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GOVERNOR JAMES R. THOMPSON:

The Senate will please come to order. Permission is granted for the photographers to shoot - their cameras. 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 the membership a President of the Senate as Presiding Officer." And so the Senate, for this purpose, will please come to order, and the opening prayer will be delivered by the Senate Chaplain, Father John Smyth. Father Smyth.

THE REVEREND JOHN SMYTH:

(Prayer by the Reverend John Smyth)

GOVERNOR JAMES R. THOMPSON:

Thank you, Father Smyth. I hereby appoint Jim Harry as the Temporary Secretary of the Senate of the Eighty-seventh General Assembly, and I hereby appoint Tracey Sidles as Temporary Sergeant at Arms of the Senate of the Eighty-seventh General Assembly. Will the Secretary please read to the Members the letter of certification from the State Board of Elections.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. HARRY)

Communication from Kelvin Hudson, Associate Director, State Board of Elections. To Linda Hawker, Secretary of the Senate, Springfield:

Attached is a list of individuals who have been elected to serve as Members of the Illinois Senate in the Eighty-seventh General Assembly and have been duly certified by the State Board of Elections at their board meeting on November 26, 1990. 2nd District, Arthur L. Berman, Chicago; 5th District, Miguel del Valle, Chicago; 8th District, Philip J. Rock, Oak Park; 11th District, John P. Daley, Chicago; 14th District, Jeremiah E. Joyce, Chicago; 17th District, Emil Jones, Jr., Chicago; 20th

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District, Beverly J. Fawell, Glen Ellyn; 23rd District, James "Pate" Philip, Wood Dale; 26th District, Greg Zito, Melrose Park; 29th District, Roger A. Keats, Glencoe; 32nd District, Jack Schaffer, Cary; 35th District, Harlan Rigney, Freeport; 38th District, Patrick D. Welch, Peru; 41st District, George "Ray" Hudson, Downers Grove; 44th District, John W. Maitland, Jr., Bloomington; 47th District, Carl E. Hawkinson, Galesburg; 50th District, John A. Davidson, Springfield; 53rd District, Harry "Babe" Woodyard, Chrisman; 56th District, Sam M. Vadalabene, Edwardsville; and 59th District, James F. "Jim" Rea, Christopher. All two-year terms, Mr. President.

GOVERNOR JAMES R. THOMPSON:

Thank you, Mr. Secretary. The Chair notes the presence of a former distinguished Member of this Body and -- and a man who now serves as a distinguished Congressman from the State of Illinois, Congressman George Sangmeister. Welcome, Congressman Sangmeister. The Chair also is pleased to note the presence for the seventh time - at the express invitation of the Senate President - a young lady by the name of Jayne Thompson. Welcome. We are also happy to have with us today a newly elected Justice of the Supreme Court of Illinois, Justice Jim Heiple. Welcome, Mr. Justice - and his family. Will the Secretary please call the roll of the Senators of the Eighty-seventh General Assembly.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. HARRY)

Alexander, Barkhausen, Berman, Brookins, Carroll, Collins -- Collins, Daley, D'Arco, Davidson, DeAngelis, del Valle, Demuzio, Donahue, Dudycz, Ralph Dunn, Thomas Dunn, Etheredge, Fawell, Friedland, Geo-Karis, Hall, Hawkinson, Holmberg, Hudson, Jacobs, Jones, Jeremiah Joyce, Jerome Joyce, Karpiel, Keats, Kelly, Kustra, Lechowicz, Luft, Macdonald, Madigan, Mahar -- Mahar, Maitland, Marovitz, Netsch, Newhouse, O'Daniel, Philip, Raica, Rea, Rigney, Rock, Savickas, Schaffer, Schuneman, Severns, Smith,

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Topinka, Vadalabene, Watson, Weaver, Welch, Woodyard, Zito.

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 Poll the absentees.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. HARRY)

 Mahar.

GOVERNOR JAMES R. THOMPSON:

 A quorum is present. The following Senators are appointed to the Committee to escort the Supreme Court Justices into -- into the Chambers and Justice Clark to the rostrum for the purpose of swearing-in the Senators-elect. The committee will consist of Senators Zito, del Valle, Daley, Donahue, Friedland and Hudson. ... (machine cutoff) ... Members of the Senate, it is a privilege for the Chair to be able to introduce to you an old comrade in law enforcement, an old comrade in law, a distinguished member of the Supreme Court of Illinois, a man who, with his family, has served this State with rare distinction for years and years and years - my friend, and your friend, Bill Clark. And Senator Mahar is present. Please add -- add his name to the roll. Mr. Justice.

JUSTICE WILLIAM G. CLARK:

 ... (machine cutoff) ... Thank you, Governor. Would all of the newly elected Senators please stand up. Would you raise your right hand and repeat after me. I, and 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 that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of State Senator according to the best of my ability. Congratulations.

GOVERNOR JAMES R. THOMPSON:

 Thank you, Mr. Justice. The next order of business is the election of the President of the Senate of the Eighty-seventh General Assembly. In the opinion of the Chair, and in the considered opinion of the Supreme Court of Illinois, 30 affirmative votes will be required to elect the President, and

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nominations are now open. Senator Netsch is recognized for the purpose of placing a name in nomination.

