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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Now, the regular Session of the 88th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be in their desks, and will the guests in the galleries please rise. Our prayer today will be given by Father Cassidy, Blessed Sacrament Church, Springfield, Illinois. Father Cassidy.

FATHER CASSIDY:

(Prayer by Father Cassidy)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal. Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journals of Thursday, June 30th; Tuesday, July 5th; Wednesday, July 6th; Thursday, July 7th; Friday, July 8th; and Monday, July 11th, in the year 1994, 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. Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 1159, with House Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Passed the House, as amended, July 11th, 1994.

We have a like Message on Senate Bill 1454, with House Amendment 1.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

If I could have your attention, I will try to bring you up to

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date, where I think we're going to be today. And it'd be the intention of the Chair to stand at ease, and as you know, we have some conference committees meeting. We have -- the Rules Committee needs to meet. We'll have a hearing on the budget and a hearing on Medicaid, and hopefully we'd come back here some time in early afternoon and -- and -- and do what we have to do. So my guess is, unless something unusual happens, that we should be out of here late in the afternoon. And we are doing everything, and the staff is doing everything, to put everything together so we can vote on it and get out of here and -- and have a nice, wonderful summer. So, the Senate will stand at ease at -- at the call of the Chair. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Just -- just as a matter of procedure. Are -- yesterday you went ahead and had the Rules Committee without us, while we were in caucus, and you came back in and you read in the Rules Committee report. Is it your intention then to go to the Rules Committee at some point this morning and then come back while we are not here and read in that report and/or the other paperwork so we know what the procedure is?

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Well, it's the intent of the Chair to have a Rules Committee meeting. I didn't realize it was during your caucus, quite frankly. That was not my intention. But we would certainly hope that he would inform you when it's going to be, and I suppose that we would come back and try to read it in as soon as possible, just to get the paperwork moving. Yeah. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President. In your remarks, you indicated that there would be a hearing on Medicaid. I know the conferees have been meeting with the Governor's Chief of Staff, from all four caucuses, on the Medicaid issue. So, when you said

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a hearing, I -- I know there has been -- hasn't been any agreement. Could you clarify what you were speaking about, regarding the Medicaid and managed care piece?

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Well, hopefully there'll be a hearing. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Well, hopefully will be a hearing, but I didn't want us to get caught in a position whereby you intend to go ahead and run an administration bill with the -- with the tax on the grannies and co-payments and a few other things. I thought we were sitting down working, trying to resolve the issue. But -- but, hopefully this is not going to happen; that the individuals who have been meeting from the respective caucuses will come to agreement on the Medicaid piece.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Well, I -- I have been -- been informed by the Governor's Office that they think most of the issues have been settled on Medicaid, to my knowledge. Now, if there's -- if there's an exception, I'm not aware of it, at this point. The Senate will stand at recess at the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senate will come to order. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

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

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committees: Referred to the Committee on Appropriation - Senate Amendment 3 to House Bill 1882; and Be Approved for Consideration - Conference Committee Report 1 to House Bill 9.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Maitland on the Floor? Senator Donahue.

SENATOR DONAHUE:

Well, thank you, Mr. President. For those of you who are in your offices or secretaries that can hear our voice, there will be an Appropriations hearing in Room 212 at 10:45. Appropriations hearing at 10:45, 212.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Thank you, Senator. Senate will stand at ease until the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senate will reconvene, and we will be going to the Order of Concurrences, on page 8 of today's Calendar. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Maitland, Chair of the Committee on Appropriations, reports Senate Amendment 3 to House Bill 1882 Be Adopted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 1721, offered by Senator Hawkinson. It's congratulatory, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

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Consent Calendar. 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 refused to recede from Amendment No. 2 to a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 1832.

I am further directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives requests a First Committee of Conference, to consist of five Members from each House, to consider the differences of the two Houses in regard to the amendment to the bill. The Speaker of the House has appointed such a committee. Action taken by the House, July 12th, 1994.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Without objection, the Senate accedes to the request of the House for conference committees on those bills just read by the Secretary. Leave is granted. WAND-TV, KHQA-TV and WICS-TV, WCIA-TV and Illinois Information Services all request the ability to videotape. Also, the Associated Press is requesting leave to take photos. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. If I could have your attention, the three bills on Concurrences, the three sponsors are Senator Petka, Senator Farley and Senator Weaver. If you would please get in a mode to be prepared. So, come to the Floor. On page 8 of the Calendar, on the Order of Concurrence, is Senate Bill 487. Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1, 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 487.

Offered by Senator Petka.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Petka.

SENATOR PETKA:

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Well, thank you very much, Madam President and Members of the Senate. The House added three amendments to Senate Bill 487. I will briefly explain each of the amendments. Amendment No. 1 was language which was requested by the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, which basically permits a minor to be -- under the age of sixteen to be involved in an entertainment production and -- and can obtain a waiver on the current work-hour restrictions, so that the minor may work between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. from Labor Day to June 1st, and from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. from June 1st to Labor Day. Number -- Amendment No. 2 was introduced at the request of the Illinois Trucking Association. This amendment basically puts Illinois law in compliance with current federal law. It increased -- it establishes qualifications and maximum hours of service, and that employees operating under House Amendment No. 2 would not be subject to the Minimum Wage Law. Amendment No. 3 involves an increase in salaries for certain elected officials, being the State's attorneys of the one hundred and two counties in the State of Illinois. I recognize that this is a matter in which sometimes we approach with some trepidation, but I think that there is a very compelling argument to be made for this amendment. When I first became State's Attorney of Will County in 1976, the salary of State's attorneys was forty-two thousand six hundred dollars. The salary of circuit court judges at that time was forty-two thousand five hundred dollars. In 1980, the salary of State's attorneys was increased to fifty thousand five hundred dollars, as was the salary of judges. In 1984, the State's attorney's salary was set at sixty-five thousand dollars, and -- and judges' salaries were set at sixty-five thousand five hundred dollars. In 1988, State's attorneys' salaries were set at eighty thousand dollars, and judges' salaries were set at eighty thousand five hundred ninety-nine dollars. For the past six years, even though the Judicial Branch of Government,

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the Executive Branch of Government and the Legislative Branch of Government have been receiving COLA increases, State's attorneys have not. For the last six years, there has not been any increase, even in the COLA, of the highest prosecuting officer in -- in the respective counties. All this amendment would do is place -- would place State's attorneys in counties over thirty thousand and less than three million at the same pay scale as circuit court judges' pay scale as of July 1st, 1994. I do believe that we need salaries commensurate with the nature of the responsibilities of office. The office of State's attorney is a very, very physically, emotionally and mentally demanding job. And I believe that the salary increases, in light of what I've said, are warranted. Madam President, I would entertain any questions on any of these amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none -- this is final action. The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1, 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 487. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 49 Ayes, 9 Nays, none voting Present. The Senate does concur in House Amendments No. 1, 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 487, and having received the required three-fifths majority vote, is declared passed. Again on page 8 of the Calendar, on the Order of Concurrence, is Senate Bill 542. Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 542.

Offered by Senator Farley.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

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Senator Farley.

SENATOR FARLEY:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 582 <sic> (542) was amended in the House with House Amendment No. 3. It guts the...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Excuse me, Senator Farley.

SENATOR FARLEY:

...original intent of the bill...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Farley.

SENATOR FARLEY:

...and provides for the following: It provides that expenses for printing bills shall be paid out of the regular appropriation to the Legislative Printing Unit; provides that bills shall be introduced in accordance with the rules of each Chamber. It was joint rules of the House and the Senate. It permits the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate to establish a schedule of fees to be charged for providing live audio of the proceedings of the House and the Senate, and it allows telecommunication services to be purchased, rather than only leased, by district office funds. Requires agencies to inquire with CMS for surplus property only for purchases of five hundred dollars or more - now all purchases. What this is, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, is managerial items that the Senate Secretary, the Clerk of the House, and Assistant Secretary and Assistant Clerks have agreed to, and it's a -- an item that we should approve. So I would ask, Madam President, that we so concur in Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 542.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Do we have any discussion? Any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none -- this is final action. This is final action. The



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question is, shall the Senate occur <sic> in House Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 542. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. The Senate does concur in House Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 542, and the bill, having received the required three-fifths majority vote, is declared passed. On page 9 of your Calendar, on the Order of Concurrences, is Senate Bill 1692. Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1692.

Offered by Senator Weaver.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Madam President. House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1692 would repeal the Technical Evaluation Committee Section of the Illinois Development Finance Authority Act. It also changes the responsibility for administering the Small Business Surety Bond Guarantee Fund from the Illinois Development Finance Authority to the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. DCCA has the funds that can be used for this program, and the IFDA <sic> currently has no staff of which to -- or the expertise to administer these funds. So I would move to concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1692.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none - again, this is final action - the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1692. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?

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Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. The Senate does concur in House Amendments -- No. 1 to Senate Bill 1692, and having required -- received the required three-fifths majority vote, is declared passed. Senator Maitland, do you wish to have House Bill 1882... No. Senator Weaver. Senator Weaver, do you wish to have Senate -- House Bill 1882 returned to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purposes of an amendment? Senator Weaver seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 1882 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purposes of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 1882. Madam Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Amendment No. 3, offered by Senators Weaver and Maitland.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Weaver moves to have Senator Maitland -- yields to Senator Maitland. Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you very much, Madam President, Members of the Senate. Amendment No. 3 to House Bill 1882 does contain the annual increase in the General Obligation Bond Act, and I would -- would move for its adoption and would explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Any discussion? Any discussion? All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 1882. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

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ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1882.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Weaver yields to Senator Maitland. Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you very much, Madam President, Members of the Senate. House Bill 1882, as amended, is the annual GO -- Obligation Bond Act, and it is the increase for FY'95. The proposed increase is to six billion one hundred and thirteen million dollars. It is an increase of one billion one hundred ninety-four million dollars over all categories, and I would seek your approval.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 1882 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 Ayes, no Nays, 1 voting Present. House Bill 1882, having received the required three-fifths majority vote, is declared passed. Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 1722, offered by Senator Cullerton.

