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PRESIDENT ROCK:

The hour of twelve 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. Our prayer this afternoon by Father Frank J. O'Hara, St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Springfield, Illinois. Father.

FATHER FRANK J. O'HARA:

(Prayer by Father Frank J. O'Hara)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Thank you, Father. Reading of the Journal, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journal of Thursday, November 5, 1992.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I move that the Journal just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

You've heard the motion as placed by Senator Hall. Is there 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, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 1592 offered by Senator Dart.

Senate Resolutions 1593 and 1594 offered by Senator Dudycz.

Senate Resolutions 1595 and 1596 offered by Senator Dudycz and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1597 offered by Senator Geo-Karis.

Senate Resolution 1598 offered by Senator Jones.

Senate Resolution 1599 offered by Senator Jan Joyce and all

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Members.

Senate Resolution 1600 offered by Senator Jones.

Senate Resolutions 1601 and 1602 offered by Senator Munizzi.

Senate Resolution 1603 offered by Senator Hall, President Rock and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 1604 offered by President Rock and all Members.

They're all congratulatory and death resolutions.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Consent Calendar. Senator Di Turi, for what purpose do you arise? You look like you have your hands full.

SENATOR DI TURI:

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

PRESIDENT ROCK:

State your point, please.

SENATOR DI TURI:

To my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, once again I would like to introduce drug-free babies born. I brought more babies down. They were on the House Floor, 'cause the House is considering overriding the money that these babies so deservedly need. Babies born drug-free - these mothers were hard. They had cocaine in their system, and now their babies are born drug-free. We need to get this money -- hopefully the House will consider it, and get the money back. I love these children, and this is a new one. She just was born drug-free. This is what it's all about - if there's money there for it - helping these children. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Welcome to all our guests. Senator Di Turi, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR DI TURI:

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A point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

State your point, please.

SENATOR DI TURI:

Thank you. To my Members and colleagues in the upper gallery to the left, these Gentlemen up here, veterans, are prisoners of war - members of the prisoners of war. They came down here to be recognized, and I just want you to know that you have my hundred-percent support, and whatever I could do to help you. God bless you, and thank you for making our country a safer country.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Will our guests please stand and be recognized. Welcome to Springfield. Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2245 offered by Senator Topinka.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Rules Committee. Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. -- Mr. President, on a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

State your point, please.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

I'm happy to tell you that today the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs is meeting in Springfield. And I have the pleasure of having some of my constituents here, and I'd like you to meet them. Evelyn Dill from Zion, Illinois, who is the vice president; Joyce Spencer from Zion, Illinois; Florence Pedersen from Antioch, Illinois; Linda Pedersen from Antioch, Illinois; Alvira Morgan from Antioch, Illinois; Ann Hughes from Waukegan, Illinois; and

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Joann Wright from Libertyville, Illinois. And I ask you to help me welcome my constituents here to the Senate.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Will our guests please stand and be recognized. Welcome to Springfield. Senator Brookins, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR BROOKINS:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President. Would you transfer the sponsorship of House Bill 3325 to Senator Vince Demuzio, from me?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman seeks leave to show Senator Demuzio as the chief sponsor of House Bill 3325. Without objection, leave is granted. Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, there will be a Republican -- there will be a Republican Caucus at one o'clock in Senator James "Pate" Philip's Office.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Republican...

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Republican Caucus.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Republican Caucus immediately -- or at one o'clock in Senator Philip's Office. There'll be a Democratic Caucus immediately in Room 212. The Senate will stand in recess until the hour of two o'clock. Senate stands in recess.

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(SENATE RECONVENES)

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PRESIDENT ROCK:

The hour of two having arrived, the Senate will reconvene, please. While we handle some of the paper, I would direct your attention to pages 26 and 27 of today's Calendar. Pages 26 and 27. Listed there are the Motions in Writing that have been filed with the Secretary concerning gubernatorial action. There are two Motions in Writing to Override Total Vetoes, filed by Senators Jones and Di Turi. And there are Motions in Writing to Accept Specific Recommendations for Change, and those are Senators Jones, Carroll, Leverenz, Rea, Demuzio, Berman, del Valle and Berman. So I'd ask the Members to please get themselves ready. Resolutions, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 1605 offered by Senator Dudycz.

