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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 89th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks, and will our guests in the galleries please rise. Our prayer today will be given by the Reverend David Baker, Ashland United Methodist Church, Ashland, Illinois. Reverend Baker.

THE REVEREND DAVID BAKER:

(Prayer by the Reverend David Baker)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will you please all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Senate recites the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journals of Tuesday, January 31st and Wednesday, February 1st, in the year 1995, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journals.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objection, so ordered. The AP has requested to take photographs. Is any objections? Leave is granted. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Madigan, Chair of the Committee on Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities, reports Senate Bills 95, 101, 102, 103, 104 and 115 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 58, 99 and 100 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Karpel, Chair of the Committee on Executive, reports

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Senate Bill 41 Do Pass; Senate Bills 55 and 66 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Resolution 14 Be Adopted, and Senate Joint Resolution 1 Be Adopted.

Senator Mahar, Chair of the Committee on Environment and Energy, reports Senate Bill 84 Do Pass; and Senate Resolution 10 Be Adopted, as Amended.

Senator Raica, Chair of the Committee on Public Health and Welfare, reports Senate Bills 86 and 116 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 10 Do Pass, as Amended.

And Senator Peterson, Chair of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Bills 62, 87, 133 and 134 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 1 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY HARRY:

...Bill 262, offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 263, offered by Senators Ralph Dunn and Hasara.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 264, by Senator Fawell.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 265, by Senators Garcia and del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 266, by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator DeAngelis offers Senate Bill 267.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 268, by Senator Tom Dunn.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 269, Senator Geo-Karis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 270 is offered by Senator Geo-Karis.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 271, by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 272, by Senator Raica.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 273, offered by Senator Berman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 274, by Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports that the following Legislative Measures have been assigned to Committees: referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation - Senate Bills 233, 234 and 240; to the Committee on Commerce and Industry - Senate Bills 245, 246, 255 and 257; to the Committee on Education - Senate Bill 261; to the Committee on Environment and Energy - Senate Bills 231, 232 and 259; to the Committee on Executive - Senate Bills 247 and 253; to the Committee on Higher Education - Senate Bill 258; to the Committee on Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities - Senate Bills 248, 251, 252 and 260; to the Committee on Judiciary - Senate Bills 235 and 239; to the Committee on Local Government and Elections - Senate Bills 254 and 256; to the Committee on Public Health and Welfare - Senate Bill 236; to the Committee on Revenue - Senate Bills 238, 243, 244, 249 and 250; to the Committee on Transportation - Senate Bill 237; and Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 79.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Sieben, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR SIEBEN:

Thank you, Mr. President. A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

I'd like to inform the Members of the Body on both sides of the aisle that Senator Bill Peterson...

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

May we have some order, please. Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

Like to inform the Members on both sides of the aisle that Senator Peterson - Bill Peterson - my office mate here and seatmate right in front of me is celebrating his birthday today, and he has some delicious cookies to share with the Members down on the Republican side of the Assembly here. So, Bill Peterson, happy birthday.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Sieben, you forgot to tell us how old he is. Or are -- is he thirty-nine again?

SENATOR SIEBEN:

It's my understanding that if you check -- if you check the Blue Book, you'll find that Senator Peterson does not disclose his age in the Blue Book, but after a lot of discussion, we find out that he's fifty-nine years old and holding.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Thank you. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 19, offered by Senator Raica.

Senate Joint Resolution 13, Constitutional Amendment, offered by Senator Bowles.

And Senate Joint Resolution 14, offered by Senator Carroll. They're all substantive, Mr. President.

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Trotter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senate Bill 236, which was just assigned to the Human and Health Services <sic> Committee, I would like this opportunity now to have it tabled. There's another bill with similar language in it.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Trotter, what was the bill number again?

SENATOR TROTTER:

236.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

236. Is there leave to have Senator Trotter table Senate Bill 236? Leave is granted. Bill is tabled. Senator Berman, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BERMAN:

Mr. President, that I had a question regarding the interpretation of the memorandum that was distributed yesterday by the Senate chairpersons of the committees. Can I address that to you or...

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

If we could have some -- some peace and quiet. If everybody could settle down a little bit. Senator Berman, don't feel bad; I didn't see the memo either. And I've been led to believe by very able staff that all it is is trying to suggest to Members how they would move along with their bills on the Calendar in committee. So, you know, hopefully it will help the -- the -- the Membership. Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Mr. President, I couldn't hear you. Try it again.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

I will try it once again, Senator Berman. I, like you, did

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not see the memo, but I understand the memo just outlines how Members should move along their bills and what procedures they should use. It's just an informational memo to make some suggestions to Membership. So, take it for what it's worth, Art. Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Well, let me -- let me just indicate -- again if we could have a little attention. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Could we please have a little order. Thank you. Arthur?