SENATOR NETSCH:

Thank you, Governor Thompson. You have learned something after - a few years. Our days at the law school were not in vain, Jim. Thank you very much, and Jayne Thompson, and my colleagues in the Senate, and distinguished guests and friends of the Senate. Phil Rock, I hereby nominate you to be President of the Illinois Senate. Now that may come as a surprise to some people in this Chamber, but for those of you who know both of us and this process well, it really should not come as a surprise. As you know, Senator Rock, and as a matter of fact as Governor Thompson knows, I have on occasion been part of a concerted effort to have you, Senator Rock, elected President of the Senate. And as you know, and indeed as Governor Thompson knows, I have on occasion been part of a concerted effort to, if not deny, at least to delay your election as President of the Senate. We indeed have had our disagreements over the years. But we've also had on many, many more occasions stood together to fight for whatever it might be: a point, an issue, a battle, and those are the ones that I will truly remember. Phil, you possess a lot of the qualities that are important to someone in this extremely important position: intelligent - highly so; articulate - highly so. The capacity to grasp issues quickly and cut through to the heart of them - absolutely. The capacity, indeed, to keep track of the literally hundreds of important matters that are part of the legislative agenda. And you're even reasonably good-looking when you smile, which is not really often enough. There are, however, two qualities that to me override all others in importance, for any of us, really, who are Members of this legislative Body, and most especially for the President, who is, after all, the symbol of the Illinois Senate. And those two qualities are first, a reverence

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for the process of self-government, which means in this case the legislative process. And secondly, a respect for our differences - the very differences that we as legislators are here to reflect. No democracy - which really means self-government - is probably the most difficult of all of the governmental forms. And there is absolutely no question that it is more difficult, given the change in the scale and pace of 20th century society. You know, Thomas Jefferson might not have survived having his every blemish exposed to the electorate, not only in the printed press, but twice a day on the five o'clock news, and the ten o'clock news, day after day after month after year. It is daunting, indeed. We, who are Americans, still hold and carry the banner of self-government, and we must trust ourselves to be able to self-govern. As citizens, that means that we should and must respect self-public service and hold for abuse only those who have actually earned it. As public officials, we must, of course, be honest - and very, very, important, we must be fair. But equally important, we must not demean the intelligence of those we represent. That means a willingness to tell it like it is, to stand up and be counted on the tough issues - not just the easy issues. It means, in a word, political courage. That is how we who are the elected officials reveal our reverence for this process. You have that quality, Senator Rock. Secondly - in my job description - is respect for our differences. It is frustrating to live in a society where we are constantly reminded that there are no blacks and whites - only grays. That nothing is absolute. That everything has to be compromised. But that is a price we pay for a society that is highly diversified and totally committed to protecting and preserving that diversity, especially when it is a minority. It doesn't follow, in my judgment, that all issues and all politicians should be reduced to a bowl of unflavored gelatin - and heaven knows no one has ever accused Senator Rock of being a

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bowl of unflavored gelatin. We should - and he does - espouse our causes with passion and zeal and a sense of righteousness. But when the argument is over, when the vote is taken, we must respect and revere our differences. That is really the essential meaning of fairness, and it is an essential part of the legislative process; and the legislative process is the heart of self-government. That critical quality, Senator Rock, you have in abundance. It's not easy for me to leave this legislative process. The memories are deep; the friendships are strong. My work is not yet done, and I will constantly remind you of that in the years to come; and your challenges are vivid - really, really vivid challenges. I love this Body. But I leave with the very, very heartwarming and comforting realization that I leave it in good hands - and those hands are yours, you who are the Members of this Senate - and especially in the hands of Senator Rock, as your symbol, as your spokesman, as your President. It is an honor to place your name in nomination, Senator Rock.

GOVERNOR JAMES R. THOMPSON:

Thank you, Madam Senator and Comptroller-elect. Our congratulations to you on the second score. Senator Demuzio is recognized for the purpose of seconding the nomination.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Governor. Jayne Thompson, Justice Clark, distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'm proud and honored to stand here this afternoon to second the nomination of Phil Rock of Oak Park for an unprecedented seventh term as President of the Illinois Senate. "Leaders", Walter Lippmann once wrote, "are the custodians of our ideals, of the beliefs we cherish, of our permanent hopes, of the faith which makes this nation out of a mere aggregation of individuals." Over the course of the past twelve years - spanning parts of three decades - as the Presiding Officer of this Body, Philip Rock has

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personified the qualities we, as a governing Body, and we, as a people, seek from a leader - the very qualities that Lippmann so eloquently described. He has presided over this sometimes contentious Body with a firm yet fair hand, and he has consistently shown a willingness to listen, to compromise, and to accommodate, to advance the legislative process. The ideals and the beliefs he champions mirror those of the people that we represent: that government can and must be fiscally pragmatic and responsible, but that we can likewise stand for social justice, for compassion, and for decency. As we prepare to usher in this new era of an administration - a new administration in State Government - there is naturally an air of anticipation and uncertainty surrounding us, as Senator Netsch has so eloquently indicated. Our new Governor assumes the reins of State Government at a difficult and precarious time. Yet we know that in this era of changes and transition, that Phil Rock will remain - as he has for his six terms as our leader - a model of consistency. As problems arise, he will forge a consensus which benefits all parties. He will approach such problems with logic, practicality and reason. And in this end, he will leave his unique imprint on the final product, a pattern which over the course of his two decades as a State Senator has resulted in some of the most innovative, visionary public policy initiatives ever enacted in this State: programs protecting and enriching the lives of our children; programs advancing the social status of women; programs ensuring that the final years of our senior citizens are, indeed, golden; programs guaranteeing that the honest, hardworking taxpayers of this State receive a fair and equitable return on their tax dollars. Phil is certainly a brilliant legislative technician, a forceful and charismatic leader, and pretty, I guess, too, according to what Senator Netsch has indicated. He's an -- eloquent and an articulate spokesman for the common man, and

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for those among us who cannot help themselves; a loving husband and a caring father; a man destined to go down in Illinois history as a true statesman. Indeed, our lives and the lives of the people of Illinois have been richly rewarded because Phil Rock has chosen to selflessly -- to enter public service and to do that which best measures our worth as a human being - to give tirelessly of one's self to enrich the lives of all of us. There is truly and without question no better man or woman among us to lead us in the Senate of the Eighty-seventh General Assembly. And I'm tempted, Governor, with the accolades that have been bestowed upon Phil, and with Senator Netsch, and from what I have recited, I am reminded of the biography written by Eugene Kennedy with respect to Cardinal Bernardin. As Cardinal Bernardin was about to ascend to become a cardinal, something happened, and I am sure that that will happen today, too, to Phil Rock. I am sure that his lovely wife, Sheila, when he is elected and marches down this aisle, will tug at his coat and say, "Walk straight and try not to look too pleased with yourself." It is for these reasons that I stand proudly before you today to second the nomination of Phil Rock to be President of the Illinois General Assembly for the Eighty-seventh term. Thank you very much.

