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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The hour of twelve having arrived, the Senate will please come to order. And if our guests in the gallery would please rise. We'll have the prayer today by Father Cassidy, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Springfield. Father Cassidy.

FATHER CASSIDY:

(Prayer by Father Cassidy)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you arise? SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, just to report that Senator Raica is back home convalescing - Robert Raica. And also to wish Senator Aldo DeAngelis a happy sixty-second birthday, today. This is his birthday, and he has cake for everyone. And he doesn't look his age one bit. He's aged anyhow, so he's the ageless wonder. Congratulations. PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Geo-Karis, I believe he's fifty-two not sixty-two, but you were close. Did you say seventy-two? Eighty-two? Well, I don't even see Senator DeAngelis. Is he hiding somewhere? Oh, my God, there he is, bigger than life. Happy birthday, whether it's fifty-two, sixty-two or seventy-two. Long life and more children. Reading and approval of the Journal. Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journals of Tuesday, March 23rd, and Wednesday, March 24th, in the year 1993, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journals.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objections, so ordered. Senator Klemm, for what purpose do you arise?

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SENATOR KLEMM:

Well, thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to report the tolls that -- that a new Member has in the Senate, because yesterday, you know, -- it was -- the day before I was supposed to get a marriage license, and I ended up standing up my fiancee while I was sitting in Executive Committee, hearing all the Members' bills and voting all the good issues out. So yesterday I finally redeemed myself, got my marriage license, finished the business, and I just want to say, you know, this Senate almost cost me a marriage there for awhile. But everything's copacetic now.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Well, congratulations, Senator Klemm. If you need any marriage counsel, I'm available at a small nominal fee. Yeah, I'm such a -- have such a great record. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Mahar, Chair of the Committee on Environment and Energy, reports Senate Bills 405, 406, 610, 616, 626, 627 and 757 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 34, 41, 186, 216, 240, 276, 466, 530, 597, 629, 764, 770, 865 and 940 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Barkhausen, Chair of the Committee on Financial Institutions, reports Senate Bills 17, 232, 448, 490, 1021 and 1064 Do Pass; Senate Bills 453, 485, 598, 888, 891, 935 and 1069 Do Pass, as Amended; and Senate Bill 1061 tabled in committee by the sponsor.

Senator Topinka, Chair of the Committee on Public Health and Welfare, reports Senate Bills 258, 567, 607, 628, 694 and 712 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 66, 118, 209, 291, 435, 544, 604, 677, 861 and 967 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Madigan, Chair of the Committee on Insurance and Licensed Activities <sic>, reports Senate Bills 207, 341, 342, 373, 420, 500, 596, 603, 641, 766, 951, 1031 and 1105 Do Pass; and

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Senate Bills 252, 496, 533, 580, 582, 680, 756, 828, 830 and 966 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports that the following legislative measures have been assigned to committees:

Re-referred to the Rules Committee from the Revenue Committee and then approved for consideration: Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 301.

Referred to the Appropriations Committee: Senate Amendments 12, 13 and 14 to Senate Bill 312.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Industry: Senate
Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 376.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Energy: Senate Amendment No. 5 to Senate Bill 52.

And referred to the Committee on Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities: Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 262.

Senator Weaver, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd ask leave to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration of the adjournment resolution.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution 38, offered by Senator Weaver.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 38)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Weaver, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR WEAVER:

I'd move for the adoption of the adjournment resolution - Senate Joint Resolution 38.

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Senator Weaver moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 38. Those in favor shall signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. Ayes have it. Senator Weaver has moved for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 38. Those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The resolution is adopted.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 201, offered by Senator Molaro.

And Senate Resolution 202, offered by Senator Berman.

They're both congratulatory, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Consent Calendar. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. If I could get Senator Weaver's attention...

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

A little order, please.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

We -- we just had a discussion in the -- in the Rules Committee meeting, and perhaps Senator Weaver could clarify for all of our Members here that, as of tomorrow, the deadline that's been established for reporting of bills from standing committees expires, and therefore, committee chairmen have to have filed and journalized, I guess, with the Secretary of the Senate and the Rules Committee for those bills that they wish to keep alive for remaining part of this Session or even for the -- for the summer. And I am curious as to what procedure, and if that's accurate, and what procedure we're going to be operating under as of tomorrow? PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Demuzio, the Rules Committee will consider exceptions tomorrow, but as a courtesy to the Minority, I'm asking that every committee chairman find out or get a letter to the Rules Committee asking for those exceptions. Just so everyone who wants to keep a bill in the committee for possible hearings later on, we need to act on it tomorrow. We need to file with the Secretary tomorrow a list of those bills.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well as a matter of clarification then, as of the deadline expiring tomorrow that all bills that do not have an exemption that's been filed and journalized and approved by the Rules Committee, then all of those bids -- all of those bills are then automatically referred to the Rules Committee; they are no longer under the jurisdiction or the domain of the standing committee from which they were assigned.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

That is correct.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I just think our Members ought to be aware of the fact that if they wish to have any bills to be alive for the summer that they ought to be talking, I suspect, with the appropriate committee chairperson, because the exemption, in fact, will be due tomorrow, and failing that filing of the exemption, that it would then take an action of the Body and then to -- on a three-fifths motion, I

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suspect, to keep any bills after tomorrow alive. Is that -- is that correct, Stanley?

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Those bills would be in Rules and that -- they will not be before the standing committees.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

House Bills 1st Reading, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 118, offered by Senator Topinka.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 334, offered by Senator Tom Dunn.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 377, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Cronin offers House Bill 411.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 433, by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 468, Senator Topinka.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senator Topinka offers House Bill 932.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 203, offered by Senator Peterson, as is Resolution -- Senate Resolutions 204 and 205.

And Senate Resolution 206, offered by Senator Demuzio.

They're all congratulatory, Mr. President.

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Consent Calendar. The Chair understands there's been an unusual amount of motions and amendments that have been filed at the last minute. I'd like to order the Secretary to put those on the Calendar for -- for tomorrow, and we will take them up tomorrow. If there isn't any further business, the Chair recognizes Senator Weaver for a motion.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd move the Senate adjourn until 10 a.m., Friday, March the 26th, 1993.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The Senate will stand adjourned till tomorrow at 10 a.m.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Just a reminder to the Members of the Judiciary Committee that we will be starting immediately in Room 400. So I'd appreciate their attendance.

SENATOR WATSON:

Same -- same announcement for the Education Committee, which will be meeting in A-1 in the Stratton Office Building. We will be immediately coming together, hopefully, as soon as the Members can adjourn. So come on over to the Stratton Office Building as soon as you can. Education Committee.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Donahue, for what purpose do you arise? A little order, please.

SENATOR DONAHUE:

Thank you, Mr. -- President. Just for the purposes of announcement; that Appropriations will meet at 2 o'clock in Room 212.

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