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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
 Senator Miguel del Valle, Chicago, Illinois, presiding.
 Prayer by Reverend Julia Melgreen, Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church, Springfield, Illinois.
 Senator Maloney led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Hunter moved that reading and approval of the Journal of Tuesday, March 7, 2006, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.
 The motion prevailed.

REPORTS RECEIVED

The Secretary placed before the Senate the following reports:

Monthly Briefing, February 2006, submitted by the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

School Plan Reviews and Inspections Task Force Report, submitted by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Annual Report on School Breakfast Incentives, submitted by the Illinois State Board of Education.

2005 Annual Report of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, submitted by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

2005 Annual Report, submitted by the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

January 2006 Report to the General Assembly, submitted by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Division of Medical Programs.

Illinois Rx Buying Club 2005 Annual Report, submitted by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

Reorganization of the Illinois Department of Public Aid, July 1, 2005- December 31, 2005, submitted by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

The foregoing reports were ordered received and placed on file in the Secretary's Office.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES FILED

The following Committee amendments to the House Bills listed below have been filed with the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Rules:

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1744
 Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 4300
 Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 4404

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Senator Crotty, Chairperson of the Committee on Local Government, to which was referred **House Bills numbered 3183 and 4196**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bills do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

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Senator Cullerton and Senator Dillard, Co-Chairpersons of the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred **House Bills numbered 4134, 4788 and 5249**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bills do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Cullerton and Senator Dillard, Co-Chairpersons of the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred **House Bill No. 4222**, reported the same back with amendments having been adopted thereto, with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, do pass.

Under the rules, the bill was ordered to a second reading.

Senator Clayborne, Chairperson of the Committee on Environment & Energy, to which was referred **House Bills numbered 4313, 4349, 4419 and 4462**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bills do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Revenue, to which was referred **House Bill No. 542**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

Under the rules, the bill was ordered to a second reading.

Senator Garrett, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government, to which was referred **House Bills numbered 4315, 4461 and 5243**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bills do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Garrett, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government, to which was referred **Senate Joint Resolutions numbered 53, 66, 73, 74, 75, 77, 78 and 79**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the resolutions be adopted.

Under the rules, **Senate Joint Resolutions numbered 53, 66, 73, 74, 75, 77, 78 and 79** were placed on the Secretary's Desk.

Senator Garrett, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government, to which was referred **Senate Resolutions numbered 514, 515, 523, 563, 594, 630 and 660**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the resolutions be adopted.

Under the rules, **Senate Resolutions numbered 514, 515, 523, 563, 594, 630 and 660** were placed on the Secretary's Desk.

Senator Garrett, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government, to which was referred **Senate Resolution No. 578**, reported the same back with amendments having been adopted thereto, with the recommendation that the resolution, as amended, be adopted.

Under the rules, **Senate Resolution No. 578** was placed on the Secretary's Desk.

Senator Garrett, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government, to which was referred **House Joint Resolutions numbered 61, 66, 74, 75, 77 and 83**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the resolutions be adopted.

Under the rules, **House Joint Resolutions numbered 61, 66, 74, 75, 77 and 83** were placed on the Secretary's Desk.

Senator Garrett, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government, to which was referred **House Joint Resolution No. 15**, reported the same back with amendments having been adopted thereto, with the recommendation that the resolution, as amended, be adopted.

Under the rules, **House Joint Resolution No. 15** was placed on the Secretary's Desk.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senator Lightford offered the following Senate Joint Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 82

WHEREAS, The State Board of Education has filed its Report on Waiver of School Code Mandates, dated February 28, 2006, with the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the Secretary of State of Illinois as required by Section 2-3.25g of the School Code; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that the General Assembly is encouraged to promptly review and evaluate the Report and determine whether to disapprove, in whole or in part, the Report or any waiver request or appealed request outlined in the Report.

Senators E. Jones - Watson offered the following Senate Joint Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 83

WHEREAS, On August 26, 1906, the Chicago Motor Club, also known as AAA Chicago, was founded by Charles P. Root with a handful of automobile enthusiasts to stand "for all that is good and against all that is bad in motoring", led by club President William H. Arthur; and

WHEREAS, Today AAA Chicago is comprised of more than 850,000 members from southern Illinois to the northern borders of Illinois and northern Indiana with 34 branch offices headed by President Brad Roeber; and

WHEREAS, Chicago is also the birthplace of the American Automobile Association, which was formed in 1902 and now boasts over 48 million members throughout North America; and

WHEREAS, In 1911, the Motor News was instituted as the first magazine for members of the Chicago Motor Club and in 1917 the Chicago Motor Club formed its first insurance company; and