GOVERNOR JAMES R. THOMPSON:

Thank you, Senator Demuzio. The Chair recognizes Senator Joyce for the purpose of seconding a nomination.

SENATOR J.J. JOYCE:

Thank you, Governor. It is somewhat of a surprise. It won't be hard. No. No, indeed it won't. It is with great honor that I would be very happy to second the nomination of a Gentleman who has shown us all what -- what it is like - and what it is supposed to be - to be a leader of the Senate of the State of Illinois. He is an inspiration to everyone. He's also a -- a good friend to all of us. Governor Thompson, you can attest to the -- the

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abilities of Phil Rock to make things happen for the State of Illinois, and to get things done. And I think that's what this General Assembly is all about, and what your administration was about as well. I think that we are going to miss you, but I'm sure that your successor will carry on and do a very good job and will work hand in hand with -- with Phil Rock, who has shown us all what it's -- what it's about to deal with -- with every individual - be they Democrats, Republicans, and whatever else. Phil Rock is a -- a Gentlemen indeed. His family and -- and my family are friends, and that is an honor and a blessing on our part. So with that, I would be happy to second the name of -- put the name of Phil Rock in -- in nomination as well. Thank you.

GOVERNOR JAMES R. THOMPSON:

Thank you, Senator Joyce. Senator Smith is recognized for the purpose of seconding the nomination.

SENATOR SMITH:

Governor Thompson, to our First Lady of the State, Mrs. Jayne Thompson, to Justice Clark, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, and friends assembled, I'm proud to have the distinct honor of seconding the nomination for our friend and leader, Philip J. Rock, for another term of leadership to this august Body. If you were to deserve -- observe him as a person, you would find him in many of qualities that you would admire. He is human as well as we are, but he is also a leader. Philip J. Rock is a family man, married to a lovely wife, Miss Sheila, and the father of four children. He is a Christian man. Witty in conversation, and yet he's compassionate. A man of principle. He possesses patience. He is a friend and a confidant. As a leader, he is capable. He is quick in action, in battle, he's bold, daring, courageous, cautious, prudent, with a sense of integrity, and yet just. His word is his bond. He is sensitive to the welfare of others. There are critical days ahead, and such qualities are mandated

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along with that lovely, strong, singing voice of his. Dear friends and colleagues, out of the mintage <sic> of my heart today, I'm proud to nominate Senator Philip J. Rock for a second nomination as President of the Senate for the Eighty-seventh General Assembly of the State of Illinois. Thank you.

GOVERNOR JAMES R. THOMPSON:

Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Kustra is recognized for the purpose of placing a name in nomination.

SENATOR KUSTRA:

Thank you, Governor. Mrs. Thompson, Justice Clark, Father Smyth, distinguished guests. Governor, let me begin by talking to you for a second. I just want to tell you that I am always going to have fond memories of the opportunity to work with you. My role here as a Senator and yours as Governor -- I look at this Chamber, and I think of the days you sat right behind me - RTA reform, school reform, welfare reform, getting those last few votes that were necessary to make things better for this State. Those are very fond memories I'm going to take away from <sic> me. You deserve a great deal of credit, and will -- will remain in our hearts as a great Governor and a guy who really knew how to work for people across the State. I've been a Member of the Illinois Legislature now for ten years, and like most of you, I have made dozens of speeches here from this microphone, and the one over in the House for -- for two years. Together we've debated a lot of issues, certainly one of the most important that comes to mind - as I see Senator Berman smiling - is school reform; they were of critical importance to -- to all of us who serve in this Chamber. Others - probably the majority - were not quite so important and perhaps a little bit more mundane, and maybe even eminently forgettable. But nonetheless, I'm going to take a lot of those moments away with me as I move on. I rise today to make one more speech - probably the last speech I'll make from this desk in the

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Illinois State Senate. And it's a bittersweet moment, because while I'm only going down to the second floor to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, where -- where I'm told, Governor, that my chief responsibility - according to some - on a daily basis is to check in and to inquire as to the health of the Governor, and I'm sure -- I'm sure you can -- you can appreciate that. I -- I do expect to do a few other things, of course, but nothing wrong with that early morning phone call, Governor. While I'm -- while I'm saddened by the prospect of -- of leaving my colleagues, I'm going to miss those Senate Republican Caucuses that I've come to enjoy so much. And I'm going to miss those walks across the aisle to check in with Senator Sam to see whose feeding the squirrels this week, and to talk to Senator Hall about how things are going down in his neck of the woods, and check in with Senator Berman on how we're doing on the Senate Education Committee. All of my good friends on both sides of the aisle I continue to work with, but I realize that it will be a slightly different relationship and -- and one that I'm going to miss. But I have one last opportunity to do something very special here today. I stand before you today to nominate a man who is everything a Senate President ought to be. I -- nominate a man who should be the Senate President, and whom I'm confident will be the Senate President - if not in this Session, then certainly in the next one. James "Pate" Philip has been my Minority Leader throughout my tenure in the Senate, and I've always known that no matter what issue, no matter what his own beliefs or interests, I would find him candid, honest, and fair - always fair. Outsiders, especially some of our friends on the other side of the aisle, often times marvel at how we Republican Members remain so loyal to our leader, and remain so unified behind him on so many issues which come before us in the Illinois State Senate. Well, Ladies and Gentlemen, let me tell you, it's real simple. We're loyal to James "Pate" Philip because

