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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The regular Session of the 95th General Assembly will please come to order. Will all Members be at their desks? Will our guests in the gallery please rise? The invocation today will be given by Reverend Jeff Chitwood of the South Side Christian Church, Springfield, Illinois.

THE REVEREND JEFF CHITWOOD:

(Prayer by the Reverend Jeff Chitwood)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Please remain standing for the Pledge Allegiance. Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Journal of May 14th, 2008.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolutions 708 and 709, offered by Senator Wilhelmi

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and all Members.

And Senate Resolutions 710 and 711, offered by Senator Hultgren and all Members.

They're all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Madam Secretary, Consent Calendar. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senator Silverstein, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports House Bill 1809 Do Pass; House Bills 3106 and 4726 Do Pass, as Amended; Floor Amendment No. 8 to House Bill 824 and Floor Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 5494 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Demuzio, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government and Veterans Affairs, reports House Bills 2392, 4723, 4890, 5312, 5618 and 5666 Do Pass; and House Bill 5368 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Forby, Chairperson of the Committee on Labor, reports House Joint Resolution 78 Be Adopted, as -- as Amended; and Floor Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 4583 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Delgado, Chairperson of the Committee on Licensed Activities, reports House Bill 3679 Do Pass; and Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 886 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Maloney, Chairperson of the Committee on Higher Education, reports House Bills 3286, 4567 and 5905 Do Pass; and Floor Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 1908 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Haine, Chairperson of the Committee on Insurance, reports House Bill 4602 Do Pass; House Bill 1432 Do Pass, as Amended; and Floor Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 4255 recommend

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Do Adopt.

Senator Lightford, Chairperson of the Committee on Education, reports House Bills 4159, 4229, 4252, 4309, 4522 and 5717 Do Pass; and House Bills 1141, 5038 and 5077 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Crotty, Chairperson of the Committee on Local Government, reports House Bill 3441 Do Pass.

Senator Cullerton, Co-Chairperson, and Senator Dillard, Co-Chairperson of the Committee on Judiciary-Civil Law, reports House Bills 5121 and 5148 Do Pass.

Senator Munoz, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation, reports House Bill 5204 Do Pass.

Senator Raoul, Chairperson of the Committee on Pensions and Investments, reports House Bill 5120 Do Pass.

And Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Revenue, reports House Bill 5069 Do Pass; and House Bill 1040 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Madam Secretary, Messages.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

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 5849.

Passed the House, May 13th, 2008. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

I have another Message by -- from the House by Mr. Mahoney,

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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 2747.

We've received like Messages on House Bills 3642, 4742, 4778, 4940, 4988, 5310, 5369, 5469, 5492 and 5970. All passed the House, May 14th, 2008. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

And a final Message from the House by Mr. Mahoney, 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 108.

Offered by Senator Righter, and adopted by the House, May 1st, 2008.

We've -- we've got like Messages on House Joint Resolution 97, offered by Senator Demuzio, and House Joint Resolution 117, offered by Senator Sullivan.

Both adopted by the House, May 14th, 2008. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

And they are all substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Madam Secretary, Communications.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

We have a letter dated May 14th, 2008.

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General Assembly - Please be advised that I have reappointed the following named persons to the following positions enumerated below pursuant to Public Act 93-617. I respectfully ask -- ask for concurrence in the confirmation of these appointments by our Honorable Body.

Sincerely, Daniel W. Hynes, Comptroller.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Madam Secretary, Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 3041, offered by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill 3042, offered by Senator Wilhelmi.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Madam Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

House Bill 628, offered by Senator Frerichs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2747, offered by Senator Martinez.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3642, offered by Senator Syverson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4319, offered by Senator Hultgren.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4350, offered by Senator Frerichs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4778, offered by Senator Crotty.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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House Bill 4988, offered by Senator Wilhelmi.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill -- 5310, offered by Senator Althoff.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5369.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Offered by Senator Steans.

