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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The regular Session of the 95th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks and our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Dr. Maryam Mostoufi, Islamic Society of Greater Springfield, Springfield, Illinois.

DR. MARYAM MOSTOUFI:

(Prayer by Dr. Maryam Mostoufi)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, February 21st, 2007.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hunter moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 73, offered by Senator Haine and all

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Members.

It's a death resolution, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Joint Resolution 32, offered by Senator Maloney.

Senate Resolution 72, offered by Senator Luechtefeld.

They are both substantive, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Messages.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

A Message from the House by Mr. Mahoney, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed bills of the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 3, (Secretary reads title of bill);  
House Bill 169, (Secretary reads title of bill); House Bill 250,  
(Secretary reads title of bill); House Bill 264, (Secretary reads  
title of bill); House Bill 305, (Secretary reads title of bill).  
Passed the House, February 21st, 2007. Signed, Mark Mahoney,  
Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Trotter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR TROTTER:

Good afternoon, Madam President. I rise on a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point, sir.

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SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much. Standing with me are -- are two young gentlemen...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Excuse me, Senator Trotter. Could I please get everybody's attention, just for a moment? Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

I'm proud to have standing with me two young gentlemen who are enrolled at the Entrepreneurship High School in the City of Chicago. They were participants in the Illinois Capitol Challenge, the Stock Market Game. They were the winners in a statewide competition. After getting an imaginary hundred thousand dollars, that in a ten-week period, they were able to amass themselves a nice little imaginary fortune. But, I would like for the -- the Body, the Senate, to help me congratulate these two individuals who are truly going to be the entrepreneurs of the future, who's going to keep this State just as viable and as great as it is. So will you please welcome William Allan and James Allan to the Illinois Senate?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Welcome to the Senate. We could probably use you on Appropriation Committee. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Madam President. I would like to rise on a point of personal privilege as well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I have the honor and

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privilege of introducing Beverly Egonmwan. She's in the gallery. Beverly is the mom -- or, the mother of our lovely and talented Revenue staffer, Kim Egonmwan. So I'd like for our Assembly to give her a warm welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Will our guest in the gallery please rise? Welcome to Springfield. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senator Clayborne, Chairperson of the Committee on Environment and Energy, reports Senate Bills 9, 46, 50, 54, 57, 154 and 184 Do Pass.

The following corrections were made by the Chairperson on the second report of the Senate Rules Committee dated March {sic} (February) 21st, 2007. The report incorrectly stated the following: Senate Bill 208 was referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and to the Senate Committee on Environment and Energy. Senate Bill 597 was referred to the Senate Committee on State Government and Veterans Affairs and to the Senate Committee on Judiciary-Criminal Law. Senate Bill 488 was referred to the Senate Committee on Pensions and Investments and to the Senate Revenue -- I'm sorry, Senate Committee on Revenue. In fact, Senate Bill 208 is referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Economic Development. Senate Bill 597 is referred to the Senate Committee on State Government and Veterans Affairs. And Senate Bill 488 is referred to the Senate Committee on Pensions and Investments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

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House Bill 3, offered by Senator -- Maloney.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 201, offered by Senator Sieben.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 305, offered by Senator Lightford.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Rules Committee will meet immediately in the President's Anteroom. Rules Committee. 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 - Senate Bill 300; refer to Public Health Committee - Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 4.

Signed, Debbie -- Senator Debbie Halvorson. Dated February 22nd, 2007.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Schoenberg, for what purpose do you rise? Ladies and Gentlemen, just for your information, we're going to be standing at ease for a second or two while we process some paperwork. So, in case anybody was wondering.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Rules Committee will meet immediately in the President's Antechamber. Rules Committee will meet.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

I have a correction to the Rules Committee report just read. Senator Halvorson, Chair of the Rules Committee, reports that the Rules report stated that Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 4 was referred to the Public Health Committee. In fact, no such referral was made, since that particular Floor amendment had not been filed at that time.

Senator Halvorson, Chairman on the Committee -- Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Public Health Committee - Floor Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 4.

Signed, Senator Debbie Halvorson, Chairman. Dated February 26 {sic} (22), 2007.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Garrett, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR GARRETT:

Thank you, Madam President. For purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Public Health will be meeting today at 2 o'clock in Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. For the purpose of an announcement, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)



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State your announcement.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you. Today, at 1 o'clock, State Government and Veterans Affairs will be meeting - at 1 o'clock. And we will be meeting in a new facility, new room today - here in the Capitol Building, Room 409.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you, Senator Demuzio. Did everybody hear that? It's Room 409. Senator Harmon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. For a -- purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR HARMON:

The Senate Revenue Committee will meet today in Room 400 at 1 p.m. or immediately upon recess.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Also a personal announcement, a -- Education will be meeting today in Room 212 at 2:30.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The Senate will stand in recess to the call of the Chair. After committees, the Senate will reconvene to receive committee reports and for further Floor action. We will be going to further Floor action after committees. The Senate stands at recess to the call of the Chair.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senate will come to order. Madam Secretary, Messages.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

A Message from the House by Mr. Mahoney, Clerk.

