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The Senate met pursuant to the directive of the President.
Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-5(c)2, the Secretary of the Senate conducted the perfunctory session.
Silent prayer was observed.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

**OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT
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JOHN J. CULLERTON
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October 12, 2011

Ms. Jillayne Rock
Secretary of the Senate
Room 403 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 2-10, I am scheduling a Perfunctory Session to convene on Wednesday, October 12, 2011.

Sincerely,
s/John J. Cullerton
John J. Cullerton
Senate President

cc: Senate Minority Leader Christine Radogno

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August 26, 2011

Ms. Jillayne Rock
Secretary of the Senate
Room 403 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Madam Secretary:

With this letter, I hereby formally withdraw my previously filed motion to reconsider the vote on Senate Bill 1652. Please have the Senate Journal reflect the withdrawal of my motion as well as updating the bill status page on the General Assembly website.

Sincerely,
s/John J. Cullerton
John J. Cullerton
Senate President

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REPORTS RECEIVED

The Secretary placed before the Senate the following reports:

Progress Report June 2011, Comprehensive Strategic Plan for Elementary and Secondary Education, June 2011, submitted by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Instructional Mandates Task Force Report, submitted by the Illinois State Board of Education.

2010 Annual Report of the Chicago/Gary Regional Airport Authority, submitted by the Chicago/Gary Regional Airport Authority.

Prostate and Testicular Cancer Report, June 2011, submitted by the Department of Public Health.

DHFS report outlining progress to bring more transparency to the Illinois Medical Assistance Program, submitted by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority's Financial Plan, Fiscal Years 2012, 2013 & 2014, submitted by the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority.

Report on the Out-of-State Tuition and Fees at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, submitted by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Declaration of Exemption pursuant to the Mercury-Free Vaccine Act, submitted by the Department of Public Health.

Report on Recovery Zone Facility Bonds, Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds, and Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds, June 28, 2011, submitted by the Illinois Finance Authority.

Comprehensive Technology Plan for Illinois' Health and Human Services System, submitted by the Office of the Governor.

Report Concerning Spending Limits on Renewable Energy Resource Procurement, submitted by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Report Concerning Spending Limits on Energy Efficiency and Demand-Response Measures, submitted by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Report designating GSG 6, LLC as an Illinois High Impact Business, submitted by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act Report, submitted by the Auburn Police Department.

JCAR 2010 Annual Report, submitted by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

2010 Redeploy Illinois Annual Report, submitted by the Department of Juvenile Justice.

CPS Legislative 265 BiAnnual Report, submitted by the Chicago Public Building Commission.

Illinois Human Services Plan, State Fiscal Years 2010, 2011, and 2012, submitted by the Department of Human Services.

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

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

DOC Quarterly Report, July 1, 2011, submitted by the Department of Corrections.

Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act Report, submitted by the Lexington Police Department.

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PPB FY2011 Report to the General Assembly, Renewals and Extensions, July 2011, submitted by the Procurement Policy Board.

Measuring Progress - Benchmarking Workforce Development in Illinois, Seventh Annual Report, submitted by the Illinois Workforce Investment Board and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Fiscal Year 2011 Sole Source Award Detail and Justification - CPO General Services & CPO Higher Education, submitted by the State of Illinois Chief Procurement Office.

Public Health and Safety Animal Population Control Program Annual Report - FY2011, September 1, 2011, submitted by the Department of Public Health.

Personal Information Protection Act Report, submitted by the Department of Human Services.

Attorney General Sole Source Procurement - FY11, submitted by the Office of the Attorney General.

Illiana Expressway, Will, Kankakee (IL) and Lake (IN) Counties, Legislative Report - July 1, 2011, submitted by the Department of Transportation.

Illiana Expressway, Will, Kankakee (IL) and Lake (IN) Counties, Legislative Report - August 1, 2011, submitted by the Department of Transportation.

DOC Annual Report FY 2010, submitted by the Department of Corrections.

Report #4 Pursuant to the Taxpayer Accountability and Budget Stabilization Act, August 1, 2011, submitted by the Office of the Auditor General.

Quarterly Report for period ending June 30, 2011, submitted by the Office of the Legislative Inspector General.

Personal Information Protection Act Report, submitted by Northern Illinois University.

Illinois Abortion Statistics 2005, submitted by the Department of Public Health.

Illinois Abortion Statistics 2006, submitted by the Department of Public Health.

Home Services Program Volume II FY 2010 Annual Joint Report, submitted by the Department of Human Services.

State of Illinois 9-1-1 Future Technology and Financial Needs Study, August 1, 2011, submitted by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Report #5 Pursuant to the Taxpayer Accountability and Budget Stabilization Act, August 25, 2011, submitted by the Office of the Auditor General.

Economic Opportunity Investments, August 30, 2011, submitted by the State Universities Retirement System of Illinois.

TRS Annual Report Pursuant to Public Act 96-0006, submitted by the Teachers Retirement System of Illinois.

Illiana Expressway, Will, Kankakee (IL) and Lake (IN) Counties, Legislative Report - September 1, 2011, submitted by the Department of Transportation.

Illinois-Based Firm Utilization Report, submitted by the Cook County Pension Fund.

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Illinois Abortion Statistics 2007, submitted by the Department of Public Health.

Illinois Abortion Statistics 2008, submitted by the Department of Public Health.

Disabled Hiring Initiative Report, July 2010-July 2011, submitted by the Department of Central Management Services and the Department of Human Services.

Economic Opportunity Investments, September 1, 2011, submitted by the Illinois State Board of Investments.

Executive Summary Final Drainage Study for Outfall 3, City of Palos Hills, Cook County, June 2011, submitted by the Department of Natural Resources.

A Report on the Appropriateness of the 90% Funding Target of Public Act 88-593, submitted by the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

Federal Funds to State Agencies, FY 2009-2011, submitted by the Legislative Research Unit.

Illinois Integrated Water Quality Report and Section 303(d) List - 2010, submitted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Foundation Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2010, submitted by the Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Foundation.

Annual Illinois State Diabetes Commission Report, July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011, submitted by the Department of Public Health.

Motor Fuel Report 2011 Update and Response to House Resolution 0328, submitted by the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

Annual Report on Communications Markets in Illinois, submitted by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

The Reduction of Infant Mortality in Illinois - The Family Case Management Program and WIC Program Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2010, submitted by the Department of Human Services.

Report designating California Ridge Wind Energy, LLC as an Illinois High Impact Business/Wind Energy Business, submitted by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Public Act 97-0304 Evaluation of the Fatal Accident Memorial Marker Program, submitted by the Department of Transportation.

DOT Report pursuant to 605 ILCS 5/4-201.16 of the Illinois Highway Code, submitted by the Department of Transportation.

Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority's Affirmative Action Plan, Fiscal Year 2012, submitted by the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority.

ICC Annual Report of the Transportation Regulatory Fund, Fiscal Year 2011, submitted by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

ICHIP 2010 Annual Report, submitted by the Illinois Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan.

Report of Annual Capital Expenditures, 2009, Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board and the Department of Public Health, submitted by the Department of Public Health.

Report #6 Pursuant to the Taxpayer Accountability and Budget Stabilization Act, September 29, 2011, submitted by the Office of the Auditor General.

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Toll Highway OIG Summary Activity Report for the Period Ending September 30, 2011, submitted by the Illinois Tollway.