Senate Resolution 1606 and Senate Resolution 1607 offered by Senator Smith.

Senate Resolution 1608 offered by Senator del Valle.

Senate Resolution 1609 offered by Senator del Valle.

Senate Resolution 1610 offered by Senator Ralph Dunn.

And Senate Resolution 1611 offered by Senator Woodyard.

They're all congratulatory.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Consent Calendar. ...(machine cutoff)...any Members have motions with respect to the messages that have been -- are listed on the Calendar, this is the appropriate time to file them, so that they will appear on tomorrow's Calendar. Ladies and Gentlemen, with leave of the Body, we'll start on page 26. Page 26 on the Calendar, and we will deal with those motions that have been filed, if the sponsors wish to proceed. Middle of page 26. On the Order of Motions in Writing to Override Total Vetoes, there's a motion with respect to Senate Bill 963. Senator Jones. Motion with respect to Senate Bill 1532. Senator Di Turi.

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On the Order of Motions in Writing to Accept Specific Recommendations For Change, there's a motion with respect to Senate Bill 1468. Madam Secretary, read the motion, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1468, in manner and form as follows:

Amendment to Senate Bill 1468

in Acceptance of Governor's Recommendations

Filed by Senator Jones.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. In the Governor's amendatory veto he delayed the effective date of the bill for a hundred and fifty days, until July 1, 1993, when it will become effective. He increased the licensure fee from two hundred to two fifty, and the renewal fee from seventy-five dollars to a hundred and twenty-five dollars. It makes other minor technical changes in the disciplinary provisions of the original bill. That's all he did. I'm -- so I move to accept the Governor's recommendation for change.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has moved to accept the Governor's specific recommendations for change. With leave of the Body, WMBD-TV from Peoria and WICS-TV have requested permission to videotape. Without objection, leave is granted. Any discussion on the motion? Senator Davidson.

SENATOR DAVIDSON:

Mr. President and Members of the Senate, I rise to support this amendatory veto. This is what work we agreed on in discussion, when legislative intent -- and the questions I asked Senator Jones. But -- importantly, even though it becomes

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effective after I have retired from practice, just to keep the record clear, it would depend on either an MD, osteopath or chiropractor referring a patient to a naprapath. In case I would change my mind and go back to practice, I have a conflict of interest, but I will vote Aye.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1468, in the manner and form just stated by Senator Jones. 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 54 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. The specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1468, having received the required majority vote of Senators elected, are declared accepted. 1588. Senator Carroll. Madam Secretary, read the motion, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1588, in manner and form as follows:

Amendment to Senate Bill 1588

in Acceptance of Governor's Recommendations

Filed by Senator Carroll.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. As you will recall, we had been debating for many years the Prompt Payment Act, and trying to come up with an acceptable solution that would automatically give interest when the State is late, and give a reasonable rate of interest that would be somewhat a penalty to the State, in order to force the State to pay its bills

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in a timely fashion. I thought we had reached such a compromise here in the Senate when we passed legislation at one and a quarter percent a month, rather than the two percent the law had been. The law, however, had not been automatic before, and in fact, most people were afraid to submit for interest, because they could not do so till after they were paid. After we sent it to the Governor, he made further changes, and I am moving that we accept his recommendations for change. It brings the interest rate down to one percent a month or twelve percent, which in today's economy would still be a penalty against the State, inasmuch as the State could borrow at about three and a half percent, and pay its bills. If they did not do so, they would have to pay the equivalent of twelve percent. It also establishes sixty days as the time. And we know in the health care industry, in hospitals, nursing homes, et cetera, the State in fact is trying desperately to get as recent as sixty days in its bills. It's been as long as six months. So I believe that it is reasonable. And it is also saying that it should be at a fifty-dollar level before it automatically has to send out a check. Whether it's the greatest or not, I don't think is the issue. The question is, are we going to have a reasonable method of automatic prompt pay; a reasonable penalty to the State to cause it to pay its vendors; and when it does not, then not having to make these vendors jump through hoops in an attempt to get interest on the money that they have borrowed to the State by not having been paid. I would, therefore, urge that we accept the Governor's recommendation for change.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has moved to accept the Governor's specific recommendations with respect to Senate Bill 1588. Discussion? Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. A question of the sponsor,