WHEREAS, Today AAA Living now carries the standard as Chicago Motor Club's membership magazine in the tradition of its predecessor publications Motor News and Home and Away; and

WHEREAS, In 1920, Chicago Motor Club President Charles M. Hayes launched "School Safety Patrol", the first-ever initiative for school crossing guards, and in 1938 sponsored the first driver's education classes; and

WHEREAS, Today Safety Patrol encompasses schools across the country and is over 500,000 patrollers strong, driver's education is an institution in our high schools, and AAA is recognized around the world as an advocate for traffic safety; and

WHEREAS, In 1929 the Chicago Motor Club inaugurated its South Water Street high rise in downtown Chicago as its corporate headquarters and in 1986 relocated its headquarters to Des Plaines; and

WHEREAS, Today, and since 2001, the Chicago Motor Club is headquartered in the beautiful AAA building on Meridian Lake Drive in Aurora; and

WHEREAS, In 2004 AAA Chicago hosted its first "Strollerthon", an annual charity walk to raise funds for child passenger seats; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Motor Club still thrives today as a result of its public service mission and its advocacy for its members as motorists and on matters of traffic safety; and

WHEREAS, On August 26, 2006, the Chicago Motor Club celebrates its 100th year of service and

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joins the elite ranks of companies that have thrived for the last century; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we congratulate the Chicago Motor Club on the year-long celebration of its centennial anniversary of serving motorists in the State of Illinois, and we designate August 2006 as AAA Chicago Motorist Safety Month; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Chicago Motor Club as an expression of our esteem and best wishes for a second hundred years of service.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

A 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 NO. 80

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 11 of the Illinois Constitution states "All penalties shall be determined both according to the seriousness of the offense AND WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF RESTORING THE OFFENDER TO USEFUL CITIZENSHIP (emphasis added); and

WHEREAS, Illinois is one of only 11 states that has life without parole sentences and one of only 6 states where all life sentences are without parole; and

WHEREAS, Thirty years ago only a handful of prisoners in Illinois served sentences longer than 30 years; this year approximately 4,000 Illinois prisoners have sentences of 30 years or more, including C number prisoners, amounting to about 10% of all Illinois prisoners; and

WHEREAS, In Illinois at least 500 people each year are sentenced as lifers or long-term prisoners; and

WHEREAS, With the growth of truth in sentencing laws and increased use of life without parole sentences, the number of long-term prisoners will grow exponentially; and

WHEREAS, It costs at least one million dollars to confine a person in prison for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that close to half of those lifers and long-term prisoners will never be released from prison if current policies stay in place; and

WHEREAS, The recidivism rate for long termers is the lowest of any group of prisoners; and

WHEREAS, A large number of lifers and long-term prisoners are sentenced under the accountability theory and not for the actual commission of the crime, and some are first time offenders; and

WHEREAS, Community crime prevention programs, not harsher prison sentences are responsible for the decline in crime rates; and

WHEREAS, Numerous innocent people have been wrongly convicted in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Many countries no longer impose sentences of life without parole; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is

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created the Long-Term Prisoners Study Committee, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, consisting of 17 members appointed as follows:

- (1) Three members appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (2) Two members appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
- (3) Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (4) Two members appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;
- (5) One member appointed by the Attorney General;
- (6) One member appointed by the Governor;
- (7) One member appointed by the Cook County State's Attorney;
- (8) One member appointed by the Office of the Cook County Public Defender;
- (9) One member appointed by the Office of the State Appellate Defender;
- (10) One member appointed by the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor; and
- (11) One member appointed by the Director of Corrections; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department of Corrections shall provide staff and administrative support to the Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Committee shall study and examine issues related to prisoners sentenced to life without parole and prisoners sentenced to terms in excess of 30 years; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Committee in its deliberations shall always give priority to public safety and the best use of State funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Committee shall hold public hearings and present a report of its findings and recommendations to the 95th General Assembly before June 1, 2007.

Adopted by the House, February 24, 2006.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of the House

The foregoing message from the House of Representatives reporting House Joint Resolution No. 80 was referred to the Committee on Rules.

