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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The hour of eleven having arrived, the Senate will please come to order. Will our Members please rise, and our friends in the gallery please rise, for the prayer today by Father Clanton, St. John's Episcopal Church, Quincy, Illinois. Father Clanton.

FATHER CLANTON:

(Prayer by Father Clanton)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal. Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journals of Friday, April 16th; Monday, April 19th; Tuesday, April 20th; Wednesday, April 21st; Thursday, April 22nd; Friday, April 23rd; Tuesday, April 27th; Wednesday, April 28th; Thursday, April 29th; Monday, May 3rd; Tuesday, May 4th; Wednesday, May 5th; and Thursday, May 6th, 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 objection, so ordered. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Hawkinson, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary, reports House Bills 323, 399, 767, 898, 1109, 1203, 1302, 1335, 1356, 1686, 1804, 1900, 1905, 2040, 2128, 2139, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2186, 2294, 2372, 2397 and 2408 Do Pass; and House Bills 69, 121, 273, 443, 543, 819, 1010, 1029, 1235, 1319, 1331, 1347, 1426, 1642, 1733, 1787, 2117, 2158, 2163 and 2280 Do Pass <sic>.

Senator Watson, Chair of the Committee on Education, reports House Bills 701, 1083, 2062, 2105 and 2282 Do Pass; and House Bills 391, 468, 532, 1218, 1935, 2077 and 2130 Do Pass, as

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Amended.

Senator Raica, Chair of the Committee on Local Government and Elections, reports House Bills 230, 344, 424, 728 and 1902 Do Pass, as Amended.

And Senator Ralph Dunn, Chair of the Committee on State Government Operations and Executive Appointments, reports House Bills 1239, 1643, 1813 and 2132 Do Pass; and House Bills 1792, 1922 and 2097 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

A Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, 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 39.

Adopted by the House, May 6th, 1993. It's a death resolution. PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Consent Calendar. Senator Woodyard, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WOODYARD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Visiting with us today in the Senate is a person that played a very important role to several Members of this General Assembly, both in the Senate and the House, about a month ago. His name is Mr. Wang Li. He is the Consul General of Mainland China, visiting with us today. And he is the person who arranged our visit in three cities in a period of six days the first week of April. We were in Beijing, Shaoyang and Shanghai. And I can certainly tell you, it was a very fast, grueling visit, but we also found that China has emerged as one of the most dominant economic countries

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in the world. And the State of Illinois is fortunate to -- to be a friend of China and to be doing a lot of business in China, and it looks like the way they're growing at the rate of twelve percent per year, the future is very bright and optimistic for trade with China. And with that, Mr. President, with your indulgence, I would like Mr. Wang Li to say a few words to our -- our Senate here.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Go right ahead, Mr. Li.

MR. WANG LI:

(Remarks by Mr. Wang Li)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

We have a request from WAND-TV to videotape today's Session. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 377, offered by Senator Jones.

Senate Resolution 378, by Senator Donahue.

Senate Resolution 379, Senator Jones.

Senate Resolution 380, Senator Hawkinson.

Senate Resolution 381, Senator del Valle.

Senate Resolution 382, Senator Dudycz.

Senate Resolution 383, Senator Topinka.

Senate Resolutions 384 and 385, by Senator Topinka.

They're all congratulatory or death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Consent Calendar. Senator Rea, for what purpose do you rise? SENATOR REA:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR REA:

Mr. President, Ladies...

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

May we have some peace and quiet so we can all hear Senator Rea? Thank you.

SENATOR REA:

Thank you, Mr. President. We have some special guests here with us today from my district, from the Herrin Junior High School, along with their sponsor, Jake Rendleman, and let's all welcome them to Springfield and give them a big hand, up here in the President's Gallery.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Welcome to Springfield. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution 61, offered by Senator Weaver.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 61)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would ask leave of the Body to suspend the appropriate rules for the immediate consideration of Senate Joint Resolution No. 61.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Weaver moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate joint resolution. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Weaver. All right.

SENATOR WEAVER:

I would move the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution...