Mr. President -- Madam President, I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed bills of the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 4 -- I'm sorry, House Bill 6.

We have like Messages on House Bill 9, 25, 28, 162, 194, 239, 257, 310, 357 and 382. All passed the House, February 22nd, 2007.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senator Demuzio, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government and Veterans Affairs, reports Senate Bills 119 and 120 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 82 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Bills 12 and 138 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 13 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Lightford, Chair -- Chairperson of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Bill 143 Do Pass.

And Senator Garrett, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Health, reports Floor Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 4 Recommend Do Adopt.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill -- Senate Bill 1754, offered by Senator Schoenberg.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill 1755, offered by Senator Schoenberg.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

House Bill 257, offered by Senator Martinez.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Will all Members within the sound of my voice please come to the Senate Chambers? We do have business that actually has to be done. Ladies and Gentlemen, the Supplemental Calendar No. 1 is being -- being distributed as we speak. We will be going to that order of business shortly, soon as everybody has their Supplemental Calendar No. 1. Ladies and Gentlemen, on Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading on Supplemental Calendar No. 1, we have Senate Bill No. 9. Senator Garrett. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill No. 9.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

There been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

No Floor amendments reported, Madam -- Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Collins, on Senate Bill 12. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill No. 12.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

No Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Link, on Senate Bill 13. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 13.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Revenue -- I'm sorry. Committee Amendment 1, adopted by the Committee on Revenue Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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No Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Garrett, on Senate Bill 46. Senator Garrett. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill No. 46.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

No Floor -- no Floor amendments reported, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Cullerton, on Senate Bill 50. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 50.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

No Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Watson, on Senate Bill 54. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

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Senate Bill No. 54.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Demuzio, on Senate Bill 57. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill No. 57.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

No Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Sandoval, on Senate Bill 82. Senator Sandoval. Senator Jacobs, on Senate Bill 119. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 119.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

No Floor amendments reported, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Jacobs, on Senate Bill 120. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 120.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

No Floor amendments, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Cronin, on Senate Bill 138. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 138.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

No Floor amendments reported, Madam President.

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3rd Reading. Senator Collins, on Senate Bill 143. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 143.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

No Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Link, on Senate Bill 154. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 154.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

No Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Righter, on Senate Bill 184. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 184.

(Secretary reads title of bill)



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2nd Reading of the bill. No -- committee amendments reported.

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There been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

No Floor amendments, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, please turn to page 2 of the regular Calendar, top of the page, Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Senator Schoenberg. With leave of the Body, we'll return to Senate Bill 4. Senator Harmon, on 14. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 14.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Harmon, on Senate Bill 20. Madam Secretary, read the bill. Senator Harmon? Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 20.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Sieben, on Senate Bill 29. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

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Senate Bill 29.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Millner, on Senate Bill 31. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 31.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Brady, on Senate Bill 38. Senator Brady. Senator Sullivan. Senate Bill 55. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 55.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Silverstein, on Senate Bill 65. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 65.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Collins, on Senate Bill 75. Senator Cullerton, on Senate Bill 76. Senator Cullerton. Senator Garrett, on Senate Bill 77. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 77.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Syverson. Senate Bill 113. Senator Syverson. Senator Haine, on Senate Bill 152. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 152.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

...Reading. Senator Viverito, on Senate Bill 186. Senator Viverito, on Senate Bill 186. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 186.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

...Reading. I mean -- I apologize.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

The Committee on Local Government adopted Committee

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Amendment 1. No other amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

No Floor amendments reported, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we will be returning to top of the page 2. Senator Schoenberg, on Senate Bill 4. Senator Schoenberg, do you wish to proceed on Senate Bill 4? Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 4.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health adopted Amendment 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Yes, Madam President. Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Schoenberg.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Schoenberg, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Amendment No. 4 has four elements. Most of those relate to strengthening and tightening the conflict of interest and financial disclosure provisions of the Act. The first is that it

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makes all information pertinent to the medical research confidential, not subject to any disclosure to any individual other than personnel of the Illinois Regenerative Medicine Institute. The second is prohibiting a scientific peer review panel or any other advisory committee that's established by the Department of Public Health that has a conflict of interest in respect to issues from discussing those issues with any other panel or advisory committee members or with the Institute Oversight Committee. The third oversight measure has to do with requiring everybody from the Oversight Committee, scientific peer review panel and advisory committee to file written disclosure with Secretary of State. And the fourth is strengthening the penalties for the ban on cloning.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, Senator Schoenberg moves the adoption of Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 4. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

No other Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Brady. Is Senator Brady here, on Senate Bill 38? Senator Collins, do you wish to move Senate Bill 75? Senator Cullerton, on Senate Bill 76. Senator Syverson, on Senate Bill 113. Ladies and Gentlemen, for information to the Body, we really want you to be here tomorrow. During Session, we will be calibrating the cameras, so everybody who watches you on the Internet will be able to see you. So we have to calibrate

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the camera to you based on your heighth. So please be here at 10 so we can get that started. And... There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 10 a.m. on Friday, February, 23rd, 2007. The Senate stands adjourned.