House Bill 5469, offered by Senator Wilhelmi.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5492, offered by Senator Harmon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5940, offered by Senator Althoff.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5970, offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 6310, offered by Senator Schoenberg.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Will all Members in the sound of my voice please come to the Floor? We will be going to House Bills 2nd Reading. If you want your bills advanced, please come to the Floor immediately. All Members please come to the Floor immediately if you want your bills advanced. Senator Risinger, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RISINGER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Would the -- you let the record show that Senator Dillard is out of the Senate today on official business?



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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The record shall reflect. All right, on the bottom of page 15, House Bill 230. Senator Delgado. Out of the record. House Bill 314. Senator Dillard. Out of the record. House Bill 773. Senator Halvorson. Out of the record. House Bill 1351. Senator Lightford. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 1351.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 1361. Senator Hendon. Out of the record. House Bill 1533. Senator Dillard. Out of the record. House Bill 1768. Senator Frerichs. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 1768.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Out of the record. House Bill 1842. Senator Cullerton. Out of the record. House Bill 1998. Senator Dillard. Out of the record. House Bill 2133. Senator Clayborne. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 2133.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 2862. Senator Millner. Out of the record. House Bill 3416. Senator Althoff. Out of the record. House Bill 3446. Senator Lightford. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 3446.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Are there any further Floor amendments due for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments approved, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3733. Senator Garrett. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 3733.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Are there any further Floor amendments for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments approved, Mr. President.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4132. Senator John Jones. Out of the record. House Bill 4174. Senator Clayborne. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4174.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4175. Senator Garrett. Out of the record. House Bill 4199. Senator Schoenberg. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4199.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4201. Senator Rutherford. Senator Rutherford. Out of the record. House Bill 4207. Senator Martinez. Out of the record. With leave of the Body, we'll go back to House Bill 4255. House Bill 4283. Senator Clayborne. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4283.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we'll go back to House Bill 4353. House Bill 4357, with leave of the Body, we'll go back to. 4378. Excuse me. House Bill 4402. Senator Dillard. Out of the record. House Bill 4450. Senator Hultgren. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4450.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we'll go back to House Bill -- House Bill 4536. House Bill 4549. Senator Sullivan. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4549.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Are there any further Floor amendments for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4556. Senator Frerichs. Out of the record. House Bill 4736. Senator Dillard. Out of the record. House Bill 4838. Senator Pankau. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4838.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4869. Senator Dillard. Out of the record. House Bill 4879. Senator Martinez. Out of the record. House Bill 5082. Senator Wilhelmi. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 5082.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Judiciary-Criminal Law adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Are there any further amendments -- Floor amendments for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 5086. Senator Jacobs. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 5086.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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3rd Reading. House Bill 5101. Senator Murphy. Out of the record. House Bill 5195. Senator Althoff. Out of the record. House Bill 5318. Senator Murphy -- or, Maloney. I'm sorry. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 5318.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we'll go back to House Bill 5494. House Bill 5585. Senator Syverson. Out of the record. House Bill 5603. Senator Dillard. Out of the record. House Bill 5653. Senator Bivins. Out of the record. House Bill 5729. Senator Crotty. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 5729.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

House Bill 5729, offered by Senator Crotty.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Delgado.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Delgado, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Floor Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 5729, which retains the underlying

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bill, allows a hospital to apply for approval to conduct its operations from more than one hospital under a single license if the hospitals are located not more than one-half mile apart in a county with more than three million inhabitants and if the hospitals were operated by a single health system on January 1, 2008. And I would ask for your Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Delgado moves the adoption of Amendment 1 to House Bill 5729. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Is there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Mr. President. A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

I have with me today a Page from my hometown of McHenry. I have Caitlin Deuchert. She attends McHenry Middle School. She's twelve years old. They're in the middle of studying the Illinois State Constitution so she took this opportunity to come and see how government actually works. And I also have her parents, Lauren and David, and her brother, Alan, in the gallery behind the Republican side. May we welcome them to Springfield,

