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GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

The Senate will come to order. Will the Members and our guests please be seated? Article IV, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois reads in part as follows: On the first day of the January session of the General Assembly in odd-numbered years, the Governor shall convene the Senate to elect from their membership a President of the Senate as presiding officer. Representatives of the media have requested permission to record the proceedings. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. The following Senators are appointed to the Committee to Escort the members of the Judiciary into the Chamber: Senators Mulroe, Raoul, Silverstein, Sandack, and Cultra. Will the Committee of Escort please report to the rear of the Chamber to escort the distinguished members of the Judiciary into the Chamber? The Chair is pleased to welcome into the Chamber Justice Thomas -- Kilbride and Justices Robert Thomas and Mary Jane Theis of the Illinois Supreme Court. The Chair would also like to recognize our distinguished guests: former Senator, former Treasurer, and now Comptroller Judy Barr Topinka; representing United States Senator Dick Durbin, his wife, Loretta Durbin; former Senate President Philip Rock with his wife, Sheila; former Senate President Emil Jones, Jr., with his wife, Dr. Lorrie Jones; former Governor Jim Thompson; former Senator, former Congressman, and now President of Southern Illinois University, Dr. Glenn Poshard; and Springfield Mayor, Frank Edwards. Will the Members and our guests please rise? The invocation will be offered by Reverend Jack Wall, President of the Catholic Church Extension Society and Pastor Emeritus of Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago. Father Wall.

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THE REVEREND JOHN J. WALL:

(Invocation by the Reverend John J. Wall)

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Thank you very much, Father. And now will the Members and our guests please remain standing for the Presentation of the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance? Permission granted. The Colors were presented by the Color Guard of the Lincoln's Challenge Academy, Rantoul, Illinois. Now Senator Jacobs will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SENATOR JACOBS:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Jacobs)

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Please remain standing for our National Anthem, which will be sung by Molly Durand.

MOLLY DURAND:

("The Star-Spangled Banner", sung by Molly Durand)

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Thank you. Please be seated. I hereby appoint the following persons as temporary Senate Officers of the 97th General Assembly: Jillayne Rock, Secretary of the Senate, and Joe Dominquez, Sergeant-at-Arms. The Secretary will now read the Letter of Certification from the State Board of Elections of Senate Members elected on November 2nd, 2010, to the 97th General Assembly. Madam Secretary, please read the letter.

SECRETARY ROCK:

I have a letter dated December 6, 2010.

Jill Rock, Secretary of the Senate - Enclosed is a list of individuals who have been elected to serve as Members of the State Senate in the General Assembly, and have been duly

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certified by the State Board of Elections at their Board meeting on December 3rd, 2010.

Respectfully, Mark Mossman, Director of Election Information.

1st Legislative District, Antonio "Tony" Muñoz; 4th Legislative District, Kimberly A. Lightford; 7th Legislative District, Heather A. Steans; 10th Legislative District, John G. Mulroe; 13th Legislative District, Kwame Raoul; 16th Legislative District, Jacqueline "Jacqui" Collins; 19th Legislative District, M. Maggie Crotty; 22nd Legislative District, Michael Noland; 25th Legislative District, Chris Lauzen; 28th Legislative District, John J. Millner; 31st Legislative District, Suzi Schmidt; 34th Legislative District, Dave Syverson; 37th Legislative District, Dale E. Risinger; 40th Legislative District, Toi W. Hutchinson; 43rd Legislative District, Arthur "A.J." Wilhelmi; 46th Legislative District, David Koehler; 49th Legislative District, William "Sam" McCann; 51st Legislative District, Kyle McCarter; 52nd Legislative District, Michael W. Frerichs; 55th Legislative District, Dale A. Righter; 58th Legislative District, David Luechtefeld. All have been elected for a two-year term.

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Thank you, Madam Secretary. Will Justice Mary Jane Theis, of the Illinois Supreme Court, please come to the Rostrum to administer the Oath of Office to the Members of the Senate? Will Senators-elect Mulroe, Schmidt, Hutchinson, and McCann, our first-time Senators-elect, please rise and be sworn into office?

JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS:

Will you please raise your right hands? I - state your name - do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of

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the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of State Senator to the best of my ability. Congratulations.

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Now will the remaining Senators-elect please rise? Justice Theis.

JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS:

Remaining Senators-elect, raise your right hand. I - state your name - do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of State Senator to the best of my ability. Congratulations, too.

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Please be seated. And, Madam Secretary, please call the roll of the Senators of the 97th General Assembly.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Althoff, Bivins, Bomke, Brady, Burzynski, Clayborne, Collins, Crotty, Cullerton, Cultra, Delgado, Dillard, Duffy, Forby, Frerichs, Garrett, Haine, Harmon, Hendon, Holmes, Hunter, Hutchinson, Jacobs, Johnson, Emil Jones, III, John Jones, Koehler, Kotowski, Lauzen, Lightford, Link, Luechtefeld, Maloney, Martinez, McCann, McCarter, Meeks, Millner, Mulroe, Muñoz, Murphy, Noland, Pankau, Radogno, Raoul, Rezin, Righter, Risinger, Sandack, Sandoval, Schmidt, Schoenberg, Silverstein, Steans, Sullivan, Syverson, Trotter, Viverito, Wilhelmi.