READING BILLS FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES A FIRST TIME

House Bill No. 2012, sponsored by Senator del Valle, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 2197, sponsored by Senator Forby, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 2317, sponsored by Senator Haine, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 3126, sponsored by Senator Cullerton, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4370, sponsored by Senator Silverstein, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4396, sponsored by Senator Ronen, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4853, sponsored by Senator Ronen, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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House Bill No. 5416, sponsored by Senator Link, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5429, sponsored by Senator J. Jones, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5478, sponsored by Senator Bomke, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5506, sponsored by Senator Sullivan, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

On motion of Senator Link, Senator Meeks was excused from attendance due to personal business, Senator Shadid and Senator Ronen were excused from attendance due to business in their districts, and Senator Silverstein was excused from attendance due to illness.

REPORT FROM RULES COMMITTEE

Senator Viverito, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, during its March 8, 2006 meeting, reported the following Legislative Measures have been assigned to the indicated Standing Committees of the Senate:

Agriculture & Conservation: **HOUSE BILL 5407.**

Education: **HOUSE BILL 5416.**

Environment & Energy: **HOUSE BILLS 1620, 4714 and 5578.**

Executive: **HOUSE BILLS 4377 and 5305.**

Health & Human Services: **HOUSE BILLS 4404, 4447, 4999, 5245 and 5301.**

Higher Education: **HOUSE BILL 4406.**

Housing & Community Affairs: **HOUSE BILL 4342.**

Insurance: **HOUSE BILL 4125.**

Judiciary: **HOUSE BILLS 2067, 4203, 4238, 4527, 4688, 4715, 4785, 5256, 5267 and 5342.**

Local Government: **HOUSE BILLS 874, 2734, 4217, 4286 and 4805.**

Pensions & Investments: **HOUSE BILLS 4317 and 4463.**

State Government: **HOUSE BILL 5260.**

Transportation: **HOUSE BILLS 2497, 3126, 4314, 4657, 4699, 4746 and 4835.**

At the hour of 2:25 o'clock p.m., Senator Viverito presiding.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS ON SECRETARY'S DESK

Senator J. Jones moved that **Senate Joint Resolution No. 53**, on the Secretary's Desk, be taken up for immediate consideration.

The motion prevailed.

Senator J. Jones moved that Senate Joint Resolution No. 53 be adopted.

And on that motion a call of the roll was had resulting as follows:

Yeas 50; Nays None.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Althoff	Forby	Maloney	Rutherford
Axley	Garrett	Martinez	Sandoval
Bomke	Haine	Millner	Sieben
Burzynski	Halvorson	Munoz	Sullivan
Clayborne	Harmon	Pankau	Syverson
Collins	Hendon	Peterson	Trotter
Cronin	Hunter	Petka	Viverito
Crotty	Jacobs	Radogno	Watson
Cullerton	Jones, J.	Raoul	Wilhelmi
Dahl	Lauzen	Rauschenberger	Winkel
del Valle	Lightford	Righter	Mr. President
DeLeo	Link	Risinger	
Demuzio	Luechtefeld	Roskam	

The motion prevailed.

And the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof and ask their concurrence therein.

Senator Risinger moved that **Senate Joint Resolution No. 73**, on the Secretary's Desk, be taken up for immediate consideration.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Risinger moved that Senate Joint Resolution No. 73 be adopted.

And on that motion a call of the roll was had resulting as follows:

Yeas 51; Nays None.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Althoff	Dillard	Luechtefeld	Roskam
Axley	Forby	Maloney	Rutherford
Bomke	Garrett	Martinez	Sandoval
Burzynski	Haine	Millner	Schoenberg
Clayborne	Halvorson	Munoz	Sieben
Collins	Harmon	Pankau	Syverson
Cronin	Hendon	Peterson	Trotter
Crotty	Hunter	Petka	Viverito
Cullerton	Jacobs	Radogno	Watson
Dahl	Jones, J.	Raoul	Wilhelmi
del Valle	Lauzen	Rauschenberger	Winkel
DeLeo	Lightford	Righter	Mr. President
Demuzio	Link	Risinger	

The motion prevailed.

And the resolution was adopted.

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Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof and ask their concurrence therein.

Senator Demuzio moved that **Senate Joint Resolution No. 78**, on the Secretary's Desk, be taken up for immediate consideration.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Demuzio moved that Senate Joint Resolution No. 78 be adopted.

The motion prevailed.

And the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Senator del Valle moved that **Senate Resolution No. 523**, on the Secretary's Desk, be taken up for immediate consideration.

The motion prevailed.

Senator del Valle moved that Senate Resolution No. 523 be adopted.

Pending roll call on motion of Senator del Valle, further consideration of **Senate Resolution No. 523** was postponed.

Senator Haine moved that **Senate Resolution No. 563**, on the Secretary's Desk, be taken up for immediate consideration.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Haine moved that Senate Resolution No. 563 be adopted.

