moved that reading and approval of the Journal of Thursday, March 3, 2011, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.
The motion prevailed.

REPORTS RECEIVED

The Secretary placed before the Senate the following reports:

Report Pursuant to Public Act 87-522 (Flex time), submitted by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.

Report Pursuant to Public Act 87-522 (Flex time), submitted by the Human Rights Commission.

Report Pursuant to Public Act 87-522 (Flex time), submitted by the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Report Pursuant to Public Act 87-522 (Flex time), submitted by the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board.

Report Pursuant to Public Act 87-522 (Flex time), submitted by the Department of Human Rights.

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

Report Pursuant to Public Act 87-522 (Flex time), submitted by the Department of Children and Family Services.

Report Pursuant to Public Act 87-522 (Flex time), submitted by the Department of Corrections.

Report Pursuant to Public Act 87-522 (Flex time), submitted by the Department of Central Management Services.

Report Pursuant to Public Act 87-522 (Flex time), submitted by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

Report Pursuant to Public Act 87-522 (Flex time), submitted by the Illinois Gaming Board.

Report Pursuant to Public Act 87-522 (Flex time), submitted by the Department of Insurance.

Report Pursuant to Public Act 87-522 (Flex time), submitted by the Illinois Power Agency.

Report Pursuant to Public Act 87-522 (Flex time), submitted by the Illinois Racing Board.

Report Pursuant to Public Act 87-522 (Flex time), submitted by the Department of Revenue.

Personal Information Protection Act Report, submitted by Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Report Pursuant to Public Act 87-522 (Flex time), submitted by the Department of Military Affairs.

Report Pursuant to Public Act 87-522 (Flex time), submitted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

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Report Pursuant to Public Act 87-522 (Flex time), submitted by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

Report Pursuant to Public Act 87-522 (Flex time), submitted by the Capital Development Board.

Report Pursuant to Public Act 87-522 (Flex time), submitted by the Illinois State Police Merit Board.

Report Pursuant to Public Act 87-522 (Flex time), submitted by the Department of Employment Security.

Report Pursuant to Public Act 87-522 (Flex time), submitted by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

DJJ Quarterly Report, October 1, 2010, submitted by the Department of Juvenile Justice.

DJJ Quarterly Report, January 1, 2011, submitted by the Department of Juvenile Justice.

DCEO Business Information Center Calendar Year 2010 Annual Report, submitted by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

State of Illinois Forecast, submitted by the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

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

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 concurred with the Senate in the adoption of the following joint resolution, to-wit:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26

Concurred in by the House, March 3, 2011.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of the House

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

207 STATE HOUSE
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 627076

PAT QUINN
GOVERNOR

March 4, 2011

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

Mr. President,

[March 8, 2011]

On February 14, 2011, Appointment Message Number 25 of the 97th General Assembly was delivered to your Honorable Body. As of the date of this letter, is it my understanding that the Senate has not taken action on this nomination.

Please be advised that, Appointment Message Number 25 of the 97th General Assembly, for which concurrence in and confirmation of your Honorable Body was sought, is hereby withdrawn, effective immediately.

Sincerely,
s/ Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES FILED

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

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 63
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 71
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 129
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 395
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 665
Senate Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 665
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1032
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1213
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1259
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1306
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Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1610
Senate Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1645
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1687
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1694
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1805
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1836
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1853
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1884
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1944
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2001
Senate Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2004
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2010
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2106
Senate Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2169
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2170
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2190
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2209

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

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1337
Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1670

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 94

Offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Vera Ann (Nee, Attalla) Mushro of Lockport.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 95

Offered by Senator Murphy and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Virginia Z. Kucera of Arlington Heights.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 99

Offered by Senator Koehler and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Beverly J. Mercer of Wyoming.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 100

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Diana H. Nelson of Round Lake Beach.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 101

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Michael Scott Halwax of North Chicago.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 102

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Marie Stimac Groblewski of North Chicago.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 103

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Walter Turner Edwards.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 104

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Nathalia Field Holland of Evanston.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 105

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Darlene M. Bunk (nee, Luce) of Waukegan, formerly of North Chicago.