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please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Will our guests please rise and be welcomed to the Illinois Senate? House Bill 5768. Senator Righter. Out of the record. House Bill 5776. Senator Sullivan. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 5776.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 5930. Senator Althoff. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 5930.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. We will be going to Supplemental Calendar No. 1 that should have been distributed to everyone's desk. First one will be House Bill 1040. Senator Hunter. Out of the record. House Bill 1141. Senator Lightford. Mr. Secretary,



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please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 1141.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Out of the record. House Bill 1351. Senator Lightford. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Leave to come back to House Bill 1351. House Bill 1432. Senator Cullerton. Out of the record. House Bill 1533. Senator Dillard. Out of the record. House Bill 1768. Senator Frerichs. Out of the record. House Bill 1809. Senator Raoul. Out of the record. Senator Koehler, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KOEHLER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yesterday I brought to your attention Senator Wilhelmi's birthday. He was forty years old. But today is also a former colleague of ours birthday. Senator George Shadid is seventy-nine years old today. Those of you who still have him on your cell phones, please give him a call and wish him a happy seventy-ninth birthday.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Well, wherever you are, Senator Shadid, happy birthday. Senator Hendon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HENDON:

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Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point, Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Mr. President, I wish you could get a little decorum here in the Senate. This is extremely important. If you could gavel for a little quiet? Yesterday, Mr. President, you know we had the annual House/Senate softball game, and before I get emotional, I just wanted to let everybody know we have a cake to celebrate the victory in the conference room across -- President's Office. I was just so proud of the team yesterday. The House chickens, they had beat us three years in a row, Mr. President. They were arrogant. I won a couple hundred dollars. They were giving up six/seven runs. I was just baiting 'em in, Mr. President, 'cause I knew -- I knew that we were going to get 'em this year. I just want to point out it was a team effort. But if I could, Mr. President, Frank Watson got a big hit, Mr. President. I love that Republican. I love that Republican. Lou Viverito took a walk for the team. He took a walk. We lost the coin flip, Mr. President. But they wanted to hit first, 'cause they said to me that you old men in the Senate wouldn't be able to catch that ball when it was hard and that by the second time they -- by the time they got through hitting that ball and we finally got to that ball, it would be soft, but they didn't know we had a man at first base named Matt "The Hands" Murphy. Matt Murphy. I love that Republican. The Most Valuable Player yesterday, Mr. President. Thank God we elected him. He kept me calm. Ira Silverstein kept me calm. You know, in his profession, he can keep the count. He kept telling me,

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"Rickey, it's six to three. Calm down." Reverend Meeks put a prayer in for me. He should have put a prayer in for hisself, 'cause he made about three errors. But that's okay. We are the victors. But Dan Kotowski, the Most Valuable Player. Dan. You know - I'm going to make this brief, Mr. President - that could have been the whole team, 'cause I'm happy, Emil. I'm happy. Forget the pay raise. I'm on a roll here, leave me alone. We hadn't won. And I'll say this and I'll be done. But there were many stars yesterday. We played solid defense from Harmon to Frerichs, who filled in at second base. It was bipartisan. It was great. We had a young rookie in right field. Senator Bivins. He did great out there. He didn't catch nothing, but he did great. But you all had a star pitcher out there. I don't know where you got that young kid from, that little dark kid, that little short kid with the pads on. From the west side? But I couldn't have done it without my catcher, Debbie "Congresswoman-to-be" Halvorson, who kept me calm. But we hadn't won since Geo-Karis went to call the games in heaven. So, Geo, this is for you, baby.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

I'm glad you don't show any emotion, Senator. All right, we'll be going back to the Supplemental Calendar, but we will be skipping some of the bills because they were duplicated from the regular Calendar. So, we will be skipping over some. So, we will continue on with House Bill 1809. Senator Raoul. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 1809.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 2392. Senator Raoul. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 2392.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3106. Senator Frerichs. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 3106.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Are -- have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3286. Senator Schoenberg. Out of the record. House Bill 3679. Senator DeLeo. Out of the record. House Bill 4159. Senator Murphy. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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House Bill 4159.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Thank you, Mr. President. For a personal privilege, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