2010 Hispanic Employment Plan for the Illinois State Treasurer's Office, submitted by the Office of the State Treasurer.

Illiana Expressway - Will, Kankakee (IL) and Lakes (IN) Counties Legislative Report - October 1, 2011, submitted by the Department of Transportation.

2011 EEO Report and Uniform Report of DBE Awards or Commitments and Payments, submitted by Metra.

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

Enterprise Zone Fiscal Year 2011 Annual Report, submitted by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

State Appellate Defender Annual Report Fiscal Year 2011, submitted by the Office of the State Appellate Defender.

Wagering in Illinois 2011 Update, submitted by the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

Illinois Power Agency FY 2011 Annual Report, submitted by the Illinois Power Agency.

DOC Quarterly Report, October 1, 2011, submitted by the Department of Corrections.

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

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 281

Offered by Senator Duffy and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Margaret Mary Curry of Mount Vernon, Ohio.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 282

Offered by Senator Duffy and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Virginia E. Kula.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 283

Offered by Senator Koehler and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Betty Lou Knight of Elvaston.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 284

Offered by Senator Koehler and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Richard Bettin Stalling of Peoria.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 285

Offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Senators:
Mourns the death of George Plese of Joliet.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 286

Offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Michael W. Kelly.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 287

Offered by Senator Silverstein and all Senators:

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Mourns the death of Howard Kaplan.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 288

Offered by Senator Dillard and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Robert J. Neuneker of La Grange.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 289

Offered by Senator Koehler and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Gale E. DeRenzy of Canton.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 290

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Wanda J. Glogovsky of North Chicago.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 291

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:
Mourns the death of James W. Killoran.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 292

Offered by Senator Clayborne and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Emily Jean Hensley of Belleville, formerly of Cahokia.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 293

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Rebecca Elizabeth Kanohokela Kahooluhi Patton.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 294

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Jean Marie Zdanowicz of Waukegan.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 295

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Michael Thomas Asma of Beach Park.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 296

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Sharon Lee Gromala-Walton.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 297

Offered by Senator Koehler and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Mildred Marie (Volz) Janovetz of Peoria.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 298

Offered by Senator Mulroe and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Joanne Marie Mackey.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 299

Offered by Senator Koehler and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Dean C. Howard of Peoria.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 300

Offered by Senator Koehler and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Assaf "Tony" Trad, Sr., of East Peoria.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 301

Offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Jack Thurston Shankland.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 302

Offered by Senators LaHood - Koehler and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Rachel R. Korenchuk of Peoria.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 303

Offered by Senators LaHood - Koehler and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Michael S. Korenchuk of Peoria.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 304

Offered by Senator Koehler and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Mary W. Willi of Peoria.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 305

Offered by Senator Lauzen and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Norma Jean Weems of Batavia.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 306

Offered by Senator Koehler and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Kayla N. Stacey of Peoria.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 307

Offered by Senator Koehler and all Senators:
Mourns the death of John K. Garrett of Peoria.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 308

Offered by Senator Mulroe and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Mary Kay O'Rourke.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 309

Offered by Senator Forby and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Brittani Nichole Shurtz of Benton.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 310

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Dr. Rodger Edward Welker, D.D.S., of Naples, Florida, formerly of Waukegan.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 311

Offered by Senator E. Jones, III and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Donald Emmette Bradley of Chicago.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 312

Offered by Senator Mulroe and all Senators:
Mourns the death of James C. "Jim" DelMedico of Norwood Park.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 313

Offered by Senator Dillard and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Fire Chief Emeritus Paul H. Boecker of Lisle-Woodridge Fire District.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 314

Offered by Senator Dillard and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Paul Maca.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 315

Offered by Senator Dillard and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Marjorie Ruth Gieser of Wheaton.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 316

Offered by Senator Clayborne and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Gladys A. Griffin of Mascoutah.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 317

Offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Richard F. "Dick" Quigley.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 318

Offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Daniel Ruettiger.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 319

Offered by Senator Forby and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Gary Wendell Poynor of Benton.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 320

Offered by Senator Forby and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Robert G. Rice of Benton.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 321

Offered by Senator E. Jones, III and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Ricky Lee Randolph.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 322

Offered by Senator E. Jones, III and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Michael Terrel Banks, Jr.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 323

Offered by Senator Lauzen and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Urban Hipp of Aurora.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 324

Offered by Senator Lauzen and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Ralf Seiffe of Wilmette.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 325

Offered by Senator Lauzen and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Theresa Ann Funke of Batavia, formerly of Evanston, Indiana.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 326

Offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Barbara A. Fraser of Joliet.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 327

Offered by Senator Hunter and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Benjamin Lubin of Chicago.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 328

Offered by Senator Hunter and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Hallie Amey.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 329

Offered by Senator Hunter and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Judith A. Klestinski of Springfield.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 330

Offered by Senator Hunter and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Felix Thompson, Jr.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 331

Offered by Senator Lauzen and all Senators:

Mourns the death of Nancy Schillerstrom of Naperville.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 332

Offered by Senator E. Jones, III and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Cleaven "Cleave" Singleton of Chicago.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 333

Offered by Senator Lauzen and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Paul Albert Lewis of Peoria.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 334

Offered by Senator Murphy and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Dolores Stephan of Arlington Heights.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 335

Offered by Senator Koehler and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Barbara J. "Bellis" Harpman of Galesburg.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 336

Offered by Senator Lauzen and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Thomas P. Meyers, Sr., of Aurora.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 337

Offered by Senator J. Collins and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Lillian Smalls Whack of Mt. Pleasant.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 338

Offered by Senator J. Collins and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Charinez Edna Jefferson of Chicago.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 339

Offered by Senator Lauzen and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Frederic E. Doederlein of East Dundee.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 340

Offered by Senator E. Jones, III and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Clyde Charles Bryant of Chicago.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 341

Offered by Senator Koehler and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Julia G. "Judy" Morris of Peoria.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 342

Offered by Senator Hunter and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Willie Albert Hooker, Jr.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 343

Offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Senators:
Mourns the death of John H. Weitendorf, Sr., of Joliet.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 344

Offered by Senator Murphy and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Steve Munson of Elgin.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 345

Offered by Senator Murphy and all Senators:
Mourns the death of James "Jim" Pesoli.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 346

Offered by Senator Murphy and all Senators:
Mourns the death of George Raymond Eberhardt of Mundelein.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 347

Offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Nat P. Ozmon.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 348

Offered by Senator Lauzen and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Steven B. Munson of Elgin.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 349

Offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Charles E. "Chuck" Pastore of Lockport.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 350

Offered by Senator LaHood and all Senators:
Mourns the death of U.S. Marine Corps Major Jeffrey Carl Bland of Oceanside, California, formerly of Galesburg.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 351

Offered by Senator Rezin and all Senators:
Mourns the death of U.S. Marine Corps Captain Thomas John Heitmann of Mendota.