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

Senator Lightford offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 92

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois developed the world's first juvenile court in 1899, and has consistently been a leader in protecting children and promoting their rights; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is committed to the health, safety, education, and growth of its children and children everywhere; and

WHEREAS, The United States, based on its history and tradition of human rights and responsibilities, must demonstrate its dedication to provide all children with a better today and a better tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Children in the United States continue to face considerable hardships, including inadequate educational opportunities, and high rates of poverty, abuse, and neglect, hunger, infant mortality, incarceration, adolescent pregnancy, homicide, and suicide; and

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WHEREAS, Every child is entitled to the fundamental necessities of life, including the rights to food, clothing, shelter, health care, and education, protection from abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and freedom from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the government to ensure that all children and their families receive the level of support necessary for the realization of these rights; and

WHEREAS, Each child, for the full and harmonious development of his or her personality, should grow up in a family environment, in an atmosphere of happiness, love, and understanding; and

WHEREAS, On November 20, 1989, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which was drafted with the specific purpose of promoting and protection the well-being of all children, regardless of national boundaries; and

WHEREAS, The Convention on the Rights of the Child has been ratified by 193 nations, who have used this document to guide the development and implementation of policies and programs that specifically meet the needs of children and families; and

WHEREAS, The United States and Somalia are the only two nations that are party to the United Nations that have not ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child; and

WHEREAS, The United States formally signed the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1995, signifying its intent to ratify the Convention; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we call upon all agencies in the State of Illinois, in particular those concerned with the following activities as they relate to child welfare - economic opportunity, education, health care, housing, juvenile justice, nutrition, protection, and recreation for children - ensure that their policies and programs comply with the Convention on the Rights of the Child; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the President of the United States to submit the Convention on the Rights of the Child to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for review; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the Senate of the United States to ratify the Convention on the Rights of the Child; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the President, the Minority and Majority Leaders of the United States Senate, and United States Senators Dick Durbin and Mark Kirk.

Senator Radogno offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 93

WHEREAS, Social workers are highly skilled and motivated professionals who dedicate their careers to helping people make positive changes in their lives; and

WHEREAS, There are more than 640,000 trained social work professionals in the United States and more than 12,000 in Illinois who work tirelessly in private and public social services agencies, hospitals, hospices, schools, universities, legislatures, private practices, corporations, and the military; and

WHEREAS, Social workers improve the fabric of society by advocating for accessibility, equality, fairness, and care for individuals and families who are the most vulnerable in society; and

WHEREAS, Social workers help people explore new opportunities in the face of serious life changes and challenges; and

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WHEREAS, The social work profession was established more than 100 years ago to help Americans overcome poverty, illness, addiction, abuse, discrimination, and other adversities to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, The social work profession works to change systems and customs that limit the ability of vulnerable individuals and groups to lead fulfilling and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, Schools of social work train socially-conscious people to make a real difference in the world through service and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Social workers strengthen communities, expand options, and work to facilitate humane changes in policies and legislation that improve the lives of everyone; and

WHEREAS, Social workers begin each day believing they will give an individual, a family, or a community renewed hope in the future; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate the month of March as Social Work Month in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the National Association of Social Workers-Illinois Chapter with our sincere appreciation for their efforts.

Senator Hunter offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 96

WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) has notified the Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Association (IADDA) that all GRF funds for addiction prevention and treatment will be eliminated as of March 15, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Providers of addiction prevention and treatment services have been notified of these impending cuts with less than 30 days' notice; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 80% of the clients in the addiction treatment system are not eligible for Medicaid services and will not be able to access addiction treatment; and

WHEREAS, These cuts will result in an immediate loss of services for 55,830 treatment clients, and 229,536 youth will lose prevention services; and

WHEREAS, These cuts will shut down the State-funded addiction prevention and treatment system, resulting in a loss of more than 5,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, The residual impact to the State's economy far exceeds the immediate impact that will occur on March 15, 2011; and

WHEREAS, 5,000 new unemployed staff will be an additional burden on the State's unemployment system; and

WHEREAS, The Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and Dependency Act mandates that DHS design, coordinate, and fund a comprehensive and coordinated community-based and culturally and gender-appropriate array of services throughout the State for the prevention, intervention, treatment, and rehabilitation of alcohol and other drug abuse and dependency that is accessible and addresses the needs of at-risk or addicted individuals and their families; and