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Weaver has moved the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 61. Those in favor will signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion -- the resolution is

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adopted. Senator Donahue, for what purpose do you rise? SENATOR DONAHUE:

For a point of personal privilege, sir.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR DONAHUE:

Thank you. In the gallery - in the President's Gallery - we have a group of seventh, eighth and ninth graders from Quincy High, and I'd like to have them rise and be recognized. Thank you. PRESIDENT PHILIP:

If the students from Quincy High would -- High would please stand and be recognized by the Senate. If I could have your attention, I would -- will give you the schedule today. We're going to go right through the Calendar, going to do 2nd Readings, and then we're going to go to motions. And so -- and we would hope to get out of here as soon as possible, so everybody could have at least a halfway-long weekend. So without further ado, the top of page 22. House Bills 2nd Reading. House Bill 45. Senator Hasara. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 45.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 73. Senator Syverson. Senator Syverson.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 73.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Are there any further Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. I tried to get your attention on House Bill 45. It's our understanding that there was a -- the sponsor had agreed to an amendment, and I'm wondering - does that mean that the sponsor is committed to bringing the bill back to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purposes of the amendment? Is that correct?

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Hasara.

SENATOR HASARA:

Senator, I think the agreement was not to call the bill, with the understanding of the House sponsor, because it's a duplicate bill, and if -- if it remains a duplicate bill, I don't intend to call it.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

House Bill 74. Senator Topinka. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 74.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Transportation adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 152. Senator Syverson. Senator --

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Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 152.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted one amendment.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Are there any further Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senator Smith. Senator Smith, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SMITH:

Thank you. I want to stand because of House Bill 45, to my colleague, Senator Hasara. In the committee, she said that she was going to amend the bill to make the bill similar to 258. And she's passing this out now, and I think it's -- she's made a mistake.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

She indicates she'll answer your question. Senator Hasara.
SENATOR HASARA:

Senator, I don't intend to clog up the Calendar with duplicate bills, but I did not have a chance to talk to the House sponsor. I don't really feel that we need the bill, and I don't intend to call it. But I don't want to just let his bill die. So I certainly will honor my word. If -- if you'd rather I move it back to 2nd, fine. If it has to be amended, I certainly will move it back to 2nd. But I'm not sure -- we already passed the same bill out of the Senate, Senator. And it seems to me not a good idea to waste the time of the Body. If you remember, I -- in committee, I stated that I don't feel we need the bill.

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Could we have some order? Keep it down to a mild riot.

SENATOR HASARA:

I assure you, Senator, I will not move the bill without your approval. I don't feel we need it, as I stated in committee.

Senator Smith.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

SENATOR SMITH:

It's just a matter of a promise to be kept. You stated in committee that you would hold this bill and -- make it similar to 258, and that's the only reason why we let the bill out of the committee. So this is what I'm looking forward to you doing.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Hasara.

SENATOR SMITH:

Thank you.

SENATOR HASARA:

Senator, I certainly intend to keep my bill. I do intend to hold it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

House Bill 182. Senator McCracken. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 182.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 203. Senator Weaver. Senator Weaver, 203. Take it out of the record. House Bill 208. Senator Cronin. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 208.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senator Topinka.

SENATOR TOPINKA:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, just a point of personal privilege. We do have on -- on the Floor here with me today Representative Tom Walsh, and in the gallery we have former Representative Redd Griffin, who is also a teacher over at Morton West High School, and he's brought his class today to visit with us. So if we could all welcome former Representative Griffin, and the kids from Morton West. Big Springfield welcome.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please rise being recognized. House Bill 228. Senator Garcia. Senator Garcia. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 228.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 258. Senator Fawell. Take it out of the record. House Bill 282. Senator Watson. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 282.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments. PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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3rd Reading. Senator Smith, for what purpose do you rise? SENATOR SMITH:

Please, I would like to find out from Senator Watson, was there a fiscal note? We filed a fiscal note on that bill. 282. PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Smith, for the benefit of the Membership, I would like to remind you that pursuant to the Fiscal Note Act, fiscal notes shall be prepared for a bill prior to 2nd Reading in the House of origin. House Bill 444. Senator Topinka. Senator Topinka. Take it out of the record. House Bill 467. Senator Weaver. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 467.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.
PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senator Smith, for what purpose do you rise? SENATOR SMITH:

I merely wanted to ask the sponsor of the bill there, did he file -- or did he talk with the Department of Public Aid?

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Watson, would you yield for a question? SENATOR WATSON:

Yes, certainly. What's the question?

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH:

I'd like to find out - did you talk with the Department of Public Aid? Have...

