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PRESIDENT ROCK:

The hour of twelve-thirty having arrived, the Senate will please come to order. Will the Members be at their desks, and will our guests in the gallery please rise. Prayer this afternoon by Pastor Eddie Randolph, East Park Church of Christ, Danville, Illinois. Reverend.

THE REVEREND EDDIE RANDOLPH:

(Prayer by the Reverend Eddie Randolph)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Thank you, Reverend. Reading of the Journal, Madam Secretary. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Wednesday, May 20th, 1992; Thursday, May 21st, 1992; Friday, May 22nd, 1992; Wednesday, May 27th, 1992; Thursday, May 28th, 1992; Tuesday, June 2nd, 1992; Wednesday, June 3rd, 1992; Thursday, June 4th, 1992. Mr. President, I move that the Journals just read by the Secretary <sic> be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

You've heard the motion as placed by Senator Smith. Any discussion? If not, all in favor, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and it is so ordered. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 1358 offered by Senator Cullerton and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1359 offered by Senator Ralph Dunn.

Senate Resolution 1361 offered by Senator Severns.

And Senate Resolution 1360 offered by Senator Brookins.

They're all congratulatory and death resolutions.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

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Consent Calendar. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Leverenz, Chairman of the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, reports House Bill 3201 Do Pass.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

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

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Two purposes, Mr. President. First of all, to announce that Senator Rea is not here today due to illness, and probably will be joining us sometime as soon as he's recovered. And also that there is a House Bill - 3252 - that was assigned to the Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education, and the staff and sponsors have agreed that that is indeed a higher education bill, and therefore needs to be transferred to the Committee on Higher Education. So I would move to re-refer House Bill 3252 from the Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education to the Committee of Higher Ed.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has moved that Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education be discharged from further consideration of House Bill 3252, and that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Higher Education. Without objection, leave is granted. It's so ordered. Senator Severns, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR SEVERNS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would also like to seek leave to move that all posting rules be waived so that Senate Resolution 1361 may be heard in the Committee on Executive, Wednesday, June 10th at 1:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Lady seeks leave to waive the posting requirements so that Senate Resolution 1361 can be heard in

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Executive tomorrow. Without objection, leave is granted. It's so ordered. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolutions 1362 and 1363 offered by Senator Smith. They are both congratulatory.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Consent Calendar. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Smith, Chairman of the Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Corrections, reports House Bills numbered 3202, 3395, 3408, 3716, 3862 and 4078 Do Pass; and House Bill 707 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, as I'm sure you're well aware, we have an extremely heavy committee schedule this afternoon, with committees meeting both at one o'clock and at four p.m. So we will be adjourning shortly, so that the Members of those committees can -- can get together. In the meantime, we have a special -- some special guests and a special presentation to be made, and the Chair will yield to Senator O'Daniel.

SENATOR O'DANIEL:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. I have the privilege of standing in for Senator Jim Rea, who is -- who's home because of health problems today, and I have the privilege of recognizing a very outstanding public servant, along with Representative David Phelps and Representative Karen Hasara. So I think without further ado, I'll ask Madam Secretary to read the Senate Joint Resolution.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution 172.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 172)

SENATOR O'DANIEL:

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Thank you, Madam Secretary. You know, before I ask Representative Rea <sic> and Representative Hasara to say a few words, I wanted to say that -- that Mr. Grant is truly a dedicated -- been truly a dedicated public servant. And you know, not only has he been very beneficial to health care -- rural health care in the State of Illinois, he also surrounds himself with a -- with a group of lovely ladies. If you noticed, about all of the ladies around him are very attractive ladies. So I think, you know, before we ask Mr. Grant to make a few remarks, I'll -- I'll call on Karen Hasara -- Representative Hasara to say a few words.