The motion prevailed.

And the resolution was adopted.

At the hour of 2:50 o'clock p.m., Senator del Valle presiding.

Senator Haine moved that **Senate Resolution No. 594**, on the Secretary's Desk, be taken up for immediate consideration.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Haine moved that Senate Resolution No. 594 be adopted.

The motion prevailed.

And the resolution was adopted.

Senator Crotty moved that **Senate Resolution No. 630**, on the Secretary's Desk, be taken up for immediate consideration.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Crotty moved that Senate Resolution No. 630 be adopted.

The motion prevailed.

And the resolution was adopted.

Senator Haine moved that **House Joint Resolution No. 15**, on the Secretary's Desk, be taken up for immediate consideration.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Haine moved that House Joint Resolution No. 15 be adopted.

And on that motion a call of the roll was had resulting as follows:

Yeas 52; Nays None.

The following voted in the affirmative:

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Althoff	Forby	Martinez	Schoenberg
Axley	Garrett	Millner	Sieben
Bomke	Haine	Munoz	Sullivan
Burzynski	Halvorson	Pankau	Syverson
Clayborne	Harmon	Peterson	Trotter
Collins	Hendon	Petka	Viverito
Cronin	Hunter	Radogno	Watson
Crotty	Jacobs	Raoul	Wilhelmi
Cullerton	Jones, J.	Rauschenberger	Winkel
Dahl	Lauzen	Righter	Mr. President
del Valle	Lightford	Risinger	
DeLeo	Link	Roskam	
Demuzio	Luechtefeld	Rutherford	
Dillard	Maloney	Sandoval	

The motion prevailed.

And the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Senator Cullerton moved that **House Joint Resolution No. 61**, on the Secretary's Desk, be taken up for immediate consideration.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Cullerton moved that House Joint Resolution No. 61 be adopted.

The motion prevailed.

And the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Senator Halvorson moved that **House Joint Resolution No. 66**, on the Secretary's Desk, be taken up for immediate consideration.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Halvorson moved that House Joint Resolution No. 66 be adopted.

And on that motion a call of the roll was had resulting as follows:

Yeas 51; Nays None.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Althoff	Dillard	Maloney	Rutherford
Axley	Forby	Martinez	Sandoval
Bomke	Garrett	Millner	Schoenberg
Burzynski	Haine	Munoz	Sieben
Clayborne	Halvorson	Pankau	Sullivan
Collins	Harmon	Peterson	Syverson
Cronin	Hendon	Petka	Trotter
Crotty	Hunter	Radogno	Viverito
Cullerton	Jacobs	Raoul	Watson
Dahl	Jones, J.	Rauschenberger	Wilhelmi
del Valle	Lauzen	Righter	Winkel
DeLeo	Link	Risinger	Mr. President
Demuzio	Luechtefeld	Roskam	

The motion prevailed.

And the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Senator Winkel moved that **House Joint Resolution No. 74**, on the Secretary's Desk, be taken up for immediate consideration.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Wilhelm moved that House Joint Resolution No. 74 be adopted.

The motion prevailed.

And the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Senator Hunter moved that **House Joint Resolution No. 75**, on the Secretary's Desk, be taken up for immediate consideration.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hunter moved that House Joint Resolution No. 75 be adopted.

And on that motion a call of the roll was had resulting as follows:

Yeas 51; Nays None.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Althoff	Dillard	Maloney	Rutherford
Axley	Forby	Martinez	Sandoval
Bomke	Garrett	Millner	Schoenberg
Burzynski	Haine	Munoz	Sieben
Clayborne	Halvorson	Pankau	Sullivan
Collins	Harmon	Peterson	Syverson
Cronin	Hendon	Petka	Trotter
Crotty	Hunter	Radogno	Viverito
Cullerton	Jacobs	Raoul	Watson
Dahl	Jones, J.	Rauschenberger	Wilhelmi
del Valle	Lauzen	Righter	Winkel
DeLeo	Link	Risinger	Mr. President
Demuzio	Luechtefeld	Roskam	

The motion prevailed.

And the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Senator Raoul moved that **House Joint Resolution No. 77**, on the Secretary's Desk, be taken up for immediate consideration.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Raoul moved that House Joint Resolution No. 77 be adopted.

The motion prevailed.

And the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Senator Demuzio moved that **House Joint Resolution No. 83**, on the Secretary's Desk, be taken up for immediate consideration.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Demuzio moved that House Joint Resolution No. 83 be adopted.