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'm addressing the memorandum that was distributed to all the Members of the Senate yesterday from the chairpersons of our Senate committees. And the question that I had was that in paragraph one it says: Once posted, a legislative measure will be automatically re-posted for subsequent committee meetings, unless the committee has already reported the measure to the Senate or the applicable committee reporting deadline has passed. My question, Mr. President, or to any of the Members, is, does that mean that if -- if there is a bill number 123 and it was posted for today in committee X, and it wasn't called for a vote in committee X today, will we see Senate Bill 123 posted on the posting notice every week thereafter, or if it's not posted, will it not be called? That's my question.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I can't speak for everyone, but -- but our interpretation in the Judiciary Committee is that if -- if the sponsor doesn't wish it called and it's not called for a vote this week, we -- we are re-posting it for the following week.

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Will it appear on your posting?

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Yes.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Berman, we're just trying to help you save your bills.

Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

I'll take you at your word, Mr. President. What -- then -- then we understand that unless a bill is, in fact, posted, it won't be heard. That's -- that's the point I'm getting to.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

That's correct.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Berman, for I hope the -- last and final time.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank -- well, I want to expand my comments, Mr. President, if I might. And I thank -- thank you, Senator Hawkinson, for that. And I -- and I would -- let me just say that I would like to hear from any chairperson if that's not the way they're going to run their committee, and if I don't hear from any chairmen, I guess that's what we will all understand. If it's not posted, it won't be heard. If a sponsor wants a bill posted, he should ask the -- the -- the chairperson, and it will be posted. But on a related subject, Mr. President, if I might. Two years ago, when you, Mr. President, were installed as the President of this Senate, you

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indicated that no longer would Members have complicated legislation dropped on our desks with <sic> any time to review or analyze that legislation before voting was taking place. However, let me share with you what I have seen in the past two days that causes me -- three days, which causes me great concern. On Tuesday exactly one hour before the Education Committee met, on Tuesday, three substantial amendments on the way we educate our children in this State was delivered to the Minority Spokesman's desk. Aggravating that one-hour notice, no amendments were made available prior to the meeting to the public, and that's borne out by a letter dated today which I have from the Chicago Region PTA addressed to you, Senate President Philip, where they're complaining that they didn't see these amendments before they were considered by the committee. Today the Welfare Committee voted on fundamental changes to the welfare system; yet, those proposals were not available to Democratic staff until after midnight last night, and the public, therefore, did not have an opportunity to review these proposals until they were considered this morning in the committee. Today, also, the Revenue Committee voted on the expansion of tax caps into Cook County; yet, the amendments to the Senate shell bill were not available to staff until yesterday. And I thought it was very interesting when the Chair of the committee, to his credit, made available copies of the key amendment regarding tax caps in Cook County - they put out about two dozen or so copies on the front desk after the committee meeting had started - and the Chairman extended -- told the -- the audience of about a hundred people, I would estimate, that copies were then available - then available. I wish I had a camera, because about seventy-five of those hundred people rushed up to see, for the first time, the amendment that deals with tax caps in Cook County. Now, shame on us. Yesterday we dealt with the memorandum, and I just had a clarification on that regarding the



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chairmen and how they're going to operate from this point forward. But Mr. President and Members of the Majority side of the aisle, let's be realistic, let's be practical, and let's be courteous. You've got the votes. Regardless of what you hear from the public, regardless of what you hear from the Democrats, you've got the votes to do what you want. But let's not corrupt or -- or compromise the integrity of this Body by failing to make available to the public, with reasonable amount of time - and I don't mean one hour - some of the crucial issues that are going to be decided by this Body. I sent a letter to the President a week ago to which I've gotten no response. I sent letters to the respective sponsors of bills in the Education Committee, one of which I got a response to, saying that she had not seen the amendment yet, would make it available. That was made available an hour before the committee. That's not good government. It's not fair government. Ladies and Gentlemen, the committee system for the last two years was, I admit and I compliment the President, an improvement on the prior process, but the process that we have seen in the last three days is a dramatic multiple steps backward. Let's share these amendments with the public, share them with us at least several days - I would hope six days - before the public is asked to vote on them. Even if they're duplicates of previous bills, until they are seen in the proper form, nobody knows that. So, Mr. President and Members of the Majority Party, I solicit your cooperation to make our actions available to the public. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

What purpose does Senator Fawell arise?