REPRESENTATIVE HASARA:

Thank you, Senator. I would like to commend Al Grant. Most of you may not know, but I believe some of us know, that Al Grant is the most well-known expert in rural health issues in the nation, and it certainly is Illinois' loss, I believe, to see him retire. But we know that the group that's surrounding him today at the Department of Public Health, the Rural Affairs Office, will carry on his work, and he has promised us that he will continue to be -- to be available to help us on rural health issues. So best of luck to you, Al. These days - the end of June - we're very jealous of your cabin in northern Tennessee, and we certainly wish you the best.

SENATOR O'DANIEL:

Representative Phelps.

REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS:

Thank you, Senator O'Daniel and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. It's a privilege to join my colleagues in recognizing and congratulating Al Grant on his dedicated service to this State in the way of rural health. And I know that when I first came to Springfield a few years ago, I could not believe there was a mentality that existed that kind of understood what I was talking about in deep south, but that was the man that I found that was

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sharing that. And then I only found out that he was from deeper south than I was, so that kind of paid some of the tribute to what he was -- helped supporting. So -- and even when he told me he was retiring, I was scared when some of the people -- he was one of the few persons that understood when I said, "Are you retiring?" And he understood that dialect, and then I knew we had a whole lot in common. So we are going to miss this gentleman, because he has truly brought a unique perspective to the rural health care issues, and he's helped guide my legislation along. And I want to thank him and his very able staff for all the cooperation and true service and commitment they've given to the medically underserved areas and the rural areas of this State. So again, Al, we're going to miss you, but stay in touch. We know that your dedicated service will -- we hope will shine through all of ours. Thank you.

SENATOR O'DANIEL:

Mr. Grant, would you like to say a few words?

MR. AL GRANT:

(Remarks by Mr. Al Grant)

SENATOR O'DANIEL:

Thank you. Senator Brookins.

SENATOR BROOKINS:

Thank you. Senator O'Daniel, when Representative Phelps said "deep south," did he mean Springfield, Illinois? Is that deep south? That's what I think.

SENATOR O'DANIEL:

Down near the Kentucky line is what he was speaking of. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL:

Thank you. I tell you, my seatmate has always been able to find men of high caliber, and I want to congratulate you again, Senator O'Daniel, and where is -- oh, here she is -- the Senator

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here. But, Grant, I thank you for so many times that you've come to our aid, and I just want to thank you publicly. You're a man among men. So I'm just honored to have known you. You've added to my wealth. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolutions 1364, 1365, 1366 and 1367 all offered by Senator Topinka.

And they are all congratulatory.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Consent Calendar. Senator Topinka, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR TOPINKA:

Yes. Mr. President, if I may at this time, I would like to cede sponsorship of House Bill 3257 <sic> (3374) and Senator Cullerton will pick up that bill.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Lady seeks leave to change the sponsorship on House Bill 3257 <sic> (3374) and show Senator Cullerton as the chief sponsor. Without objection, leave is granted. Senator Brookins, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR BROOKINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I have a Senate resolution - a death resolution - for a prominent member of my district, Victor Vrdolyak, and at this time, I'd like to seek leave to have all Members added as co-sponsors.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman seeks leave to show all Members as co-sponsors of that death resolution. Without objection, leave is granted. All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, any further business to come before the Senate this afternoon? We have an extremely heavy

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committee schedule commencing at one o'clock for Education and State Government Organization. Appropriations, Consumer Affairs and Insurance will meet then at four o'clock. Further business? Any announcements? Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. We need players on our Senate baseball team. And Frank Watson is the captain, and the game is tonight at 6:30, and Dick Kelly. Dick Kelly and Frank Watson are the two boys who are heading it, and we need baseball players. Tonight, the game is on between the Senate and the House at 6:30 p.m. at Isles Park. Is that right, Frank? Isles Park? And you know, it's time we beat the House, and maybe we can do it while Phil is still in his seat.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Further business? Further announcements? If not, Senator Vadalabene moves that the Senate stand adjourned until Wednesday, June 10th. Tomorrow at the hour of 12:30. Twelve-thirty tomorrow afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen. Senate stands adjourned.

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