By direction of the Secretary, the foregoing resolutions were referred to the Resolutions Consent Calendar.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 352

WHEREAS, Enough cannot be said or written to laud the honorable service that United States veterans who served in all branches of its military have performed in the defense of this nation and in securing its vital strategic interests throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Veterans' families have sacrificed many long months separated from their loved ones or, worse yet, suffer from their permanent and devastating loss; many families bear the burden of having to care for a severely maimed or wounded returning veteran; this places psychological and financial stress on both veterans and family caregivers; many of them may not be aware of programs or benefits that may be available to provide post-traumatic stress disorder counseling, legal assistance, medical care, jobs, housing, education, and the support they need to prevent their frighteningly high rate of suicide; and

WHEREAS, Many veterans and their families are not receiving the help they earned, were promised, and are entitled by law; this applies to not only those veterans from this nation's current conflicts, but to the Vietnam-era vet, who was far more neglected than all previous military veterans; this nation owes an apology to this generation of fighting men and women and must resolve that such shabby treatment of our military personnel will never happen again; and

WHEREAS, In a 2007 address, the Honorable Phil Hare, United States Congressman from Illinois' 17th District, noted that the State of Illinois ranks 48th in awarding disability claims made by veterans; he related the story of one Vietnam veteran who waited through 8 years of appeals for the veteran's disability award, having to start from scratch on several occasions; unfortunately, the veteran died before he collected any of the money to which he was entitled; and

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WHEREAS, Whether one agrees with a particular conflict or not, these fighting men and women are doing what is required of them to fulfill their oath to defend our nation; when they return, they should be given all the respect and acknowledgement for their service that they deserve; more importantly, they should be provided with whatever they need to put their lives back together and be reintegrated into regular civilian life; and

WHEREAS, A referendum in support of full funding for the Veterans Administration had been initially placed on the ballot in the City of Chicago, followed by the Cook County Board placing the same question before the Cook County voters; this non-binding referendum was ultimately put before the voters in the entire State of Illinois, where it garnered an unheard of 96% of the vote, showing an overwhelming voter sentiment for funding support for veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, Our nation's veteran families, comprised of 26 million veterans, 20 million wives, and 33 million mothers and fathers, make up approximately one third of this nation's population; it is incumbent that the citizens of this great State respect the immense sacrifice that has been made by these veterans and their families by providing them with their own media platform to assist them in finding the information to get the help they need; and

WHEREAS, Throughout our nation's history, the spirit of initiative and volunteerism has created a multiplicity of veteran's agencies and organizations that do great work on behalf of or directly providing services for veterans and their families; however, they are only able to help as much as their funding, and an awareness of their existence, can reach; veterans and their families have no idea that many of these programs are available, let alone how to access them; a Veterans cable television channel with a supporting web site would go far in raising awareness concerning these programs, consolidating communication, and making them easy to find so that services can be successfully delivered to those who are in desperate need of them; and

WHEREAS, It is additionally incumbent upon this Body to endorse the concept of, and assist in finding funding for, a Veterans cable access channel that will provide programming aimed at this underserved population; the content would contain a viral video "One Stop Shop" with such shows as "John Marshall Law School Veteran's Law Clinic", "Finding a Job through the 'Helmets to Hardhats' Project", or "Wounded Veterans and Their Families: Help Through The Military Order of Purple Hearts"; such programming possibilities have never been available; the concept to provide such service for veterans and their families is unique; and

WHEREAS, Partnerships are possible with various educational institutions, such as Columbia College or Northwestern University, where media programs and facilities already exist; such partnerships would be beneficial for all, giving their students much needed experience and the various veteran organizations a production crew for their shows; there are unused cable channels as well as private and public resources available to support such a project; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Cable Television and Communications Association of Illinois to look into, at its earliest convenience, the possibility of facilitating the dedication of an unused cable channel to broadcast programs of, by, and for the United States military veteran; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to the Cable Television and Communications Association of Illinois.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

SENATE BILL NO. 2487. Introduced by Senator Noland, a bill for AN ACT concerning gaming.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2488. Introduced by Senator Garrett, a bill for AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2489. Introduced by Senator Brady, 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 Assignments.

SENATE BILL NO. 2490. Introduced by Senator Lauzen, a bill for AN ACT concerning local government.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2491. Introduced by Senator Hunter, 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 Assignments.

SENATE BILL NO. 2492. Introduced by Senator Garrett, a bill for AN ACT concerning local government.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2493. Introduced by Senator Bomke, a bill for AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2494. Introduced by Senator Bomke, a bill for AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2495. Introduced by Senator McCarter, a bill for AN ACT concerning civil law.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2496. Introduced by Senator McCarter, a bill for AN ACT concerning elections.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2497. Introduced by Senator Sandack, a bill for AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2498. Introduced by Senator Sandack, a bill for AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2499. Introduced by Senators Murphy - Cultra - Brady - Syverson, a bill for AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

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

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SENATE BILL NO. 2500. Introduced by Senator Cultra, a bill for AN ACT concerning public aid.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2501. Introduced by Senator Noland, a bill for AN ACT concerning appropriations.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2502. Introduced by Senator Hunter, a bill for AN ACT concerning public aid.

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

APPOINTMENT MESSAGES

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Appointment Message No. 138

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Housing Development Authority

Start Date: May 14, 2011

End Date: January 12, 2015

Name: Terry Newman

Residence: 180 Pearson St., Apt. 4003, Chicago, IL 60611

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Kwame Raoul

Most Recent Holder of Office: Reappointment

Superseded Appointment Message: Appointment Message 114 of the 97th General Assembly

Appointment Message No. 139

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

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Agency or Other Body: Illinois Student Assistance Commission

Start Date: June 3, 2011

End Date: June 30, 2013

Name: Miguel Del Valle

Residence: 218 N. Lamon, Chicago, IL 60639

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator William Delgado

Most Recent Holder of Office: Robert F. Casey

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 140

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Student Assistance Commission

Start Date: July 7, 2011

End Date: June 30, 2013

Name: Mark Donovan

Residence: 6227 N. Nordica Ave., Chicago, IL 60631

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator John G. Mulroe

Most Recent Holder of Office: Mary Ann Louderback

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 141

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

[October 12, 2011]

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Student Assistance Commission

Start Date: July 7, 2011

End Date: June 30, 2017

Name: Marina Y. Faz-Huppert

Residence: 5057 N. Northwest Highway Apt. 2S, Chicago, IL 60630

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator John G. Mulroe

Most Recent Holder of Office: Warren Daniels, Jr.

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 142

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Student Assistance Commission

Start Date: July 7, 2011

End Date: June 30, 2015

Name: Kendall A. Griffin

Residence: 216 Brown Ave. Apt. 1F, Forest Park, IL 60130

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Kimberly A. Lightford

Most Recent Holder of Office: Lynda Andre

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 143

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

[October 12, 2011]

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member and Chair

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Student Assistance Commission

Start Date: June 3, 2011

End Date: June 30, 2015

Name: Kym M. Hubbard

Residence: 630 N. State Parkway, Chicago, IL 60654

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Mattie Hunter

Most Recent Holder of Office: Don McNeil

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 144

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Student Assistance Commission

Start Date: July 7, 2011

End Date: June 30, 2017

Name: Verett Mims

Residence: 2337 West George St., Chicago, IL 60618

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Iris Y. Martinez

Most Recent Holder of Office: David Vaught

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 145

[October 12, 2011]

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Student Assistance Commission

Start Date: September 9, 2011

End Date: June 30, 2017

Name: Paul Roberts

Residence: 1919 N. 77th Ave., Elmwood Park, IL 60707

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Don Harmon

Most Recent Holder of Office: Sharon Alpi

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 146

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Student Assistance Commission

Start Date: July 7, 2011

End Date: June 30, 2013

Name: Kim Savage

Residence: 7706 Brookhaven Ave., Darien, IL 60561

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Christine Radogno

Most Recent Holder of Office: Hugh Van Voorst

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

[October 12, 2011]

Appointment Message No. 147

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Chairperson and Member

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Labor Relations Board: Local Panel

Start Date: July 25, 2011

End Date: January 28, 2013

Name: Robert M. Gierut

Residence: 1618 Old Oak Place, Darien, IL 60561

Annual Compensation: \$93,926

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Christine Radogno

Most Recent Holder of Office: Michael J. Joyce

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 148

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Health Facilities and Services Review Board

Start Date: June 2, 2011

End Date: July 1, 2011

Name: Robert J. Hilgenbrink

Residence: 108 Eden Park Blvd., Shiloh, IL 62269

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator James F. Clayborne, Jr.

