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PRESIDENT JONES:

The regular Session of the 95th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The -- the invocation today will be given by Reverend Reg Mills, Central Baptist Church, Springfield, Illinois.

THE REVEREND REGINALD MILLS:

(Prayer by the Reverend Reginald Mills)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Journal of Friday, February 9th, 2007.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Hunter moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. We have a photographer from Squires Photography, Randy Squires, and Christian Spain from Channel 20 News wish to record the proceedings. No objections, so ordered. Also, Tom Small

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Productions seek leave to -- to videotape and record the Session.  
Seeing no objection, so ordered. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 67, offered by Senator Brady and all Members.

Senate Resolution 68, offered by Senator Harmon and -- and all Members.

Senate Resolution 69, offered by Senator Maloney and all Members.

Senate Resolution 70, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 71, offered by Senator Martinez and all Members.

They're all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Joint Resolution 28, offered by Senator Viverito.

Senate Joint Resolution 29, offered by Senator Viverito.

Senate Joint Resolution 30, offered by Senator Delgado.

And Senate Joint Resolution 31, Constitutional Amendment, offered by Senators Bomke, John O. Jones and Syverson.

They're all substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 1752, offered by Senator Maloney.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1753, offered by Senator Trotter.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Ladies and Gentlemen, we have two special guests with us this afternoon who are giving a presentation. They'll be the former Governor, Jim Edgar, and the son of a -- of the -- a former president, the late Russell Arrington. Governor Edgar.

FORMER GOVERNOR JIM EDGAR:

(Remarks and Introduction by former Governor Jim Edgar)

MR. TAYLOR PENSONEAU:

(Remarks and Introduction by Mr. Taylor Pensoneau)

MR. MICHAEL ARRINGTON:

(Remarks by Mr. Michael Arrington)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Will the members of the Rules Committee please gather in the Antechamber for a meeting? The Rules Committee will meet immediately in the Antechamber. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senator -- Halvorson, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Judiciary-Criminal Law Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 44; refer to Local Government Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 186; refer to Public Health Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 4; refer to Revenue Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 13; and refer to State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 82.

Signed by Senator Debbie Halvorson, Chairman, February 21st,

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PRESIDENT JONES:

Committee Announcements. Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. For those people who are on the Judiciary-Civil Law Committee, the Judiciary-Civil Law Committee will meet today at 2 p.m. And I believe it's Room 212.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Crotty.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise on a point of -- of an announcement.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Proceed.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Local Government will be meeting today at 2 p.m. in Room 409. That's a change. We're in Room 409. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Thank -- whoops! Thank you, Mr. President. I also rise to make an announcement. Public Health will be meeting today at 2 o'clock in Room 400.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Wilhelmi.

SENATOR WILHELMI:

Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, rise for purpose of announcement: to announce that the Judiciary-Criminal Law

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Committee will meet today at 3:30 in Room 212.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Purpose of announcement, Mr. President. The Pensions and Investment Committee will meet today in Room 400 at 5 p.m.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Sieben, what purpose you rise? Senator Righter, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. For purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Proceed.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Senator Lauzen is absent from the Senate today based on legislative district -- legislative business back in his district. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES:

The record shall so reflect. Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd rise on a point of personal privileges, if we're done with announcements.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Proceed.

SENATOR HARMON:

I'd have a guest with me today, Elliot Stoller, a constituent of mine from my district. He's a sophomore at Oak Park-River Forest High School. And he and his family are supporters of Seven Generations Ahead, a local organization

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devoted to sustainable development. I'd ask the Senate to join me in welcoming him here to the Senate today. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Our guest please rise and be welcomed by the Senate. On all the announcements by the various committee chairs: Each of the committees will be an hour late. So the time so stated by the committee chair is the time that the committee will be meeting, rather than the hour that was originally posted. Each one will meet an hour later. The regular Session of the Senate will stand in recess to the call of the Chair. After committees, the Senate will reconvene to receive committee reports and for a -- a Committee on Rules meeting - after committees. The Senate -- the Senate will stand in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDENT JONES:

The Senate will reconvene. Madam Secretary, are there any Messages? Committee Reports.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senator Cullerton and Senator Dillard, Co-Chairpersons of the Committee on Judiciary-Civil Law, reports Senate Bill 20 Do Pass.

Senator Crotty, Chairperson of the Committee on Local Government, reports Senate Bills 29, 38, 77, 113 and 152 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 186 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Garrett, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Health, reports Senate Bill 4 Do Pass, as Amended.

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Senator Wilhelmi, Chairperson of the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal Law, reports Senate Bills 14, 31, 55, 75 and 76 Do Pass.

