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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 invocation today will be given by Pastor Barrie West, Holy City Baptist Church, Springfield.

PASTOR BARRIE WEST:

(Prayer by Pastor Barrie West)

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 April 1st, 2008.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

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

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolutions 614 through 616, offered by Senator Link

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and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 617 and 618, offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 619 through 622, offered by Senator Link {sic} (Haine) and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 623, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

They're all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Resolution Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

And Senate Joint Resolution, Constitutional Amendment, 89, offered by Senator Frerichs and Raoul.

It is substantive.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, Messages.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

I have 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 a bill of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 842.

We've received like Messages on House Bills 1054, 4159, 4165, 4179, 4232, 4251, 4391, 4456, 4573, 4628, 4642, 4705, 4726, 4765, 4881, 5017, 5038, 5109, 5115, 5193, 5212, 5494, 5505, 5572, 5585, 5614, 5648, 5655, 5699, 5717, 5768, 5776, 5898 and 5930.

All passed the House, April 1st, 2008. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of

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the House.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

House Bill 1054, offered by Senator Forby.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4232, offered by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4456, offered by Senator Steans.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill -- 4573, offered by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4628, offered by Senator Raoul.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4641, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4705, offered by Senator Lightford.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4765, offered by Senator Althoff.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4881, offered by Senator Frerichs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill -- I'm sorry, 5017. An Act -- offered by  
Senator Garrett.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5038, offered by Senator Harmon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5115, offered by Senator Crotty.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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House Bill 5212, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5572, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5585, offered by Senator Syverson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5655, offered by Senator Wilhelmi.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5768, offered by Senator Righter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5776, offered by Senator Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 5898, offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Will all the Members in their offices under the sound of my voice, will you please come to the Senate Floor? We will be going to final action on 3rd Reading. So all Members under the sound of my voice, kindly come to the Senate Floor. Senator Risinger, what purpose you rise?

SENATOR RISINGER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Would you let the record show that Senator Cronin is doing work -- citizen work back in the district and Senator Hultgren will be gone all week? He's out of the -- out of the United States.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Record shall so reflect. Senator Hunter, what purpose you rise?

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SENATOR HUNTER:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR HUNTER:

I have a visitor, a -- a very close friend of mine who's here visiting with us today. Her name is Patricia Kates and we've been best friends ever since we were eight years old. So, I'd just like to welcome her to the Senate.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Guest please rise and be welcomed by the Senate. Senator Garrett, what purpose you rise?

SENATOR GARRETT:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR GARRETT:

I'd like to welcome to the Senate Chambers the Lake Forest Montessori School, Linda Davis and Bev Adamczyk, who've come all the way down from Lake Forest/Lake Bluff. They're here in the gallery. Please give them a -- a warm welcome.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Will our guests in the gallery please rise and be welcomed by the Senate? Senator Crotty, what purpose you rise?

SENATOR CROTTY:

Thank you, Mr. President. On a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Yeah. State your point.

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SENATOR CROTTY:

With me today, I have two sisters, Lauryn and April. They're constituents of yours, Mr. President. They live in Midlothian. But their grandparents are up in the gallery, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, that are friends of mine from Markham. And I'd wish everybody to welcome them. And I also want to mention, April is a National Honor Society student. So I'm happy to have them here.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Will our guests in the gallery please rise and be welcomed by the Senate? Will the Members who are in their offices in the Capitol kindly come to the Senate Floor? We are going to 3rd Reading. Please come to the Floor. Senator Murphy, what purpose you rise?

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR MURPHY:

I'd like the Senate to welcome my Page for a Day, Nicole Warnstedt. She is a fifth grader at Thomas Jefferson Grade School in Hoffman Estates. And she's down with her dad, Tim, for the day. So if we could all give a -- a big Senate welcome to Nicole.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Our Page rise and be welcomed by the Senate. Senator Jones, my namesake, what purpose you rise?

SENATOR J. JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege.



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PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR J. JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. With me today, I have four Pages for the Day: Jamie Spangler, Karrah Repasky, Craig Vishy and Austyn Taylor. And up in the gallery, we have two parents that -- that brought the kids today, Melinda and Daniel Spangler. So if you'd welcome them, I'd appreciate it. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Will our guests please rise and be welcomed by the Senate? On page 15 of your Calendar, on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 2474. Senator Hunter. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 2474.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Committee. Senate Bill...

PRESIDENT JONES:

Pardon me a minute. Could we tone it down just a wee bit?