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Thank you, Madam Secretary. A quorum is present. The next order of business is the election of the Senate President of the

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97th General Assembly. As required by Senate Rules 12-4 and 2-2(b) of the 96th General Assembly, thirty affirmative votes will be required to elect the President. Nominations are now open. I recognize Senator Clayborne for the purpose of placing a name in nomination. Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Governor and Members of the Senate. It is my pleasure and honor to place the name of John J. Cullerton in nomination to be President of the 97th General Assembly. After a long night and early morning debating the solutions to bring the State of Illinois back to a sounder fiscal climate, positioning the State to be accountable for paying its bills, providing services to the citizens who need help, and fostering a climate for job growth and creation, we are trying to create a State that we can be proud of and say that we are Illinois residents. I nominate John J. Cullerton, President of the Illinois State Senate for the 90th {sic} (97th) General Assembly. President Cullerton has done an outstanding job keeping the caucus together on issues of pension reform, Medicaid reform, a thirty-one-billion-dollar capital program, nursing home reform, and guiding us through the impeachment of our former Governor. John is always the first to work and the last to leave. He works every day like it's a Monday. John is a true leader who is questioned, challenged at times, by our caucus and second-guessed by the media. Thomas Jefferson said, "In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principles {sic} (principle), stand like a rock." John has stood like a rock for the past two years. President Cullerton is a visionary. He has a flexible attitude. He has an open

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mind, and the President understands his caucus and gives us the tools we need to represent our districts and the people of the State of Illinois. John possesses five very important traits of being a leader: He is honest. He is forward-looking. He is competent. He is inspiring. And, as a lawyer, he's very intelligent too. President Cullerton has allowed us to be visionaries, innovators, as well as statesmen. Marian Anderson said: Leadership should be born out of understanding of the needs of those affected by it. And for those reasons, I place the name of John J. Cullerton in nomination to be the next President of the 97th General Assembly.

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

...Senator Clayborne. Senator Steans is recognized for the purpose of seconding the nomination.

SENATOR STEANS:

It is my great honor to rise to second the nomination of Senator John Cullerton to serve as our Senate President. President Cullerton has led this Chamber during a volatile time in Illinois history. His first order of business two years ago was to oversee the impeachment trial that removed former -- Blagojevich from office. In addition to entering office with government ethics being challenged, he inherited a structural budget deficit that was further crippled by the dramatic recession that hit Illinois like the rest of the country. Despite these conditions of duress, President Cullerton has achieved a -- record of tremendous success. He has reached across party lines to craft workable solutions to many difficult policy issues. He developed the first capital plan in a decade that has contributed to bringing Illinois' unemployment rate

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down below the national average for the first time in four years. He dramatically reformed pension benefits for future employees, beginning to address the challenge of our unfunded pension liabilities. He has amended the work rules at McPier to keep our convention business competitive. He strengthened oversight of nursing homes to ensure our elderly are safe and provided quality care. He strengthened the evaluation process for teachers and principals, ensuring a connection to student growth. He's established campaign contribution limits for the first time in Illinois history. Passed civil union's legislation to ensure our LGBT friends have access to equal protections and rights. He's enacted Medicaid reform that will improve health outcomes and significantly reduce costs by moving recipients into coordinated care programs, and last night, addressed a critically needed piece of a comprehensive budget solution. Now some will argue that these reforms don't go far enough or complain that other issues have not yet been addressed. I would suggest in the words of Teddy Roosevelt that, "It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done (them) better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena..." And President Cullerton continues to demonstrate what a tough and fair competitor he is in the arena. Illinois is clearly in the midst of a severe budget crisis. President Cullerton has been leading our efforts to reduce costs, get out of debt, pay the State's bills, and restore fiscal integrity - and there is much work yet to be done. At this time, when the country is experiencing acrimony within and across political parties, President Cullerton

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approaches this work with a tremendous sense of honor and intention. No matter what we do in this Chamber, we have civility. He leads by example, knowing that even when we disagree, we absolutely can do so without being disagreeable. We respect our differences and move forward. As we celebrate the commencement of a new legislative Session of the General Assembly today, our President will be shaking hands and making some of the funniest observations about policy, politics, and personalities of Illinois government. We all know and adore this about him. You know, I've also noticed, though, that he has a tell. When you see his brow furrow and his lips purse, you know he is thinking about how we can all work together, how policy and politics can and will move our State ahead. He is a leader we need. Thank you.

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Senator Delgado is recognized for the purpose of seconding the nomination.

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, Governor. Forty-eight months ago, those of us in the Senate worked together to weigh the evidence of the House impeachment of the State's Governor. All of us, Democrats and Republicans alike, ultimately voted to remove that Governor from office. Collectively, we took the right and necessary action for our State. It was President John Cullerton's first test. He reminded us constantly that the process must be fair, respectful, and approached with great seriousness. For his leadership, John Cullerton was constantly criticized by the defendant. He was called a heavy-handed power broker with an agenda to end a political career. But President Cullerton led

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our Senate by example. He didn't play petty politics with such a serious issue and showed all of us how a statesman should act. It was the first evidence on how serious he was with the promises he made, his inaugural speech, to the Senate two years ago. John Cullerton promised to change the tone in the Senate. He opened the doors to a bipartisanship on the conditions that both parties were serious about addressing our most significant challenges. John Cullerton promised to listen to our concerns and seek compromise to create sound public policy. And during the 96th General Assembly, it's hard to argue that John Cullerton hasn't delivered on his pledges to each and every one of us in this Chamber. First, he changed how the Senate operates by a change in our State's -- Chamber's rule. The most significant change - an end to bottling up legislations in a Rules Committee. Today, if you want a hearing for your bill, you get it. Look what we've done. We've established substantial government -- government reforms: campaign finance reform - the first ever in State history; strengthening our State's Freedom of Information laws; contracting reform, to end the practice of pay-to-play in State government; boosting the powers of independent inspector generals - just to name a few. To create jobs and boost the economy, we passed the largest, most comprehensive capital construction plan of any part of this nation - thirty-one billion in infrastructure modernization to create over four hundred thousand jobs in Illinois; providing Illinois small businesses with a twenty-five-hundred-dollar tax cut for every full-time job they create; helping to keep and create jobs at Ford, Navistar, and Nalco through the EDGE tax credit; reforming the outdated rules and the red tape at