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

He indicates he has not talked to the Department of Public Aid. You know, may -- may we have some peace and quiet? Now

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Senator Smith has asked a question. Senator Watson has stated he has not talked to Public Aid. Now -- now, Senator, may... Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

I'm not sure what the Lady's referring to. I thought we were on House Bill 469.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Technically, we are. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH:

Before, I tried to get your attention on 282. And I wanted to find out at that time, because we had filed a fiscal note on that bill, and then I wanted to ask him, had he talked with the Department of Public Aid, because they had concerns about this bill.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

SENATOR COLLINS:

Senator, I answered your question. Evidently, you weren't listening. But I answered your question. I will do it once again. For the benefit of the Membership, I'd like to remind you, pursuant to Fiscal Note Act, fiscal notes shall be prepared for a bill prior to 2nd Reading in the House of origin. That happens to be the Illinois House. It's a House bill. Senator Collins, for what reason -- what purpose do you rise?

Inquiry, in reference to that rule. Senator -- Mr. President, I -- I guess the concern here is, if we put an amendment on and gut a House bill and then put language that requires the expenditure of ten billion dollars, we would not -- we would not have to file a fiscal note, according to the Statute, on that bill, because it did -- the amendment did not originate in the House of origin? I mean, that's -- something seems to be kind of

wrong about that, contradictory to -- to existing law.

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Yeah. Of course, we were just talking about the previous bill and it has not been amended. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, let -- let me call the Parliamentarian's attention to Article <sic> (Chapter) 25, Section <sic> (Act) 50, No. <sic> (Section) 3, says "Vote as to the necessity of fiscal notes. Whenever the sponsor of any measure is of the opinion that no fiscal note is necessary, any Member of either house may thereafter request that a note be obtained, and in such a case the matter shall be decided by the majority vote of those present and voting in the house in which he is a member." I think that's clear that a Member has the right to file for a fiscal note at any time in either house, regardless of what the posture of the bill is.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Well, as you -- as you know, it's your responsibility to make that motion. There has been -- been no motion made. House Bill 469. Senator Molaro. Take it out of the record. House Bill 482. Senator Fawell. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 482.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Transportation adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 494. Senator Raica. Senator Raica. Take it out of the record. House Bill 508. Senator Sieben. Take it out of the record. House Bill 562. Senator Woodyard. Senator

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Woodyard. Take it out of the record. House Bill 602. Senator Madigan. Senator Madigan. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 602.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 641. Senator Hendon. Senator Hendon. Read the bill. Hold the bill. Senator Hendon, I -- I couldn't hear you.

SENATOR HENDON:

I'm sorry. I need that bill held on 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment that I agreed in committee.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Take -- take it out of the record. House Bill 655. Senator Madigan. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 655.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 675. Senator Fawell. Read the bill. SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 675.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Transportation adopted Amendment No. 1.

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 689. Senator Demuzio. Senator Demuzio. Take it out of the record. House Bill 702. Senator Weaver. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 702.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 749. Senator Watson. Read the bill. SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 749.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 770. Senator Donahue. Take it out of the record. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Before we leave that page, I -- I thought I motioned to you to call that bill. Apparently you didn't see it. I was wondering if we might have leave to go back and move 689.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

You know, I'm sorry that you're slow on the switch, but I'll

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be happy to extend that courtesy to you. What was the bill? SENATOR DEMUZIO:

It wasn't that I was slow on the switch; it was that you just couldn't read the -- the signs. I thought I was the third-base coach and you were hitting, and...

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

I looked right at you and called it twice. House Bill 689. Senator Demuzio. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 689.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 797. Senator Farley. Take it out of the record. House Bill 814. Senator Klemm. Senator Klemm. Take it out of the record. House Bill 949. All right. Let's go back to House Bill -- excuse me, 814. Senator Klemm. Read the bill. SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 814.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 949. Senator del Valle. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 949.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted Amendment No. 1.

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Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY:

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No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

House Bill 961. Senator Smith. Senator Smith, 961? You wish it read? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 961.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. 979. Senator O'Malley? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 979.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Local Government and Elections adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Are there further amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. House Bill 991. Senator Trotter? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 991.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Environment and Energy adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

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SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. 1009. Senator Ralph Dunn? Out of the record.