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WHEREAS, The Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and Dependency Act mandates that offenders have the right to an assessment and can be sentenced to treatment services in the community instead of being sent to prison; and

WHEREAS, Since 69% of African-Americans and 76% of Latinos rely on publicly funded treatment, these cuts will disproportionately affect minority communities; and

WHEREAS, These cuts will force Illinoisans with no access to addiction services to turn to local hospital emergency departments flooding emergency rooms, increasing wait times, and swelling medical costs; and

WHEREAS, Local law enforcement will bear the burden of coping with Illinoisans who need treatment but will instead end up in local jails or homeless because they have nowhere to turn; and

WHEREAS, Already overburdened local justice and social service systems will become overwhelmed with people locked out of critical treatment services; and

WHEREAS, The average cost of addiction treatment in Illinois is \$4,425 per person; the average annual cost of incarceration is \$21,911 per person; and

WHEREAS, Without funding for addiction prevention and treatment, costs associated with corrections will drastically increase; and

WHEREAS, Cuts will escalate domestic violence, child abuse, accidents, and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, DHS estimates 9,000 to 10,000 Illinois residents die each year from accidental injuries and 40% of these deaths are related to the use of alcohol; and

WHEREAS, \$907 million (73%) of the total spending on child welfare is spent as a result of untreated addiction; and

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder costs the State of Illinois an estimated \$329 million dollars annually or \$27 million per month; and

WHEREAS, DHS estimates the annual Illinois statewide economic costs associated with alcohol, tobacco, and other drug-related mortality is in excess of \$3.5 billion; and

WHEREAS, DHS estimates that over 60% of all State-funded addiction prevention programs are classified as evidence-based; and

WHEREAS, DHS has found the following outcomes are achieved in the prevention system:

- (1) Increased alcohol, tobacco, and other drug resistance skills among program participants;
- (2) Increased perceptions that alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use is harmful;
- (3) Increased drug knowledge;
- (4) Delayed alcohol use;
- (5) Delayed intent to use alcohol and inhalants;
- (6) Decreased perceptions that peers are using illicit drugs;
- (7) Decreased perceptions that adults are using illicit drugs; and

WHEREAS, DHS has implemented a system of performance-based contracts for addiction treatment that focuses on client engagement, retention in treatment, and continuity of care; and

WHEREAS, DHS has data confirming that more than 97% of all clients discharged from Illinois' treatment system are arrest-free as opposed to the national average of only 89% at discharge; and

WHEREAS, DHS has data confirming that more than 81% of all clients discharged from Illinois' treatment system are alcohol-free at discharge as compared to the national average of 80%; and

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WHEREAS, DHS has data confirming that more than 74% of all clients discharged from Illinois' treatment system are drug-free at discharge, which is the same as the national average; and

WHEREAS, For every dollar spent on prevention, states save up to \$10 in treatment and recovery costs alone; and

WHEREAS, For every dollar spent on treatment, the State saves up to \$14 in healthcare, criminal justice, and child welfare costs; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the General Assembly deems that these draconian cuts eliminating all non-Medicaid addiction treatment and prevention will decimate the Illinois system and are a violation of Section 25-5 of the Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and Dependency Act which provides that DHS "shall develop, fund and implement a comprehensive, statewide community-based system for the provision of a full array of intervention, treatment and aftercare for persons suffering from alcohol and other drug abuse and dependency"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the elimination of State funding for addiction treatment and prevention shall be immediately halted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution shall be delivered to the Governor and the Secretary of the Department of Human Services.

Senator Hunter offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 97

WHEREAS, On April 22, 2011, this year's Earth Day, Earth is facing consequences of climate change that may be caused by increased carbon production due to human activity; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent on all citizens and communities to do their best to raise awareness about global warming and other environmental issues, like wasting water; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent on all citizens and communities to do their best to cut their carbon production, shrink their carbon footprint, and reduce water waste; and

WHEREAS, The Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago is a federation of more than 60 community organizations, mosques, and schools representing the Muslim community in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Ramadan is the 9th month of the Islamic lunar calendar, when Muslims fast from dawn to dusk, abstaining completely from eating and drinking during this time, for the whole month; and