And Senate Resolution 1723, offered by Senators Fawell and Philip.

They are both congratulatory.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Consent Calendar. ...(microphone cutoff)...have your attention. We will recess the general -- the general Session - regular Session - until the call of the Chair.

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(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS)

(Senate Reconvenes Second Special Session)

(See Second Special Session Transcript)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, just as a -- for information purposes. I know it's going to take a while, once the Medicaid proposal is put together. Is it possible that we might recess to a time certain later to come back and finish all the rest of the business?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Demuzio, we are very hopeful that the paperwork and everything will be completed by 3 o'clock. So at this point, we will recess, and our time certain will be somewhere in the neighborhood of 3 p.m. All right? The Chair recognizes Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Madam President, there will be a -- a Republican Caucus immediately after this Session in Senator Pate Philip's Office. Republican Caucus in Senator...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senate stands in recess till the call of the Chair. Somewhere in neighborhood of 3 p.m.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS)

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(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

...(microphone cutoff)...will come to order. Mr. Secretary,  
Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports that the following Legislative Measures have been assigned to committees: Referred to the Committee on Environment and Energy - Conference Committee Report 1 to Senate Bill 1721; to the Committee on Executive - Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 1477; and Be Approved for Consideration - Conference Committee Report 1 to Senate Bill 1285 and Conference Committee Report 1 to House Bill 1635.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

For what purpose does Senator Karpziel arise?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Well, thank you, Mr. President. For everyone that can hear me, we will have an Executive Committee meeting at 4:30 in Room 212. 4:30 in Room 212, Executive Committee. We have one conference committee. We should be very quick.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

For what purpose does Senator Demuzio arise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Also for clarification, since we, in fact, are going to go to Executive Committee at 4:30, and since the managed care bill is not yet prepared, do you have any idea when we might be going into Session, so that we might notify our Members?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

It's a little difficult to know exactly when LRB will have the

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bill ready to read in, and Rules meet first and then read in. And so, I would only be guessing, Senator Demuzio. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

So we're entering into this dialogue so that we know -- so the Members have some idea where we are, and that is that once the managed care bill is prepared and once it is filed with the Secretary, read into the record, then the Rules Committee will meet promptly sometime thereafter. And then it will go to a committee hearing, and as soon as it comes back, then it can be taken up by the Senate. So, I'm just entering into this dialogue so the Members may have some idea as to what we are, in fact, contemplating here. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

There will also be a meeting of the Energy and Environment Committee, meeting at 4:20 - 4:20 - in 212. 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 refused to recede from their Amendments numbered 1 and 2 to a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 776.

I am further directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives requests a First Committee of Conference. The Speaker of the House has appointed such a committee.

Action taken by the House, July 12th, 1994.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Accede to the request for a conference committee. Without objection, the Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference committee on the bill just read by the Secretary. Leave is granted. Resolutions.

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SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 1724, offered by Senator Jones and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1725, by Senator Jones.

And Senate Resolution 1726, by Senator Syverson.

They're congratulatory and death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Consent Calendar. The Senate will stand at ease.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

The Senate will reconvene for the purposes of Messages and Reports. 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 refused to recede from their Amendment 2 to a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 1803.

Action taken by the House, July 12th, 1994.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Without objection, we will accede to the House's request. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Mahar, Chair of the Committee on Environment and Energy, reports Senate Bill 1721, the First Conference Committee Report, Be Approved for Consideration.

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Senator Karpiel, Chair of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Bill 1477, First Conference Committee Report, Be Approved for Consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 1727, offered by Senator Karpiel and others. It's congratulatory, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution -- or Senate Joint Resolution 185, offered by Senators Philip and Jones.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further business to come before this House? If not, we will recess... Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Could you give us an idea as to now what the procedure is going to be for the remainder of the afternoon? These bills, I assume, that were read in -- into the record, I assume will now go to the Rules Committee and at some point, there will be a Rules Committee hearing. Do you have any idea of the times?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

The bills that were read into the record have been through the Rules Committee and through the respective Energy Committees and the Executive Committees. And as for the time, they're still finishing the paperwork, my understanding is, and as soon as we have it, we will alert you. It looks like we're going to be here tonight. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

So it appears, then, that we will not go back into regular Session until such time as we get the paperwork on the managed



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care.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

I'm sorry. Would you repeat that, sir?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

We will not be going back into regular Session then, until such time as we get the paperwork on the managed care. Is that...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

I think I can approximate about 6 p.m. that we're going -- going to come back for the regular Session. Senator Demuzio?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

So our -- our Members can -- can be at ease then, until 6 o'clock, is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Yes, that's -- I -- I'll so declare. Your Members could be at ease till 6 p.m. How will that be? Anything further to come before this House? Hearing none, we are recessed till 6 p.m.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senate will come to order. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports that the following Legislative Measures have been assigned to committees: Re-referred from Executive to the Rules Committee - Senate Joint Resolution 185; referred to the Committee on Executive - Conference Committee Report 1 to Senate Bill 1803 and Conference Committee Report 1 to Senate Bill 1832; referred to the

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Committee on Local Government and Elections - Conference Committee Report 1 to Senate Bill 357; referred to the Committee on Public Health and Welfare - Conference Committee Report 1 to Senate Bill 776; and Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Joint Resolution 185.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

For what purpose does Senator Dudycz arise?

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Just to announce that the Local Government Committee will be meeting at Room 400 at 7:10. Public Health will be meeting in Room 400 at 7:15. And the Executive Committee will be meeting in Room 212 at 7:15.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

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 concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 1369, together with Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Passed the House, as amended, July 12th, 1994, by a three-fifths vote.

We have a like Message on Senate Bill 1715, with House Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 16, 17 and 19.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeANGELIS)

The Senate will convene at 6:30 to do the ordinary business of the Senate. 6:30, Senate Chamber will convene to do the ordinary business. All those within the hearing distance: 6:30, the Senate will convene. Thank you.

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(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

...(microphone cutoff)...Senate will reconvene. Would those Members within the hearing distance of my voice please come to the Floor. We will be going to the Order of Supplemental Calendar No. 2. Senators Butler, Thomas Dunn, Raica and Karpel, we will be going to your House and Senate bills on Conference Committee Reports, on Supplemental Calendar No. 2. So, as soon as you get to the Floor, we will go to that order of business. Supplemental Calendar No. 2 has been distributed. On the top of the Supplemental Calendar No. 2 is House Bill 1635, Conference Committee Report. Madam Secretary, do we have a file on -- on a Conference Committee Report on House Bill 1635?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

First Conference Committee Report on House Bill 1635.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Thank you very much. House Bill 1635 - there are several parts to it. First of all, the conference report recommends that the underlying bill be retained, and that the House concur in Senate Amendment No. 2. The bill really deals with -- with two separate occasions. One is it removes from the Storm Management Council -- Stormwater Management Council the Upper Des Plaines River Watershed, because that has never been activated. Secondly, it provides that the chief elected official represent municipalities and counties. Senate Amendment No. 2 amends the North Shore Sanitary District Act, and it provides that no

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ordinance or rule imposing any penalty or making any appropriation shall take effect until public notification hearings have been complied with. It also recommends that the Senate recede from Senate Amendment No. 3, which was a quick-take authority to Palwaukee Airport. I would urge you -- I would urge your favorable vote, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt Conference Committee Report No. 1 on House Bill 1635. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. And the Senate does adopt the Conference Committee Report No. 1 on House Bill 1635, and the bill, having received the required three-fifths majority, is declared passed. Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1285. Senator Thomas Dunn. Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1285.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Dunn.

SENATOR T. DUNN:

Thank you, Mr. President. This conference committee report contains numerous provisions for various Members, none of which, I believe, are truly controversial. I will go through them. The first deals with staggered terms of office for the county commissioners, and states that in all counties not under township organization that have three commissioners, it provides for staggered six-year terms of office. The next provision deals with township attorneys, and it permits in all counties, except Cook, for the appointment of a township attorney by the township

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supervisor, with the advice and consent of the township board. The next element deals with the appointment of municipal treasurers. In municipalities of less than ten thousand population, the city council may, by ordinance, permit the mayor to appoint the city treasurer with the advice and consent of the city council. The next element deals with municipal nongoverning boards and commissions and providing certain municipal services. It clarifies that a member of a nongoverning board or commissioner <sic> of a municipality may provide goods and services to the municipality within certain restrictions. Next element deals with drainage district treasurers. The provision in this amendment simply requires the resolution appointing the treasurer to contain the level of compensation that is to be paid to the district treasurers annually. Next element deals with the North Shore and Downstate Urban Sanitary District contracts, and provides that in determining the lowest responsible bidder for certain contracts exceeding ten thousand dollars, district boards shall consider the qualities and serviceability of all articles supplied and other specified factors. Next element is sanitary district dissolution, and increases the population threshold for dissolution of sanitary districts from fifteen hundred to five thousand residents. Next deals with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, and it provides that -- for the boarder <sic> to order a party that is responsible for a prohibited discharge to pay the court reporter costs and hearing officer fees, if an administrative hearing is held, up to a maximum of three thousand dollars. Next amendment deals with the -- amending the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act, and authorizes the district to sell unneeded property of which recreational structures have been built along the North Branch of the Chicago River, for fair market value, without competitive bid. Next item deals with water service district dissolution, and provides for the dissolution of a water

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service district upon petition by the district board of trustees or by approval at a referendum. The next deals with downstate park districts and OTB funds, and provides that -- this would allow the Joliet Park District to receive Horse Race Track Allocation <sic> funds like every other downstate OTB community. Next element is a report of the county superintendent of highways. In downstate counties, it makes the county superintendent report of local district monies subject to the request by a road district treasurer within the county. The next element deals with expanding or remodeling county jails, and authorizes only the counties of Madison and St. Clair counties to incur indebtedness for expanding or remodeling county jails and sheriff residence, subject to a backdoor referendum. Next one deals in banning of graffiti, and permits a county board to ban graffiti within the county, except within the corporate limits of a municipality. The last item is a special incorporation for Frankfort Square, and permits in Will County a contiguous area of at least three square miles and eight thousand residents to incorporate as a village. I'm happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1285. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 53, Nays are 6, none voting Present. And the Senate does adopt Conference Committee Report No. 1 on Senate Bill 1285, and the bill, having received the required three-fifths majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1477. Madam Secretary, do you have a file -- a Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1477?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

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First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1477.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Raica.