SENATOR HUNTER:

Senate Bill 2474 amends the Illinois Lottery Law and the State Finance Act. And basically what this bill does, it -- it renames the Ticket For The Cure scratch-off lottery ticket and grant fund as the Carolyn Adams Ticket For The Cure and Grant

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Fund. If this Body can recall, we passed this bill into existence back in 2005 and it has been extremely successful. Carolyn Adams was the former Illinois Lottery Superintendent and she was one of the main reasons why this "Ticket For The Cure" was such a successful initiative. And she lost her battle to breast cancer in the spring of 2007. And I ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Are there any questions? Any questions? Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would just like to mention to the -- the Senate that the bill...

PRESIDENT JONES:

Oh, could you -- could you hold on a moment? Proceed.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

This bill received unanimous support in the Revenue Committee. I suggest and recommend an Aye vote.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Any further questions? The question is, shall Senate Bill 2474 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. 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 51 voting Aye, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill -- I mean, Senate Bill 2474, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2486. Senator Kotowski. Out of the record. Senator Forby, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR FORBY:

Point of personal privilege.

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PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR FORBY:

I'm getting ready to run a bill here today, it's Senate Bill 2488, and I have some firefighters -- and the bill is -- is called James "Shib" Miller. His wife is here and his two daughters from Sesser, Illinois. Sesser is about twenty-one hundred people in there. And you can see some books that I have on my desk. They got four thousand signatures for this bill. So I just want to introduce them to the Senate. I'd like for you to give them a nice welcome. From Sesser, Illinois.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Would our guests in the gallery please rise and be welcomed by the Senate? Senate Bill 2487. Senator Forby. Senate Bill 2488. Senator Forby. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 2488.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Forby.

SENATOR FORBY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2488 amends the title the James "Shib" Miller and William Grant -- Grant Law. This bill works towards solving very important issues close to me. Last July, I had a voluntary firefighter from Sesser, Illinois, named James "Shib" Miller, was struck and killed by a bus while he was working on the scene of a tractor-trailer fire along 57 in Franklin County. The bus failed to reduce speed and

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drove through the accident that Shib Miller was putting equipment back onto the truck. While no law can be replaced to bring life of Shib Miller back, this legislation will honor and dedicate to service his community and will hope prevent such tragedy accident in the future. Member of Sesser Fire Department came to me following the accident last July and asked me to pass legislation to protect such emergency workers in the future, so that no community, no family has to suffer the same pain. Senate Bill 2488 does this, would give the fire department authorization to close a highway to traffic, only if police officers or IDOT is -- are not there representing, in order to protect the safety of the firefighters and other emergency persons working on the fire and accident on or near highway. Requires firefighters to close the road in the same manner as police officers requires. Requires firefighters to be trained and use marked vehicles with flashing lights, to follow the same safety as a police officer. Exempt -- this exempts the State Toll Highway Authority. All requests of the -- of the Sesser firefighters. This bill also increase penalties for reckless homicide where the homicide is committed by a driver who failed to reduce speed, change lanes and yield right of way of emergency. The hazard {sic} penalty would make the sentence for the -- killing a firefighter at the scene of a fire on a highway the same as a construction worker where the -- where it's posted. One person is killed, the penalty could be three to fourteen years in prison and up to twenty-five-thousand-dollar fine. If two persons was -- was killed, the prison terms would be six to twenty-eight years and a twenty-five-thousand-dollar fine. Senate Bill 2488 is supported by the State Police,

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IDOT, Illinois State Fire Marshal, State Toll Highway -- Highway Authority, and Illinois Association of Fire Protection {sic}. With this law, such -- with the law such as this one, emergency persons would be able to perform their job with great peace of mind. I thank you and I wish you for -- a Yes vote.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall -- Senate Bill 2488 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. 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 -- on that question, there are 56 voting Aye, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2488, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Bomke, what purpose you rise?

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR BOMKE:

Many of you may recall last -- last fall, I believe during Veto Session, when it was announced that one of our Pages had a serious illness and had to be hospitalized. He had passed out when he was in college, and he had quite a battle on his hands. Many of you signed a get-well card for him. Many of you have sent get-well cards to him. Well, I'm proud to announce that he's back at work and he will be starting full-time back at -- in college later, I think next fall. But standing beside me is Alexander Chipman. He's been a great Page for us. He had quite a battle and he's overcome it, and I would like you to help me

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welcome him back to the Illinois State Senate.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Will our guest rise and be welcomed by the Senate? Senator Rutherford, what purpose you rise?