WHEREAS, The Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago launched a campaign during Ramadan in 2009 called Green Ramadan to raise awareness among the Muslim community in Illinois about the environment and to encourage the reduction of carbon production, encourage recycling, and reduce wasted water and consumption; and

WHEREAS, The Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago will designate Ramadan every year as a Green Month, dedicated to raising awareness within the Muslim community about their responsibility about the Earth, the environment, and biodiversity; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the leading role of the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago in raising awareness about green issues and the environment within the faith community; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That we designate the month of Ramadan, the 9th month of the Islamic lunar calendar, as a Green Month in the State of Illinois in order to promote awareness among faith communities about environmental issues, the reduction of carbon production, and the reduction of wasted water.

Senator Hunter offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 98

WHEREAS, HIV/AIDS is a serious public health issue that affects almost 280,000 women in the United States; while men account for most HIV/AIDS cases, the impact on women is growing; women also face gaps in access to health care when compared to men; and

WHEREAS, According to the American Foundation for Aids Research, women account for more than one in four new HIV/AIDS diagnoses and deaths caused by AIDS, and the proportion of AIDS diagnoses reported among women has more than tripled since 1985; and

WHEREAS, HIV/AIDS has a disproportionate affect on women in ethnic minorities; African-Americans and Hispanics represent a quarter of all women in the United States, but they account for over 80 percent of AIDS cases among women; African-Americans constituted 61 percent of women diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Girls represented 43 percent of AIDS cases reported among people aged 13 to 19; and

WHEREAS, Education is one of the most effective tools in preventing HIV infections, and is especially important for girls so that they are able to make informed decisions about their sexual lives; and

WHEREAS, Eradicating the stigma of HIV/AIDS through education can decrease the vulnerability of a group that may be at high risk for HIV infection; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the month of March, organizations across the country will come together to offer support, promote discussion, and teach women and girls about prevention of HIV, the importance of getting tested for HIV, and how to live with and manage AIDS; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office on Women's Health has designated March 10, 2011 as "National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day", a nationwide observance that encourages people to take action in the fight against HIV/AIDS and raise awareness of its impact on women and girls; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate March 10, 2011 as "Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in the State of Illinois"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage State and local organizations in their efforts to promote HIV/AIDS awareness and education to women of all ages; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office on Women's Health in appreciation of their ongoing effort to promote awareness of women's health issues.

Senator Meeks offered the following Senate Joint Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

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WHEREAS, The State Board of Education has filed its Report on Waiver of School Code Mandates, dated March 1, 2011, with the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the Secretary of State of Illinois as required by Section 2-3.25g of the School Code; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that the General Assembly is encouraged to promptly review and evaluate the Report and determine whether to disapprove, in whole or in part, the Report or any waiver request or appealed request outlined in the Report.

At the hour of 12:09 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand at ease.

AT EASE

At the hour of 12:23 o'clock p.m., the Senate resumed consideration of business.
Senator Trotter, presiding.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE ON ASSIGNMENTS

Senator Clayborne, Chairperson of the Committee on Assignments, during its March 8, 2011 meeting, reported the following Senate Bills have been assigned to the indicated Standing Committees of the Senate:

Criminal Law: **Senate Bills Numbered 1034, 1706, 1832, 1920, 2191, 2259, 2267, 2268, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2286, 2305 and 2306.**

Education: **Senate Bills Numbered 622, 2094 and 2250.**

Energy: **Senate Bills Numbered 1365 and 1533.**

Environment: **Senate Bill No. 1615.**

Executive: **Senate Bills Numbered 623, 1812, 2215 and 2221.**

Higher Education: **Senate Bills Numbered 1773 and 1798.**

Human Services: **Senate Bills Numbered 769 and 1614.**

Insurance: **Senate Bill No. 112.**

Judiciary: **Senate Bills Numbered 1996, 2276 and 2277.**

Labor: **Senate Bills Numbered 1149 and 2070.**

Licensed Activities: **Senate Bill No. 2037.**

Local Government: **Senate Bills Numbered 539, 1926 and 2171.**

Public Health: **Senate Bills Numbered 1881, 1940 and 2275.**

Revenue: **Senate Bill No. 2245.**

State Government and Veterans Affairs: **Senate Bill No. 1958.**

Transportation: **Senate Bills Numbered 91, 954, 1803 and 2103.**

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Senator Clayborne, Chairperson of the Committee on Assignments, during its March 8, 2011 meeting, reported that the Committee recommends that **Senate Bill No. 1284** be re-referred from the Committee on Labor to the Committee on Criminal Law.