SENATOR RAICA:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Conference Committee Report No. 1 to House Bill -- or Senate Bill 1477 does numerous things for various Members within this Body. Number one, it concurs with House Amendment No. 1 and -- removes the mandated in-service CPR training for police officers. It recedes from Amendments 3, 4, 5 and 7, which had to do with CPR training, mandatory recertification for police officers. It reinstates the optical disk storage provisions. It adds language to allow Madison and St. Clair counties to incur indebtedness for expanding or remodeling the county jails and the sheriffs' residence. It adds a provision which allows certain subdivisions with at least one hundred permanent residents in unincorporated Cook County to erect -- maintain street signs. It adds a provision to increase the two-hundred-dollar ceiling on rental car liability to one thousand, and the reason that happened is a lot of the -- for the new car dealers - is because when the new car dealers lease an automobile and the automobile is -- is damaged, they have a one-thousand-dollar deductible, instead of the two hundred, and this would -- they normally have to eat that eight hundred dollars. So that's the reason this provision was put on. It's not new to this Body. It was brought up last year. Next, it adds a provision to convey from the Department of Conservation to Jackson County 11.5 acres of land to be used for emergency services, for the consideration of one dollar. Next, it adds a provision to allow unincorporated Frankfort Square in Will County to incorporate by referendum. It adds a provision to convey from the Department of Conservation and the Department of Mental Health and -- yeah! -- Disabilities 6.5 acres, 6.3 acres

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and 2.2 acres respectfully to the Anna-Jonesboro Water Commission to upgrade an underground water pipeline and water reservoir. It adds language to allow Members of the General Assembly to affix their official General Assembly license plates to their corporate vehicles. And last, but not least, it adds a provision which allows the Joliet Park District to collect their share for the tax due to them from the Joliet OTB. And I would just like consideration of Conference Committee Report No. 1 to Senate Bill 1477.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any discussion? Senator del Valle.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Raica, there was a very important provision in this bill regarding training for campus police on diversity issues. It was a provision that was negotiated with the U of I and the other systems, and agreed to, but was taken out. For that reason, I urge Members on this side of the aisle to -- to vote No on this conference committee report.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any further discussion? Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

I have a question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

The sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Senator Raica, is there a provision in this bill that would raise the amount of deductible that car rental renters - drivers - have to pay from two hundred dollars to a thousand dollars?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Raica.

SENATOR RAICA:

I -- I would like to yield to my colleague, Senator Madigan.



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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Madigan.

SENATOR MADIGAN:

Thank you, Senator Raica. Thank you, Mr. President. I believe the answer to your question, Senator Berman, is yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Then if I might address my comments to Senator Madigan. We had a bill, and I thought it was in -- in your committee, dealing with this subject. Was it last year or this year, and what happened to that bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Madigan.

SENATOR MADIGAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Berman, at that time in that bill -- and I did have that bill. We did have that bill in the Insurance Committee. That bill did come to the Floor. That bill was defeated on 3rd Reading. At that time, that bill contained two components. It contained the car rental collision waiver language, and then it also included this language involving new car dealers and their use of rental cars when a customer's car is in their shop for repair. The -- I did -- I was not aware -- and still am not aware at this time -- of any problems between the insurance companies and the new car dealers. Their opposition rested with the car rental agencies or car rental franchises, as well as the Attorney General's Office on the consumer protection, as far as collision damage -- collision damage waiver, excuse me. At this time, I can tell you, Senator Berman, and tell the Members of the Senate, that the -- the companies that opposed the bill that was defeated last year -- the insurance companies -- have no opposition to this bill, have told me personally that they have no

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opposition to this language.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

If I might, Mr. -- Senator Madigan, just to be more specific: I remember that, if I recall, Allstate and State Farm, in particular, were very strongly opposed to the car rental -- to the car rental provision in general, and for the record, you're indicating to me that they have no opposition to this provision in this bill now.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Madigan.

SENATOR MADIGAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Berman, exactly, and particularly those two companies - Allstate and State Farm - have told me that they have no problem with this language. In addition, the Department of Insurance has no problem with this language, as well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any further discussion? Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President, just -- and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, to answer the query of Senator del Valle, I sponsored the bill of Representative Phelps - I think it was - no - I think it was -- was it Phelps or -- I'm sorry, it wasn't Phelps - on campus security that passed out of here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any further discussion? Senator Stern.

SENATOR STERN:

I just want to be sure I understand this. The insurance companies have no problem with raising the deductible on rental cars? What about those of us who rent cars? Would we not be

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dismayed at the idea that the deductible is now a thousand dollars a day? Or do I misunderstand?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Raica.

SENATOR RAICA:

Thank you, Mr. President. My understanding, when the bill was originally introduced, is that the insurance industry did have some problems with it on the particular bill that this provision was being put onto, and agreed to, if this provision were placed on another bill, have no opposition to the specifics that is addressed in this particular amendment. And as far as individuals are concerned, they are told when they come in exactly how much it would be for deductibles or -- or as far as leasing the automobile. So I would have to say at that point in time, they are going to make a decision whether they want to lease from that individual or not. It's an individual's preference. So, I don't know if that would affect this outcome or not.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Stern.

SENATOR STERN:

Well, it seems an absolutely outrageous rise that we are about to approve here. I cannot imagine. If we have any concern for folks who might be forced or be in a position where they need to rent a car, for us to give our imprimatur to this, I think, is outrageous. I -- I would suggest that we all vote No and express consumer outrage at this kind of thing. I can understand why the insurance companies are enthusiastic.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any further discussion? Senator Thomas Dunn.

SENATOR T. DUNN:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. Well, to the bill: I would just say that, you know, there probably isn't a person

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sitting in this room that -- that carries a thousand-dollar deductible on their own personal car. And I would also say that most of your policies will cover a rental car, so that if you go into the airport and rent a car and you do have an accident, your own policy - most of the time - will cover you. And I daresay that -- that very, very few of you will have a high deductible of a thousand dollars. What you probably have is a five-hundred deductible or seven-fifty, which means that after that amount of damage, the insurance company is going to pay for it. So I think you're going to be covered by your own -- your own insurance, and it'll be less than a thousand. It's probably five hundred.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any further discussion? Senator Palmer.

SENATOR PALMER:

Thank you, Mr. President. A question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator Palmer.

SENATOR PALMER:

Senator Raica, could you explain to me why legislators who are officers or directors of corporations can use General Assembly plates on delivery vehicles and trucks and so forth owned by the corporation? Why is that part of this legislation?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Raica.

SENATOR RAICA:

Before I defer, Mr. President, with your permission, to my colleague, Senator Klemm, I'd just like to say these are not on delivery trucks or such. These -- these would be automobiles that belong to legislators who are, if I'm not mistaken, on the executive board of corporations. And with that, I would like to defer to my colleague, Senator Klemm.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

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Senator Klemm.

SENATOR KLEMM:

Thank you, Mr. President. Let me explain it. The reason why I had asked for this amendment is because many of us who own corporations and have company cars, have those cars by necessity in our own private names in order to use the plates. And I asked the Secretary of State, is it possible that if you're an officer or director of that corporation and you're a Member of this Body and you buy the plates - as you know we do; they're not given to us - if we could display them on a car that happens to be titled in your corporate -- or, your corporation, as long as you're an officer and director. And they said, "Well, there'd be no problem; just have to change the law." So it was asked that the change be for all stockholders. And I thought that was very broad, and therefore, this would be very limited, that you'd have to be an officer or director, so that you could at least display that, and not have to have that liability as you drive that car. So that's the reason for it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Palmer.

SENATOR PALMER:

Okay. Thank you, Mr. President. With all due respect, isn't this, to some extent, some of what the beleaguered Senate Congressman Rostenkowski is being charged with? Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any further discussion? Senator Madigan, for the second time.

SENATOR MADIGAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I apologize for rising the second time, but I think I want to clarify something on this one portion of the bill dealing with the deductible, two hundred to a thousand and so forth. First of all, this applies to the new car dealers only. It does not have anything to do with the franchise car

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rental companies. The problem arose several years ago when in Illinois the collision damage waiver or the selling of collision damage waiver by the car rental companies came under attack and came under fire. At that time, the legislation that the General Assembly passed - and probably unknowingly, in my opinion - also included new car dealers who rent cars, and they cannot give the cars any more -- or, as courtesy cars because of -- their insurance regulations got caught up in the process along with the car rental agencies, insofar as this driver-responsible, two-hundred-dollar limit. Now, new car dealers are not in the business of renting cars. They let their customers rent cars when their cars are being repaired. The coverage on that policyholder's or the customer's car transfers automatically to whatever coverage that they have because of the temporary substitute coverage that is written on the policies that qualifies that car for coverage. However, the Statute prohibits them and makes a gap between this two hundred dollars and eight hundred dollars. There is no problem; there is no additional cost upon the consumer, unless, of course -- or the customer, unless, of course, they don't have collision coverage. This then would raise their responsibility, if they don't have collision coverage, from two hundred to a thousand dollars. In my opinion, Ladies and Gentlemen, that probably wouldn't occur anyway, because I doubt that the car rental -- or the new car dealers would be out there renting that car, in those instances, to their customers. So in -- in regards to that provision of the policy, I don't think we should be looking for things that are not actually present. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any further discussion? Senator Klemm, for the second time.