SENATOR FAWELL:

Thank you, Mr. President. You know, I guess maybe I'm starting to get Alzheimer's, but it seems to me I kind of remember a couple years ago when amendments were brought to us about a

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quarter to twelve on June 30th that were three hundred and fifty and four hundred pages long, and there'd be three or four of them piled up on my desk when -- and -- and even if I've taken a speed reading course, I don't believe I could have ever gotten through those by the time the vote came up five or ten minutes later. So I'm not sure that that particular problem exists any more. I think we have done our best to improve the situation. Obviously there were some problems at the last minute on what could be agreed to in some of these amendments, but, boy, if this isn't the pot calling the kettle black, I'll -- I'll eat my hat.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

For what purpose does Senator Collins arise?

SENATOR COLLINS:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. And -- and I know that what I have to say probably won't have any impact, because Senator Berman has already said it. And -- and let me just respond to -- first to Senator Fawell, because I have heard that same issue raised time and time again as to how the Democrats in previous years dealt with those amendments. And let me be the first to say I concur with you. I was opposed to the Democrats doing that. And I am opposed to Republicans doing it now. But even that, you have taken it even to a -- to -- to a farther extreme. It is wrong for the Democrats to do it, to not allow the -- the other Members to participate and to have an opportunity to -- to -- to hear and have input into decisions - legislative decisions - of this Body, because that's what we're all elected to do. But the real problem here, added to what Senator Berman has said, that the reality of -- of this whole thing is the way your rules operate. This side of the aisle could stay at home. There is no reason - and listen to this - there is no reason, the way you operate, for the Democrats to be sitting here drawing a salary, because we have no input. Your amendment process -- first of all, you have locked up

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all of the bills in the Rules Committee. You refuse to allow us to introduce our own issues. We have ideas on welfare reform. And you can't say we don't, because the welfare reform package you have now includes about three of my bills - issues that I brought up that you've changed and made more punitive. And you refuse to let us amend the bills, and you're saying that only one welfare reform bill will come out of your committee. Now that says to me that you have totally negated our legal responsibility for representative government of our district. And that is not fair, and it cuts to the Constitution, I think, and the heart of what this side is all about. You got the votes, as Senator Berman said. You can pass out of here what you want, but you have no right - no right - to cut us totally out of the process, and that's what you're doing.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

For what purpose does Senator Dudycz arise?

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I appreciate and I sympathize with the comments given by Senator Berman and Senator Collins. Those comments are especially noted by myself since I, as the sponsor of Senate Bill No. 1 - the tax cap bill - offered Senate Amendment No. 1, and as a matter of fact, Senator Berman sponsored Committee Amendment No. 2, 3, 4 and 5, which was first seen by myself, as the sponsor of the bill, and the Chairman of the committee when we appeared and were hearing testimony on Committee Amendment No. 1. And when I spoke with our staff person, she didn't get a copy of their amendment until sometime this morning. So, you know, what's good enough for the goose is good enough for the gander, Senator. But for you to say that we're not being fair because we're not giving you due notice of our amendments, I think you should look upon yourself also as -- as doing exactly the same thing.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

For what purpose does Senator Karpziel arise?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to say -- reiterate what I did say in the Education Committee. When I received a letter from Art -- from Senator Berman regarding the contents of the bills we were going to be hearing the next week, I did write him and tell him that the contents of the bill is -- were the same as in Senate Bill 22, which I introduced in November and has been sitting there since November. I told him there's a slight change and basically what the change was. The other two provisions that we finally put in the bill were bills that we had passed last year: the Chicago learning zones and financial flexibility for school districts. That was nothing new. And to follow up on what Senator Dudycz just said, he then -- Senator Berman had, I believe, five amendments to that bill in committee that day, which I did not see before the beginning of committee. So, you know -- and the same thing with the charter school bill. That was nothing new. So I think, you know, will -- the criticism is well taken for the future, but I really think it's -- this is a little overblown.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

For what purpose does Senator Raica arise?

SENATOR RAICA:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just in defense of committee Members from Public Health. This morning the hearing was held regarding Senate Bill -- or, Senate Bill 10 amended, introduced by Senator Watson and committee Members. The committee was held in a very professional manner. The Democrats asked and offered their opinion to the welfare matter at hand. At no time were amendments offered by the Democratic Party regarding welfare reform. And Senator Collins makes it seem that the Chair and Republicans

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refused to accept any amendments, and I want the records to effect no amendments regarding welfare reform were offered. The Democrats asked Senator Watson and witnesses numerous questions. Senator Trotter asked if people who came from out of town would be allowed to speak. They were courteously -- they -- every courtesy was allowed to everyone who wanted to speak this morning in committee. And, Senator Collins, if -- if you wanted to be at that committee hearing and offer your professionalism toward that matter, you would have been more than welcome, but you were not there at committee this morning. Not that you are a Member, but you were not there. So to cast aspersions that we did not allow amendments is -- is totally inappropriate at this point in time. And I must comment that Democrats and Republicans both acted in a very professional manner.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

For what purpose does Senator Berman arise for a second time?