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please.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Sponsor indicates he will yield, Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Senator, you mentioned in your discussion, hospitals, nursing homes. I'm -- I'm under the impression that Medicaid providers are no longer part of this particular Prompt Pay Act. Is that correct?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

It's my understanding -- what I was referring to, Senator Watson, is the fact that they wish they were at sixty days, and have been nowhere near that. I'm not sure what the Governor did with that Section.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

It's my impression that Medicaid providers are no longer a part of this. So I just don't want Senators going back to their district telling them what a great thing they've done for the pharmacists and the dentists and all the people out there providing a service to the less fortunate, in the fact that we've passed a Prompt Payment Act. That's just simply not the case in this regard, I don't believe.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

You're correct.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. If there's no further discussion, the question is, shall the Senate accept the specific recommendations of the

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Governor as to Senate Bill 1588, in the manner and form just stated by Senator Carroll. 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? All voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, 1 Nay, none voting Present. The specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1588, having received the required constitutional majority vote of Senators elected, are declared accepted. Senator Leverenz, on 1667. Madam Secretary, read the motion, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1667, in manner and form as follows:

Amendment to Senate Bill 1667

in Acceptance of Governor's Recommendations

Filed by Senator Leverenz.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Leverenz.

SENATOR LEVERENZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. The modification made by the Governor on the back wage claim portion of the Act to permit the use of lapsed personal services appropriations of an incurring agency to be used to satisfy the back wage claims is it. Answer any questions that you might have, and move to accept the recommendation of the Governor.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has moved to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1667. Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1677 <sic> (1667), in the manner and form just stated by Senator Leverenz. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. And

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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 55 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. The specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1667, having received the required constitutional majority vote of Senators elected, are declared accepted. 1695. Senator Rea. Madam Secretary, read the motion, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1695, in manner and form as follows:

Amendment to Senate Bill 1695

in Acceptance of Governor's Recommendations

Filed by Senator Rea.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Rea.

SENATOR REA:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 1695, with amendatory veto, clarifies and takes out some duplication, which makes the language more clear in terms of definition of participant, and I would move to accept the amendatory veto of the Governor on Senate Bill 1695.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has moved acceptance of the specific recommendations of the Governor with respect to Senate Bill 1695. Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1695, in the manner and form just stated by Senator Rea. 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 57 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. The specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1695,

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having received the required constitutional majority vote of Senators elected, are declared accepted. 1939. Senator Demuzio. Madam Secretary, read the motion, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1939, in manner and form as follows:

Amendment to Senate Bill 1939

in Acceptance of Governor's Recommendations

Filed by Senator Demuzio.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 1939 was the bill that dealt with the Auditor General's Office, that created the Audit Expense Fund. Apparently there were some technical changes that were requested by the Governor, and it's my understanding that the Governor and the Auditor General have come to an agreement, and that these, in fact, are -- this is agreed-to language. Apparently the Governor changed that the State and Federal Trust Funds, including the retirement funds, are no longer subject to the bill's automatic transfer provisions. The Auditor General would be directed to notify the Bureau of the Budget by December the 1st of each year, of the projected transfer amounts of each fund, in order to help the -- and facilitate the Bureau of the Budget's budget preparation, and that - third - that the Auditor General would reconcile the projected transfer amounts with the actual incurred cost at the end of the future fiscal years, and return any excess to each fund from which it originally came. Again, I know of no opposition, and that the changes have, in fact, been agreed to by the Governor's Office and the Auditor General.