SENATOR KLEMM:

Well, thank you, Mr. President. I apologize for speaking a

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second time, but I do have to stand up and respond to possibly the accusations made by the Senator on the other side of the aisle. Certainly the intent of -- of allowing a legislator who is elected to this Body to display a license plate on a car that was paid for by private funds and has purchased the license plate with their own dollars, to be confused with what Congressman Rostenkowski is being accused with - of using and misappropriating public funds - I think would -- has to be clarified, because that is not the intent. That is not what is being done, and I certainly would resent, if that's the implication. These are private dollars. These are company dollars. These are your own private dollars when we buy our plates, and it's just a matter, as a courtesy, so that you can have the individual not have a liability of driving a corporate car under the private person's name. So that's the reason for the clarification.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any further discussion? Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

I just -- thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to echo what Senator Klemm said. This certainly was debated in committee. There is certainly nothing wrong with this idea, that someone who happens to be run -- having -- owning a company, and therefore driving a company car, has that kind of a license plate. It's not going to harm anybody, and -- and I think we should vote for the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any further discussion? Senator del Valle, for the second time.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise for a second time for a parliamentary inquiry.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

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State your point.

SENATOR dEL VALLE:

Given that -- given that this bill has several amendments that have immediate effective dates, how many votes are required?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Thirty-six. Any further discussion? If not, Senator Raica, to close.

SENATOR RAICA:

Mr. President, I just ask for consideration of Conference Committee Report -- adoption of Conference Committee Report No. 1 to Senate Bill 1477.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

The question is, shall the Senate adopt Conference Committee Report No. 1 on Senate Bill 1477. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 29 Ayes, 23 Nays, 5 voting Present. And the conference committee report is not adopted, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Senator Raica, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RAICA:

Postponed Consideration, please. Conference Committee Report on House <sic> Bill 1477.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Raica moves that second conference committee report be appointed. Hearing no discussion...(microphone cutoff)... Hearing no objection, leave is granted. For a second conference committee report, leave is granted. Conference Committee Report No. 1 to Senate Bill 1721. Senator Karpel. Senator Jones, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR JONES:

Mr. President, with all due respect, you said -- you indicated



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that the conference committee report would be on Postponed Consideration. Now if the conference committee report has failed, then you cannot, at this juncture, because it has not failed in the House, you cannot just jump to talk about a second conference committee report and appoint some Members. He asked for a Postponed Consideration, and you granted that. So therefore, it is on Postponed Consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Jones, the sponsor indicate -- indicated to the Chair that he wished to withdraw Postponed Consideration and requested a second conference committee report be appointed. Senator Raica.

SENATOR RAICA:

You're mistaken, Mr. President. I wish to just concur with the -- the Minority Leader, and I'll just put it on Postponed Consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Leave is granted. Senate Bill 1721, Conference Committee Report No. 1. Senator Karpziel. Madam Secretary, do you have a file on Conference Committee Report No. 1 to Senate Bill 1721.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1721.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Karpziel.

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Thank you, Mr. President. Conference Committee Report No. 1 to Senate Bill 1721 now becomes the bill. Everything in it that had to do with siting of landfills has been deleted. It now contains six technical clean-up changes to the Environmental Protection Act. These include cleanups to the Clean Air Act Permit Program and the Underground Storage Tank Program, a modification to the definition of "coal combustion waste", and a correction to the offense of reckless disposal of hazardous waste to make the

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offense enforceable. The provisions regarding siting will be the subject of negotiations during the summer, and will hopefully be dealt with this fall. And I ask for your affirmative vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt Conference Committee Report No. 1 to Senate Bill 1721. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. And the Senate does adopt Conference Committee Report No. 1 to Senate Bill 1721, and the bill, having received the required three-fifths majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we will be returning to the regular Calendar, page 8, Secretary's Desk, Resolutions. House Joint Resolution 98. Senator Jones. Madam Secretary, read the resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Joint Resolution 98.

There are no committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Joint Resolution 98 memorializes Congress to continue the support for the Railroad Retirement System. The attempt to take that system and put it with the Social Security is one -- would not act in the best interests of those individuals who are -- been in that private system for many, many years. It's working quite well. And so, that's all the resolution does, is memorialize Congress. Ask for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any discussion? If not, Senator Jones move the --

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moves the adoption of House Joint Resolution 98. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senator Stern, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR STERN:

Mr. President, I don't know if this is a point of personal privilege or a parliamentary inquiry. I will let you take your pick. Can I find out what has happened to Senate Bill 1159 which passed out of the House 110 to 4 yet last night, and which all Illinois is waiting to see the Senate pass - the motor-voter legislation? Has it...(microphone cutoff)...to Rules? Is it going to be heard in Rules? Is it going to emerge from Rules? Are we going to have the opportunity to debate it and to pass it?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator, I don't have the answer to that question. We'll get to you -- we'll get back to you as soon as we get the answer. Senator Karpziel, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

I -- just to make an announcement, Mr. President, that there will be an Executive Committee meeting at 7:15 in Room 212. 7:15, in 212, another -- fun Executive Committee meeting. Please be there on time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Topinka, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR TOPINKA:

Yes, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, for those of you who maybe did not overhear the earlier announcement, Public Health will be meeting at 7:15 in Room 400. It will be a very quick meeting, so I would hope that all Members would be there, because you may be in transit and we may be already through.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Raica, for what purpose do you rise? Senator Raica.

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SENATOR RAICA:

I've been informed there's a Local Government meeting at -- in -- at 7:10 in Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Hendon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Mr. President. You know, I've -- I've been rather quiet around here lately, to -- to the pleasure of the entire Body, I am certain. However, since we're having a Local Government meeting at 7:10, I too would like to inquire about the motor-voter legislation. Since it would have to go to that committee, it makes no sense to me whatsoever that people -- unless people are just afraid to have people get registered and vote in this country, it makes no sense to me at all for this important piece of legislation not to come to that committee at 7:10. So I'm inquiring of the Chair -- or if necessary, I will join with Senator Stern to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration of 1127 <sic>.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 1728, offered by Senators Jacobs and Topinka.

It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senate will stand at ease while the committees meet -- till the call -- till the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

...(machine cutoff)...will come to order. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports that the following Legislative Measures have been assigned to committees: Referred to the Committee on Executive - the motion to concur with House Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 to Senate Bill 1369, and Conference Committee Report No. 1 to House Bill 1513.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

For what purpose does Senator Dudycz arise?

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the Senate waive the one-hour posting requirement of the two conference committee reports just read by the Secretary, so that they could be heard in Executive Committee that is currently in recess awaiting our action on the Senate Floor, and this is per agreement by the Senate President and the Minority Leader.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there leave? Leave is granted. The Senate will stand in recess till the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

The Senate will come to order. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Raica, Chair of the Committee on Local Government and

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Elections, reports Senate Bill 357, the First Conference Committee Report, Be Approved for Consideration.

Senator Topinka, Chair of the Committee on Public Health and Welfare, reports Senate Bill 776, the First Conference Committee Report, Be Approved for Consideration.

And Senator Karpziel, Chair of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Bills 1803 and 1832, First Conference Committee Reports, Be Approved for Consideration; House Bill 1513, First Conference Committee Report, Be Approved for Consideration; and Senate Bill 1369, the motion to concur with House Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9, Be Adopted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

On Supplemental Calendar No. 1, we'll go to Conference Committee Reports. House Bill 9. Mr. Secretary, do you have on file a Conference Committee Report on Senate -- House Bill 9?

SECRETARY HARRY:

First Conference Committee Report on House Bill 9.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

The Chair recognizes Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. House Bill 9 -- the Conference Committee on House Bill 9 does contain the entire State budget for FY'95. Let me indicate to you some of the highlights in the budget, and when I conclude, I would be happy to respond to any questions that any Member might have. The total budget is in the amount of 33.3 billion dollars. The General Revenue amount is 15.5 billion dollars. Because of a lot of work by both sides of the aisle, both sides of the Rotunda, we believe we have for you tonight a -- a budget that is balanced and will serve the needs of the people of this State in the ensuing year. There is a two-hundred-and-seventy-seven-million-dollar increase in education - elementary, secondary and higher education

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- the largest within recent time. It adequately funds Corrections. There is an additional four hundred and sixteen new prison guards. This budget meets all court decrees. It deals with the Medicaid issue head-on. There is an amount of six hundred eighty-seven million dollars to pay back-bills. We are confident that throughout the year our providers will be paid on a timely basis, for twelve months, with a payment cycle that they are aware of and have agreed to. We are confident that those dollars will be there. In some of the major State agencies that are of importance to all Members, we have substantial increases over FY'94. Department of Alcohol and Substance Abuse - and I recite to you, General Revenue funds...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Excuse me, Senator Maitland. Will we clear the Floor? Take your conferences to the anteroom, please. Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. DASA has a 57.6 percent increase over FY'94. DCFS, a 9.6 percent increase. Corrections, 4.7 percent. Public Aid, 15.3 percent. Aging, 8.8 percent. Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, 8.1 percent. This is a caring budget. It allows us to live within our available revenue. And, Mr. Chairman, Members of the Senate, according to the Illinois Constitution of 1970, the General Assembly, by law - the General Assembly, by law - shall make appropriations for all expenditures of public funds by the State. Appropriations for a fiscal year shall not exceed funds estimated by the General Assembly to meet available revenue during -- during the year. Our revenues we predict to be sixteen -- General Revenue dollars we predict to be sixteen billion six hundred twenty-two million dollars, with affordable appropriations at fifteen billion five hundred twenty-five million dollars. Mr. President, Members of the Senate, I respectfully present this

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budget to the Assembly tonight. Would be happy to respond to any questions you might have, and otherwise, would appreciate your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? Senator Molaro.