And Senator Raoul, Chairperson of the Committee on Pensions and Investments, reports Senate Bill 65 Do Pass.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Will the members of the Rules Committee convene in the Antechamber? Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senator Halvorson, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Agriculture and Conservation Committee - Senate Bills 201, 202, 206, 225, 281, 346, 498, 518, 550, 557, 560, 570, 627, 649, 724, 1204, 1559, 1617 and 1683; refer to Commerce and Economic Development Committee - Senate Bills 207, 208, 309, 368, 499, 1243, 1317, 1457 and 1578; refer to Education Committee - Senate Bills 198, 266, 306, -- 396, 397, 398, 423, 424, 446, 505, 541, 543, 641, 671, 746, 1157, 1165, 1361, 1425, 1426, 1463, 1472, 1474, 1482, 1510, 1557, 1560, 1702 and 1720; refer to Environment and Energy Committee - Senate Bills 208, 303, 357, 376, 456, 526, 569, 615, 616, 618, 620, 655, 659, 661, -- 663, 680, 1174, 1184, 1241, 1242, 1257, 1262, 1299, 1366, 1392, 1419, 1422, 1477, 1583, 1592, 1663 and 1704; refer to the Executive Committee - Senate Bills 311, 392, 500, 593, 750, 1159, 1370, 1467, 1544, 1625 and 1701; refer to Financial Institutions Committee - Senate Bills 228, 235, 236, 237, 310, 388, 510, 515, 536, 537, 549, 643, 703, 1167, 1224, 1347, 1464, 1468, 1671, 1673, 1674, 1675 and 1676; refer to Higher Education Committee - Senate Bills -- 313, 325, 326, 387, 394, 395, 401, 402, 433, 437, 457, 674, 729, 1414, 1446 and 1455; refer to Housing and



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Community Affairs Committee - Senate Bills 220, 258, 380, 687, 688, 1199, 1273, 1404, 1495 and 1687; refer to Human Services Committee - Senate Bills 234, 243, 244, 284, 322, 335, 340, 381, 390, 466, 511, 544, 574, 581, 591, 595, 608, 611, 640, 715, 731, 1245, 1253, 1364, 1368, 1415, 1497, 1579, 1581, 1618, 1628, 1664, 1699 and 1739; refer to Insurance Committee - Senate Bills 210, 362, 379, 422, 484, 520, 555, 626, 1208, 1211, 1279, 1328, 1330, 1365, 1367, 1373, 1487, 1519, 1523 and 1688; refer to Judiciary-Civil Law Committee - Senate Bills 213, 229, 297, 318, 319, 330, 333, 337, 355, 365, 389, 404, 452, 454, 461, 472, 478, -- 481, 486, 497, 528, 531, 534, 634, 738, 747, 1162, 1260, 1270, 1296, 1303 {sic} (1309), 1434, 1435, 1449, 1501, 1545, 1549, 1576, 1706 and 1733; refer to the Judiciary-Criminal Law Committee - Senate Bills 226, 265, 273, 274, 288, 328, 363, 364, 386, 426, 441, 521, 527, 529, 532, 533, 542, 572, 585, 594, 597, 665, 705, 710, 711, 740, 1228, 1293, 1331, 1346, 1348, 1369, 1374, 1375, 1379, 1390, 1391, 1397, 1399, 1418, 1428, 1430, 1440, 1458, 1505, 1509, 1686, 1722, -- I'm sorry, 1724; refer to Labor Committee - Senate Bills 516, 1234, 1235, 1290, 1295, 1301, 1314, 1345, 1386, 1427, 1475, 1528, 1529, 1659, 1660, 1700, 1734 and 1744; refer to Licensed Activities Committee - Senate Bills 196, 211, 214, 230, 259, 354, 360, 385, 448, 495, 509, 525, 558, 571, 573, 605, 617, 730, 1225, 1226, 1227, 1384, 1398, 1424 and 1626; refer to Local Government Committee - Senate Bills 222, 232, 249, 253, 255, 263, 270, 285, 290, 299, 305, 341, 342, 343, 374, 382, 384, 434, 436, 439, 473, 494, 513, 539, 599, 612, 662, 684, 689, 725, 744, 1188, 1244, 1261, 1313, 1453, 1485, 1493, 1494, 1504, 1508, 1558, 1568, 1623, 1656, 1729, 1731 and 1746; refer to Pensions and Investments Committee - Senate Bills 212, 217, 218, 219, 377, 447, 488, 493,

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Be Approved for Consideration, February 21st 2007, Senator -- Senator Debbie Halvorson, Chairman.

PRESIDENT JONES:

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate will stand adjourned until the hour of 12 noon on Thursday, February 22nd, 2007. The Senate stands adjourned.