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All right. The Gentleman has moved to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor with respect to Senate Bill 1939. Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1939, in the manner and form just stated by Senator Demuzio. 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 57 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. The specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1939, having received the required constitutional majority vote of Senators elected, are declared accepted. 1988. Senator Berman. Madam Secretary, read the motion, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1988, in manner and form as follows:

Amendment to Senate Bill 1988

in Acceptance of Governor's Recommendations

Filed by Senator Berman.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 1988 specified certain powers that could be exercised by consolidated school districts between the time of the consolidation vote and the approval -- the subsequent election of board members. We didn't properly draft this to include all of the affected school districts. That's what the Governor's amendatory veto does. I move the adoption of the amendatory veto language.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has moved to accept the specific

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recommendations of the Governor with respect to Senate Bill 1988. Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1988, in the manner and form just stated by Senator Berman. 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, the Ayes are 56, the Nays are none, none voting Present. The specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1988, having received the required constitutional majority vote of Senators elected, are declared accepted. Top of page 27. Senator del Valle. Madam Secretary, there's a motion filed with respect to Senate Bill 1992. Read the motion, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1992, in manner and form as follows:

Amendment to Senate Bill 1992

in Acceptance of Governor's Recommendations

Filed by Senator del Valle.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator del Valle.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1992 increases the maximum daily compensation of election judges, and permits homeless persons to register to vote. The Governor's changes included deleting the requirement that county clerks appoint directors of homeless shelters as deputy registrars; and requires that election authorities canvass homeless voters prior to elections; and the final change was it allows election authorities to enact reasonable rules regarding the registration of homeless persons. I move to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor.

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PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Governor has -- I mean, the Gentleman has moved to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor with respect to Senate Bill 1992. Discussion? Senator Dudycz.

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. The Governor's actions fall far short of adequately guarding against fraud in -- in this bill. Requiring a canvass of registered homeless voters is unrealistic. By giving local election officials the authority to make their own rules regarding the registration of homeless voters could result in one hundred and eleven different systems throughout the State, while there is only one system for registering all other voters in the State of Illinois. In addition, the Governor failed to address the problem of homeless persons voting from several different post office boxes, and the problem of verifying if a homeless person is abiding by the State's residency requirements. Senate Bill 1992 remains too vague and ripe for fraud, even with the Governor's changes, and for those reasons, we remain opposed to this motion and the bill.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Any further discussion? Further discussion? Senator del Valle, you wish to close?

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I think the Governor's changes did address the concerns regarding possible vote fraud, and I would urge the Members to support this Motion to Accept the Governor's Changes.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The question is, shall the Senate accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1992, in the manner and form just stated by Senator del Valle. Those in

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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? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 30 Ayes, 22 Nays, 1 voting Present. The specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1992, having received the required constitutional majority vote of Senators elected, are declared accepted. Senator Dudycz, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

To verify the affirmative vote.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Gentleman has requested a verification. That request is in order. Senator Dudycz has requested a verification. Will the Members please be in their seats. Madam Secretary, please read the affirmative roll.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

The following Members voted in the affirmative: Barkhausen, Berman, Brookins, Carroll, Collins, Cullerton, Dart, del Valle, Demuzio, Di Turi, Thomas Dunn, Hall, Holmberg, Jacobs, Jones, Joyce, Kelly, Lechowicz, Leverenz, Luft, Marovitz, Munizzi, O'Daniel, Palmer, Rea, Savickas, Severns, Smith, Welch and Mr. President.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Dudycz, do you question the presence of any Member?

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Senator Savickas.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Is in his seat.

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Senator Marovitz.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Marovitz on the Floor? Senator Marovitz on the Floor?



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Senator Marovitz on the Floor? Strike his name. Question the presence of any further Member, Senator Dudycz?