SENATOR MOLARO:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I've looked over the budget, and being a freshman Senator, I know how difficult it has been to put this together. But as I look at it, you know, FY'95 was started -- started to be looked at almost a year ago. We started in January, this process. None of the problems that we seem to have solved in the last week and a half couldn't have been solved earlier. I still cannot figure out why, with our Leadership here, with Senator Philip claiming -- trying to get out May 28th, our Leader, of course, wanting to get out earlier. So it's not a Leadership problem. I still cannot figure out why we are in the twelfth day of overtime, talking about something that is about one-tenth of one percent of the entire budget. What we agreed upon are some of the things that we agreed upon almost two weeks ago. We had to stay an extra twelve days to get this done. It happened last year. It's happening again now. I don't know what's going to stop it. It seems to be silly that we're going to be twelve days overtime for one-tenth of one percent of the budget. Now I know it's not our President that's doing it. And I know it's not the Minority Leader on this side that's doing it. So it's not a Leadership problem. Maybe what we need is all fifty-nine of us in this room and the other hundred and eighteen over there to understand what a deadline is and stick to it. I don't understand why we have to do everything after we're extended. We have forty thousand State employees who didn't know for the last week and a half, whether they were going to get a paycheck. People on the Fourth of July weekend, not knowing



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whether they were going to get paid. There is no reason to keep doing this. Now because it's so silly, I did something silly and grew a beard, but next year, I think it's time to do something serious to make sure that we pass it -- pass a budget correctly and not spend the taxpayers' money and keep going into overtime for no reason. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Severns.

SENATOR SEVERNS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I rise to urge an Aye vote on this budget, not because I like it, but because I like less the consequences of doing nothing. Like castor oil, this budget doesn't taste very good, but it is necessary. And while this document is far from perfect, we believe it is far better than the one delivered in March. And now it is midsummer, as we work to conclude our Spring Session. I congratulate Chairman Maitland for his fairness and courtesy as Chairman, and I applaud both staffs, for anyone who's been on the Appropriations Committee knows how long and hard they work. And I know that all of us have worked hard to achieve a final budget that is both fair and compassionate, while addressing the most critical needs of our State. I congratulate my Leader, Senator Jones, and my Democratic colleagues for putting the brakes on a seven-hundred-and-fifty-million-dollar borrowing plan that would drive this State more deeply into debt, and as a result of putting the brakes on that plan, saving the taxpayers of this State 295.5 million dollars in interest payments alone. By forcing the State to live within its means, just as families do in all of our districts, we pay forty-seven million dollars more in old Medicaid bills than even the budget plan had outlined in March, by borrowing. With the three hundred and fifty-three million we have put into this budget, we will capture federal dollars and pay off

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six hundred and eighty-seven million in old Medicaid bills in Fiscal Year '95. That's the good news. The bad news is, having done that, we will still have, on June 30th of 1995, 1.3 billion dollars left in unpaid Medicaid bills - ironically, the exact amount we found on June 30th of 1994. I congratulate my Leader and my Democratic colleagues for insisting that the new Lottery and gaming revenues go to education - something required by law, not to mention all of our constituents. And to those who say that this budget is crafted on the backs of the poor, we say you are misinformed, for we increased the FY'95 human service agencies by an average of 14.3 percent over the FY'94 expenditures. In fact, we increased, as Senator Maitland alluded to, Aging by eight percent. We increased all of the human service agencies by an average of 14.3 percent: the Department of Alcohol and Substance Abuse by a whopping 54.4 percent; the Department of Children and Family Services by 9.6 percent - which does not include the sixty-six million in new federal dollars that we'll receive; the Department of Mental Health by nine percent; the Department of Public Aid by 13.1 percent; the Department of Rehab Services by 11.9 percent. Additionally, we increased elementary and secondary education by 5.4 percent and higher ed by six percent. We added four hundred and sixteen new prison guards not included in the March budget plan, increasing the Corrections budget by 5.1 percent. We increased the State Police budget by 4.2. All in all, I believe we produced a budget that all of us can live with, and most importantly, meets the critical needs of our State. But I'd be remiss not to express my concern over what we have failed to do. This budget does not address the one hundred and forty-five school districts on the Financial Watch List - something that I know all of us are concerned with - many on that list, in part, because we've not provided enough support to provide adequate funding for education and for them to balance

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their books. And we have not balanced our books either. It was less than two weeks ago, after defeating the expensive borrowing plan, that we were told that the administration found three hundred and eighty-eight million in new resources. Six months earlier, we were told that the administration found a seven-hundred-and-sixty-million-dollar hole in the Medicaid budget. And it was only in 1992 of January we passed the Emergency Budget Act to try to fill a three-hundred-and-fifty-million-dollar hole. I say this not to criticize but to sound the warning signal that we are a State flawed by folly fiscal policies. Illinois has not enjoyed a good record of late, forecasting revenue or spending. I know it's difficult for every state, but the size of the hole is something to cause concern. Nearly everyone acknowledges that supplementals will be necessary in Fiscal Year '95. And in FY'96, it is safe to say that the next Governor of the State of Illinois - whomever he or she is - will inherit a deficit of at least two billion dollars, not including the underfunded pension system of fifteen billion dollars. Suffice it to say that one of these days we are going to have to pay the piper. The sooner we acknowledge our problems, the sooner we can solve them. It will require of all of us the same kind of boldness of thought and action that matches the boldness of our history. I know there's been a lot of debate about the cost...

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SENATOR SEVERNS:

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State for this overtime Session. In fact, the Senate has had four legislative days beyond June 30th. If we count what the House has done, and the Senate, we're talking about a price tag of roughly sixty-six or sixty-seven thousand dollars. Was it worth it? We believe it was. I think this is very important for all of us to recognize; that if we had voted on June 30th to borrow, as the March budget plan would have provided - to borrow seven hundred and fifty million dollars - we would have paid 295.5 million dollars in interest on that borrowed money. As we vote today, we have not borrowed that money. Our children won't have to pay that interest payment for the next fifteen years, and we are still going to pay off forty-seven million more old Medicaid bills without the borrowing than with it. We put an additional 31.6 million dollars in the education budget, because we stood firm on the additional Lottery gaming dollars going to education. Was it worth it? We believe it was. I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Rea.

SENATOR REA:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I'm very pleased to see some of the things that are in the budget. It's not a perfect budget, but I certainly want to commend the ones that have worked to bring this forth. I'm glad to see the four hundred and sixteen correctional officers are in there. This is very badly needed, in terms of the safety and health of our workers in the various correctional facilities in the State. And I notice that in the Department of Corrections' budget that there's language that provides for a youth boot camp and also two work camps, and that these camps will be chosen from the list of finalists not selected for the super-max prison. A question of the -- of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

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State your question.

SENATOR REA:

Senator, how many finalists are there now, and could you identify those finalists that would be in the running for those correctional facilities? And is it correct that there's three?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Rea, there are four. They're Pittsfield, Vandalia, Murphysboro and Carlinville.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Rea.

SENATOR REA:

Thank you. The -- another area there that -- of course, you know that coal is very important not only to the State of Illinois, but also very important to southern Illinois, and we all know what the federal air quality standards has done in terms of the marketability of coal in the State of Illinois. And we certainly have an abundance of high quality coal. The only problem is the high sulfur, and coal is going to be very important to us in the future. And I do have another question for the sponsor, and that is the -- Senator, the -- is there five million in the budget there for Southern Illinois University for the development of coal resources, which is very important to be able to move our technology along?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. The answer is yes, Senator Rea.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Any further discussion? Senator Rea.

SENATOR REA:

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Thank you. I -- I certainly, with the increases there for social services, some of our needed programs, even though I'm not happy with the Medicaid payment of nine -- nine months and eleven months - I would like to see the full twelve months - I would certainly urge an Aye vote on this budget.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there further discussion? If not, Senator Maitland, to close.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Tonight is -- is the final day of our spring activity, and now is the time that we put behind us our partisan differences and our disagreements. We have, indeed, over the recent weeks, sat shoulder to shoulder and worked through some very difficult issues - Senator Severns and I, Senator Donahue, our colleagues in the House - and we've worked very hard. And we have been able to put together a budget that's acceptable to both sides of the aisle. And, Mr. President, at this point, I would like to -- to recognize, if I might, someone in this Chamber who -- who just recently, for a number of reasons - among them the illness of his wife - resigned his position as the Minority Spokesman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, having served both in that capacity and as Chairman for many years. All of us on both sides of the aisle worked extremely well with Senator Hall as he led this committee and also led the minority the last two years. And I want to place -- pay special recognition to Senator Hall, and for his -- his good deeds as a -- in the leadership of this committee. He still does serve on the committee and will for a long time, I hope. I -- I congratulate...

(Senate applauds Senator Hall)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Hall.

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SENATOR HALL:

I'm indeed honored, and I just want to say that there is no better place than this. I have twenty-seven years in the Senate and four years in the House, and I tell you, we go through this every year, but you're a great bunch. Thanks very much, everybody.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. I congratulate Senator Severns for her ascension to that -- that position, and she will -- she has done an extremely competent job there, as well. I thank my colleague, Senator Donahue, who has been beside me all spring long and helped and worked. And I congratulate the staff on both sides of the aisle who have done yeomen's work, and we are grateful to all of you. And thank you to the Appropriations Committee for all your good work, and the long hours you've put in. And to my Leader, Senator Philip, who -- who gives us the guidance and direction and the latitude to do what needs to be done, I am grateful too. Mr. President, I'm happy to present this budget tonight and seek the support of the Body.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

The question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on House Bill 9. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 57, the Nays are 2, none voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Conference Committee Report on House Bill 9, and the bill, having received the required three-fifths majority, is declared passed. On Supplemental Calendar No. 3, Senate Bill 776, on the Order of Conference Committee Reports. Mr. Secretary, do you have on file a Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 776?