And on that motion a call of the roll was had resulting as follows:

Yeas 51; Nays None.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Althoff	Dillard	Maloney	Rutherford
Axley	Forby	Martinez	Sandoval

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Bomke	Garrett	Millner	Schoenberg
Burzynski	Haine	Munoz	Sieben
Clayborne	Halvorson	Pankau	Sullivan
Collins	Harmon	Peterson	Syverson
Cronin	Hendon	Petka	Trotter
Crotty	Hunter	Radogno	Viverito
Cullerton	Jacobs	Raoul	Watson
Dahl	Jones, J.	Rauschenberger	Wilhelmi
del Valle	Lauzen	Righter	Winkel
DeLeo	Link	Risinger	Mr. President
Demuzio	Luechtefeld	Roskam	

The motion prevailed.

And the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Senator Viverito moved that **Senate Joint Resolution No. 79**, on the Secretary's Desk, be taken up for immediate consideration.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Viverito moved that Senate Joint Resolution No. 79 be adopted.

The motion prevailed.

And the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

SENATE BILL RECALLED

On motion of Senator Garrett, **Senate Bill No. 880** was recalled from the order of third reading to the order of second reading.

Senator Garrett offered the following amendment and moved its adoption:

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO SENATE BILL 880

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Amend Senate Bill 880 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the following:

"Section 5. The Board of Higher Education Act is amended by adding Section 9.31 as follows:
(110 ILCS 205/9.31 new)

Sec. 9.31. Collaborative Baccalaureate Degree Development Grant Program.

(a) The Board shall implement and administer a grant program, subject to appropriation, to be referred to as the Collaborative Baccalaureate Degree Development Grant Program, to help deliver upper division courses and bachelor's degree programs offered by bachelor's degree-granting colleges and universities at a location geographically convenient to student populations currently being served by existing public community colleges. The Board shall adopt rules regarding eligibility criteria and a process for the annual application and awarding of grants. The grant application and award process shall be as efficient as possible to encourage collaborative applications and shall include consideration of existing programs and facilities.

(b) A grant application must be jointly submitted by one public community college and one or more public or private, not-for-profit, 4-year colleges or universities.

(c) Grants may be used for any combination of the following:

(1) Instructional space on or near a community college.

(2) Required training and advanced education of faculty for the new programs.

(3) Instructional technology tools.

(4) Marketing and promotion for joint efforts.

(5) Other purposes related to the collaboration efforts, as allowed by the Board's program rules.

(d) In order to better ensure the commitment of the partnering institutions, the Board shall require that each partnering institution (both the community college and the 4-year institution or institutions) must also invest in the partnership. Each grant application must include how the State's grant will be matched

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by dollars from the partner institutions. The combined investment of the partner institutions must equal no less than 50% of the amount of the grant.

(e) The Board shall adopt any rules that are necessary for the implementation of this Section."

The motion prevailed.

And the amendment was adopted and ordered printed.

There being no further amendments, the foregoing Amendment No. 1 was ordered engrossed, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

READING OF BILL OF THE SENATE A THIRD TIME

On motion of Senator Garrett, **Senate Bill No. 880**, having been transcribed and typed and all amendments adopted thereto having been printed, was taken up and read by title a third time.

And the question being, "Shall this bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Yeas 50; Nays None.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Althoff	Dillard	Maloney	Sandoval
Axley	Forby	Martinez	Schoenberg
Bomke	Garrett	Millner	Sieben
Burzynski	Haine	Munoz	Sullivan
Clayborne	Halvorson	Pankau	Syverson
Collins	Harmon	Peterson	Trotter
Cronin	Hendon	Petka	Viverito
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Cullerton	Jacobs	Raoul	Wilhelmi
Dahl	Jones, J.	Rauschenberger	Winkel
del Valle	Lauzen	Righter	Mr. President
DeLeo	Link	Roskam	
Demuzio	Luechtefeld	Rutherford	

This bill, having received the vote of a constitutional majority of the members elected, was declared passed, and all amendments not adopted were tabled pursuant to Senate Rule No. 5-4(a).

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof and ask their concurrence therein.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Schoenberg, Chairperson of the Committee on Appropriations II, announced that the Appropriations II Committee will meet today in Room 212, at 4:00 o'clock p.m.

Senator Hendon, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive Appointments, announced that the Executive Appointments Committee will meet Thursday, March 9, 2006 in Room 212, at 8:30 o'clock a.m.

Senator Burzynski announced a Republican caucus to begin immediately upon adjournment.

At the hour of 3:24 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand adjourned until Thursday, March 9, 2006, at 9:30 o'clock a.m.

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