SENATOR RUTHERFORD:

Mr. President, thank you. For the point of a personal privilege.

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR RUTHERFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. We all know that women are actually the foundation of making sure things get done, whether it's in government, politics, or in our family lives, and the Republican Party of the State of Illinois is very blessed to have a very strong and vibrant Illinois Federation of Republican Women. They are joining us, by their representation of their delegation, from various parts of the State. Up here on this side, Mr. President. Would the Senate please welcome members from the Illinois Federation of Republican Women?

PRESIDENT JONES:

Our guests please rise. Will our guests rise and be welcomed by the Senate? Senator Haine, what purpose you rise?

SENATOR HAINE:

Mr. President, a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR HAINE:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I would like to ask you to provide a warm welcome to two citizens

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of my district who came up here to observe their Senate at work and their Senator at work. Max Welch and Nancy Welch of Alton, Illinois, the Alton/Godfrey area. Nancy, by the way, is also the distinguished conductor of the Great Rivers Choral Society, bringing great music to our -- to our communities. Max and Nancy Welch, Ladies and Gentlemen.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Will our guests rise and be welcomed by the Senate? Senate Bill 2489. Senator Kotowski. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 2489.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 2489 amends the State Prompt Payment Act and Court of Claims Act, requiring the Court of Claims to direct the Comptroller to add an interest payment if payment of a claim is not made within six months after the claim is filed and all information has been submitted as required under the Line of Duty Compensation Act. I would ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Is there any discussion? Any -- discussion? The question is, shall Senate Bill 2489 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. 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 55 voting Aye, no Nays,

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none voting Present. Senate Bill 2489, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Schoenberg, what purpose you rise?

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I want to introduce you to my Page for today, Morgan Siegfriedt. She's a seventh grader at the Haven Middle School in Evanston. Besides excelling in her schoolwork, she loves to dance. And she's joined today by her parents in the gallery, Bill and Corky Siegfriedt. Please give them all a warm Illinois Senate welcome. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Will our guests in the gallery please rise and be welcomed by the Senate? Senate Bill 2492. Senator Lightford. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2494. Senator Kotowski. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 2494.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the



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Senate. Senate Bill 2494 provides that a DUI committed during a period when the driver's license is suspended or revoked for DUI under laws of another state is a Class 4 felony. I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2494 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. 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 55 voting Aye, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2494, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2500. Senator Demuzio. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 2500.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2500 amends the School Code regarding the superintendent's mentoring program. And this establishes a superintendent mentoring program for individuals becoming superintendents after July 1 of 2008, subject to appropriation. New superintendents would be required to complete the mentorship for their first two years serving as a superintendent. Superintendents with at least three years of experience are

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eligible to be mentors and must complete mentor training and meet other requirements established by the State Board of Ed and the individual school districts. I ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Is there any -- any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2500 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. 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 56 voting Aye, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2500, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2501. Senator Althoff. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2509. Senator Kotowski. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 2509.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 2509 adds to the list of offenses for which the evidence of the defendant's prior conduct may be admitted: child pornography and aggravated child pornography, and first degree murder and second degree murder where the offense involves sexual penetration or sexual conduct. Senate Bill 2509 also expands the hearsay exceptions to include any sex offense which would require the offender to register as a sex offender

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or sexual predator upon conviction. I would ask for...

PRESIDENT JONES:

Is there any -- is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall -- Senate Bill 2509 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. 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 55 voting Aye, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2509, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2512. Madam Secretary, read the bill. Out of the record. We'll stand at ease for a moment. Will all the members of the Rules Committee, all the members of the Rules Committee, kindly meet in the Antechamber? All the members of the Rules Committee.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senator Halvorson, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Bill 862, Senate Bill 871, Senate Bill 878, Senate Bill 898, House Bill 315, House Bill 473 and House Bill 3860.

Senator Debbie Halvorson, Chairman. April 2nd, 2008.

I have a subsequent Rules Committee Report.