Senator Palmer, on 1037? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1037.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Are there further amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Philip, on 1038? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1038.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive adopted Amendment No. 3.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Are there further amendments approved for consideration? SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. 1040, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1040.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. 1045, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1045.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive adopted Amendment No. 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Are there further amendments approved for consideration? SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Palmer, on 1056. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1056.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Cullerton, 1102. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1102.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Are there further amendments approved for consideration? SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Smith, on 1147? Read the bill, Mr.

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SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1147.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Geo-Karis, on 1155? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1155.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator DeAngelis, on 1204? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1204.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Woodyard, on 1212? Out of the record. Senator Butler, on 1215? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1215.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Woodyard, on 1259? Out of the record. Senator Ralph Dunn. Senator McCracken, on 1300? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary. Out of the record. 1313, Senator McCracken? Out of the record. Senator Cronin, on 1355. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

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SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1355.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Butler, on 1392? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1392.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Commerce and Industry adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Are there further amendments approved for consideration? SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. 1408, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1408.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. 1412, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1412.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Woodyard, on 1427? Out of the record.

Senate Bill -- House Bill 1440, Mr. Secretary.

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House Bill 1440.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Are there further amendments approved for consideration? SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Topinka, on 1464? Senator Topinka.

Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1464.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Environment and Energy adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Are there further amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. 1488. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1488.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Fawell? Read the bill. 1496, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1496.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Watson, on 1497? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1497.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Berman? Senator Peterson, on 1511? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1511.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Are there further amendments approved for consideration? SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator O'Malley. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary. 1532.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1532.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Are there further amendments approved for consideration? SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Maitland, on 1571? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary -- Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1571.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Karpiel, on 1576? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1576.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Are there further amendments approved for consideration? ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Severns, for what purpose do you arise? SENATOR SEVERNS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise on a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

State your point.

SENATOR SEVERNS:

It's my honor to have joining us today from Sullivan High School as Pages, Katie Tice and Dave Elder, and I'd like the Senate just to take a moment to welcome them.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Good to have you with us. Senator Woodyard, on 1613. Read

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the bill, Mr. <sic> Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1613.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Agriculture and Conservation adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Are there further amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Molaro? Senator Geo-Karis? Senator DeAngelis, on 1739? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1739.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No -- committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Cullerton, on 1746? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1746.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Woodyard, on 1761? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1761.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments have been reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. 1798, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1798.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or -- or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Geo-Karis, on 1803? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1803.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Are there further amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Madigan, on 1854? Out of the record. Senator Hendon, on 1855? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1855.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Severns? Senator Madigan, on 1957?

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Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1957.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Are there further amendments approved for consideration? ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Watson, on 1985? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1985.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator DeAngelis, on 2036? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2036.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Commerce and Industry adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Are there further amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Smith, on 2043? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

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ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2043.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Are there further amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Smith, on 2057? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2057.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Woodyard, on 2061? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2061.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Philip, on 2123? Senator Philip? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2123.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive offers

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Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Are there further amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Hasara, on 2231? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2231.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare -- adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Are there further amendments approved for consideration? ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Topinka, on 2242. Out of the record. Senator Maitland, on 2245? Senator Maitland, 2245? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2245.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Madigan. 2260, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2260.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported, Mr. President.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator McCracken, on... Out of the record. Senator Madigan, on 2307? Out of the record. Senator Smith, on 2333? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2333.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Topinka, on 2336? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2336.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Hendon, on 2417. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2417.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Are there further amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Philip, on 2244 <sic>? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

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ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2444.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Are there further amendments approved for consideration? ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Committee Reports.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Karpiel, Chairman -- pardon me -- Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports House Bills numbered 800 and 2272 Do Pass; House Bills numbered 1716 and 1816 Do Pass, as Amended; and Senate Joint Resolution 28, tabled by Sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 386, offered by Senator Karpiel.

Senate Resolution 387, offered by Senator Stern.

Senate Resolution 388, offered by Senator Jacobs.

Senate Resolution 389, offered by Senator Ralph Dunn.

And Senate Resolution 390, offered by Senators DeLeo and Cullerton.

They are all congratulatory.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Consent Calendar. We will now proceed to the Order of Resolutions Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all of those read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, have there been any objections filed to any resolution on the Consent Calendar?