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James "Pate" Philip is loyal to us. Each of us, as individuals, represents unique areas of this State. We have unique concerns, but we know there's always one thing we can all count on - the support of Senator Philip. I can personally attest to this, because I'm going to just tell you I don't think if it were not for "Pate" Philip's support, his friendship, his help along the way over these last two years, that I'd be standing before you as the Lieutenant Governor-elect. "Pate" Philip is a rarity in the world of politics - a politician with a long memory of those who help him, and a short memory of those who cross him. A man who, is incapable of deceit. A man who as a negotiator, brings to the table not an ounce of excess baggage, but instead a clear resolve and a firm belief that no problem is so great that reasonable men and women working together cannot find a solution acceptable to all. We're entering a new era in Illinois. We will face many difficult choices and challenges in the coming decade. I'm leaving the Senate, but I know that I'll be leaving it in good hands if my colleagues elect this man as the new Senate President. Therefore, I nominate Senator James "Pate" Philip for the Office of Senate President.

GOVERNOR JAMES R. THOMPSON:

Thank you, Senator Kustra. The Chair appreciates the warmth of your sentiment expressed toward the Chair, and the Chair will simply observe that the people of Illinois are fortunate to have you as Lieutenant Governor of this State, and Jim Edgar is one lucky man. The Chair recognizes Senator Schaffer for the purpose of seconding a nomination.

SENATOR SCHAFFER:

Mr. President, first might I also add my congratulations and thanks to you, and to your wife, Jayne, for your years of service and your years of friendship. I'm sure it's a memory that I will cherish all my days, and I think as times passes, the people of

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Illinois will begin to appreciate more and more the contribution that James Thompson has made to our great State. I also - since someone has been foolish enough not to turn the timer on - would digress slightly and also add my congratulations to our Lieutenant Governor-elect, and to our Comptroller-elect who will be leaving this legislative Body, I think reluctantly, knowing that most of the real action and ninety-two percent of the real fun is in the Legislative Branch, not the Executive Branch. And I hope that next year, Comptroller-elect Netsch, when you're sitting in that rather dark little office on the second floor, counting beans and sending out reams of press releases that absolutely no one reads, and Lieutenant Governor-elect Kustra, when you're down in Bone Gap standing in for Governor Edgar at the dedication of a new sewer plant - in a rain storm - that no reporter showed up to cover, that you will pause and think of your friends here in the General Assembly, in the Senate, making the real decisions of how this State is run. I want you to know, though, as we pass in the hallway and someone says, "Who are those two people?" I will say, "That is two of my former colleagues, Senator Netsch and Senator Kustra, who used to be active in Illinois politics." On a serious note, let me suggest to you that the people of Illinois have chosen two of the Senate's finest for higher responsibility, and I know we all are proud of you on both sides of the aisle. But that's not my purpose here today. My purpose is to second the nomination of a Gentleman I have known more years than either one of us cares to admit. Simply let me state that he knew me when I had a crew cut, and that was a while back. My respect for this Gentleman has grown with each year, with each passing Session, as we have worked our way through the problems and crises and challenges of State Government. I have found a leader that I not only respect, but I actually consider a sincere friend. A Gentleman whose word is his bond; a Gentleman who can be depended

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on, who is at the negotiating table representing not only his caucus, but the people of the State of Illinois. Someone who has had an open door for each of his Members, who knows that a good leader not only leads but a good leader listens. And let me assure you that the Senate Republican Leader spends a lot of time listening - a lot more than perhaps he'd like too. But that's part of the job, and it is one of the things that "Pate" Philip does best. He doesn't go to the table and come back and dictate. He goes to the table and says, "This is what I believe my caucus supports, and this is what I believe my caucus will not support. What we want; what we don't want. What's good for the people of Illinois, and what's not good for the people of Illinois." There are no other agendas - no hidden plots or plans. What you see is what you get. We need that kind of leadership today in Illinois. The people of Illinois in the last fall general election gave more votes to Republican candidates than they did to candidates of the other side of the aisle, which we find great solace in. Unfortunately, it doesn't show up on the board up there, but I think it is an indication of the kind of consensus that James "Pate" Philip would bring to the Office of Senate President. He's done a good job as Minority Leader. He cares. Few people know State Government better than he. He would do an excellent job. I'm proud to place his name and second his name for nomination as Senate President, James "Pate" Philip.

GOVERNOR JAMES R. THOMPSON:

Thank you, Senator, for the sentiment and the wisdom of your other remarks. Senator Adeline Jay Geo-Karis is recognized for the purpose of seconding a nomination.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Thank you, your Excellency. Your Excellency and Mrs. Thompson, Father Smyth, Justice Ryan, distinguished guests, colleagues and friends, I, too, want to add my plaudits to your

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Excellency. You've done a good job. You and I have had the opportunity to have CBSs, Character Building Sessions. You gave me them; I gave them back to you. And he calls me his Auntie Geo, and although we're not related by blood, you'd think we were, if you had listened to us some of the time. You've done a great job, Jim. And you're going to go to a law firm that will really appreciate you, and they should pay you plenty of money, 'cause you'll bring plenty of clients to them. And one of your greatest supporters is a man whom I would like to second the nomination of for the Presidency of the Senate. He is a man who is tough but kind, and, Senator Netsch, my candidate is good-looking. And he does smile, and he's probably the most photogenic man I've ever known in my whole life. He's a man who understands that we are elected to solve problems, that we are elected to get things done, and that we are elected to serve the people. For more than two decades in the General Assembly, James "Pate" Philip has effectively and vigorously protected and preserved the interest of those who elected him. And as our Minority Leader, he has been an advocate for each and every one of us, making sure that each of us is treated with respect and that the concerns of our constituents receive a fair hearing. We haven't always agreed, but I'll tell you one thing - we've never been disagreeable; and that's the art of advocacy, and compromise, and negotiation, and understanding, compassion and tolerance. And he is a very strong person, but he's a very caring person, because I'm always reminded of the fact that when one of our Senators was elected and she was suddenly stricken and had to have immediate surgery and could not attend to be sworn in as a Senator, he made it his business to take a judge to her bedside and get her sworn in in time. And that's the kind of a caring individual that James "Pate" Philip is, even though he may appear unapproachable. He's not. He's very approachable, and very kind, and very nice. And the only thing is, Nancy beat me to

