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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Hour of twelve having arrived, would the Senate please come to order. Would our Members please stand, and our friends up in the gallery please arise for the prayer. The prayer today is by Reverend Comstock, United Christian -- United <sic> (Unity) Church of Practical Christianity, Springfield, Illinois. Reverend Comstock.

THE REVEREND GERRY COMSTOCK:

(Prayer by the Reverend Gerry Comstock)
PRESIDENT PHILIP:

...(microphone cutoff)...the Journal, Mr. Secretary. SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Wednesday, March 24th, and Thursday, March 25th, 1993.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler, for what purpose do you arise? SENATOR BUTLER:

Mr. President, I move that the Journals just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler moves to approve the Journals just read. There being no objections, it's so ordered. Senator Butler, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR BUTLER:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journal of Friday, March 26th, in the year 1993, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objection, so ordered. The broadcast media has asked

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permission to tape our show today. Without objection, so ordered. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 215, offered by President Philip and all Members.

(Secretary reads SR No. 215)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Philip moves to suspend the rules for the purposes of considering Senate Resolution 215. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I was just reflecting on my good friend Senator Geo-Karis' seventy-fifth birthday, and I've probably known her, quite frankly, longer than most people in this Body. And I was thinking back to the first time I met you, Geo, and you probably don't remember it, but I remember in 1964, in the primary, I was campaigning for Elmer J. Hoffman for Secretary of State. And I in Lake County speaking at a political gathering; in that was up gathering was Senator Geo-Karis. I'm just trying to remember what she was running for in those days, but that was the first time т met her. We had become friends...(microphone that malfunction)...is it on? Okay, I'm sorry. I can remember in Lake County, and we became friends campaigning with her up then, and we've been friends since 1964. To say that she has been active may be an understatement of the year. She's been a precinct committeeman, a township chairman, active in the Woman's Federation. She's been in the House, the Senate. She was the -the Mayor of Zion and did a great job, and she's always been a dear, dear friend. Geo, we love you, another happy seventy-five.

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I know that if anybody can do it, you can do it. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Philip has moved the adoption -- Senator Geo-Karis. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. ...(microphone malfunction)... Mr. -- Mr. President? Mr. -- are we on? Mr. -- I don't think it's on. Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I don't know whether I can be heard or not, but I am -- I am stunned, I'm shocked, I'm speechless. I'm thankful for your very kind words, Mr. President, and it's true we've known each other for many years - almost thirty years. And thank you for the cake, which was a surprise for me, and thank you for your nice words. And thank you, folks, for being so nice, and help yourself to the cake.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Philip has moved for the adoption of Senate Resolution 215. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. Motion is adopted. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 216, offered by Senator Cullerton.

Senate Resolution 217 is offered by Senators Madigan and Karpiel.

Senate Resolution 218, by Senators Mahar and O'Malley.

And Senator Mahar offers Senate Resolution 219.

Senate Resolution 220 is offered by Senators Peterson and Fitzgerald.

Senate Resolution 221, by Senator Peterson.

They're all congratulatory, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Consent Calendar. For what purpose does Senator Cullerton arise?

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I would request a

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Democratic Caucus in the Minority Leader's Office immediately, and I would ask all my colleagues to -- if they're not on the Floor, to please come to Senator Jones' Office as soon as possible. I believe we would need approximately a half hour, if everybody comes right now.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

I'm just wondering two things: how long they need for their caucus so we know when to come back on the Floor; and secondly, I'd like to have a Leadership meeting in my office as soon as we stand at ease for their caucus.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Cullerton has requested a half hour. So at 1 o'clock there will be a Rules Committee meeting. So we -- be prepared to be back on the Floor about 1:15. The -- Rules at 1:00, back on the Floor about 1:15. So the Senate will stand in -- at ease until approximately 1:15.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports that the following Legislative Measures have been assigned to committees:

To the Education Committee: Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate

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Bill 950.

To Environment and Energy: Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 276, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 610, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 616, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 627, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 757, Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 770, Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 865, and Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 940.

To the Executive Committee: Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 899.

To Financial Institutions: Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 232, Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 448, Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 453, Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 935, and Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1069.

To the Committee on Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities: Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 373, Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 420, Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 436, Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 500, Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 756, Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 966, and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1031.

To the Judiciary Committee: Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 601, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 780, and Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1076.

To the Committee on Local Government and Elections: Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 357, Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 371, Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 538, Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 851, Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1083, and Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1085.

To the Public Health and Welfare Committee: Senate Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 209, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 628, and Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 967. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

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SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 222, offered by Senator O'Malley.

Senate Resolution 223, by Senator Vadalabene.

And Senate Joint Resolution 41, offered by Senator Woodyard. They're all congratulatory, Mr. President. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Consent Calendar. Senator Maitland. Senator Maitland, did you have an announcement? SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you, Mr. -- Mr. President. The Senate -- Committee on Appropriations will meet in Room 212 immediately after adjournment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there any further business to bring before the Senate? If not, Senator Maitland moves that the Senate adjourn until 9 a.m. in the morning.

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