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SECRETARY HARRY:

No objections have been filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The motion carries. Resolutions are adopted. We will now move to the Order of Discharge Motions on page 34 and 38 of the Calendar. I might announce that, pursuant to Rule No. 7-9, motions to discharge committees requires thirty-six affirmative votes. Senator Demuzio, on House Bill -- 125, 409? Mr. Secretary, will you read the motion?

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to suspend any applicable Senate rules, and further move the Senate Rules Committee to refer House Bills 125, 409, 575, 610 and 1888 to the Committee on Judiciary, have the posting requirement for said bills waived, and have said bills heard expeditiously.

Filed, May 4th, 1993, by Senator Demuzio.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, Mr. President, let me just make this point: These first six motions that I have filed are no longer timely. As a matter of fact, if you will look, on Wednesday these motions were not shown as motions to discharge, but they, in fact, were motions that would re-refer bills from the Rules Committee and waive the posting requirements so that those bills could have gotten an honorable and decent hearing in committee. But since the Chair chose not to go to that Order of Business, and today is the last day for substantive bills to clear committee, those first six motions are no longer timely, and I would seek to withdraw them. In addition, I would like to ask another parliamentary inquiry of

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the Chair, if I might. And that inquiry is...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

State your point.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

...is this: At the close of business this morning and upon adjournment, all substantive bills that are -- reside in standing committees are automatically referred back to the Rules Committee. Is the Rules Committee going to meet today in order to honor the commitments made by the respective committee chairmen that those -- that those commitments made in committee about bills being heard this summer? Are those commitments going to be honored? Is, in fact, the Rules Committee going to meet today? And what is the procedure for -- for us, following today's adjournment? PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

The Rules Committee will not meet today. We will be meeting in a timely fashion to consider anything brought before the Rules Committee. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you. Could I ask the Chair its indulgence as to why we were not afforded the opportunity to go to this Order of Business on Motions so that at least we would have had the opportunity to have the motions heard that — in case these bills were, in fact, referred from the Rules Committee to substantive committees, that they would have gotten a hearing? I would like to know why we are waiting until this moment, when we were promised that we could go to that Order of Business on Wednesday of this week?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

I think the Chair has always gone to the Order of Motions to Discharge on the final day of committees. Senator Dudycz, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Well, Mr. President, I stand on a point of personal privilege.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

State your point.

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Basically these -- this motion that Senator Demuzio filed on these House bills -- you know, if you look at the Calendar, Mr. President, or in our book, the synopsis in the Digest shows that last action taken by these bills was either on April 28th, So, Senator Demuzio, being a Member of the Rules 22nd or 27th. Committee, as I am, had ample opportunity to -- to file under the Senate rules - specifically under Senate Rule 7-9 - he had an opportunity to file a motion in the Rules Committee, and he failed to do so. I don't know whether he's -- whether he's sincere his effort in this -- in this -- this rhetoric that he's come across, or whether he's just grandstanding, Mr. President. just like to briefly -- briefly -- no, Mr. -- I'd like to briefly quote Senate Rule 7-9 says, "Upon concurrence of a majority of appointed, the Rules Committee may advance any legislative measure pending before it to the Senate without referral another committee..." Senator Demuzio failed to do so. This late he's attempting - I don't know what - but he had opportunities earlier.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Cullerton, on 2182? State your point, Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

You know, I -- I just heard that -- that speech by my friend, Walter Dudycz, who is also a Member of the Rules Committee, with respect to grandstanding. Let me just tell you: You kept a hundred and forty substantive bills in the Rules Committee. Those bills deserve a hearing in the Illinois Senate. They passed the House. You could have sent them to committee so that they could have had a hearing. You could have made whatever distribution

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that you wanted to make in committee after the hearing, and you didn't do it. We asked for a discharge motion, that those bills, in fact, could be re-referred from Rules for a ample hearing. That's all we asked for. So it is not grandstanding. It is a matter of procedure here in this Body. And the fact of the matter is — is that a hundred and forty substantive bills did not receive a hearing in the Illinois Senate. That's the matter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Your comments will be duly noted, Senator. Senator Cullerton, do you wish 2182? Read the motion, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I hereby move to suspend any applicable Senate rules and move to discharge House Bill 2182 from the Executive Committee to the full Senate.