[October 12, 2011]

Most Recent Holder of Office: Original Appointment

Superseded Appointment Message: Appointment Message 129 of the 97th General Assembly

Appointment Message No. 149

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Health Facilities and Services Review Board

Start Date: July 14, 2011

End Date: July 1, 2014

Name: Robert J. Hilgenbrink

Residence: 108 Eden Park Blvd., Shiloh, IL 62269

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator James F. Clayborne, Jr.

Most Recent Holder of Office: Reappointment

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 150

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Health Facilities and Services Review Board

Start Date: July 14, 2011

End Date: July 1, 2014

Name: Richard H. Sewell

Residence: 1410 East 48th St., Chicago, IL 60615

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

[October 12, 2011]

Nominee's Senator: Senator Kwame Raoul

Most Recent Holder of Office: Reappointment

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 151

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Sports Facilities Authority

Start Date: July 18, 2011

End Date: June 30, 2012

Name: Dennis J. Gannon

Residence: 1717 South Prairie Ave. Apt. 1903, Chicago, IL 60616

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Kwame Raoul

Most Recent Holder of Office: Timothy Ray

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 152

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Sports Facilities Authority

Start Date: July 18, 2011

End Date: June 30, 2013

Name: Elzie L. Higginbottom

Residence: 1927 North Burling St., Chicago, IL 60614

[October 12, 2011]

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Annazette R. Collins

Most Recent Holder of Office: John McCarthy

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 153

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Chair

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Sports Facilities Authority

Start Date: July 18, 2011

End Date: June 30, 2014

Name: Emil Jones, Jr.

Residence: 1700 E. 56th Street Apt. 1202, Chicago, IL 60637

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Kwame Raoul

Most Recent Holder of Office: Joan M. Etten

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 154

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Sports Facilities Authority

Start Date: July 18, 2011

End Date: June 30, 2012

Name: Manuel Sanchez

Residence: 2137 Scarlet Oak Lane, Lisle, IL 60532

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Kirk W. Dillard

Most Recent Holder of Office: James R. Thompson

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 155

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Workers' Compensation Advisory Board

Start Date: July 20, 2011

End Date: January 19, 2015

Name: Mitchell W. Abbett

Residence: 33 Steelecrest Ln., Granite City, IL 62040

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator James F. Clayborne, Jr.

Most Recent Holder of Office: Not Applicable

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 156

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Workers' Compensation Advisory Board

Start Date: July 20, 2011

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End Date: January 19, 2015

Name: Richard E. Aleksy

Residence: 164 Fairway Dr., La Grange, IL 60525

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Steven M. Landek

Most Recent Holder of Office: Not Applicable

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 157

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Workers' Compensation Advisory Board

Start Date: July 20, 2011

End Date: January 19, 2015

Name: Aaron W. Anderson

Residence: 341 Western Dr., North Aurora, IL 60542

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Chris Lauzen

Most Recent Holder of Office: Not Applicable

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 158

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Workers' Compensation Advisory Board

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Start Date: July 20, 2011

End Date: January 19, 2015

Name: John A. Carpenter

Residence: 40411 N. Lake Dr., Antioch, IL 60002

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Suzi Schmidt

Most Recent Holder of Office: Not Applicable

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 159

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Workers' Compensation Advisory Board

Start Date: July 20, 2011

End Date: January 19, 2015

Name: Michael T. Carrigan

Residence: 3915 E. Park Ln., Decatur, IL 62521

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Kyle McCarter

Most Recent Holder of Office: Not Applicable

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 160

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

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Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Workers' Compensation Advisory Board

Start Date: July 20, 2011

End Date: January 19, 2015

Name: Mark Denzler

Residence: 2224 Renwick Dr., Springfield, IL 62704

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Larry K. Bomke

Most Recent Holder of Office: Not Applicable

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 161

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Workers' Compensation Advisory Board

Start Date: July 20, 2011

End Date: January 19, 2015

Name: Philip J. Gruber

Residence: 12922 Tipperary Ln., Plainfield, IL 60585

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Linda Holmes

Most Recent Holder of Office: Not Applicable

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 162

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,

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appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Workers' Compensation Advisory Board

Start Date: July 20, 2011

End Date: January 19, 2015

Name: David W. Halffield

Residence: 1509 Marquette Ave., Naperville, IL 60565

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Kirk W. Dillard

Most Recent Holder of Office: Not Applicable

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 163

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Workers' Compensation Advisory Board

Start Date: July 20, 2011

End Date: January 19, 2015

Name: William A. Lowry, Sr.

Residence: 4459 S. Lake Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60653

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Kwame Raoul

Most Recent Holder of Office: Not Applicable

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 164

[October 12, 2011]

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Workers' Compensation Advisory Board

Start Date: July 20, 2011

End Date: January 19, 2015

Name: Mark Prince

Residence: 1301 Whipporwill Rd., Carterville, IL 62918

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Gary Forby

Most Recent Holder of Office: Not Applicable

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 165

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Workers' Compensation Advisory Board

Start Date: July 20, 2011

End Date: January 19, 2015

Name: Sean T. Stott

Residence: 1101 Williams Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Larry K. Bomke

Most Recent Holder of Office: Not Applicable

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

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Appointment Message No. 166

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Workers' Compensation Advisory Board

Start Date: July 20, 2011

End Date: January 19, 2015

Name: David F. Vite

Residence: 1338 Oakview Terrace, Woodstock, IL 60098

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Pamela J. Althoff

Most Recent Holder of Office: Not Applicable

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 167

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Pollution Control Board

Start Date: September 12, 2011

End Date: July 1, 2014

Name: Jennifer A. Burke

Residence: 1217 W. Lexington St., Chicago, IL 60607

Annual Compensation: \$117,043

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Annazette R. Collins

Most Recent Holder of Office: Gary Blankenship

[October 12, 2011]

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 168

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Prisoner Review Board

Start Date: August 1, 2011

End Date: January 19, 2015

Name: Jennifer Parrack

Residence: 2705 W. Hirsch St., St. 4, Chicago, IL 60622

Annual Compensation: \$85,886

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator William Delgado

Most Recent Holder of Office: Careen Gordon

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 169

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Director

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs

Start Date: August 6, 2011

End Date: January 21, 2013

Name: Erica J. Borggren

Residence: 5301 N. Sawyer Ave. #1, Chicago, IL 60625

Annual Compensation: \$115,613

Per diem: Not Applicable

[October 12, 2011]

Nominee's Senator: Senator Ira I. Silverstein

Most Recent Holder of Office: Daniel W. Grant

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 170

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Assistant Director

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs

Start Date: October 11, 2011

End Date: January 21, 2013

Name: Rodrigo Garcia

Residence: 721 Lindsey Lane, Bolingbrook, IL 60440

Annual Compensation: \$98,543

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator A. J. Wilhelmi

Most Recent Holder of Office: Sergio Estrada, Jr.