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. My name was mentioned and I want to respond. Senator Fawell, I said in my comments that the previous operation under Democratic majority in this Body left a lot to be desired, and I complimented Senator Philip and quoted his comments with the new structure of the committee system. And I've said publicly and privately to Senator Philip that it works better now than it did before. The fact that we did it wrongly then does not give you an excuse to do it wrongly now. As to the comments from others, let me tell you, the fact that you've put an amendment on of a bill that was duplicate of something that was previously filed is not the issue. We didn't know what you were filing. And, Senator Dudycz, on Senate Bill 1, when I saw your Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1 is when I was able to prepare my amendments. Your staff had it an hour after I saw your amendment yesterday. Yesterday. So I shortchanged you by one hour. You

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still had it for twenty-three hours. Ladies and Gentlemen, let's not argue about hours. Let's give the public, not just the minority, let's give the public the information on what we are going to consider. That's my point. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

For what purpose Senator DeAngelis arise?

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

Well, thank you, Mr. President. As I am sitting here listening to this, it reminds me of an old Italian story they tell about the two Italian women that meet on the street, and the first one says, "Josephine, how's your son -- how's your daughter doing?" She says, "Oh, wonderful. Her husband buys her new clothes all the time. She drives a big car and they go out and eat all the time. How's your -- how's your son doing, Philomena? Terrible. His wife wants new clothes. She wants a new car and she wants to go out and eat all the time." Now, I think what's happening here is in the eyes of the beholder. I would submit to you the criticism is quite unjustified, but if it has some merit, it is only because we were taught by the very people who are making the criticism right now.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

For what purpose Senator Collins seek recognition for a second time? Turn off your light, Senator Collins. Senator Jones, for what purpose do you arise? Senator...

SENATOR JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President. In response to some of the remarks, and I recall we discussed this matter as Senator Berman has sent a letter to the President requesting that if a major issue of -- of such importance is going to be held in committee when you have a shell bill, going to bring an amendment in, that the public should have an opportunity - be they travel from the northern portion of this State, or the far southern portion of

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this State - enough notice so that those persons would be able to travel to Springfield to testify. There has been talk in the Chamber about what happened two years ago, well we say we are improving. We are not improving. We are only kidding ourselves. I know the Members on this side of the aisle have been instructed that if you want to file an amendment, then you must file that amendment twenty-four hours in advance. However, if you're going to file an amendment to amend an amendment, you must see the other amendment beforehand. Many of these amendments of magnitude are given to our staff one hour before the committee is to be heard. So it makes it impossible - impossible - to have an amendment prepared in proper form. So if we are talking about having the public input, then you would consider these suggestions made by Senator Berman, if you want to be fair. But if you don't want to be fair, let me warn you - let me warn you: There will be times in this Session - in this Session - where you will need the cooperation of the Members on this side of the aisle. I want you to think very seriously about that, because when you come for that cooperation, in order for my Members to be willing to do what we need to do for the orderly fashion of running of government, that cooperation will not be there. And the suggestion made in the letter, if something of such magnitude, be it related to schools, be it related to property tax caps, be it related to tort reform, if you have a shell bill in and you bring the amendment in one hour before that -- that amendment is heard in committee, what you are doing, in effect, is shutting out the public from having input into the process. So you are not improving the process, as many of you purport that you want to do. So again -- and, Senator Dudycz, you have a nice, watered-down tax bill, but I want that tax bill to include the home rule units in the State of Illinois. I wanted to take care of downstate, as the Governor so indicated, but let's not come through at the last minute with something that

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we are pretending that we are giving the people of the State of Illinois when, in fact, we're just trying to give them more or less a shell game. So the suggestions are a reasonable suggestion. If you want cooperation during the Session, then you would in turn follow the suggestion that was made to the President of this Senate and give us at least a week's notice so we can get proper public input into the major issues that are facing the people of the State of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

For what purpose does Senator Philip arise?