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McCormick Place to see one of the nation's largest convention center keep and attract new shows in Illinois; using the State Treasurer's investment portfolio to encourage private investment in small start-up businesses in Illinois. And to address our historic fiscal challenge, we also reformed Medicaid to address concerns of fraud, waste, and abuse. We reformed our State's Pension System, saving Illinois over seventy billion dollars in pension payments and a quality -- I'm sorry, a quarter-trillion dollars in unfunded liability over the course of the next thirty-five years. We have established transparency, accountability, and led our caucus to pass a balanced-budget revenue solution before any other caucus took our fiscal challenge as serious. There are too -- far too many accomplishments to list. But it is true that -- what Illinois Issues columnist and University of Illinois at Springfield Professor Charlie Wheeler -- he recently wrote, and I quote, the 96th General Assembly "ranks as one of the most {sic} (more) productive in recent memory", unquote. John Cullerton knows that achievements matter. He also knows that to accomplish success in a General Assembly, leaders need to know how to count votes. Well, John Cullerton can count votes like few others. To get thirty, John Cullerton negotiates. All of us in this Chamber know that some editorial pages claim is wholly untrue. John Cullerton has no iron fist; he doesn't twist arms; he just puts one part of the State -- and he doesn't put one part of the State above the other. Instead, he engages us. He listens and he finds common ground. During some of the most difficult times in our State's history, there have been too many people who could -- there aren't too many people who could help achieve

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such a significant agenda for the people of Illinois. And as a man, a father, and a husband, and as a compassionate leader, he's had an innate ability to counsel us personally when tragedies have struck our personal families. So it is my pleasure and it is my privilege and honor to second the nomination for a great Senator, a great President, John J. Cullerton, as the President of the Illinois 97th General Assembly. Thank you.

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Thank you, Senator Delgado. Now we have Senator Wilhelmi, recognized for the purpose of seconding the nomination.

SENATOR WILHELMI:

Thank you, Governor. I've been here almost six years and I have to tell you that, in my six years here in the Illinois Senate, I've learned a lot and I've had some great mentors in that process of learning and developing and growing into not only the Senator that I hope to be, but also the person that I long to be and -- and hope to be. And along the line in that six years, I've had a -- a great opportunity of not only following the lead of our Senate President, John J. Cullerton, but getting to know him as a person, as an intellect, as a man with passion and compassion for others, and always coming to this Floor with a purpose. John Cullerton knows what the end goal is and he knows how to get us there. As we've heard from other speakers, John Cullerton knows how to build consensus. And in this time, in the time that we've been asked to serve by the people of our respective districts, we need a consensus builder. We need a leader who puts his own agenda aside so that we have the best results out of this Chamber, out of this Body,

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and, Governor, out of this General Assembly for the people of the State of Illinois. I hope to continue to grow in my position. I hope to continue to be able to serve with John J. Cullerton for many, many years and together as Democrats and Republicans. And we've seen some great reforms. We've seen some great progress. Of course, Governor, the capital bill. John Cullerton made that a promise and it got done. John Cullerton, two years ago, made a promise - we're going to pay our bills and we're going to get stability in our budget - and he got that done. And now, Ladies and Gentlemen, we all know, we're not -- we're not at the end. We have much more to do. And I am convinced that under the leadership of John J. Cullerton, we will continue to see progress. We will continue to make sure we put the people of the State of Illinois first. Even when we disagree, we will have fair and engaged and enlightened dialogue under the leadership of my friend and my Senate President, John J. Cullerton. And so it is my honor, Governor and Ladies and Gentlemen, today in the Illinois Senate to stand and rise in support of a great leader, of a great man, of our Senate President. I stand to -- to second the nomination for John J. Cullerton for the Illinois Senate President.

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Thank you. Senator Millner is recognized for the purpose of placing a name in nomination.

SENATOR MILLNER:

Thank you, Mr. Governor. Good to see you. And -- and it's a privilege and an honor to rise to nominate our Senator Christine Radogno for the President of the Illinois Senate. I'd like to say, Leader Radogno has been an exemplary public servant

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and representative in this Body during her tenure. Leader Radogno is an ethical, intelligent, diligent, and dedicated Member of this Body with impeccable credentials and a strong record of leadership. She's a tireless advocate for fiscal responsibility, whose knowledge of the budget process, vision for a strong prosperous Illinois, and her unparalleled leadership skills will help to fast track our economic recovery. Leader Radogno is a practical, pragmatic leader, whose values are the values of our State and its people. She has the courage to stand up for what is right and to fight for her constituents and all the people of the State of Illinois. Through -- though her convictions are strong, she is not an obstructionist. She understands that we must work together across party lines to speed our economic recovery, fight the culture of corruption that has infected our State, and make life better for all of the people of the State of Illinois. We need -- real leadership. We need someone with a vision for the future, and we need Leader Radogno as the next President of this Body. Folks, we need someone who's a bipartisan person who can work across the aisle. We need someone who understands what leadership is all about. We need somebody who understands what collaboration's about. We need somebody who can make a difference for everyone in the State of Illinois. And I believe that person is Christine Radogno. So, therefore, it is with privilege and pride that I nominate you, Senator Christine Radogno, for President of the Illinois Senate.

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Senator Millner nominates Senator Christine Radogno for President of the Illinois Senate. Senator Burzynski is

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recognized for the purpose of seconding the nomination.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Governor. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, our honored guests that are with us today, it's my pleasure to rise and second the nomination of Senator Christine Radogno for Senate President. I can tell you, I've been here a while, and I've worked closely with Senator Radogno and I've seen a transition over the years. And I have to be a little careful about what I say here today about Senator Radogno, because I've got Senator Pate Philip up there looking at me right now, his portrait hanging on the wall, who was my first Senate Republican Leader, and we transitioned from Pate into someone by the name of Frank Watson, a man who was right for his time, someone who showed the energy, the enthusiasm, and certainly a -- a little bit of theatrics from time to time and emotion here on the Senate Floor. And then a couple years ago, when Frank left, we were faced with the challenge of saying, who is the best person to replace him as our Senate Republican leader? And I can tell you, didn't have to look too far, a couple of names rose to the top very quickly, and there was Senator Radogno. And she was the obvious choice, because she has a background in social work. Come on, that's a little joke. And, certainly, we know that that attribute comes in handy working with those of us in the General Assembly and working through some of the issues that we have. But I had the opportunity to really get to know Senator Radogno as we sat for hours upon hours in Appropriations Committees -- Committee hearings. And I watched closely and observed as she learned the trade, if you will, as she became a quick study on the State's budget - its issues, its impact on