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him; that's all I can say. Because he could well afford to support me in the style that I'm -- like to be accustomed to. "Pate" is a leader willing to listen and help in any way he can, regardless of your political party. As my colleague said earlier, his door is always open. Regardless of what region of the State you represent, he is there. Regardless of what your particular concern might be, you can always find in "Pate" Philip a leader willing to listen and help out in any way he can, as I said. And of course, before I finish about "Pate," I want to congratulate Bob Kustra and Senator Netsch upon their election. We're going to miss you, but you're going to miss us more, because you will be coming back to us for many of your concerns. And they have both done a very fine job in the Senate. And Governor, it's the kind of sincere concern and honesty toward his fellow legislators that has earned "Pate" Philip the loyalty of the Senators on this side of the aisle. He is fair. He is honest. He is caring. And he will make an outstanding Senate President. Therefore, I feel very privileged and very honored to proudly second the nomination of Senate -- Senator James "Pate" Philip to be Senate President.

GOVERNOR JAMES R. THOMPSON:

Senator Geo-Karis, thank you. The substance of your earlier remarks will be conveyed to the Compensation Committee at Winston and Strawn. The Chair will observe that the substance of the proposal in the last part of your remarks concerning you and Senator Philip in the bonds of holy matrimony is absolutely mind-boggling not only to me but to the entire Body. The Chair will accept your middle remarks for the purpose of seconding the nomination. Are there any other nominations? If not, the Chair recognizes Senator Lechowicz for the purpose of making a motion.

SENATOR LECHOWICZ:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I move that nominations be closed.

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GOVERNOR JAMES R. THOMPSON:

Is there a second? Senator Lechowicz has moved that the nominations be closed. All those in favor will vote by saying Aye. Those opposed, by saying Nay. The motion carries, and the nominations are closed. The Secretary will call the roll of the Senators. Each Senator should answer the roll by stating one of the names nominated, or by voting Present. Mr. Secretary, call the roll of the Senators.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. HARRY)

Alexander. Alexander votes Rock. Barkhausen. Barkhausen votes Philip. Berman. Berman votes Rock. Brookins. Brookins votes Rock. Carroll. Carroll votes Rock. Collins. Collins votes Rock. Daley. Daley votes Rock. D'Arco. D'Arco votes Rock. Davidson. Davidson votes Philip. DeAngelis. DeAngelis votes Philip. del Valle. del Valle votes Rock. Demuzio. Demuzio votes Rock. Donahue. Donahue votes Philip. Dudycz. Dudycz votes Philip. Ralph Dunn. Ralph Dunn votes Philip. Thomas Dunn. Thomas Dunn votes Rock. Etheredge. Etheredge votes Philip. Fawell. Fawell votes Philip. Friedland. Friedland votes Philip. Geo-Karis. Geo-Karis votes Philip. Hall. Hall votes Rock. Hawkinson. Hawkinson votes Philip. Holmberg. Holmberg votes Rock. Hudson. Hudson votes Philip. Jacobs. Jacobs votes Rock. Jones. Jones votes Rock. Jeremiah Joyce. Jeremiah Joyce votes Rock. Jerome Joyce. Jerome Joyce votes Rock. Karpziel. Karpziel votes Philip. Keats. Keats votes Philip. Kelly. Kelly votes Rock. Kustra. Kustra votes Philip. Lechowicz. Lechowicz votes Rock. Luft. Luft votes Rock. Macdonald. Macdonald votes Philip. Madigan. Madigan votes Philip. Mahar. Mahar votes Philip. Maitland. Maitland votes Philip. Marovitz. Marovitz votes Rock. Netsch. Netsch votes Rock. Newhouse. Newhouse votes Rock. O'Daniel. O'Daniel votes Rock. Philip. Philip votes Philip. Raica. Raica votes Philip. Rea. Rea votes Rock.

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Rigney. Rigney votes Philip. Rock. Rock votes Rock. Savickas. Savickas votes Rock. Schaffer. Schaffer votes Philip. Schuneman. Schuneman votes Philip. Severns. Severns votes Rock. Smith. Smith votes Rock. Topinka. Topinka votes Philip. Vadalabene. Vadalabene votes Rock. Watson. Watson votes Philip. Weaver. Weaver votes Philip. Welch. Welch votes Rock. Woodyard. Woodyard votes Philip. And Zito. Zito votes Rock.

GOVERNOR JAMES R. THOMPSON:

The results of the roll call are as follows: Senator Philip, 28 votes. Senator Rock, 31 votes. Senator Rock, having received the necessary votes, is hereby declared elected as the President of the Senate of the Eighty-seventh General Assembly. Before I present Mr. Justice Clark for the purpose of administering the oath to President Rock, let me take this occasion to say to all of you, my friends and colleagues, that it has been a rare privilege both to serve as the thirty-seventh Governor of this State for fourteen years, to work with the Members of this Body and the Body across the hall, to be your friend and your comrade, and to preside on seven occasions - some short, some long - over this distinguished Body. I wouldn't have traded a moment for anything else in the world. You and the people of Illinois have given me the chance to -- to sit in the most extraordinary chair there is, and I will be forever in your debt, as I am in the debt of the man whom I am about to introduce. Senator Rock, like his colleague, Senator Philip, is a rare man - a distinguished leader with all of the qualities that it takes for leadership: guts, smarts, savvy, knowing when to hold them and when to fold them, compassion and caring, and more ears than two, because that's what the job takes, always, always bearing in mind, both Senator Rock and Senator Philip, two distinguished nominees, the greater good of the whole people of the State of Illinois. I am proud to call Senator Rock my friend, and I offer him my most sincere

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congratulations on this extraordinary achievement of being elected President of this Senate. Once again, Mr. Justice, please swear in the new President.