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SECRETARY HARRY:

First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 776.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

The Chair recognizes Senator Topinka. Senator Topinka, on Senate Bill 776, Conference Committee Report. For what purpose does Senator Dunn arise?

SENATOR T. DUNN:

Personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

State your point, sir.

SENATOR T. DUNN:

I -- I think I'd like to ask the Body to recognize Senator Molaro, who just walked back on the Floor. If you see anything different about Senator Molaro, you'll notice that the budget is passed and he shaved.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

He does look better. Senator Topinka.

SENATOR TOPINKA:

Yes. Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, and yes, it is good to see Senator Molaro's handsome face come out from under all that hair. So, anyway, to Senate Bill 776, the Conference Committee: This is, of course, the Medicaid reform plan. So if you will bear with me slightly, and then as we go into what I hope will be a question and answer session, I would like to ask Senator Rauschenberger to also join me in responding to questions, because he's been intimately involved in the negotiations of this bill, and therefore, questions could go to either of us or both of us, or how anyone wants to handle it. The bill contains the Medicaid reform plan, which has been negotiated by, and signed off on, by all four caucuses, and it has five main components. They are cash flow borrowing, which is authorized by the Governor to pay Medicaid bills; then an outline for a Medicaid



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managed care plan; a way to address the prompt payment issue; also it provides for changes in insurance and HMO laws to allow for Medicaid managed care; and finally, it includes Medicaid form -- fraud control and reforms, which we first saw in Senator Hawkinson's bill, and which he so -- so eloquently put forward. We have adopted those and incorporated them here into this, and I think you will be well pleased. There will be short-term borrowing for cash flow purposes. That continues to be in this proposal. I stress it is extremely short term. Other issues I think that are of interest to you are what are known as the carve-outs, which allows the Department of Public Aid to exclude some mental health services, alcohol and substance abuse services, services to children with chronic or acute conditions which require ongoing treatment, and services to brain and spinal cord injury rehabilitation patients from the managed care plan. This portion of the bill would allow children's hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals to be paid on a fee-for-service basis. We also allow for a separate delivery system outside of the managed care system for children's hospitals, for those people dealing with chronic care. I think that's -- that's something that was very important. It was a great question, and it has been addressed. We also want to make sure that a -- any -- any party who has a child with a high medical bill could go outside of the -- the managed care entity to be able to participate in this program as well. We -- we would be issuing a managed care health care entity identification cards, which would contain an enrollee's signatures, the definition of the plan, the name and phone number of the enrollee's physician and a twenty-four-hour emergency phone number, and we would have a program to teach those in the managed care system how it would work. There's a number of -- of -- willing providers would be accepted that include physicians, pharmacies, podiatrists, and federally qualified

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health centers that meet the terms and conditions which would be set forward by the managed care entity. We -- we would not discriminate against any Medicaid clients based on their health status, such as preexisting conditions. Also, we would also ask that medical providers be paid within thirty days of receipts of clean bills, or -- or we would be subject to a one-percent interest penalty on the outstanding balance. Medical providers who contracted with a managed care entity would thus have their own prompt-payment provision between the managed care entity and themselves. And we would have to integrate programs offered by local health departments, such as the Women and Children Program - the WIC Program, childhood immunizations, and those kind of programs would have to be integrated into this program, and therefore, should alleviate the concern of local county health departments. We would allow DPA to establish rates by rule, which would be paid to managed care entities on a contractual basis. There are numerous other parts of this bill, and I think it would be far better to open it up for questions and answers. I would also like to just state in some legislative intent, that at no time does this bill seek, in terms of co-payments for pharmacies, that larger pharmaceutical entities on the retail level would be able to rebate their -- their co-payment so as to disadvantage the smaller pharmacies. I think that's very important. It's been of concern to neighborhood pharmacies. So, again, Senator Rauschenberger and I will be available for you as far as questions, for any of the points I may have overlooked, and there are probably many, but it is a rather extensive bill, covering a rather large enterprise.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.

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I rise in support of this conference committee report, and want to maybe express it a little different than Senator Topinka had. This is a road we've been riding down for five years. I was fortunate to have sponsored the first managed care legislation for Illinois in 1989. Department failed to implement it. Senator Topinka joined me in 1991 and 1993, passing legislation that Governor Edgar signed, yet to be implemented by this State, to start a managed care program. Let no one be mistaken, however, that in Fiscal '95 there will be no savings. That alone, however, is not bad, in my mind. As we move towards a concept of teaching people the availability of health care, early - early intervention - it is not only more beneficial to the recipient to not have to wait until they're so ill that they go into an emergency room; it is not only the morally right thing to do, it will over the long run be the fiscally prudent thing to do, because it is much less expensive to treat early than to treat in emergency rooms. What we have created here is concepts to move people into managed care entities - HMOs, as we have known them - and a new compilation of hospitals called managed care community networks that will get together to give service. But be not mistaken. The worst that we can do is allow them to become new Medicaid mills, because if anything the Democratic task force showed, is that when you get into these Medicaid mills, there is fraud and there is abuse. This legislation that is before you today, yes, it will allow us, with the budget we just passed, to pay our old bills - pay almost seven hundred million dollars of old bills. And to amplify that which Senator Severns had stated, the sixty-five thousand dollars it has cost the people for the General Assembly to be in Session since July 1st, we have saved six hundred and fifty thousand dollars just these eleven days, in what would have been the interest payment, had we borrowed the funds as suggested. But what we are creating here, the swipe card - swipe card that each recipient

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will now have - would not only give us their information, but pop up for their doctor a medical history, so we can avoid duplication of -- of pharmaceuticals, of tests, of X-rays - a huge saving to the State. This is something that came out of the Democratic task force. We will have a co-pay system, as Senator Rauschenberger explained, to educate people, to avoid unnecessary and more costly care - emergency rooms, pharmacies and X-rays - and move into a managed care system. These are the recommendations we have been making. What we're trying to do is clean up this system. We will clean it up by putting in some peer review on the practitioners: Are they providing legitimate service in a legitimate way? We have seen from the Tribune articles potential for hundreds of millions of dollars in savings. We are cleaning up the recipient problem by doing a demonstration program on retinal screening, or the palm print idea, so we can tell if a person's coming in and trying to get service twice by getting two Public Aid cards. That, too, should save millions of dollars. But most importantly which came out of our task force of the Democratic side, we are putting in an Inspector General, and we are putting in a panel to oversee the numbers of the Department. The Inspector General will be there to audit providers, to audit the Department, to ferret out fraud and abuse. Again, according to the Tribune, two hundred and fifty million dollars of potential savings there. That's what's important in this bill. And a legislative oversight, so that regardless of why it happened, we will not have another seven-hundred-and-sixty-million-dollar surprise, 'cause we, the General Assembly, with a competent and qualified staff chosen by all four Leaders, will be able to go in and review the numbers and have this Inspector General report to them on a quarterly basis what the numbers are. We will demand and require, starting this September 30th, a two-year financial plan of spending. Everyone has said we're putting off the bills till '96. Maybe we are.

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September 30th will tell us. And then we can know and the people can know what to expect when we go into the next budget. And no provider can provide service to the State -- under the Democratic proposal adopted by this conference committee, no provider can provide service to the State if that provider has not paid back its student loan, has not paid its State income tax, or has not paid its child support. And we should not be giving them a dime of taxpayer dollars if they have not paid back the taxpayers, or the children in need, of this State. So all in all, we are trying to protect the people's money and provide service. Watch the providers, make sure that our dollars are being spent wisely. Watch the recipients to make sure that they are not abusing the system. And yes, watch the system - the Department - to make sure it's doing its job right. If we do these, we will not have a million one hundred thousand people in this program April 1st. Maybe we'll be lucky to have two hundred thousand in managed care, but we will move towards a system that will save money, and more importantly, give better health care. And I would urge its support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in strong support of Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 776. I think there's plenty of credit to go around for these provisions, but I want to thank in particular the conferees for fighting to retain the antifraud provisions that we all cosponsored and supported in Senate Bill 1147 that I pre-filed this year, and that more than fifty of you joined as cosponsors when we passed that out of the Senate and which was in response to the wide reports of Medicaid fraud. I was joined on Senate Bill 1147 by chief hyphenated cosponsor Senator Jones with some of the provisions that Senator

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Carroll has alluded to, and those strong provisions in Senate Bill 1147 are designed to weed out the fraud. They provide, in part, in addition to those mentioned, that we're going to keep track of Medicaid information and billing information now not only by the name of the provider, but also by the name of the recipient, so that no longer will a recipient be able to go from provider to provider or pharmacist to pharmacist and get multiple drug prescriptions and then turn around and sell them on the street. It's something our area has been interested in for a long time. The problem was pointed out and we introduced this bill. And again, thanks to the Members of the Senate not only for unanimous support, but also for more than fifty joining, and then to the conferees to keeping it in, because I think the fraud provisions in this bill, at least initially, give us the best chance for some cost savings so that the true recipients can get the services and that we can help to pay the providers on time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

For purposes of legislative intent, I'd like to point out on page 29 of the bill, on line 1046, we have language that refers to the State's guaranteeing these new Medicaid HMOs and MCCNs, and setting out a schedule at which we would reimburse providers if the capitation organizations failed. And I'd just like to point out that it's the intent of the -- the people working on the task force, clearly, that a provider would be paid by the State, based on the date of services rendered, in case of a insolvency issue arising under this part of the clause. So we think clearly, and we wanted to make sure it was clear in legislative intent, that the service-rendered date is the key operative date. And I'd also like to point out that it was the clear intent of the task force that providers were not to be penalized and provider reimbursement