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the people here in the State of Illinois. I developed a quick and -- and a deep respect for her, recognizing that she was developing the expertise that was necessary to be a leader here in Illinois. And she knew what the inner workings -- were of the State of Illinois. So it was an easy decision for me to make at that time to look at Senator Radogno as our next Leader here in the Republican Caucus. I will tell you that another reason I had to do this nomination today is simply because her family lives in my district and I needed the votes and it -- it always helps. You never know where you're going to need that next vote. But, I'm just kidding a little bit, Chris; you know, I hope you know that. But, anyway, she has the characteristics that truly are necessary to make this system work. And I can tell you that I've found her to be a voice of reason. You know, when we had those major issues and confrontations here on the Senate Floor, I found her to be a voice of reason, someone who would listen to all sides - she does that in our caucus - someone who would be fair to those who have different opinions than hers and very gracious to those individuals that she deals with. And gracious also means very respectful to those that she deals with here in the Illinois General Assembly, as well as to her constituents and those back home. She delegates responsibility, and unlike some who do that, who kind of give it out here a little bit and then pull it back in, once that delegation goes out, she expects us to do our jobs and to move the ball forward. So it is with great honor and great pleasure that I rise today to second the nomination of Christine Radogno.

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Thank you. Senator Burzynski seconds the nomination of

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Senator Christine Radogno for President of the Senate. Senator Brady is recognized for the purpose of seconding the nomination.

SENATOR BRADY:

Thank you, Governor. I'm honored to stand here to join in the nomination of Senator Christine Radogno. Senator Radogno is the first female Leader of this august Body, someone who's proven her abilities. Senator Radogno is a person who respects the institution, not just of Illinois government, but of the Illinois Senate and each and every one of its Members. Senator Radogno is someone who understands the entire interests of the State of Illinois from the Shawnee Forest to the Galena territories to the Chicago metropolitan area. She understands that within Illinois, its strength lies within the family and the people of this great diverse State. She understands that their interests come first, that we are in this Body not to be served by the people of Illinois, but to serve them. Senator Radogno understands that Illinois, being the fifth-largest state in the nation, has some of the greatest opportunities to offer to families, but she understands that that can only be maximized by honoring the principles of personal liberty. She understands that the unemployment rate in Illinois is devastating on working families and unemployed. She understands that in order to improve that, we have to be competitive with other states, that we have to refrain from overtaxing, overborrowing, and overspending. She believes in the core of the people and in their liberties, and through those liberties, the strengths and assets of the State of Illinois, we will all prosper. I think of her greatest quality being her ability to facilitate. She's not one who looks for the limelight, but one who looks for the

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strength in the people around her, be it in her community, her family, her caucus, or in this General Assembly. She has the leadership capabilities to facilitate the best of all of us. And it is for that reason that I'm proud to nominate my friend, Senator Christine Radogno.

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Thank you. Senator Brady seconds the nomination, excuse me, of Senator Christine Radogno for President of the Senate. If there are no further nominations, Senator Trotter is recognized for the purpose of making a motion.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President and Members of the Senate and our guests. I move that nominations for the Office of Senate President be closed.

GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

Senator Trotter has moved that nominations be closed. All those in favor of the motion, indicate by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the nominations are closed. The Secretary will call the roll of the Senators. Each Senator shall answer the roll by stating one of the names nominated or by voting Present. Please call the roll, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Althoff. Althoff votes Radogno. Bivins. Bivins votes Radogno. Bomke. Bomke votes Radogno. Brady. Brady votes Radogno. Burzynski. Burzynski votes Radogno. Clayborne. Clayborne votes Cullerton. Collins. Collins votes Cullerton. Crotty. Crotty votes Cullerton. Cullerton. Cullerton votes Radogno. Cultra. Cultra votes Radogno. Delgado. Delgado

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votes Cullerton. Dillard. Dillard votes Radogno. Duffy.
Duffy -- votes Radogno. Forby. Forby votes Cullerton.
Frerichs. Frerichs votes Cullerton. Garrett. Garrett votes
Cullerton. Haine. Haine votes Cullerton. Harmon. Harmon
votes Cullerton. Hendon. Hendon votes Cullerton. Holmes.
Holmes votes Cullerton. Hunter. Hunter votes Cullerton.
Hutchinson. Hutchinson votes Cullerton. Jacobs. Jacobs votes
Cullerton. Johnson. Johnson votes Radogno. Emil Jones, III.
Emil Jones votes Cullerton. John Jones. John Jones votes
Radogno. Koehler. Koehler votes Cullerton. Kotowski.
Kotowski votes Cullerton. Lauzen. Lauzen votes Radogno.
Lightford. Lightford votes Cullerton. Link. Link votes
Cullerton. Luechtefeld. Luechtefeld votes Radogno. Maloney.
Maloney votes Cullerton. Martinez. Martinez votes Cullerton.
McCann. McCann votes Radogno. McCarter. McCarter votes
Radogno. Meeks. Meeks votes Cullerton. Millner. Millner
votes Radogno. Mulroe. Mulroe votes Cullerton. Muñoz. Muñoz
votes Cullerton. Murphy. Murphy votes Radogno. Noland.
Noland votes Cullerton. Pankau. Pankau votes Radogno.
Radogno. Radogno votes Cullerton. Raoul. Raoul votes
Cullerton. Rezin. Rezin votes Radogno. Righter. Righter
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GOVERNOR PAT QUINN:

The results of the roll call are as follows: Senator John J. Cullerton, thirty-five votes; Senator Radogno, twenty-four votes. Senator John J. Cullerton, having received the constitutionally required number of votes, is hereby declared elected President of the Senate of the 97th General Assembly. Will Senator John J. Cullerton and Justice Theis please come to the Rostrum? As Governor of our State, I wish, on behalf of all the people, to salute President Cullerton for his exemplary leadership in the past Session and I certainly look forward to working with him in the current Session. We will make the will of the people the law of the land thanks to President Cullerton.

JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS:

Senator Cullerton, please raise your right hand and repeat after me. I, John Cullerton,

SENATOR CULLERTON:

I, John Cullerton

JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS:

Do solemnly swear

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Do solemnly swear

JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS:

That I will support the Constitution of the United States

SENATOR CULLERTON:

That I will support the Constitution of the United States

JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS:

And the Constitution of the State of Illinois

SENATOR CULLERTON:

And the Constitution of the State of Illinois

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JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS:

And that I will faithfully discharge the duties

SENATOR CULLERTON:

And that I will faithfully discharge the duties

JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS:

Of the Office of Senate President

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Of the Office of Senate President

JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS:

To the best of my ability.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

To the best of my ability.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

January 31st of this month will mark the twentieth anniversary of my serving in the Illinois Senate. I was sworn in on that day by Circuit Court Judge Mary Jane Theis. Two years ago, I was sworn in as President of the Senate by Appellate Court Justice Mary Jane Theis. And today I have been sworn in by Supreme Court Justice Mary Jane Theis. I want to congratulate her on her elevation to the Court and know that she will serve for many years to come. I would like to thank Father Jack Wall, formerly from Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago, and who is now the President of the Catholic Extension, for traveling to Springfield and honoring us with today's invocation, and Rabbi Aaron Leibtag of KJBS for his benediction. I would like to thank Governor Quinn for presiding today and congratulate him on his recent victory. I look forward to working with you. I would like to congratulate former Senator, and now our Comptroller, Judy Baar Topinka. And I would like to

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introduce a former Chief of Staff to the Illinois Senate and our current Auditor General, Bill Holland. I appreciate the support of the two former Presidents of the Senate who are here today, Phil -- Phil Rock and his wife, Sheila, and Emil Jones, Jr., and his wife, Dr. Lorrie Jones. And I really appreciate that former Governor Jim Thompson is here. Governor Thompson was first sworn in thirty-four years ago. He, too, served during difficult economic times and was never afraid to make tough decisions for the betterment of Illinois. Governor, your name was favorably invoked during our debate earlier this morning. I would like to introduce U.S. District Judge Phil Gilbert from the Southern District of Illinois, whose father was a Republican State Senator. Two years ago when I was sworn in, my mother was able to watch on the Internet machine. I understand she's doing that today. Hi, Mom. I would like to introduce my wife, Pamela Cullerton. Pam. And with us today are four of our five children: John III, Garritt, Kyle, and Josephine. Our daughter Maggie couldn't make it today, but we do have my sister Margaret Cullerton in attendance. And in fact, we've saved some time because only two of my eight brothers and sisters have come today: Margaret and another one of my five sisters, Mary Carroll Durand. I would like to thank my Majority Leader, Senator Clayborne, for his service the last two years and for his kind nominating speech today. I would also like to thank Senator William Delgado, Senator A.J. Wilhelmi, and Senator Heather Steans for their seconding speeches. Your words were very kind and accurate. The Senate can be very proud, as an institution, for the success of our former Members. Our President of the United States, of course, sat with us a little

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over six years ago, and before him, Peter Fitzgerald was elected U.S. Senator. But recently, in addition to Senator Dan Rutherford being elected Treasurer, Senator Randy Hultgren joined former Senator Roskam as a member of Congress. And Senator Brady, as the first sitting legislator to carry the nomination for Governor in more than one hundred years, I'd like to commend you on a close and competitive campaign. Senator Radogno, you are the first woman in Illinois to lead your caucus and I thank you for your cooperation and congratulate you on being chosen to do so again. Almost two years ago, we were in this same place for this same occasion. Illinois was undergoing perilous times. Public esteem for our institution was at a low point. We had just experienced six years of infighting with the former Governor and a lack of cooperation between the two Chambers. Our pension funds were soon to be declared the worst funded in the nation. Large conventions that attend McCormick Place in Chicago were contemplating fleeing to other cities and many felt that our business climate was not favorable in attracting new jobs. We were in debt and our roads, bridges, schools, and hospitals needed to be rebuilt. And we were only a few months into the worst economic decline in our lifetime. And - oh, yes - the Illinois House had, for the first time in the history of the State, impeached the Governor, setting up a Senate trial. So what was our response? Both of our caucuses started in a bipartisan fashion coming together, not as a legislative Chamber, but as a jury. We were universally praised as to how we conducted ourselves because we understood the importance of what was at hand, and the precedents we would be setting. We should all be proud of closing that difficult

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chapter. And then we turned to the legislative Session and we faced a different landscape. In times past, the Legislature would typically decide how to spend new money or bestow new benefits on our citizens. But these last two years have not been normal times. And so we made tough choices by asking people to sacrifice and to give back. We took, in a bipartisan fashion, tough votes to raise fees and taxes to rebuild our infrastructure. We were the only state in the nation to institute such a comprehensive jobs bill that has started already to create over four hundred thousand jobs. We established a two-tiered pension system so that new employees would not enjoy the same benefits as their previously hired coworkers. And in doing so, we stabilized the systems by lowering future benefits. In an effort to actually preserve and grow jobs at McCormick Place by retaining and bringing in more conventions, we tightened the union work rules. The positive results were immediate. For the first time ever, we limited our own ability to raise campaign dollars, reformed the way we procure goods for the State, and made obtaining public records more transparent. Because we were in a recession, over the past two years we were able to make tough spending cuts, including our own legislative salaries. And only last week, we passed legislation to fight Medicaid fraud and even reduce eligibility for some benefits. But the most critical issue that we faced two years ago, and that virtually every state in the nation was facing, was how to balance the budget. Revenues to the states started to fall dramatically and would continue to decline for two years. Many people said that Illinois had a structural deficit by having a low, flat income tax and sales tax that