JUSTICE WILLIAM G. CLARK:

May I say, before I swear in our new Senator, that on behalf of the Supreme Court, we wish Governor Thompson and Jayne the very, very best in the future. We've enjoyed serving with you. We know that the court has had a Governor who appreciates the problems of the law, who understands it - who's been very supportive. We will miss him very much. It is a pleasure for me to swear in President Rock. Before I do, I want to say that I congratulate him very much. One of the nicest people I have ever met. One of the finest lawyers that I have ever met, and I wish to -- your new President or continued President and Sheila the greatest of health and happiness in the future. Would you please raise your right hand and repeat after me.

(Justice William G. Clark administers the Oath of Office to the President of the Senate)

SENATOR ROCK:

Thank you all very much. Thank you to my friend, Governor Jim Thompson; my former boss, Justice Bill Clark; my friend and bodyguard, John Smyth; and to my family. I'd like to introduce, for those of you who have not yet met, my wife, Sheila; and my daughters, Kathleen and Colleen, and my son-in-law, Steve; and my son, Jay. I wish to thank those who placed and seconded my -- placed me in nomination and seconded the nomination. I'm afraid, Pate, that after hearing all those speeches, neither one of us will recognize each other. To my friend, Jayne Thompson, thank you again for attending, and Ladies and Gentlemen, let me take the Chair's prerogative to introduce the first lady of Democratic politics in Chicago, Mrs. Richard J. Daley. When I arrived in this Chamber exactly twenty years ago, my daughters who are

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present were five and four and two and a half, and my son was one. And as you look at them today -- as I look at them today, I can literally gauge which -- with each year that they have grown and matured, the years, the Sessions, the battles, the wins, the losses that all of us have shared together in this Chamber. My wife has endured, because of public service, an absentee husband and father through most of these last eighteen years, and for that I will again apologize, and yet I could not have been here without her support, without her tolerance, without her solace and her love. For twelve of these years I've had the distinct honor and privilege and responsibility to serve as your Majority Leader and Presiding Officer. I have not and will not ever take lightly the responsibility that comes with this office - my responsibility to the Members of my party and to all the people of the State, who are represented ably in a collective commitment that we all share. As I stand here before you today with the challenge of a new term, a new era, I am both humbled and very grateful, and I enter again the Eighty-seventh Assembly with the firm resolve that this Chamber - that we in the Senate - will again lead this State in the development of innovative responsible and compassionate public policy. I sincerely believe - and I am very, very proud to be a Member of this Body - that we, the fifty-nine elected Senators of this diverse and complex State, have literally changed the position and the relationship of the entire Legislative Branch of government, making it, as we have, a full and equal partner with the Chief Executive of this State. Twelve years ago you vested that responsibility in me and joined me in a promise and a commitment to the people of this State to take fiscal responsibility seriously - frankly, not something for which the Legislative Branch in years past had been particularly noted. The Members of the Senate have shown the people of Illinois time and time again that truly it is possible, responsible and right to

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protect the fiscal health of our State, and yet at the same time be a caring and compassionate people. I'm proud to say - and I think the people of Illinois should know - that the vast majority of the economic development programs, the enterprise zones, the job training, the small business assistance, agribusiness and coal development, tax incentives, loans and grant programs were initiated, developed and passed here in this Chamber, and to his everlasting credit, were approved by our Chief Executive. We have made the children of Illinois our important constituency, trying, as best we can, to protect them from harm, with child abuse and neglect laws, the I-Search Program, foster care and adoption, day care, youth services, infant mortality, and the list goes on and on and on, and clearly, in my judgment, the Senate has been the initiator and the leader in this effort. And it is the State Senate which has made the intellectual development of the children and young adults of this State our present and our future commitment. Education reform, a competitive higher university system, alternative education - all have been, if you reflect upon it - all have been products of this Chamber, and while we've made significant headway in the area of education reform, particularly the blueprint for the Chicago public schools, we should not forget that education reform and the search for excellence is an ongoing process, just as learning takes place on a continuum. We must again review, as we will, the education programs and funding to make sure that we are giving -- literally giving every Illinois child their rightful opportunity. We also, today, say a somewhat sad goodbye to our partner. For the last fourteen years Jim Thompson and I, I think, have accomplished a great deal for the people of this State, and I am truly, really proud to call him my friend. Thank you, Jim. But we open a new administration as the State and our country are in an economic slowdown, and will have serious implications for the financial resources available to fund

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education and the other truly critical State services for the eleven and a half million people who call Illinois home. We weathered a more serious recession ten years ago, and I am confident, again, that this Chamber can and will act responsibly to meet the needs of this State. And we're going to look to a full agenda, obviously, for the coming year - education funding, property tax reform, health care accessibility, child welfare, and obviously politically the redistricting of the State's legislative and congressional districts. There is a long agenda for the upcoming Session, an agenda which we will again have an important hand in shaping. I am truly humbled by all that we have accomplished together on behalf of those we serve. Our experience literally is an arch, upon which to build a better future. We have erected the arch and with God's help and guidance, we will continue to work to build an Illinois that is free of hunger and disease and ignorance and discrimination and helplessness. I ask for your support, your understanding, your prayers, and I pledge to you, as I have for each of the past six times, my continued best effort on behalf of all of us. Thank you so very much. This will be Jim Thompson's last exit from this Chamber - from this lofty podium - and I would ask Senators Jones and Severns and Berman, and Senators Weaver and DeAngelis and Karpriel, to please meet at the well of the Senate and escort Jim Thompson from the Chamber. ...(machine cutoff)... I would ask the following Members to again meet in the well of the Chamber for the purpose of escorting Justice Clark from the Chamber -- Senators Marovitz, Welch and Tom Dunn, Senator Donahue, Senator Friedland and Senator Hudson, if you'd please. ...(machine cutoff)... is happy to recognize the Comptroller and Attorney General-elect, Roland Burris. Welcome, Roland. The Chair is pleased to announce the appointment of the Assistant Majority Leaders, and they are Senator Vince Demuzio, Senator John D'Arco, Senator Earlean

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Collins, Senator Ted Lechowicz, Senator Frank Savickas, Senator Jerome Joyce and Senator Sam Vadalabene. Congratulations to you all. The next order of business is the election of the Minority Leader. Chair will recognize Senator Kustra.