Senator Clayborne, Chairperson of the Committee on Assignments, during its March 8, 2011 meeting, reported that the Committee recommends that **Senate Bill No. 1809** be re-referred from the Committee on Judiciary to the Committee on Criminal Law.

Senator Clayborne, Chairperson of the Committee on Assignments, during its March 8, 2011 meeting, reported the following Legislative Measures have been assigned to the indicated Standing Committees of the Senate:

Agriculture and Conservation: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 664; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1280; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1337; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2010.**

Criminal Law: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 52; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 129; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1810; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2004.**

Education: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 621; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2096.**

Energy: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1396; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1884; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2169.**

Environment: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2138.**

Executive: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 665; Senate Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 665; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1297; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1568; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1645; Senate Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1645.**

Human Services: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Joint Resolution 15; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1948.**

Insurance: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1557.**

Judiciary: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1804.**

Labor: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 128.**

Licensed Activities: **Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 153; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 155; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1306; Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1762; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2001; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2062.**

Local Government: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 37; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 92; Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1670.**

Public Health: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 27; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 150; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1350.**

Revenue: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 395; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2194.**

State Government and Veterans Affairs: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1270; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1336; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1669; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1836; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1853.**

Transportation: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1381; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1898.**

Senator Murphy asked and obtained unanimous consent to recess for the purpose of a Republican caucus.

At the hour of 12:30 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand at recess subject to the call of the Chair.

AFTER RECESS

At the hour of 2:05 o'clock p.m., the Senate resumed consideration of business. Senator Muñoz, presiding.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair announced the following committees to meet at 3:00 o'clock p.m.:

Public Health in Room 212
Agriculture and Conservation in Room 409

The Chair announced the following committees to meet at 4:15 o'clock p.m.:

Human Services in Room 212
Judiciary in Room 400
Higher Education in Room 409

The Chair announced the following committees to meet at 5:15 o'clock p.m.:

Appropriations I in Room 212
Transportation in Room 400
Education in Room 409

The Chair announced the following committee to meet Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at 9:00 o'clock a.m.:

Local Government in Room 409

The Chair announced the following committee to meet Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at 2:00 o'clock p.m.:

Licensed Activities in Room 409

At the hour of 2:08 o'clock p.m., Senator Lightford presiding.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES FILED

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

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1360
 Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1533
 Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1711
 Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1862

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

Senators Cullerton – Radogno and all Senators offered the following Senate Resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 107

WHEREAS, Senator Rickey R. Hendon was born the youngest of four children to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy G. Hendon of Cleveland, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hendon grew up in Chicago and attended Bryant Elementary School, Mason Upper Grade Center, and Farragut High School; before graduation, his family moved to Detroit, Michigan, where he graduated as an honor student from Northwestern High School; and

WHEREAS, With a passion for theater and the arts, Senator Hendon enrolled at Omega State Institute, where he graduated and earned his First Class Communications license, which led him to a career in radio, where for eight years he worked at several radio stations including WVVX, WAIT, and FM 100; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hendon was appointed the 27th Ward Democratic Committeeman on September 5, 1987, by the Democratic Central Committee after being selected by the late Mayor of Chicago, the Honorable Harold Washington; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hendon was later elected the 27th Ward Democratic Committeeman for a full four-year term, by a two-to-one margin; he was re-elected Democratic Committeeman in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hendon was elected Alderman of the 27th Ward in 1988 and held that position until his election to the State Senate; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hendon was unanimously elected to a term as Chairman of the Westside Black Elected Officials in April of 1988; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hendon was appointed Secretary/Treasurer of the Cook County Forest Preserve by President George Dunne on June 6, 1988; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hendon's desire to become more involved in creating public policy led him to seek office in the General Assembly and he was first elected to the Illinois Senate in November of 1992; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hendon has served on and led numerous committees during his tenure in the Senate, including the Senate Committees on: Appropriations, Commerce and Industry, Energy, Environment and Energy (Vice Chairman), Executive (Vice Chairman), Executive Appointments (Minority Spokesperson, and Co-Chairman), Financial Institutions, Gaming, Housing and Community Affairs, Insurance and Pensions, Labor, Labor and Commerce, Licensed Activities (Minority Spokesperson), Local Government and Elections, Rules, and State Government Operations (Minority Spokesperson); and