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contained many exemptions. We had to borrow to pay our pension payments for two years and had the reputation of being a deadbeat State, owing billions of dollars to folks who provided services for our citizens. We could not overcome this challenge with cuts alone. So we enacted, just this morning, a measure that will guarantee payment to all that are owed money, and provide enough funds to maintain basic government services as our economy improves and our resources increase. As we begin to prepare for next year's budget, we are armed with a new law that allows us to make budget decisions based on performance, not politics and special interests. For the first time, we will budget taxpayers' money for results and value and priority. We have to immediately address substantial education reforms. We want to work with our teachers' unions to reexamine teacher evaluations, tenure, and the removal of ineffective teachers from our classrooms. Knowing that our State is at a competitive disadvantage because our workers' compensation costs are so much higher than our surrounding states, we will make it a top priority to enact cost controls that will save the business community hundreds of millions of dollars. The major reforms we have made at the State level can carry over to local governments. People expect us now to make tough decisions and so we must reexamine the need for so many units of local government that results in higher taxes and less efficiency. I believe that we in the Senate have created a workplace of cooperation and bipartisanship in the last two years. Even though you may not agree with all that we've done, you would have to admit we've had the most productive Session that Illinois has witnessed in decades. I think we can start to have

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new confidence in our State, a confidence that is shared by many of our citizens. A small sign of that may be evidenced by the fact that fourteen new babies have been welcomed to the families of the Senate staff over the last two years - two Republicans and twelve Democrats. In our case, our Chief of Staff, our Chief Counsel, our Press Secretary, my secretary, and the Secretary of the Senate, all have new additions. The future looks bright for these children, as well as for all of the citizens of our great State. Thank you. Now -- now I have another... The next order of business is the election of the Minority Leader of the Senate. Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move that Senator Christine Radogno of Lemont be declared Minority Leader of the Senate by acclamation with the unanimous consent of the Body.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Althoff requests unanimous consent on behalf of the Republican Members of the Senate to declare Senator Christine Radogno Minority Leader of the Senate of the 97th General Assembly. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Senator Radogno is declared Minority Leader. Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, President Cullerton. And, first, let me say, congratulations to you on your election as Senate President. Let me mention today that my husband and three daughters are not with me. Hopefully, they're watching on that Internet machine that your mom's watching on. They are busy lawyering, office working, nursing, and teaching, so -- they are the ones, though, that allow me and encourage me to do this job. So I thank them

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very much. I also thank all of you, my colleagues, for putting me in this position and working with me day in and day out. It's a tremendous honor to be elected as Minority Leader. You're elected by your peers, each and every one who is a leader in their own right. I can't think of any greater honor than to have this position. It's been two years since I was first honored by having this position. Some days that seems like a lifetime. But, honestly, I enjoy it just about every day. There are a few exceptions, and I even enjoy some evenings and very early mornings. A great deal has changed in the last couple of years. We've impeached a Governor, and as President Cullerton referenced, that was done in a very historic and respectful manner, and I think the entire State appreciated our efforts in that regard. We've elected a new Governor, and my congratulations to Governor Quinn. I look forward to working with him as well, going forward. We've added to our Republican ranks, Members here in the General Assembly, as well as the Comptroller and Treasurer, our good friends who also both served in the Senate at one point. But I think, most importantly, we've created an atmosphere of mutual respect that's been referenced over and over. And for that, I think the people of this State are grateful and, frankly, relieved. Senator Cullerton, you deserve a lot of credit for fostering that environment. It allows civil debate, thoughtful discussion and exchange of ideas, which is what the people of this State want to see and what we need. I support you in that effort and I -- I want to encourage to continue that bipartisan and cooperative effort to ensure that we discuss issues and ideas and not disintegrate into petty, partisan bickering. And you know what?

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The public has noticed. I can't tell you how many people talk to me about how refreshing and encouraged they are by the atmosphere in the Senate, because without that atmosphere, we'll never solve the difficult problems. Even if we don't agree on the policy side of it, we need the framework of cooperation and respect in order to address those issues. As many have referenced, we've had a number of successes that have come out of that atmosphere - the capital program, the first in decades; reforms to McCormick Place; pension reforms; Medicaid reforms. And those are the kinds of experiences that I'd like to move forward on as we continue to address the issues facing us. Unfortunately, some of the challenges that we faced in the last couple of years have not changed. We still face tremendous financial challenges despite the actions taken last night. Our work is not finished. We still have to work on the jobs climate in this State. I'm very encouraged about your focus on workers' compensation. I do believe that's an extraordinarily difficult issue, but I think you and I and the caucuses we lead, our colleagues, we can move forward on that and I really look forward to working on that. We need to make Illinois more jobs-friendly, and you have my commitment that I will work with you to make that happen. And, finally, we need to restore the faith of the citizens in this Body and in their government, and I think we are setting a good example in doing that. We can come together to address those challenges and my caucus - I know I speak for all of them - are willing and look forward to doing just that. And, finally, I have to offer my appreciation to the constituents of the 41st District. A few of them are here today. It's a great honor to serve them and they have allowed

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me to be in a position to lead the Senate Republican Caucus. So I appreciate the opportunity today to share a few thoughts and look forward to continuing to work together with all of you. Congratulations to all of our new Members and congratulations to everyone in this Body for the work that we have achieved and the great two years that we'll have in the 97th General Assembly. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

It is now my pleasure to invite Molly Durand to return to the Rostrum to present a musical selection.

(Musical selection sung by Molly Durand)

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Molly is our niece. The Benediction will be offered by Rabbi Aaron Leibtag, of Congregation KJBS of Chicago. Rabbi Leibtag.

RABBI AARON LEIBTAG:

(Benediction by Rabbi Aaron Leibtag)

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

The following Senators are appointed to the Committee to Escort the Governor from the Chamber: Senator Koehler, Noland, Holmes, Rezin, and Johnson. Will Senators please come forward to escort his Excellency, the Governor, from the Chamber? The Senators who were appointed to the Committee to Escort the members of the Judiciary from the Chamber - Senators Mulroe, Raoul, Silverstein, Sandack, and Cultra - will please come forward to escort the distinguished members of the Judiciary from the Chamber. It is the intention of the Chair to begin organizing the 97th General Assembly under the Rules of the 96th General Assembly until new rules are adopted as part of the

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organization of the newly constituted General Assembly. Madam Secretary, Communications.