SENATOR KUSTRA:

Thank you, Mr. President, and congratulations to you on another term. I would ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Republican Members of the Senate, to declare Senator Philip Minority Leader of the Senate of the Eighty-sixth (sic) General Assembly.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has requested the unanimous consent for the appointment -- or election of Senator James "Pate" Philip as the Minority Leader of the Senate for the Eighty-seventh General Assembly. Hearing no objection, all in favor, vote Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. Congratulations, Senator Philip. Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, it is truly a humbling experience, and I want to thank my Members for their help, their support. I want to congratulate Senator Rock. As you know, I think most observers of the legislative process would tell you that Senator Rock and I have a very good working relationship. I pledge that continual support in relationship. I think we do an excellent job in the Senate. We have our little disagreements -- our little arguments. When it comes right down to it, we seem to be able to work reasonable things out -- reasonable solutions out for the citizens of the State of Illinois. Senator Rock, we will be there once again. We will work together once again. I'm going to miss the guy on the second floor. You know, we have borrowed Jayne Thompson's husband for fourteen years. He's not been a good Governor, he's been a great Governor. He has spent more time

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working with the legislative leaders than all the other Governors put together, to my recollection, and we have worked well together. Jayne, we're going to give him back to you, after fourteen years. He has served us well. I know that you, Samantha and he will have some peace and quiet, and enjoy some of those things that you haven't for the past fourteen years, but I'm going to miss you. Senator Kustra, you have been a great Member of this leadership. You're certainly off to bigger and better things. You were a star during that November election. You're a hot item, and I'm going to miss you. You have been a great leader, as far as I'm concerned. You know, I'm not going to appoint my leaders today -- my assistant leaders today. I have so many talented, qualified people on this side of the aisle, it's always very difficult to pick and choose. It's probably the most difficult thing that I have to do as the Minority Leader on this side of the aisle -- is to pick people for leadership and responsibility. And it's a very, very difficult thing to do. I will do it before we swear in the other constitutional officers, and I hope that I will do that in the next, who knows, couple of days, maybe. But it's a pleasure for me to be here. As I said, I'm looking forward to working with Senator Rock, and we're going to have a great two years. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Pate, congratulations. I've asked the Secretary to distribute -- there are seven resolutions that we should adopt today to begin formally the business of the Senate for the Eighty-seventh General Assembly, and then we will have the adjournment resolution. We should be -- should have concluded our business in the next twenty minutes. So if you'll just bear with us for a moment while we'll distribute copies of the resolutions so that everyone has them in front of them. ...(machine cutoff)... Senator Brookins, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

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SENATOR BROOKINS:

Mr. President, I'd like to make an announcement to the Body.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

State your point.

SENATOR BROOKINS:

The Black Caucus Reception will be this afternoon from two to six p.m. at the Hilton. All Senators are welcome and invited. All House of Representative Members are also welcome and invited, and feel free to come and bring your guest. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's welcome, on his way out again, Comptroller and Attorney General-elect Roland Burris. Roland, thank you very much. Resolutions. Mr. Secretary, Senate Resolution No. 1, if you please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. HARRY)

Senate Resolution No. 1.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. I will attempt to move these with dispatch. That is, in fact, the resolution that is before us, naming the new officers. I would move to adopt Senate Resolution No. 1.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 1. Is there any discussion? If not, those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay, and 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 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Resolution No. 1, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared

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adopted, and the Chair would congratulate Linda Hawker, Jim Harry, Danny Day and Tracey Sidles. Further resolutions, Madam Secretary?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate -- Senate Resolution No. 2

(Secretary reads SR No. 2)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Resolution No. 2 is the adoption of the temporary rules of the Eighty-sixth General Assembly. Those will be the rules that we will adopt today for the Eighty-seventh General Assembly. I would move adoption of Senate Resolution No. 2.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Senator Demuzio has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 2. Is there any discussion? If not, those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay, and 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 Ayes, 1 Nay, none voting Present. Senate Resolution No. 2, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared adopted. Further resolutions, Madam Secretary?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution No. 3 offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads SR No. 3.)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Again, not to be redundant, Senate Resolution No. 3 is the makeup of the Committee on Committees, as so stipulated by the Secretary. I would move the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 3.

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PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Senator Demuzio has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 3. Discussion? If not, all in favor, indicate by voting Aye. Opposed, Nay, and 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 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Resolution No. 3, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared adopted. Further resolutions, Madam Secretary?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution No. 4 offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads SR No. 4)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Senate Resolution No. 4 is the resolution that informs the House that the store is open - we are ready to do business. I would move its adoption.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Senator Demuzio has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 4. Discussion? If not, all in -- those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay, and the voting's open. ...(machine cutoff)...voted who wish? All voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? On that question, there are 59 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Resolution No. 4, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared adopted. Further resolutions?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution No. 5 offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads SR No. 5)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Demuzio.