Filed, May 6th, 1993, by Senator Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there any discussion to the merits of the motion? If not, those in favor will... Senator Cullerton may close. Senator Karpiel. Senator Karpiel.

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Well, Mr. President, just to say that House Bill 2182 did get a hearing in a Senate committee. It got a very full hearing. We had witnesses on both the proponents' side and the opponents' side. We had a lot of questions -- questions, a lot of speeches, and we did have a vote. And I would recommend not passing this motion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Am I opening or closing now? PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

You're closing.

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SENATOR CULLERTON:

Well, had I had the right to open, what I would have said, first off, was to compliment Senator Karpiel. She's absolutely She conducted the committee with a great deal of respect for all of the witnesses. It was a very full hearing. The bill had, I think, three of four witnesses in favor, a couple opposed. She -- I really want to extend my thanks to her for the way in she conducted that -- that committee hearing. I just thought -- if I had a chance to open, I would have explained what the bill did, so we'd know what we were voting on. That -- the bill is House Bill 2182, which adds sexual orientation currently protected categories in the Illinois Human Rights Act and makes discrimination based on sexual orientation a human Currently, protected categories in the Human rights violation. Rights Act include race, religion, color, national ancestry, age, gender, disability, marital status and military discharge status. Discrimination is prohibited in employment, credit and public accommodations. As I said, the hearing was a full one. The bill fell one vote short in coming out of the committee. The reason why I'm filing the motion is simply that I think the subject matter is something that ought be debated on the full Senate Floor. It is a subject matter that is very sensitive; that, as you could tell from -- if you were at the committee, people did a lot of soul-searching in deciding how to vote for it. I think that everyone on the Senate Floor ought to have that -- that right. It is a bill that is supported by a whole variety of organizations, and I think it's something that really requires education. And the best way to do that is to have full debate on the Senate Floor, and for that reason, I filed the motion, and ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

You've heard the motion. Those in favor, signify by voting

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Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 20, the Nays are 29, 1 voting Present. The motion, failing to receive the constitutional majority, is declared lost. 2399, Senator Jones? Read the motion, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I hereby move to suspend any applicable Senate rules and move to discharge the Senate Rules Committee from further consideration of House Bill 2399, and that the bill be placed on the Calendar on the Order of 2nd Reading.

Filed, May 3rd, 1993, by Senator Jones.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. The reason why I filed this motion on this all-important piece of legislation that has received quite a bit of notoriety -- at the time this bill was introduced, we did not have the situation as we -- it relate to the strangling -- the hanging of a minor child that has received notoriety and all the press on this issue. piece of legislation deals with the best interests of the child. The bill came over here last Thursday. It was read into record, given ample time for this bill to be assigned to the appropriate committee for a hearing. The bill did not assigned. It was not released from the Rules Committee. And so T filed this motion in the best interests of children to -- to -- to keep us out of the politics as to who is doing what for the children of the State of Illinois. This bill is a bill received strong bipartisan support in the House. It was not let out of the Rules Committee, and I feel ample time was there for the Rules Committee to act to assign this all-important bill to a

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committee so that it could receive proper hearing. So I am requesting that this bill be placed on the Order of 2nd Reading, that the appropriate rule be discharged, so that this Body can deal with the all-important matter as it relate to the best interests of the children of the State of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Any discussion? Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Parliamentary inquiry. When we are voting on -- for instance, when we voted last, and we vote our vote this time, are we voting on the merits of the bill, or are we voting on the Motion to Discharge?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

We are voting on the Motion to Discharge.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Well -- when we vote on the Motion to Discharge, it seems to me that -- that we should not be then talking about the bill, but about the -- the motion. And -- and I would like it noted in the record that that's what we are doing, is voting on Motions to Discharge, and that's all we are doing.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there further discussion? Senator Jones, to close.