WHEREAS, Senator Hendon was the youngest African-American male appointed to a Senate Caucus Leadership position when he was named Assistant Majority Leader in 2003, a position he held until his retirement; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Hendon, in addition to being a published author, has been the sponsor and a vocal advocate of numerous legislative initiatives aimed at improving the lives of Illinois citizens; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hendon, early in his legislative career, waged a successful battle to protect neighborhoods in his district by stopping legislative efforts to make hazardous dumping easier; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hendon has always been a vocal proponent of making Chicago and the State of Illinois a viable location for film production and has served as the lead advocate for the State's film production tax credit, which has led to diverse opportunities for movie and television production throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hendon, seeing Illinois' criminal justice system relying on a flawed practice for administering capital punishment, was an early proponent of calling for its abolishment; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hendon sought to protect the neighborhoods of his district by advocating for youth intervention services and empowering residents to feel safe in their homes through various initiatives that fight gang violence and discourage drug trafficking, all the while helping citizens retain their civil rights and fighting the unnecessary intrusion of State government into the lives of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hendon, responding to resident complaints, passed legislation creating the Citizen Review Board to monitor activities of the Chicago Housing Authority Police in an effort to bring C.H.A. residents and police together and to stop abuse and violence in C.H.A. housing facilities; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hendon has built a strong record of protecting children from sex offenders by making it unlawful for a convicted child sex offender to be within 500 feet of a school; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hendon worked diligently to give drivers a fair shake on Illinois roads by reforming the way the controversial Red Light Cameras are used to enforce traffic violations; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hendon has always been a champion for Illinois' children, seniors, and those without a voice in government, ensuring access to quality schools, health care, and transportation, working to ensure the solvency of Illinois' Transit Boards, and providing advocacy for low-income seniors to receive assistance in obtaining reduced transportation fares; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hendon has always shown his competitive spirit with his colleagues in the General Assembly, but never more so than in defense of the championship of the annual Senate-House softball game, where Coach Hendon has led his team, which he lovingly called "The House of Lords", to many glorious victories over the "Lower Chamber" of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hendon has also been the strong leader of his local softball team, The Fighting 5th, which competed in the National ASA Tournament and finished 7th out of 40 teams in Iowa in 2006, in addition to winning two other championships; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hendon, during his many years of public service, has been the recipient of numerous awards for his outstanding service; and

WHEREAS, Senator Rickey "Hollywood" Hendon's retirement from the Illinois Senate will leave an enormous hole, not to be filled by any one individual or voice; and while saddened by his departure, this chamber and its members respect his deeply thought out decision to indulge in the quietness of a private citizen and to enjoy life with his five children, friends, and family; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we thank Senator Rickey Hendon for his years of service to the people of Illinois and honor him with this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Senator Rickey Hendon as a symbol of our gratitude and with our best wishes for his future endeavors.

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Senator Cullerton, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration of the foregoing resolution, moved its adoption.

The motion prevailed.

And the resolution was adopted.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES FILED

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

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 112
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1710
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1728
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1773
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1798
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1803
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1832

At the hour of 3:47 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand at ease.

AT EASE

At the hour of 3:51 o'clock p.m., the Senate resumed consideration of business.
Senator Lightford, presiding.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair announced the following committees to meet immediately:

Public Health in Room 212
Agriculture and Conservation in Room 409

The Chair announced the following committees to meet at 4:45 o'clock p.m.:

Human Services in Room 212
Judiciary in Room 400
Higher Education in Room 409

The Chair announced the following committees to meet at 5:15 o'clock p.m.:

Appropriations I in Room 212
Transportation in Room 400
Education in Room 409

At the hour of 3:57 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced the Senate stand adjourned until Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at 11:30 o'clock a.m.