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 171

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Community College Board

Start Date: September 9, 2011

End Date: January 30, 2015

Name: Michael C. Dorf

Residence: 7535 N. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago, IL 60645

Annual Compensation: Expenses

[October 12, 2011]

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Ira I. Silverstein

Most Recent Holder of Office: Rudolph Papa

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 172

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Chair

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Community College Board

Start Date: August 10, 2011

End Date: January 30, 2017

Name: Alexander (Alexi) Giannoulas

Residence: 20 E. Cedar St., Apt. 10A, Chicago, IL 60611

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Kwame Raoul

Most Recent Holder of Office: John Donahue

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 173

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Finance Authority

Start Date: September 9, 2011

End Date: July 21, 2014

Name: Gila J. Bronner

Residence: 284 Prospect Ave., Highland Park, IL 60035

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Susan Garrett

Most Recent Holder of Office: Reappointment

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 174

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Finance Authority

Start Date: September 9, 2011

End Date: July 21, 2014

Name: John Durburg

Residence: 934 Waveland Rd., Lake Forest, IL 60045

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Susan Garrett

Most Recent Holder of Office: Reappointment

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 175

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Finance Authority

Start Date: September 9, 2011

End Date: July 21, 2014

[October 12, 2011]

Name: Michael W. Goetz

Residence: 4656 Svenson Dr., Springfield, IL 62711

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Larry K. Bomke

Most Recent Holder of Office: Reappointment

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 176

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Finance Authority

Start Date: September 9, 2011

End Date: July 21, 2014

Name: Terrence O'Brien

Residence: 2574 Fairford Lane, Northbrook, IL 60062

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Susan Garrett

Most Recent Holder of Office: Reappointment

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 177

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Human Rights Commission

[October 12, 2011]

Start Date: October 1, 2011

End Date: January 21, 2013

Name: David J. Walsh

Residence: 616 W. Fulton St., Apt. 307, Chicago, IL 60661

Annual Compensation: \$46,960

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Annazette R. Collins

Most Recent Holder of Office: Sakhawat Hussain

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 178

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Advisory Board

Start Date: September 12, 2011

End Date: December 5, 2013

Name: Avi J. Bernstein, M.D.

Residence: 1055 Pawnee Rd., Wilmette, IL 60091

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Jeffrey M. Schoenberg

Most Recent Holder of Office: Jesse Butler

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 179

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

[October 12, 2011]

Agency or Other Body: Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Advisory Board

Start Date: September 12, 2011

End Date: December 5, 2013

Name: Jason Keller

Residence: 1909 Old Ivy Dr., Springfield, IL 62711

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Larry K. Bomke

Most Recent Holder of Office: Ron Powell

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 180

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Advisory Board

Start Date: September 12, 2011

End Date: December 5, 2013

Name: William R. McAndrew

Residence: 3061 Cascade Dr., Springfield, IL 62704

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Larry K. Bomke

Most Recent Holder of Office: Edward Sclamberg

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 181

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of

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this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Advisory Board

Start Date: September 12, 2011

End Date: December 5, 2013

Name: Dianne A. McGuire

Residence: 1235 Tennyson Lane, Naperville, IL 60540

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Thomas Johnson

Most Recent Holder of Office: Roger Poole

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 182

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Advisory Board

Start Date: September 12, 2011

End Date: December 5, 2013

Name: Barbara Molloy

Residence: 1836 N. Larrabee St., Chicago, IL 60614

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Annazette R. Collins

Most Recent Holder of Office: Maddy Bowling

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 183

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

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I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Advisory Board

Start Date: September 12, 2011

End Date: December 5, 2013

Name: Kimberly R. Moreland

Residence: 443 W. Armitage Ave., Chicago, IL 60614

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator John J. Cullerton

Most Recent Holder of Office: Reappointment

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 184

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Advisory Board

Start Date: September 12, 2011

End Date: December 5, 2013

Name: John Smolk

Residence: 52 Citation Circle, Wheaton, IL 60189

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Thomas Johnson

Most Recent Holder of Office: Reappointment

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

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Appointment Message No. 185

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Advisory Board

Start Date: September 12, 2011

End Date: December 5, 2013

Name: Michael I. Vender, M.D.

Residence: 420 Sunset Lane, Glencoe, IL 60022

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Susan Garrett

Most Recent Holder of Office: Elena Butkus

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 186

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Director

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Power Agency

Start Date: October 11, 2011

End Date: January 21, 2013

Name: Arlene A. Juracek

Residence: 303 S. Lancaster St., Mount Prospect, IL 60056

Annual Compensation: \$103,800

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Dan Kotowski

Most Recent Holder of Office: Mark Pruitt

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Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 187

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

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Superintendent

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Department of the Lottery

Start Date: October 11, 2011

End Date: January 21, 2013

Name: Michael Jones

Residence: 700 Forest Ave., Evanston, IL 60202

Annual Compensation: \$142,000

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Jeffrey M. Schoenberg

Most Recent Holder of Office: Original Appointment

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Under the rules, the foregoing Appointment Messages were referred to the Committee on Assignments.

READING BILL FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES A FIRST TIME

House Bill No. 3292, sponsored by Senator Cullerton, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

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. 35

WHEREAS, There are approximately 8.8 million licensed drivers in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, There are more than 9.7 million passenger cars and trucks and approximately 347,300 motorcycles registered in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Bicycles, scooters, mopeds, commercial vehicles, and pedestrians also share Illinois' roadways; and

WHEREAS, Many factors are to blame for traffic fatalities, including, but not limited to, impaired driving, speeding, driver distraction, driver inexperience, and failing to be properly restrained in the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, More work can be done to eliminate the causes and the high number of traffic fatalities on Illinois' roadways; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety, consisting of nine members, appointed as follows: the Illinois Secretary of State or his designee; a member of the House majority caucus, appointed by the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives; a member of the House minority caucus, appointed by the House Minority Leader; a member of the Senate majority caucus, appointed by the President of the Senate; a member of the Senate minority caucus, appointed by the Senate Minority Leader; an appointee from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, appointed by the Regional Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; an appointee from the National Safety Council, appointed by the Executive Director of the National Safety Council; an appointee from the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety, appointed by the Executive Director of the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety; and an appointee from the Illinois State Police, appointed by the Director of the Illinois State Police; the Illinois Secretary of State or his designee shall serve as the chair of the Advisory Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Secretary of State shall provide administrative and other support to the Advisory Committee; the members of the Advisory Committee shall serve without compensation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Advisory Committee will meet at the call of the chair, but will meet a minimum of three times per year at various locations throughout the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Advisory Committee will look at all aspects of traffic safety in an effort to determine legislative and administrative action that can be taken to lower the number of traffic-related fatalities in Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Advisory Committee shall share its legislative and administrative recommendations with the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Illinois Senate as warranted.

Adopted by the House, May 31, 2011.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of the House

The foregoing message from the House of Representatives reporting House Joint Resolution No. 35 was referred to the Committee on Assignments.

MESSAGES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
JESSE WHITE • Secretary of State

October 12, 2011

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Sir:

[October 12, 2011]

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I am forwarding herewith the enclosed Senate Bills from the 97th General Assembly as vetoed by the Governor together with his objections.