SECRETARY ROCK:

I have a letter dated January 12th, 2011.

Dear Madam Secretary - Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-5, please be advised that I have appointed the following Senators to serve on the Committee on Assignments: Senator Clayborne, Chairman, and Senators Viverito and Harmon. These appointments are effective January 12th, 2011. If you -- if you should have any questions regarding these appointments, please contact my Chief of Staff Andrew Manar at your convenience.

Signed, John J. Cullerton, Senate President.

I have another letter dated January 12th, 2011.

Dear Madam Secretary - Pursuant to the temporary Senate Rules of the 97th General Assembly, I hereby -- hereby appoint Senator Kirk Dillard to serve as Minority Spokesperson of the Senate Committee on Assignments and Senator Dale Righter to serve as a member of the Committee. These appointments are effective immediately.

Sincerely, Christine Radogno, Senate Republican Leader.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Resolution 1, offered by Senators Clayborne, Viverito and Harmon.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1)

Senate Resolution 2, offered by President Cullerton, Senators Clayborne, Harmon and Viverito.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

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The Senate will stand at ease to allow time for our guests to exit the Chamber. The Committee on Assignments will meet immediately in the President's Anteroom. Members are asked to remain in their seats. The Senate will stand at ease.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

The Senate will come to order. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Resolution 1 and Senate Resolution 2.

Signed by Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, our Calendar for the day is being distributed to the Members' desks. As soon as the Calendar is distributed to the Members' desks, we will turn to our order of business. Senator Holmes, are you seeking recognition? For what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HOLMES:

Yes, Mr. President, just a simple request. While -- while I'm delighted on this..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Please -- please state your request.

SENATOR HOLMES:

...day to see all of my colleagues here, my simple request

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is, is there a possibility that we will adjourn this Session before 2 a.m.?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

That remains to be seen, Senator Holmes. Please behave yourself. Senator Meeks, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MEEKS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I just received a telephone call from David Miller and he wanted me to let everybody know -- first of all, he wanted to thank Joe for staying at the hospital with him last night and for doing such a yeoman's job, and -- and he wanted me to say to Senator Radogno, he didn't mean to ruin your speech. Actually, what happened to David Miller was that in the middle of the debate last night, I just whispered to him and told him "this is not Senate Bill 750" and he couldn't take it. He fell out. But now he's fine. He drove himself back home and he just -- last night was his last night. He just likes to do things and he exited in a big way. But he said thanks for your prayers and he's doing fine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator Meeks. Our thoughts and prayers are with Representative Miller and our gratitude with our Sergeant-at-Arms for representing the Senate so well. Senator Raoul, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RAOUL:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR RAOUL:

I know everybody is in a celebratory mood today as a result

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of what's happening today on January 12th, 2011, but I -- I -- I want to take a moment to remind people what happened on January 12th, 2010. As you all know, my parents were born in Haiti and a year ago an earthquake devastated Haiti. The news teams are no longer in Haiti. We no longer see it on the national news networks, but the conditions in Haiti are not much better than they were on January 12th, 2010. I was supposed to go several weeks ago, but the political unrest in Haiti had me postpone my trip. After the earthquake, there was disease, there was rainy season, there was cholera, and there was political unrest. There were crushing injuries to many children who had their -- children's -- children and adults who had their legs cut off and there were many stories you heard of - over two hundred and fifty thousand people losing their lives. So I just would like to take this opportunity to ask for a moment of silence and reflection for the people of Haiti.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Will all Members please rise to observe a moment of silence for those lost in Haiti and for the recovery of the country? (Moment of silence observed) The regular Calendar for the 97th General Assembly has been distributed to the Members' desks. On page 2 of your printed Calendar in the Order of Secretary's Desk, Resolutions, is Senate Resolution No. 1. Senator Clayborne, are you ready to proceed? Madam Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Resolution 1, offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Clayborne, to explain the resolution.

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SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Resolution No. 1 is -- is for the election of Jill Rock as Secretary of the Senate, Scott Kaiser as Senate's -- Assistant Secretary of the Senate, Joe Dominguez as Sergeant-of-Arms, and Dirk Eilers as Assistant Sergeant-of-Arms.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of Senate Resolution 1. We have great officers in this Body, members of both political parties. And for the new Members who may not understand the organization of the Senate, this is just a pro forma resolution. But we have great officers in this Body of both political parties and urge an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator Dillard. Senator Clayborne has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 1. Is there any other discussion? Seeing none, if the question is -- if not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt Resolution No. 1. All those in favor will signify by voting Aye. Those opposed will -- will vote No. 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 59 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Resolution No. 1, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared adopted. Continuing on the Order of Resolutions is Senate Resolution No. 2. President Cullerton. Madam Secretary, please read the

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resolution.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Resolution 2, offered by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

President Cullerton, to explain the resolution.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Resolution 2 contains the rules for the 97th General Assembly. These rules are identical to the rules of the Senate operated under the 96th with the following changes - and I would say, Ladies and Gentlemen, some of these changes are pretty significant: It allows the President to appoint a President Pro Tempore. It clarifies the replacement of members shall be when the member is absent at the time of the hearing. It reduces -- reduces the number of standing committees by three. It eliminates the Consumer Protection Committee, the Elections Committee, and the Telecommunications and Information Technology Committee. Committee amendments must be posted for at least one hour before they can be heard. It clarifies that in the absence of the principal sponsor, all legislative measures, not just bills and resolutions, can still be presented in committee with leave in accordance with our current rules. It allows a committee to subpoena materials if the subject matter is within the committee's jurisdiction. It allows a chief cosponsor to move measures on the Floor. It reduces the number of bill and resolution copies that must be filed from twelve to eight. Now the next rule change deals with the amendments to the Taxpayer Accountability and Budget Stabilization Act and this rule was written -- rewritten, actually, in cooperation with Senator