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

No.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. On that motion, the roll has been verified. There are 29 Ayes, 22 Nays, 1 voting Present, and the motion fails. Senator Berman, on 2075? Madam Secretary. We're at the top of page 27, Ladies and Gentlemen. There's a motion filed with respect to Senate Bill 2075. Read the motion, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 2075, in manner and form as follows:

Amendment to Senate Bill 2075

in Acceptance of Governor's Recommendations

Filed by Senator Berman.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2075 provides for eight hours of leave time, per school year, to employees of businesses of fifty or more persons for the purpose of attending school conferences regarding their children. Now Senator Karpiel had a similar bill. We both worked on this together. The Governor's amendatory veto -- his language tightens up the provisions. It puts into the bill a number of the assurances that we gave in the 3rd Reading on the Floor. I have no problems with putting them into the bill. It specifies regarding nonpayment of time-and-a-half overtime for these things, and also requires nonwork hours scheduling of the conferences, if possible. I move the adoption of the amendatory veto language.

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All right. The Gentleman has moved to accept the specific recommendations for change with respect to Senate Bill 2075. Discussion? Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Got a question of the sponsor.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Thank you. The Governor's message says that an employee must first exhaust other types of leave before using a school visitation leave. If a State employee wants to visit their student and they have sick leave available, do they have to use sick leave before they -- or vacation leave before they go visit their child?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

That's the Governor's corrections.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Well, this -- then this doesn't make a lot of sense. If an individual has to use up all of their available sick leave or all of their available vacation leave before they can go visit their child in school, it seems to me that this is not going to do much for either the parents or the children that are meant to be visited. I don't know if somebody has a better idea of what the Governor planned on this, but this doesn't sound like much of an idea, which of course, is one of the problems when you legislate from the Second Floor instead of going through a committee hearing, I would say. Thank you.

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Further discussion? Senator Berman, you wish to close?

SENATOR BERMAN:

This was an important first step. I think what we really wanted to do - and the amendatory language does still do that - was to those employees in Illinois that have no time available to participate in conferences with their children in school, that this would provide that. And that's the main purpose of the bill. It's still accomplished, even with the Governor's changes, and I move to adopt those changes.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Karpel, on this bill? Senator Karpel.

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I just -- I think that your answer -- I'm not sure you were right in answering Senator Welch. I think it doesn't include sick leave and disability leave - only vacation time. I mean, I think you have to use up your vacation time before you can use this, but not your sick leave. I think your staff member is agreeing with me, so I just wanted to clear that up.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Further discussion? Further discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 2075, in the manner and form just stated by Senator Berman. 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? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. The specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 2075, having received the required constitutional majority vote of Senators elected, are declared accepted. Motions in Writing to Override Specific Recommendations. Senate Bill 1769. Senator

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Jones. No. Resolutions, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolutions 1612 through 1622, all offered by Senator Topinka.

They're all congratulatory and death resolutions.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Consent Calendar. ...(machine cutoff)...have your attention. KWOC from Davenport, Iowa, has also requested permission to shoot some videotape. Without objection, leave is granted. ...(machine cutoff)...further business to come before the Senate? Further business to come before the Senate? We'll get to that one; they're not ready over there. Ladies and Gentlemen, we will be adjourning the -- the Session until twelve-thirty tomorrow. The reason being, there's a request from the Secretary of State. There will be a dedication ceremony commencing at eleven-thirty. The Secretary of State is dedicating the - pursuant to our instruction - dedicating the Centennial Building in honor of Michael J. Howlett. I am sure all here are cordially invited or will be cordially invited by the Secretary of State, but he has asked the Speaker and I to delay the Session, so that Members can attend the dedication. So we will adjourn the Regular Session until twelve-thirty tomorrow afternoon. Wednesday, November 18th, twelve-thirty. If there is no further business, Senator Demuzio would move that the Senate stand adjourned until Wednesday, November 18th, at the hour of twelve-thirty. And all of you who have motions with respect to gubernatorial messages, please get them filed. Senate stands adjourned. We will commence the Special Session - which should only take a very few minutes - in just a couple of minutes. Just let the machine rewind itself.

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