SENATE BILLS

0091
0178
1652
1918
2288

Respectfully,
s/Jesse White
JESSE WHITE
Secretary of State

August 5, 2011

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois Senate,
97th General Assembly

I hereby return Senate Bill 91 vetoed in its entirety.

Senate Bill 91 expands the territory under the purview of the Fox Waterway Agency to include all streams, side channels and other waters connected to the Fox Chain of Lakes that are not presently under their jurisdiction. It also provides that all of these waters are open to the public for navigation and fishing.

Since this bill was transmitted to me, I have come to understand that there are many unresolved issues surrounding this piece of legislation. As Governor, I am committed to ensuring that the private property rights of our citizens are protected while promoting access to our State's natural resources. Because it is apparent to me that this bill does not achieve this balance, I am pleased to honor the sponsor's request that the bill be vetoed and encourage all involved parties to work together on a better solution.

Therefore, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution, I hereby return Senate Bill 91, entitled "AN ACT concerning transportation.", vetoed in its entirety, with this statement of objections.

Sincerely,
s/Pat Quinn
PAT QUINN
Governor

July 29, 2011
To the Honorable Members of the Illinois Senate,
97th General Assembly:

In accordance with Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution, I hereby veto Senate Bill 178 from the 97th General Assembly.

As Governor, I am committed to ensuring that the members of the State Employee Group Insurance Program have access to quality health benefits. It is important we maintain the level of care employees expect and deserve, while also making the most cost-effective choices for taxpayers and the state of Illinois. The power to procure and execute contracts regarding group health lies with the executive branch, yet this bill grants the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability (COGFA) authority to reject a proposed state health care contract. I cannot affix my signature to a bill that compromises important principles of separation of powers.

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Further, this bill makes significant changes that limit transparency, competition and fairness in the procurement process. The current procurement process – which was passed overwhelmingly by the General Assembly – is designed to produce a non-political, competitive result based solely on the strength of vendors’ proposals. The bill would result in an unacceptable potential for political interference in state procurement of health care services.

Politicization of the procurement process would have a detrimental effect on the state’s ability to achieve quality health care at the best possible cost, and will undo the procurement reform and best practices achieved in SB51. If this bill were to become law, competitive bidding for health care in Illinois would cease; Illinois taxpayers and our employees, retirees and dependents deserve better.

Accordingly, I must return this bill without my approval. Therefore, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return Senate Bill 178, entitled “AN ACT concerning government.”, vetoed in its entirety with this statement of objections.

Sincerely,
s/Pat Quinn
PAT QUINN
Governor

September 12, 2011

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois Senate,
97th General Assembly:

I commend the General Assembly for their important work on this legislation and I pledge to continue working with lawmakers in the coming months.

For more than 100 years, our State has regulated electric utilities to protect consumers from higher energy bills and unfair utility costs. When the citizens of Illinois pay their utility bills, they do so with the expectation that the payments are used for reliable, dependable and affordable service. I share their expectation and cannot support a measure that places the profits of electric utilities ahead of the people of Illinois.

Senate Bill 1652 represents a drastic departure from a long tradition of Illinois laws protecting consumers against high energy bills. In particular, this bill grants unprecedented advantages to Illinois utilities that have a less than stellar record for providing reliable service. Recent storms in the Chicago area exposed significant service shortcomings and more than 1.5 million people suffered through lengthy and widespread outages. Local businesses and consumers who depend on regular, predictable electricity suffered enormously. These interruptions impose a profound hardship on the State’s economy and are simply unacceptable.

More troubling is that while customers suffer service interruptions and higher rates, these same utilities have been in Springfield advocating for a bill that erodes meaningful consumer protections. These utilities have been trying to dramatically change the rules to guarantee annual rate increases, while eliminating accountability for, literally, leaving people in the dark.

The bill before me strips away vital oversight and allows these utilities to benefit from unnecessary costs, higher corporate profits, and inherently flawed performance standards. For example, Senate Bill 1652 ties utility profits to the number of outages they can avoid each year; however, the bill also excludes the nine worst storms from this calculation. By doing so, this bill rewards unacceptable service.

Senate Bill 1652 would also establish a formula rate that allows vast profits for the electric utilities without effective performance metrics. Illinois ratepayers will be forced to pay billions in rate hikes, while receiving the same subpar service they have for many years. I will not support a measure that contains sweetheart deals for big utilities, which could leave struggling consumers to pick up the tab for costs such as lobbying fees and executive bonuses.

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I support regulatory reforms that ensure necessary, innovative investments in our electric grid. However, I will not compromise core safeguards for Illinois consumers. Our State can encourage substantial investments in our electric grid that will create lasting jobs, promote environmentally-friendly policies, and make Illinois a leader in the clean energy economy, while maintaining our place as a leader in consumer protection.

In the coming weeks, I look forward to supporting a bill that achieves these goals. I encourage members of the General Assembly to consider the plan put forth by the Illinois Commerce Commission, filed as House Amendment #3 to House Bill 14. This bill represents a good faith effort toward modernizing the grid, reforming our regulatory system, and protecting the ratepayers of our State.

Therefore, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I return Senate Bill 1652 to the Illinois Senate, entitled "AN ACT concerning public utilities." with the foregoing objections, vetoed in its entirety.

Sincerely,
s/Pat Quinn
PAT QUINN
Governor

August 26, 2011

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois Senate
97th General Assembly

This legislation alters the way that financial incentives are provided to conventions and trade shows at McCormick Place or the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont.

Currently, the organizations that operate these facilities work with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity in creating the incentive packages that would be provided to a convention or trade show. The costs of the incentive package are reimbursed by the State of Illinois and the State subjects the packages to rigorous oversight.

The bill before me replaces this system with one where the convention centers are not reimbursed, but instead receive the money up-front, without oversight. The legislation also contains provisions that make it difficult to ensure that there is any accountability in the award of these incentives. While I remain committed to attracting convention and tourism business to Illinois, I simply cannot affix my signature to any plan that uses millions of taxpayer dollars for private purposes without appropriate oversight and accountability standards.

Therefore, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I return Senate Bill 1918, entitled "AN ACT concerning State government.", with the foregoing objections, vetoed in its entirety.

Sincerely,
s/Pat Quinn
PAT QUINN
Governor

August 26, 2011

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois Senate,
97th General Assembly:

[October 12, 2011]

I would like to commend the sponsors for their hard work on this legislation. This bill amends the Environmental Protection Act to change the definition of municipal waste and fuel derived from municipal waste. Specifically, the bill exempts certain waste conversion facilities from being regulated as a municipal waste incinerator under the Act. In part, Senate Bill 2288 relies on a controversial federal regulation to place certain criteria on fuel produced from municipal waste. In doing so, Illinois is forced to rely on federal restrictions that have been the subject of several legal challenges to place safeguards on new waste conversion technologies.

Since this bill has been transmitted to me, many interested parties have raised concerns with various aspects of this legislation, including the reliance on these regulations. After consulting with the sponsor of this legislation, I will accommodate her request to veto this bill. Though I do so, I ask that both proponents and opponents of this bill work in good faith to a fair resolution that will create jobs throughout our State and protect our environment.

In the coming months, I look forward to working with the sponsors and interested parties on legislation to address this important issue.

Therefore, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I return Senate Bill 2288, entitled "AN ACT concerning safety.", with the foregoing objections, vetoed in its entirety.