My seatmate here is -- it's his birthday today. He's forty-seven years old. And he has cake and ice cream for everyone in his office if you'll come. Bill Brady, forty-seven today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Happy birthday, Senator Brady. House Bill 4229. Senator Bivins. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4229.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4252. Senator Syverson. Out of the record. House Bill 4309. Senator John Jones. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4309.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

House Bill 4522. On House Bill 4309, 3rd Reading. House Bill 4522. Senator Lightford. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4522.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4567. Senator Holmes. Out of the record. Oh! Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4567.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4602. Senator Haine. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4602.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4723. Senator Frerichs. Out of the record. House Bill 4726. Senator Bivins. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4726.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

...Reading. House Bill 4890. Senator Harmon. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4890.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 5038. Senator Harmon. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 5038.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 5069. Senator Raoul. Out of the record. House Bill 5077. Senator Forby. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 5077.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 5312. Senator Haine. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 5312.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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



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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 5318. Senator Maloney. House Bill 5368. Senator Kotowski. Mr. MVP. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 5368.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. Committee on State Government and Veterans Affairs adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 5618. Senator Bond. Out of the record. House Bill 5666. Senator Demuzio. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 5666.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 5717. Senator Lightford. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 5717.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 5905. Senator Hultgren. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 5905.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR STEANS:

A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

...your point.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes. I -- I have a group of students here from Senn High School, who are up in the gallery. Just wanted to welcome them to the Senate, thank them for coming. They're all in government, studying history in government. So, just wanted to welcome them to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Rules will meet in the President's Anteroom immediately. President's Anteroom. Rules Committee. Rules Committee will meet in the President's Anteroom immediately. Senator Martinez.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Senator Link in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senator Hendon, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved -- re-referred from the Rules Committee to -- re-referred to Rules Committee from Labor Committee - House Bill 5141.

Signed by Senator Hendon.

Senator Hendon, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to the Agriculture and Conservation Committee - House Bill -- excuse me, House Bill 4605; refer to the Commerce and Economic Development Committee - House Bill 4553 and House Bill 4470; refer to the Education Committee - House Bill 2210, 4374, 4537 and 5338; refer to the Committee on Environment and Energy - House Bills 4622, 5773 and Senate Joint Resolution 93; refer to the Executive Committee - House Bill 5141; refer to the Higher Education Committee - House Joint Resolution 36; refer to the Human Services Committee - House Bills 4573 and 5192; refer to the Insurance Committee - House Bills 4390, 4379 and 5595; refer to the Judiciary-Criminal Law Committee - House Bills 4578, 4628, 5191 and 5524; refer to the Local Government Committee - House Bills 4147, 4167 and Senate Resolution 658; refer to the Public Health Committee - House Bill 5251; refer to the Revenue Committee - House Bill 4548; refer to the State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee - Senate Resolution 574 and Senate

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Resolution 589; refer to the Transportation Committee - House Bills 4694, 5159 and 5288.

Signed by Senator Hendon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, Communications.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Communication from the President, dated May 15, 2008.

Dear Madam Secretary - Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rule 2-10, I hereby establish May 22nd, 2008, as the deadline for substantive House bills out of committee.

Signed by President Jones.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

We will proceed now to the -- we will now proceed to the Order of Resolution Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all resolutions read today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, have there been any objections filed to the resolutions of the Consent Calendar?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No objections have been filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question shall be, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries. The resolution is adopted. Can I get everybody's attention? Everybody's attention. President Jones has made a -- an announcement. Due to everybody's hard work on and off the field, we will be canceling Monday's Session. So we -- but be prepared to come in on Tuesday through Friday to work very hard to get things done. But we will be canceling Monday.

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Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Joint Resolution 100, offered by Senator Martinez.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 100)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Martinez moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate consideration and the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 100. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Martinez now moves the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 100. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The Senate Joint Resolution 100 is adopted. Pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 100, the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, May 20th, 2008, at 12 noon. The Senate stands adjourned.