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Radogno. Provides that no legislation that seeks to change the newly enacted spending caps or that appropriates or transfers money pursuant to a fiscal emergency may be considered for final passage by the Senate unless a written motion has been filed and the Senate approves such motion by a vote of thirty-six Members. This rule may not be suspended except with unanimous consent by a record vote. Amendments to the State Pension Funds Continuing Appropriations {sic} (Appropriation) Act - provides that no legislation that seeks to amend the provisions of the State Pension Funds Continuing Appropriation Act may be considered for final passage by the Senate unless a written motion has been filed and the Senate approves such motion by a vote of thirty-six Members. This rule may not be suspended except with unanimous consent by record vote. And we have a change this year with regard to Appointment Messages from the Senate -- from the Governor. It requires all appointment messages to be drafted by LRB in the form set forth in the rules and each message is limited to one appointee. These messages will be treated like legislation and can be tracked as such on the website. Move for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Cullerton has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 2. Is there any discussion? Senator Dillard, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you. I rise in support of the Senate President's resolution and I want to thank the Senate President. First of all, I want to congratulate you on your election. But I want to thank you on allowing us on the Republican side to have input on

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the rules. You shared these with us ahead of time. We greatly appreciate that. You took Senator Radogno's input on the -- on the one that you enumerated earlier. We deeply appreciate that. And as a former aide to two Governors and a legislator, your changes, Senator Cullerton, on the way we go about our appointment process is an excellent one. It's -- it's long overdue. And in the spirit of transparency for the public, not only does it help us, as Members, look at the Governor's appointments, it certainly, I think, enhances the public's ability to see who Governor Quinn is appointing or Secretary of State Jesse White or any of the Constitutional Officers, who they're appointing. So, there's excellent changes throughout this resolution and the new rules. Again, for the new Members, when Senator Cullerton hands out and the Secretary hands out the Rules of the Senate, read 'em, memorize 'em, stick 'em in your desk drawer. But these are excellent changes and we very much appreciate being consulted on these and I would concur that we should adopt Senate Resolution 2. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator Dillard. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall the Senate adopt Senate Resolution No. 2. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 59 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Resolution 2, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we are now operating under the Rules of the 97th General Assembly. Madam

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Secretary, Communications.

SECRETARY ROCK:

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Sincerely, Christine Radogno, Senate Republican Leader.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Resolution 3, offered by Senators Clayborne, Viverito and Harmon.

(Secretary reads SR No. 3)

Senate Resolution 4, offered by Senators Clayborne, Viverito and Harmon.

(Secretary reads SR No. 4)

Senate Resolution 5, offered by Senator Clayborne, Viverito

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and Harmon.

(Secretary reads SR No. 5)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

The Senate will stand at ease for a few moments to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. The Committee on Assignments will meet immediately in the President's Anteroom. Members are asked to remain at their desks. The Senate will stand at ease.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

The Senate will come to order. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Resolution 3, Senate Resolution 4 and Senate Resolution 5.

Filed by Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Senate Supplemental Calendar No. 1 is being distributed to the Members' desks. As soon as the Calendar has been distributed, we will turn to the measures thereon. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Supplemental Calendar No. 1 has been distributed. On Supplemental Calendar No. 1 is Senate Resolution No. 3. Madam Secretary, please read the resolution.

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Senate Resolution 3, offered by Senators Clayborne, Viverito and Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Clayborne, to explain your resolution.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Resolution 3 notifies the House of Representatives that the Senate has organized by the election of officers and is now ready to proceed with the business of Session.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Clayborne has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 3. Is there any discussion? Senator Dillard, are you seeking recognition? Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you. Very briefly. The next -- 3, 4 and 5, they're all fine for our side of the aisle. And, again, vote Yes. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

...you -- thank you, Senator Dillard. Senator Clayborne has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 3. The question is, shall the Senate adopt Senate Resolution No. 3. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 59 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Having received -- Senate Resolution No. 3, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. On the Order of Resolutions is Senate Resolution No. 4. Madam Secretary, please read the resolution.

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Senate Resolution 4, offered by Senator Clayborne, Viverito and Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Clayborne, to explain the resolution.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Resolution 4 directs the Secretary of the Senate to prepare the Senate Journal and to furnish it to the Legislative Printing Unit to print copies.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Clayborne has moved for the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 4. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Resolution -- shall the Senate adopt Senate Resolution No. 4. All those in favor will signify by voting Aye. Those 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 58 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Resolution No. 4, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared adopted. On the Order of Senate Resolutions is Senate Resolution No. 5. Madam Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Resolution 5, offered by Senator Clayborne, Viverito and Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

...you -- thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate.

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Senate Resolution 5 appoints the Standing Committee of Correspondents to advise the Senate on all press matters, consisting of: Ray Long, Chicago Tribune; Doug Finke, GateHouse News Service; Dave McKinney, Chicago Sun-Times; Gordon Graham, WAND-TV; and Amanda Vinicky, WIUS-Radio {sic} (WUIS-Radio).

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator Clayborne. Is there any discussion? Senator Clayborne has moved for the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 5. The question is, shall the Senate adopt Senate Resolution No. 5. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 59 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Resolution No. 5, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Madam Secretary, Communications.

SECRETARY ROCK:

I have a letter dated December 14th, 2010.

Dear Madam Secretary - Enclosed please find the Senate Session Schedule for the 97th General Assembly. Please contact my Chief of Staff, Andrew Manar, should you have any questions. John J. Cullerton, Senate President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Madam Secretary, Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 1, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

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The Senate will stand at ease for a few minutes. The Committee on Assignments will meet immediately in the President's Anteroom. Members are asked to remain at their desks. The Senate will stand at ease.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

The Senate will come to order. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to the Executive Committee - Senate Bill 1.

Signed by Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

If there is no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 9 a.m. on Thursday, January 13th, 2011. The Senate stands adjourned.