Senator Halvorson, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned:

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Refer to Agriculture and Conservation Committee - Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1945; refer to Appropriations II Committee - Floor Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 3860; refer to Education Committee - Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2013, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2682 and Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2685; refer to Environment and Energy Committee - Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 878; Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2110, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2514 and Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2639; refer to Executive Committee - Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1920, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2399, Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2546, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2707, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2755, Floor Amendment No. 7 to House Bill 315 and Floor Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 473; refer to Financial Institutions Committee - Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 862, Floor Amendment No. -- No. 1 to Senate Bill 2098 and Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1879; refer to Higher Education Committee - Floor Amendment No. 3 to House Bill 1334 and Floor Amendment No. 1 to House {sic} Bill 2690; refer to Housing and Community Affairs Committee - Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2434; refer to Human Services Committee - Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 898, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2199 and Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2693; refer to Insurance Committee - Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 871, Floor Amendment No. 2 and Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 1893, Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2356 {sic}, Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2502 and Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2595; refer to Judiciary-Civil Law Committee - Floor

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Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 2085, Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2138, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2527, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2594 and Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2725; refer to Judiciary-Criminal Law Committee - Floor Amendment No. 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 2275, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2349, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2366, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2396, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2426, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2716, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2821 and Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2855; refer to Labor Committee - Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1878 and Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2694; refer to Licensed Activities Committee - Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1929; refer to Local Government Committee - Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2654, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2674 and Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2676; refer to Pensions and Investments Committee - Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2250; refer to Public Health Committee - Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2303 and Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2461; refer to Revenue Committee - Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2859; and refer to State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee - Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 786, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2311 and Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2538.

And I have a correction: Refer to Insurance Committee... A correction: Refer to Insurance Committee - instead of Senate Bill 2356, it's 2358.

Senator Debbie Halvorson, Chairman. April 2nd, 2008.

PRESIDENT JONES:

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Senator Crotty, what purpose you rise?

SENATOR CROTTY:

On a point of an announcement.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Proceed.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Local Government will meet today at 12:30 in Room 409.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Delgado.

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just rising for an announcement, sir. The Committee on Licensing {sic} Activities will meet at 3:30 today in Room 409.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Purpose of announcement, Mr. President. The Housing Committee will meet at 1 p.m. in Room 409. Be prompt.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

For the purpose of an announcement, Mr. President. The Appropriations III Committee will be meeting tomorrow, Thursday, at 9 o'clock a.m. in Room 212.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Senate Revenue Committee will meet today at 2:30 p.m. in Room 400.

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PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Senate Executive Committee will meet at 2:30 in Room 212.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I have an announcement. The Agriculture and Conservation Committee will meet at 2 p.m. today in Room 409.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. Purpose of announcement. Tomorrow, the Financial Institutions Committee will meet at 9 a.m. in Room 400.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Thank you, Mr. President. For purpose of announcement. Public Health will meet today at 12:30 in Room 400.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. In Senator Cullerton's absence, I'd like to announce that the Senate Judiciary Committee on Civil Law will meet at 12:30 in Room 212.

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Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would just like to announce that the Senate's Higher Education Committee will meet at 4 p.m. today in Room 409.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Haine, who's that sitting behind you? That's the boss.

SENATOR HAINE:

As you know, Mr. President. As you know. But, I rise to inform the President and the Members of the Senate that the Insurance Committee will meet this afternoon at 4 p.m. in Room 400. Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Forby.

SENATOR FORBY:

For announcement. Labor Committee will meet today at 3:30 in Room 400. 3:30.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Environment and Energy Committee will meet today at 2 p.m. in Room 212.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Meeks.

SENATOR MEEKS:

Yes, Mr. President, I -- I -- I just wanted to speak to you. How are you today, sir?

PRESIDENT JONES:



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Great.

SENATOR MEEKS:

You're doing -- you're doing fine? That's -- that's good. You look good, sir. The Human Services Committee will meet at 2 o'clock in Room 400.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Purpose of an -- two announcements. State Government and Veterans Affairs will meet today at 2:30 in Room 409. And also, Education will meet in 212 at 3:30 today.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise for purpose of an announcement. The distinguished Committee on Pensions and Investment {sic} will be meeting at 1:30 in Room 400.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Wilhelmi.

SENATOR WILHELMI:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Judiciary-Criminal Law Committee will be meeting today at 1 p.m. in Room 212.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Haine, you still seeking recognition? Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. Two announcements. Appropriation II will meet at 4 o'clock in 212. And also, there

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will be a Democratic Caucus in the President's Office immediately upon adjournment.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Proceed.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, sir. I would just like everyone to note, in the gallery behind the Republican side, I have several lovely women from the Stateline Human Management Resource {sic} (Resource Management) group from McHenry County, and I'd just like to welcome them to Springfield.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Will our guests in the gallery please rise and be welcomed by the Illinois Senate? There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 3rd. The Senate stands adjourned.