SENATOR JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. What we are voting on here is the motion — the motion which gives the people of this State a right to be heard on a all-important issue; the motion that they have a right to come forth before a committee and testify. The motion is whether or not we, as a Body, will afford the children of this State a right to be heard in committee, a right to be heard on this Floor — the all-important issue, as relate to the best interests of the child. It was not I — it was not I — who sat on the Rules Committee and refused to let this bill out. This bill

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received ample testimony in the House. It was opposed by the Department of Children and Family Services. Representatives from the Governor's Office opposed this legislation, but it seemed awful strange to me that this all-important issue, when it came time for the Senate to hear this bill, it was stuck in Rules Committee, did not see -- all of a sudden, these same provisions are going to be placed on another bill for political purposes. This issue, this bill, should be heard by this Body. The vote on this motion is whether or not you, as a Body, believe the best interests of the child should be heard by this Chamber, and I ask for affirmative vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

You've heard the motion. All in favor, signify by voting Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 24, the Nays are 16, 9 voting Present, 10 not voting. And the motion, failing to obtain the constitutional majority, is declared lost. Senator Jones, on 2423? Read the motion, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to suspend all applicable Senate rules, and pursuant to Senate Rule 7-9, to discharge the Senate Rules Committee from further consideration of House Bill 2423, stand on the Order of 2nd Reading.

Filed, May 5th, 1993, by Senator Jones.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. The same remarks on the previous legislation I have on this, and that is, this bill arrived from the House. It was arbitrarily -- or ruled that it did not arrive in proper time. We were still in Session when -- when the Rules Committee was meeting. This bill

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deals with the foster parents: whether or not a foster parent should have intervening rights as it relate to a minor child that's been placed in their custody by the Department of Children and Family Service. The people of the State of Illinois, the foster parents, and the children, should be protected, and I would hope that the Members on both sides of the aisle would join in an affirmative vote to give them that right. All this bill does is codify current practice of law. And -- and I see no reason why we should play politics with the lives of children, if we are talking about a motion while -- or are we talking about politics? each Member on this side -- on both sides of the aisle should be in favor of the foster parents having an intervening right court when -- whenever there is any proceedings brought up as it relate to a child in their custody. So, Mr. President, I ask and Members on both sides of the aisle to vote affirmative on this motion, because it is in the best interests of the children.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall the motion carry. Those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 25, the Nays are 19, 6 voting Present. The motion required 36 votes and failed to carry. The motion is lost. Senator Smith, on... Mr. Secretary, have there been any motions filed?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Mr. President, the following Members have filed motions with respect to the following bills on this date, May 7th, 1993: House Bill 577 <sic> (575), Senator Tom Dunn; House Bill 610, Senator Shaw; House Bill 125, Senator Severns; House Bill 409, Senator Jones; House Bill 928, Senator Jacobs; House Bill 521, Senator Trotter; House Bill 957, Senator Stern; House Bill 1213, Senator Collins; House Bill 2207, Senator Demuzio; House Bill 685, Senator

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Tom Dunn; House Bill 314, Senator Welch; House Bill 791, Senator Carroll; House Bill 1625, Senator Palmer; House Bill 1749, Senator Welch; House Bill 2102, Senator Stern; House Bill 2386, Senator Hall; House Bill 1747, Senator Collins; House Bill 241, Senator Palmer; House Bill 2405, Senator Cullerton; House Bill 1532 <sic>, Senator Cullerton; and House Bill 1213, by Senator Collins.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Mr. Secretary, the Chair orders that these motions be printed on the Calendar. For what does purpose Senator Carroll arise?

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege, if I might just...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

State your point.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you. To announce that Senator Berman is absent today; that he had a medical appointment back in the City.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Thank you. The record will so indicate. Is there any further business? Senator Topinka.

SENATOR TOPINKA:

Yes. Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I know all of us have dealt with one of our legislative liaisons, formerly with IDOT, now with the Department of Conservation, Ferd Sugent. He is currently in the intensive care unit of Loyola Medical Center after some very serious surgery. And if you would send him cards or make acknowledgement of that, I'm sure he and his family would be -- would be very pleased.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Severns, for what purpose do you arise? SENATOR SEVERNS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I know that Members are anxious to

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get out of here, but before they do, I think they ought to give one of our Members a little bit of reminder of how old he's getting; that's Senator Vince Demuzio. The report says 52. We all know it's much higher than that, but we'll leave it at 52 today. And -- and for anybody who needs a little nourishment before they hit the road, there's cake available in his office. I'd like us to wish Senator Demuzio a happy 52nd birthday. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Thank you. Happy birthday, Senator Demuzio. There being no further business -- Senator Demuzio, at Senator Weaver's desk.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, I welcome you all into my office, but I will tell you that your old refrigerator is missing, with all that sarsaparilla. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

There being no further business, the Senate will stand adjourned until noon on Tuesday.

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