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was not to be reduced by any co-payment amounts that were allowed under federal waivers, and that also that we anticipated and expect the Department's rules to clearly require organizations that were -- were acting for the Department - pharmacies, hospitals, whoever was required to initiate co-pays - would have to work with a level playing ground and universally enact the co-pays, not advertise to avoid them or advertise them as a discount. Those are legislative intent issues. And I'd also just like to close by saying, I think we all owe a significant debt of recognition to Chief of Staff Reilly in Governor Edgar's Office. They're the people who really brought this plan together and brought it before the General Assembly this year. There's been a lot of wonderful legislative effort and work on it, and I'd just like to urge a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Further discussion? Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. I hate to rise a second time, and only to avoid some question and answers on this side of the aisle. I apparently did not mention the co-pay provision Senator Rauschenberger just alluded to. The provisions under the bill provide if a person is in a managed care entity, there is no co-pay. The concept, as I said in my other remarks, as Senator Rauschenberger wanted, to use this as a methodology of educating. If a person is not in a managed care entity, and they go into an emergency room for treatment, and after screening in the emergency room it is determined that they are not in need of emergency treatment, after screening, if they insist on treatment, this act provides for a ten-dollar co-pay. So that's not in an entity, going to a hospital, not an emergency, and they want it anyway. In all other cases, if you are not in an entity, there is a fifty-cent co-pay for prescription drugs and a fifty-cent co-pay

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for X-rays. If you are going to a federally qualified health care plan and the pharmacy is within it, there is no co-pay. But in all other instances, if you're not in a managed care entity, fifty cents for pharmaceutical or X-ray. It is not going to be deducted from the provider. They will get from Public Aid what they've negotiated to get from Public Aid. The provider is to ask the recipient to pay that money. There is a provision, however: If the recipient cannot afford it, they do not have to pay it. And I think that answers the questions. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Further discussion? If not, Senator Topinka, to close.

SENATOR TOPINKA:

Well, Mr. Chairman, I -- I think that this has been a very well-worked-out program. It's probably gone through about nine lives, and indeed there is much credit to go around for all four caucuses. I think people have made contributions from both sides of the aisle, and they've been good contributions. And they've been good in terms of that they have provided a plan for the future; they've provided oversight; they've provided some fine-tuning here to the health care system for Public Aid, for Medicaid, which has been the fastest-growing part of Illinois' economy. It has been eating up every one of our budgets. I think this is the beginning of a long-term venture. It is the blueprint for the future. It is something that makes us competitive with what's going on in all other fifty states. It is long overdue. I certainly thank Senator Carroll for his efforts with me that go back five and six years ago, and it's kind of nice to see those efforts blossom forward at whatever time they do blossom forward. And here we go. So I would appreciate a positive roll call on this, and let's get the process started for managed care.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

The question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference



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Committee Report on Senate Bill 776. Those in favor, vote 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 59, the Nays are none, none voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 776, and the bill, having received the required three-fifths majority, is declared passed. Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1832. Senator Watson? Mr. Secretary, do you have on file a Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1832?

SECRETARY HARRY:

First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1832.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. This legislation, Senate Bill 1832, temporarily transfers many of the duties and powers of the Lieutenant Governor's Office to the Director of Central Management Services, and this is until January 8th, when a new Lieutenant Governor will be sworn in. The only provision or exception to that is the director of the Rural Bond Bank. It also has provisions in it which will allow the Department of Public Aid to claim more federal dollars under what is called the Title IV-A and the Title IV-B Emergency Assistance program, and this money then will be utilized in the Department of Children and Family Services Service Fund. Both the Title IV-A and -B monies will go into a fund - eighty percent of the Title A and one hundred percent of the Title B. There's also language in here that changes the terminology of what is called the Block Grant Fund -- from Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Services Block Grant Fund. Changes that name to the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant Fund. This just mirrors the federal language and must be done in order to comply with the federal mandate. It also states that that money then

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would be spent under the accordance with the federal Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration Reorganization Act. There's also language in here that amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act and increases the monetary award program maximum amount of grant from thirty-five hundred dollars to thirty-eight hundred dollars for a full-time enrolled student, and from seventeen hundred and fifty dollars to nineteen hundred dollars for a part-time enrolled student. It also makes some changes in the statutory language concerning the administration of federal student loan program. There was some language that was recommended by the legal bond counsel of Chapman & Cutler, and that language is implemented here and was passed in previous legislation. It also provides that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission guaranteeing student loans made by private lenders at one hundred percent. This is done to mirror federal law and will not have any impact, necessarily, on the program. That's -- that's it, Mr. President. The conference committee report was signed by all conferees, and I would ask for the Senate's adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. I guess we'd just as well transfer these duties to -- to -- to whoever they're being transferred, away from the Lieutenant Governor. We don't have one anyway. And in January, we'll just restore them, give them all to Penny Severns when we get back.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there further discussion? If not, Senator Watson, to close.

SENATOR WATSON:

I just ask for your favorable vote, disregarding the last

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comment from the previous speaker.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

The question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1832. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 59, the Nays are none, none voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1832, and the bill, having received the required three-fifths majority, is declared passed. Secretary's Desk, Resolutions. SJR 185. Senator Philip, do you wish your resolution considered? Mr. Secretary, read the resolution.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution 185, offered by Senators Philip and Jones.

There are no committee of Floor amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Resolution 185 commits a joint committee for the purpose of Medicaid, made up of two Members appointed by the Minority, two by the Majority in the House and Senate, the Speaker and myself to appoint co-chairmen, and they will oversee, and the new Inspector General will report to that committee four times a year to look at how well the so-called reforms in Medicaid are proceeding. I'll be happy to ask any questions. I happen to think it's a good idea. It came from Senator Jones, and I happen to agree with him.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Any discussion? Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

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Thank you, Mr. President. I too join in strong support of the Senate joint resolution. This resolution is -- is designed to deal with the massive abuse and mismanagement in the Medicaid system that is sucking millions and millions of taxpayers' dollars down a sinkhole. But we've come to an agreement on this issue. I want to commend Senator Carroll, Senator Rauschenberger, and all the staff who worked many, many hours in putting this package together so that we could have a Medicaid system that will work for the people of Illinois, and at the same time not waste millions and millions of dollars of taxpayers' money. So I urge your Aye vote on Senate Joint Resolution 185.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there further discussion? If not, Senator Philip, to close.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Yeah, I just ask for fifty-nine green votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Philip moves the adoption of SJR 185. Those in favor will signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. For what purpose does Senator Geo-Karis arise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I voted in the affirmative on Senate Bill 776, but I wanted everyone to know that I may have had a conflict of interest, but I voted my conscience, since I do belong to a hospital board.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

On the Order of Secretary's Desk, Concurrence, Senate Bills, is Senate Bill 1369. Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 to Senate Bill 1369.

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Filed by Senator Topinka.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Topinka.

SENATOR TOPINKA:

Yes. Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Senate Bill 1369 and all of its amendments covers a number of issues. The -- the underlying issue is a bill that passed out of here which amended the Cannabis and Controlled Substances Tax Act to allow the State's attorneys to enforce the drug tax on violations within his or her county, and then it would allow thirty percent -- percent of any such tax or penalties collected to go to that county. But then over and above this, numerous other revenue issues, the majority of them of a clean-up nature, were put in. The two primary issues on this particular bill, which probably the Senate would be most interested in, is that this adds the Senior Citizens Tax Freeze Homestead Exemption. Now, this freezes the equalized assessed value of residential property for seniors age 65 and older, beginning with the 1994 assessment year at the 1993 assessment level, and then it is limited to taxpayers with a total household income of all members of that household of thirty-five thousand dollars or less. This is a -- a senior citizens' property tax, and as I said, it would probably draw your attention. The other issue that is in this bill that seems to draw some attention as well would create the Illinois Research Park Authority Act. This is supported by our teaching universities in the State, most notably Northwestern University, University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, and it's designed to foster cooperative efforts between the private sector and Illinois research universities to promote expansion of the research and development sector to maximize the research capabilities of universities in the State of Illinois. I think it's something that's an adjunct to a bill that we passed

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out of here creating kind of an ombudsman in the Department of Agriculture to attract high-tech and biotech industries to the State of Illinois. This Authority is vested with borrowing and bonding powers. It has no taxing authority, then the bond issues are limited to a hundred and fifty million dollars at any one time. The -- this -- the monies would be held by the State Treasurer but outside of the State Treasury. If there are any questions of this bill, I'd be happy to answer them at this time, or if not, I would seek an affirmative vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? If not - this is final action - the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 on Senate Bill 1369. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 56, the Nays are 2, 1 voting Present. The Senate does concur in those amendments to Senate Bill 1369, and the bill, having received the required three-fifths majority, is declared passed. On the Order of Conference Committee Reports, on -- Mr. Secretary, do you have on file a Conference Committee Report on House Bill 1516 -- 1513, excuse me, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

First Conference Committee Report on House Bill 1513.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Thank you very much. This is basically a -- a clean-up bill. Senate Amendment 1 removed all the -- the subsequent language and made the bill a shell. Senate Bill No. -- Senate Amendment No. 2 resurrected the provisions of House Bill 3294, requested by the Secretary of State, which -- according to the Secretary of State's Office, the Federal Highway Administration published final rules

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regarding a uniform national -- national system for parking, and that's what this bill is all about. Senate Amendment No. 3 resurrected two bills that are on the Governor's desk right now, and it also added the language that Senator Rea wanted for a special license plate category for retired members of Congress. And it also gave a provision so that cars that were caught in the flood would have to have "flood" placed on the title, or it would be a violation of the business offense, with a fine between a thousand and five thousand dollars. And finally, there was some clean-up language for the Quad City where a car dealer from Iowa had a car on display at an airport, and the Iowa dealer was not licensed in Illinois. I'll be glad to answer any questions, and I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on House Bill 1513 with Senate Amendments 1, 2 and 3. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 59, the Nays are none, none voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Conference Committee Report on House Bill 1513, and the bill, having received the required three-fifths majority, is declared passed. Mr. Secretary, do you have a file on Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 357?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 357.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Dudycz.