Sincerely,
s/Pat Quinn
PAT QUINN
Governor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
JESSE WHITE • Secretary of State

October 12, 2011

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I am forwarding herewith the enclosed Senate Bills from the 97th General Assembly that are being returned by the Governor with specific recommendations for change.

SENATE BILLS

0090
0170
1631
1744
2062
2083

Respectfully,
s/Jesse White
JESSE WHITE
Secretary of State

August 23, 2011

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois Senate,
97th General Assembly:

I hereby return Senate Bill 90 with specific recommendations for change.

[October 12, 2011]

My specific recommendation is to give voters the right, through binding referendum, to establish a Veterans' Advocate as an official of local government to coordinate veteran services, act as a liaison between units of government and veterans, and promote measures by which local governments and agencies may assist the veteran population in the areas of job creation, education, housing, health care, and other issues as the Veterans' Advocate deems appropriate. The underlying legislation makes changes to the duties and responsibilities of the Secretary of State with respect to the conduct of elections and voter registration. Those changes, however, were already enacted into law as part of SB 1586 (P.A. 97-0081).

Therefore, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return Senate Bill 90, entitled "AN ACT concerning transportation.", with the following specific recommendations for change:

on page 1, line 5, after "6-50.2", by inserting "and by adding Article 28A"; and

on page 22, below line 4, by inserting the following:

"(10 ILCS 5/Art. 28A heading new)

ARTICLE 28A. REFERENDUM FOR VETERANS' ADVOCATE

(10 ILCS 5/28A-1 new)

Sec. 28A-1. Local government initiative petition and referendum for establishing a Veterans' Advocate.

(a) In order to realize the public policy goal of honoring veterans, the electors of any unit of local government may pass, by initiative petition and referendum in the manner prescribed by this Article, a binding ordinance establishing the Office of Veterans' Advocate as an official of the local government.

(a-1) For the purposes of this Section, "Veterans' Advocate" means an official of a unit of local government who coordinates veteran services, acts as a liaison between units of government and veterans, and promotes measures by which local governments and agencies can assist veterans.

(a-5) A Veterans' Advocate established under this Section shall be appointed by the chief executive of the unit of local government, subject to the advice and consent of a majority of the elected officials of the governing body of the unit of local government. Compensation shall be determined by local ordinance.

(b) A binding ordinance relating to establishment of a Veterans' Advocate may be proposed by a petition signed by the number of electors equal to at least 1% of the total votes cast for Governor at the last general election in the unit of local government. The petition shall contain the text of the question and the date of the election at which the proposed question is to be submitted, shall have been signed by petitioning electors not more than 12 months preceding the election, and shall be filed with the clerk of the unit of local government at least 92 days before that regular election. The form of the question shall be as follows:

"Shall (insert the name of the unit of government) establish a Veterans' Advocate to assist veterans the areas of job creation, education, housing, and health care?"

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this Article, petitions filed under this Article shall be governed by Article 28 of this Code.

(d) If a majority of those voting on the proposed ordinance indicate approval of its adoption, it shall be passed and become effective."

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With these changes, Senate Bill 90 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,
s/Pat Quinn
PAT QUINN
Governor

August 23, 2011
To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois Senate,
97th General Assembly:

I hereby return Senate Bill 170 with a specific recommendation for change.

I commend the sponsors for their continued efforts to ensure students at the Illinois School of the Deaf and the Illinois School of the Visually Impaired have access to a quality education. This bill makes multiple changes to the administration of the schools. Specifically, the bill establishes a locally held account to administer the Therkelsen/Hansen Fund, which is intended to provide loans to deaf and hard of hearing students who wish to attend college and need financial assistance. My suggested change will ensure money is utilized for the intended purpose and any accrued interest be deposited into the Fund.

The establishment of a locally held account represents only the first step in a much-needed, comprehensive examination of education options for blind and/or deaf students in Illinois. In the near future, I look forward to convening educators, state agencies, families and other stakeholders to determine how we can best serve Illinois children who are blind and/or deaf.

Therefore, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return Senate Bill 170, entitled "AN ACT concerning government.", with the following specific recommendation for change:

on pages 11 through 12, by replacing line 20 on page 11 through line 3 on page 12 with the following:

"(1-5) Establish a locally held account (referred to as the Account) to hold, maintain and administer the Therkelsen/Hansen College Loan Fund (referred to as the Fund). All cash represented by the Fund shall be transferred from the State Treasury to the Account. The Department shall promulgate rules regarding the maintenance and use of the Fund and all interest earned thereon; the eligibility of potential borrowers from the Fund; and the awarding and repayment of loans from the Fund; and other rules as applicable regarding the Fund. The administration of the Fund and the promulgation of rules regarding the Fund shall be consistent with the will of Petrea Therkelsen, which establishes the Fund."

With this change, Senate Bill 170 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,
s/Pat Quinn
PAT QUINN
Governor

August 26, 2011
To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois Senate,
97th General Assembly:

I hereby return Senate Bill 1631 with specific recommendations for change.

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I commend the sponsors for their work to on this bill. This legislation will correct a technical problem with the Probation and Probation Officers Act, and provide additional resources for the probation departments.

The county probation departments confront numerous challenges in performing their mandated duties to protect the public, assist the crime victim, and guide the offender to a life of better choices. This bill is a step towards helping these departments accomplish these responsibilities.

After this bill was transmitted to me, the sponsors and advocates of this legislation recognized that this bill inadvertently assesses the additional fee to civil cases. I am informed that assessing the fee in this manner was not the intent of the sponsors. Accordingly, I am pleased to honor their request for an amendatory veto to address this concern. My recommendations for change honor the intent of the sponsors and remove the applicability of this fee from civil cases.

Therefore, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return Senate Bill 1631 entitled "AN ACT concerning criminal law.", with the following specific recommendation for change:

on page 2, by adding immediately below line 16 the following:

"This additional fee shall be paid by the defendant in any felony, traffic, misdemeanor, local ordinance, or conservation case upon a judgment of guilty or grant of supervision."; and

on page 2, to be inserted immediately before the period in line 21:

“, and such monies shall be disbursed from the fund only at the direction of the chief judge of the circuit or another judge designated by the Chief Circuit Judge in accordance with the policies and guidelines approved by the Supreme Court”.

With these changes, Senate Bill 1631 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,
s/Pat Quinn
PAT QUINN
Governor

July 29, 2011
To the Honorable Members of the Illinois Senate,
97th General Assembly:

In accordance with Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return Senate Bill 1744 with a specific recommendation for change.

I commend the sponsors of this bill on their efforts to increase the amount of quality education children in Illinois receive by requiring the first and last days of school to be no less than five clock hours.

However, after hearing from many interested parties regarding this legislation, it is necessary for me to return this bill with recommended changes. With the school year set to begin shortly, the calendar for the 2011-2012 school year has already been set. While I am supportive of the goal and intentions of this legislation, requiring schools to upset the established calendar at this late date will impose hardship on students, teachers, and parents. Accordingly, a change to the effective date of this bill will afford school districts in the state the proper time to set their school calendars and allow this legislation to fully benefit the children of the state of Illinois.

Therefore, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return Senate Bill 1744, entitled "AN ACT concerning education.", with the following specific recommendation for change:

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on page 41, by replacing lines 23 and 24 with the following:

“Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1, 2012.”.