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. And let me say this, Senator Berman, there was certainly no plot or plan to conceal an amendment from anybody. Two things have happened around here. One of them is the Legislative Reference Bureau, at this time of the year, is backed up. Secondly, we've elected a new Speaker. Between the Speaker and the Second Floor, they like to have a little input on what they think we're going to do around here. So, quite frankly, it's slowed us down a little bit. And, of course, these are not new subjects. You know that and I know that. I must remind you, though, and it was two or three years ago, we had the great Chicago school reform, and if I remember correctly, you were the sponsor of that -- that two-hundred-and-fifty-some-page bill. And if you remember, I had a promise from the then President of the Senate to have a look at that bill before we voted on it - to have a synopsis. But you know what happened? They popped that out -- popped it on our desks. It was two hundred and sixty-some pages long. We never had a synopsis. We never had any idea what was in that bill. We continually used to do that with conference committee reports. The last night of the General Assembly, two or three o'clock in the morning, the President would come over to me, "Well, this is



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the Christmas tree conference committee. It's got about everything on it in the world. If we don't vote on it and don't pass it, we're going to be here another three or four days." And we held our nose and voted for it and hoped that the Second Floor would amendatorily veto out those things that we should have never voted for in the first place. So I think things have improved around here. We're not trying to be funny or cute. We want everything in the open. The system has worked well, and I say there's just some unusual factors that have happened, and I assure you it's not going to happen again.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Yeah. I -- I'm sorry. And I might mention on -- on the committee situation, I'm assuming that most of the chairmans of the committees will automatically re-post if nobody comes to hear their bills, but I'm not sure that they'll all do that. So my suggestion to you, as a sponsor of the bill, to check with the chairman of that committee. We certainly have recommended that. We have suggested that. But sometimes people do their own things.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

2nd Reading. On page 2 of your Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading. I would advise the Membership to be prepared to start working their bills on the Order of the Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Move 'em on. Mr. Secretary. Senate Bill 4, on page -- top of page 2. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 4.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Judiciary adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

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Have there been any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 17. Senator Cronin? Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 17.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Education adopted Amendments 1 and 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 19. Senator O'Malley. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary. For what purpose does Senator Berman arise?

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. Senator O'Malley, there have been -- there were amendments that were discussed; there were amendments that were offered and rejected, and there has been another amendment filed. Is this bill going to be recalled to 2nd Reading so amendments that we have discussed will be put on before this bill moves out of the Senate?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator O'Malley.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Senator Berman, I -- I fully intend to take it back so that we can add any amendments that may come out of committee. Otherwise that's not my intention, but I -- I'm hopeful that we will do

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that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Any further discussion? Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

All right. Just so -- and I -- I don't want to repeat this same conversation, but the sponsor of the next bill has -- has also indicated this to me. We have filed some amendments. There are -- there is good faith discussions going on regarding some amendments, so I presume that they will have an opportunity to go to committee and we can see what we can do to address our concerns, and they just won't be zipped out of here. And I appreciate those responses by Senator O'Malley and the same kind of response has been told to me one-on-one by Senator Karpiel for the next bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 19.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Education adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 22. Senator Karpiel? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 22.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Education adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 25. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 25.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 28. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 28.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 42. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 42.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Transportation adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 50. Senator Maitland. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 50.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 51. Senator Watson. Senator Watson on the Floor? Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 51.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 52. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 52.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Geo-Karis, Senate Bill 70? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 70.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 75. Senator Butler. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 75.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Local Government and Elections adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Peterson, on 77? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 77.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 78. Senator Rauschenberger? Out of the record. 79. Senator Fitzgerald? Out of the record. Senator Fawell, on Senate Bill 97? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 97.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. That concludes 2nd Readings. Mr. Secretary? We will proceed to the Order of Resolutions Consent Calendars. With leave of the Body, all of those read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, has there been any objection filed to any resolution on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No objections have been filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent

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Calendar be adopted. All of those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The motion carries, and the resolutions are adopted. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution 16, offered by Senator Dudycz.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 16)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Dudycz moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 16. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The resolution's adopted. The rules are suspended. Senator -- Dudycz has moved the adopted of Senate Joint Resolution 16. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution's adopted. Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution 15, offered by Senators Palmer, Berman and Shadid.

It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Introduction of Bills.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 275, offered by Senator Karpziel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 276, offered by Senators Mahar, Farley, Maitland, Trotter and Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 277, offered by Senator Shaw.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 278, offered by Senator Shaw.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 279, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 280, offered by Senator Sieben.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 281, offered by Senator Woodyard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 282, offered by Senators DeAngelis, Molaro and Dudycz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 283, offered by Senator Hendon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill 284, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there any further business to come before the Senate. If not, pursuant to the adjournment resolution, the Senate will stand adjourned until noon, Tuesday, February the 7th, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon. The Senate stands adjourned.



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