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SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Resolution No. 5 is the resolution that establishes the Legislative Printing Unit, which deals with the transcripts of the Journal. It's the same as we've adopted in previous Sessions. I would move adoption of Resolution No. 5.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Senator Demuzio has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 5. Discussion? If not, all in -- all in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay, and the voting's open. Have all voted who wish? All voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Resolution No. 5, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Further resolutions, Madam Secretary?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution No. 6 offered by Senator Demuzio.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

... I'm sorry.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

(Secretary reads SR No. 6)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Resolution No. 6 is, in fact, the resolution that establishes the standing committee of correspondents - those members that have been already named by the Secretary. I would move adoption of Senate Resolution No. 6.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Senator Demuzio has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 6. Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor,

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indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The resolution -- no -- not having a roll call on this one. Further resolutions?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution No. 7 offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads SR No. 7)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Resolution No. 7 is the timetable that we've established by -- by virtue of introduction of bills and so forth. It -- it's my understanding it's been discussed with the other side. The most significant date, I guess, is the April 12th date, which is the final day for introduction of bills. I would move adoption of Resolution No. 7.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Senator Demuzio has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 7. Is there any discussion? If not, those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay, and the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 Ayes, 1 Nay, none voting Present. Senate Resolution No. 7, having received the required constitutional majority vote, is declared adopted.

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PRESIDENT ROCK:

Resolutions.

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1 offered by Senators Maitland and Berman.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Joint Resolution No. 1 extends the School Finance Authority that we created last spring. You may recall, this was created to deal with the issue of school finance and expired at the end of the Eighty-sixth General Assembly. So we are reactivating it in Senate Joint Resolution with really only one change. We are adding four public members to the resolution. Everything else remains the same, and I would seek your support.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Senator Maitland has moved to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution No. 1. Discussion? If not, all in favor of the Motion to Suspend, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Maitland now moves the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution No. 1. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay, and the voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? All voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared adopted. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution No. 8 offered by Senators Watson, Hall, Demuzio, Vadalabene and Ralph Dunn.

Senate Resolution No. 9 offered by Senator Jacobs.

Senate Resolution 10 offered by Senator Geo-Karis.

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Senate Resolution 11 offered by Senators Hudson and Topinka.
They're all congratulatory.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 12 offered by Senator Jones.

Senate Resolution 13 offered by Senator Jones.

And Senate Resolution 14 offered by Senator Raica.

They're all death resolutions.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 15 offered by Senator Rea.

It is substantive.

And Senate Joint Resolution 2 offered by Senator Collins.

It is also substantive.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Executive.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution 3 offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 3)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.
This is the adjournment resolution that calls for us to return,
upon our conclusion of our business today, to return on Wednesday,
February the 13th at the hour of noon. I would move to suspend
the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate
Joint Resolution No. 3.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Senator Demuzio has moved to suspend the rules for

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the immediate consideration and adoption of the adjournment resolution. All in favor of the Motion to Suspend, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Demuzio now moves the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution No. 3 -- calls for us to return to Springfield on February 13th, the day that the Governor-elect is designated to give his State of the State address. All in favor of the adoption of the resolution, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The resolution's adopted. Senator Jacobs, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd just like to announce that the Jacobs' family would welcome all Senators to the Presidential Suite at the Lincoln Plaza after all the other receptions, 'cause I'm sure we'll be going for a while to imbibe in a little Slivovitz, or whatever your pleasure may be.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Rea, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR REA:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would move for the suspension of the rules for immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 15.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Senator Rea has moved to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution 15. All in favor of the Motion to Suspend, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Rea, on the main question. Senate Resolution 15, if you'd explain it, sir.

SENATOR REA:

Yes, Mr. President. This is the same as a House/Senate resolution that we had passed earlier. The appointments had not been made in the House. We had a -- effective date of reporting

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back by January the 1st on mine subsidence, which has become a serious problem in many areas of the State, and this would move the reporting date back to May 1st - give us time to have the hearings and get back to the General Assembly.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Senator Rea has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution 15. Is there further discussion? If not, all in favor, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, we have effectively concluded our business. I trust everyone will have a joyous day, and certainly a safe trip home. We have a number of bills that have been prefiled. We will, as a matter of housekeeping, allow the bills to be introduced, and then we will adjourn until February 13th at the hour of noon. Introduction of bills, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill No. 1 offered by President Rock.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 2 offered by Senator Berman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 3 offered by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 4 offered by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 5 offered by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 6 offered by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 7 offered by Senator del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 8 offered by Senator del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 9 offered by Senator del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 10 offered by Senator Berman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 11 offered by Senators Berman and Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 12 offered by Senator Etheredge.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 13 offered by Senator Thomas Dunn.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Pardon me, Madam Secretary. Ladies and Gentlemen, particularly on the Democratic side, if any Member is interested in -- in switching offices or chairs, we're planning to meet at two o'clock in Room 400, for all the Democratic Members. Two o'clock, Room 400. If you don't wish to change, no problem. All right. Introduction of bills. I'm sorry.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 14 offered by Senator Topinka.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 15 offered by Senator Kelly.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 16 offered by Senator Kelly.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 17 offered by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 18 offered by Senator del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 19 offered by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 20 offered by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 21 offered by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 22 offered by Senator Brookins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 23 offered by Senator Brookins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 24 offered by Senator Carroll.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 25 offered by Senators Netsch and President Rock.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 26 offered by Senator Lechowicz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

The bills, as introduced, will be sent to the Committee on Assignment of Bills. Any further business to come before the Senate? Any announcements? Don't forget, Democratic Members - Room 400 at two o'clock. Senator Netsch. What's that? Senator Netsch, for your final parting shot. Senator Netsch. Netsch, Netsch, Netsch.

SENATOR NETSCH:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the Senate stand adjourned until February 13 at the hour of noon.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Senator Netsch, pursuant to the adjournment resolution, has moved that the Senate stand adjourned until February 13th at the hour of twelve o'clock noon. All in favor, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the Senate stands adjourned.

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