With this change, Senate Bill 1744 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,
s/Pat Quinn
PAT QUINN
Governor

August 26, 2011

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois Senate,
97th General Assembly:

I hereby return Senate Bill 2062 with specific recommendations for change.

I commend the sponsors for their hard work on this bill. My administration is strongly committed to bringing the FutureGen project to Illinois. We have been working closely with the FutureGen Alliance and federal and local partners to see that this near-zero emissions, state-of-the-art plant is developed in Illinois. Our investment in FutureGen will help bring thousands of jobs to Illinois and put our state on the international clean coal map, while continuing to promote the use of Illinois' coal resources in an environmentally responsible way. This legislation contains an important next step in that process and this action reinforces that commitment.

However, this bill also moves the Illinois Power Agency into the jurisdiction of the Executive Ethics Commission. The purpose of this Commission is to ensure compliance with our State's ethics laws. This task is of paramount importance and requires the Commission utilize every resource at its disposal. To additionally require the Commission to oversee complex processes of electricity procurement and planning will not only weaken its ability to ensure adherence to ethics laws in state government, but it will also exhaust resources and place nine individuals, without appropriate experience, at the head of an essential state agency.

Therefore, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return Senate Bill 2062, entitled “AN ACT concerning regulation.”, with the following specific recommendations for change:

by deleting line 14 on page 17 through line 17 on page 31; and

on page 36, line 4, by deleting “1-15.”; and

by deleting line 16 on page 39 through line 7 on page 40.

With these changes, Senate Bill 2062 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,
s/Pat Quinn
PAT QUINN
Governor

July 29, 2011

To the Honorable Members of the Illinois Senate,
97th General Assembly:

[October 12, 2011]

In accordance with Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return Senate Bill 2083 with a specific recommendation for change.

As Governor, I am committed to the timely, effective, and efficient delivery of government services to Illinois' businesses. This bill eliminates the fee for the expedited processing of LLC annual reports with the Secretary of State's Department of Business Services. The intent of the bill was to eliminate the fee for expedited processing solely for LLCs that file their annual reports online, as such reports can be processed more efficiently than reports filed in person. However, this bill will also eliminate the fee for requests filed in person, which was not the intent of the bill.

Therefore, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return Senate Bill 2083, entitled "AN ACT concerning business.," with the following specific recommendations for change:

on page 2, by replacing lines 24 through 26 with the following:

"All other filings, copies of documents, annual reports, and copies of documents of dissolved or revoked limited liability companies, \$50; except that no expedited services fee shall be charged for annual reports filed on-line."

With this change, Senate Bill 2083 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,
s/Pat Quinn
PAT QUINN
Governor

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9-1, the foregoing Senate Bills, which were returned by the Governor, were placed on the Senate Calendar for Tuesday, October 25, 2011.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

JOHN J. CULLERTON
SENATE PRESIDENT

327 STATE CAPITOL
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62706
217-782-2728

October 12, 2011

Ms. Jillayne Rock
Secretary of the Senate
Room 401 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 3-5(c), I hereby appoint Senator Don Harmon to temporarily replace Senator James Clayborne as chairman of the Senate Committee on Assignments and I hereby appoint Senator Mattie Hunter to temporarily replace Senator James Clayborne as a member of the Senate Committee on Assignments. In addition, I am appointing Senator Tony Munoz to temporarily replace Senator Kimberly Lightford as a member of the Senate Committee on Assignments. These appointments will automatically expire upon adjournment of the Senate Committee on Assignments.

Sincerely,
s/John J. Cullerton
John J. Cullerton

[October 12, 2011]

Senate President

cc: Senate Minority Leader Christine Radogno

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MINORITY LEADER**CHRISTINE RADOGNO**
SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER · 41st DISTRICT

October 12, 2011

Ms. Jillayne Rock
Secretary of the Senate
401 State House
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 3-5(c), I hereby appoint Senator Matt Murphy to temporarily replace Senator Dale Righter as a member of the Senate Committee on Assignments. This appointment is effective immediately and will automatically expire upon adjournment of the Senate Committee on Assignments.

Sincerely,
s/Christine Radogno
Christine Radogno
Senate Republican Leadercc: Senate President John Cullerton
Assistant Secretary of the Senate Scott Kaiser

At the hour of 1:29 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 1:55 o'clock p.m., the Senate resumed consideration of business.
The Secretary of the Senate, presiding.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON ASSIGNMENTS

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Assignments, during its October 12, 2011 meeting, reported the following Bills have been assigned to the indicated Standing Committees of the Senate:

Criminal Law: **House Bills Numbered 1958 and 3292.**Executive: **Senate Bills Numbered 1299 and 1838; House Bill No. 2956.**

Executive Appointments: **Appointment Messages Numbered 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186 and 187.**

Insurance: **Senate Bill No. 1729.**Judiciary: **House Bills Numbered 1589 and 1604.**

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Local Government: **House Bill No. 1362.**

Public Health: **House Bill No. 1708.**

Revenue: **Senate Bill No. 2501; House Bills Numbered 503 and 587.**

State Government and Veterans Affairs: **House Bill No. 1224.**

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Assignments, during its October 12, 2011 meeting, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 24, 346, 348, 349, 405, 515, 545, 632, 633, 634, 635, 678, 679, 680, 681, 747, 864, 965, 1134 and 2259** on July 23, 2011, pursuant to Rule 3-9(b), reported that the Committee recommends that the bills be approved for consideration and returned to the calendar in their former position.

The report of the Committee was concurred in.

And **Senate Bills Numbered 24, 346, 348, 349, 405, 515, 545, 632, 633, 634, 635, 678, 679, 680, 681, 747, 864, 965, 1134 and 2259** were returned to the order of third reading.

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Assignments, during its October 12, 2011 meeting, to which was referred **Senate Bill No. 1540** on July 23, 2011, pursuant to Rule 3-9(b), reported that the Committee recommends that the bill be approved for consideration and returned to the calendar in its former position.

The report of the Committee was concurred in.

And **Senate Bill No. 1540** was returned to the order of second reading.

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Assignments, during its October 12, 2011 meeting, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 2188 and 2407** on July 23, 2011, pursuant to Rule 3-9(b), reported that the Committee recommends that the bills be approved for consideration and returned to the calendar in their former position.

The report of the Committee was concurred in.

And **Senate Bills Numbered 2188 and 2407** were returned to the order of concurrence.

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Assignments, during its October 12, 2011 meeting, to which was referred **House Bills Numbered 1237, 1368, 3036, 3188 and 3285** on July 23, 2011, pursuant to Rule 3-9(b), reported that the Committee recommends that the bills be approved for consideration and returned to the calendar in their former position.

The report of the Committee was concurred in.

And **House Bills Numbered 1237, 1368, 3036, 3188 and 3285** were returned to the order of third reading.

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Assignments, during its October 12, 2011 meeting, to which was referred **House Bills Numbered 230 and 3372** on July 23, 2011, pursuant to Rule 3-9(b), reported that the Committee recommends that the bills be approved for consideration and returned to the calendar in their former position.

The report of the Committee was concurred in.

And **House Bills Numbered 230 and 3372** were returned to the order of second reading.

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 Assignments:

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 348

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Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 634
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1134

At the hour of 1:59 o'clock p.m., pursuant to **House Joint Resolution No. 40**, the Chair announced the Senate stand adjourned until Wednesday, October 19, 2011, in perfunctory session, or until the call of the President.

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