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. The contents of Conference Committee Report No. 1 to Senate Bill 357 can best be described as technical clean-up language to TIF. It contains basically the

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contents of two amendments which had been adopted in the House, sponsored by the Majority. House Amendment No. 5 is included, which was sponsored by Representative Steczo. Amends the tax increment financing Section of the Municipal Code to exempt municipal TIFs from certain planning requirements, if they provided notice for a public hearing prior to March 14th of '94. This language also applies if the municipality acquired or leased land for a municipal building prior to March 14th of 1994. Basically, that's what it does. Also has the contents of House Amendment No. 2 <sic>, which was adopted by the House, which was introduced by Representative Flinn, which adds language extending the County Economic Development Project Tax Allocation Act for two more years. The Act was due to sunset July the 1st of this year, and it -- and extended until July 1st of '96 by the language of this amendment. This Act is like a TIF for counties, but is applicable only to counties between two hundred thousand and three hundred thousand populations and adjacent to the Mississippi River. It is specifically written for St. Clair County but would also apply to Madison County. The TIF amendments have been discussed by the Governor's Task Force on TIFs and are supported by the TIF Association, and this conference report has already been passed out of the House of Representatives by a vote of 112 to nothing. And I would seek your affirmative support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 357. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 49, the Nays are 9, 1 voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 357, and the bill, having received the required three-fifths majority, is declared



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passed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

On the Order of Supplemental Calendar No. 3, Senate Bill 1803. Madam Secretary, do you have a file -- a Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1803?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1803.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Conference Committee Report No. 1 to Senate Bill 1803 retains the original provisions of Senate Bill 1803 and concurs in House Amendment 2 and adds additional language. And for legislative intent, I want to mention that the amendment to the Minority and Female Business Enterprise Act, if there's -- that if there's any dilution found, it is the intent that the Department of Central Management Services correct the problem through rule making or by proposing legislative change in the Fall Session, or as soon as possible. I ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any discussion? Senator Shaw.

SENATOR SHAW:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. There were some concerns on this side of the aisle with Section B, line 20, on page 10, of that language, and about a half an hour ago, we did discuss that with the Director of CMS, and he did make a commitment that we would come back in the fall and revisit this issue and work out some language that would be more accommodating to what we are trying to do here. Now -- but because of the importance of all of the stuff that's in this bill, certainly I urge your Aye vote on the bill. But we will revisit

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this in the fall of the year.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any further discussion? If not, Senator Geo-Karis, to close.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

The question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report No. 1 to Senate Bill 1803. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 51, none voting Nay, 5 voting Present. And the Senate does adopt Conference Committee Report No. 1 to Senate Bill 1803, and the bill, having received the required three-fifths majority, is declared passed. We will now go to the Order of Supplemental Calendar No. 4, which has been distributed and is on every Member's desk. Madam Secretary, Supplemental Calendar No. 4, Senate Bill 1477, Consideration Postponed on Conference Committee Report. Do you have a file?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1477.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Raica.

SENATOR RAICA:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I'm really not going to bring up 1477; I'm just going to ask for a favorable roll call. We -- we discussed it previously.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

The Chair informs the Membership that in Consideration Postponed, there can be one opponent. I see there's a few lights up there. I -- is there one Member that wishes to -- to speak? Senator del Valle.

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SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Well, thank you, Mr. President. Just to -- to remind Members on this side of the aisle that this bill hasn't changed. It was put on Consideration Postponed, and it did eliminate the language regarding the campus police training - diversity training. And I ask our Members, once again, to -- to oppose this conference committee report.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any further discussion? Senator Raica, to close.

SENATOR RAICA:

Yes. If I may, Mr. President, before -- I'd like to just make a comment. Senator del Valle, my understanding, in the Education Committee today, there was a topic regarding bilingual education and the IEA. And in that committee, you did not sign the conference committee report. Is that right? Well, it technically does, because this is -- the bilingual -- or, the diversity in this particular bill was -- the Illinois Training Board were the people that said that currently they cannot do that just for one -- for one topic, or whatever. It was not us that disagreed to do that, and you were told that long -- by myself and -- and Representative Hoffman. So, I -- I really would not want to make that an issue at this present time. There was other topics that, my understanding, were of concern, like the -- the new car dealers. Everyone was under the impression that it had to do with rentals, like by Hertz and Avis and everything like that. That, in fact, was not true. It was just the new -- or the dealers that were involved in that. And I just wanted to clarify that. So, Mr. President, if -- if you would, I'd just like to just ask for a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

The question is, shall the Senate adopt Conference Committee Report No. 1 to Senate Bill 1477. Those in favor will vote Aye.

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Opposed will vote Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 46 Ayes, 11 Nays, none voting Present. And the Senate does adopt Conference Committee Report No. 1 to Senate Bill 1477, and the bill, having received the required three-fifths majority, is declared passed. Senator Philip, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

State your point.

SENATOR PHILIP:

And I would just like to say this: I want to compliment Senator Jones and his staff and our staff for working long and hard on the budget, Medicaid. In my judgment, they have done a great, great job. I'd also suggest this has been a difficult Session, because as you know, it's an election year, and every time we have an election year, politics kind of sneaks in the -- the scene around here. I understand that; we all understand that. And I would suggest this to you: that we've had a pretty good result in this Session. We have increased money to higher education, elementary/secondary education, Mental Health, Department of Children and Family Service; building a super max; adding State troopers; new prison guards; and a gigantic Medicaid reform. So in my judgment, I think we've had a very, very, very good result. And I will tell you this: If the Illinois House of Representative would have stuck by our original Calendar and not changed it six or seven or eight times, we had a very good chance of getting out of here by May 27th or somewhere close to that date. I would hope -- I would hope in the future, we'll be able to sit down and work out a reasonable Calendar, once again, and

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stick to it for a change. I want to thank everybody for their courtesy, their hard work. And have a great, long, beautiful summer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Jones, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President. I too, like to commend Members on both sides of the aisle for hanging in there, working it with the difficult problems we have in this State. Even though we did go into overtime, we did accomplish something for the people of the State of Illinois. And one significant thing that we did do is we lived up to our commitment that we promised the people of Illinois that the gaming and Lottery dollars would go to education. We did accomplish that endeavor. We did compromise on a budget, which received almost a unanimous vote, even though we recognized that it was not a budget that really was balanced as is required by the Constitution. But again, I would love to get out of here in May, but when we work together as we worked together in the past few days. If we had the same opportunity to have the input that we had in these last few days, we would have gotten out. And had not it been for the Chief of Staff of the Governor, Jim Reilly, it's a great possibility we may still be working on this very issue in late July and perhaps sometime in August. But Jim Reilly did a tremendous job in bringing the Members together. He's a great individual. I wish he had not taken the job. But -- but we did accomplish something. We did get the Medicaid reform to stop the abuse, as I indicated, and waste and mismanagement in the Medicaid system. But the Members on this side of the aisle and all our staffs did work very hard. And we should get the motor-voter bill, and I wish you would recognize Senator Stern for a motion to discharge so that we can get the motor-voter bill passed, so we would not have a dual system in Illinois.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Stern, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR STERN:

Mr. President, I've had my light on for fifteen minutes, trying to get your attention. I rise to move to discharge from the Senate Rules Committee my motion calling for immediate consideration of the motion to concur with House Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 to Senate Bill 1159, and I would like to see a little show of courtesy, for crying out loud. All this collegial talk is irrelevant here. Let's get to the business of this Chamber and pass a law that enfranchises the people of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Mr. Secretary, have there been any motions filed?

SECRETARY HARRY:

The following Members have filed a motion with respect to Senate Bill 1159: Senators Jacobs, Shadid, del Valle, Molaro, Berman, Bowles, Smith, Cullerton, Severns, Shaw, Stern, Carroll, Hall, Rea, LaPaille, DeLeo, Tom Dunn, Jones and Demuzio.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Mr. Secretary, the Chair requests that these motions be printed on the Calendar. So ordered. Senator Stern, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR STERN:

I feel absolutely sure you will all wait for a Supplemental Calendar to be printed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Thank you for your comment, Senator Stern. Senator Hendon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HENDON:

Well, Mr. President, I thank you for acknowledging me. I just wanted to rise in support of Senator Stern's motion. And since we have such a wonderful spirit of cooperation flowing through this

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-- this building, I think this would be a wonderful time to pass this bill and show the same good faith that we showed on the budget and everything else. You know, I've -- I must repeat, I made my greatest speech on the budget this year - I didn't make one at all. And I'm sure you all agree that was my greatest speech, but I've listened to those who've said to me -- they -- no -- I -- Senator -- Senator Geo-Karis has -- has talked to me a lot about being more cordial and working with people, and I'm doing that. And I'd just suggest that we do the same with motor-voter, because it'll go a long way to continue this spirit of cooperation, this love-fest that -- that we are experiencing here in the Senate. But if we do not pass motor-voter, then things can break down again, and nobody wants to see that. So I urge you to support the suspension of the rules so we can pass motor-voter. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Thank you for your comments, Senator. We will now proceed to the Order of Resolutions Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all 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?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No objections have been filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any discussion? 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, and the resolutions are adopted. 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 concurred with the Senate in the

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passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 447, with House Amendments 7 and 8.

Passed the House, as amended, July 12th, 1994, by a three-fifths vote.

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 174.

(Secretary reads HJR No. 174)

Adopted by the House, July 12th, 1994, by a three-fifths vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would move for the suspension of the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of House Joint Resolution 174.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Weaver moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of House Joint Resolution 174. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Weaver has moved for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 174. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. And the resolution is adopted. There any further business to come before the Senate in the regular Session? If not, pursuant to the adjournment resolution, Senator Weaver moves the Senate stand adjourned.



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