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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 Jon Berg, Lutheran Church, Springfield, Illinois. Reverend Berg.

THE REVEREND JON BERG:

(Prayer by the Reverend Jon Berg)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Sieben will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, February 27th, 1996.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Mr. President, I move that the Journal just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler moves to approve the Journal just read. There being no objection, so ordered. Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journal of Wednesday, February -- 28th, in the year 1996, be -- be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcript.

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There being no objection, so ordered. Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

A Message from the House by Mr. McLennand, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed a bill of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 2665.

We have a like Message on House Bills 2564, 2631, 2703, 2720, 2796, 2861 and 2916.

All passed the House, February 28th, 1996.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeANGELIS)

Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Madigan, Chair of the Committee on Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities, reports Senate Bills 1820 and 1917 Do Pass; House Bills 32 and 2349, the First Conference Committee Report, Be Approved for Consideration.

Senator Karpziel, Chair of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Bills 1319, 1522, 1761, 1766, 1783 and 1902 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 1338 and 1494 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Amendment No. 4 to House Bill 2251 Be Adopted.

Senator Mahar, Chair of the Committee on Environment and Energy, reports Senate Bills 1360, 1391, 1408, 1504 and 1681 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 1811 Do Pass, as Amended.

And Senator Peterson, Chair of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Bills 1258, 1361 and 1772 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 1264 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeANGELIS)

Messages from the House. House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2564, offered by Senator Jones.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2658, by Senator Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2703, by Senator O'Daniel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2720 is offered by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senator Hawkinson offers House Bill 2861.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeANGELIS)

...is the intent of the Chair to proceed to the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading. We are now on the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading. I would like to advise the Members of the Body that we will proceed a little more slowly because we want to get the material on your machines. And at the present time, we have to wait a little bit between each bill, so please bear with us. On the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1246. Senator Madigan? Take it out of the record, Mr. Secretary. On the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1357. Senator Dudycz. Senator Dudycz, do you wish this bill called? Take it out of the record, Mr. Secretary. On the Order of 2nd {sic} Bills 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1381. Senator Sieben. Take it out of the record. On the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1388. Senator Geo-Karis. Take it out of the record. On the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1394. Senator Luechtefeld. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1394.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeANGELIS)

3rd Reading. ...Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1403. Senator Klemm. Senator Klemm. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1403.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeANGELIS)

3rd Reading. On the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1404. Senator Klemm. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1404.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeANGELIS)

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

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeANGELIS)

3rd Reading. On the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1465. Senator Dillard. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1465.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeANGELIS)

3rd Reading. On the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading is

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Senate Bill 1594. Senator Parker, do you wish the bill read?  
Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1594.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeANGELIS)

3rd Reading. On the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading is  
Senate Bill 1759. Senator Philip, do you wish the bill read?  
Senator Philip, do you wish the bill read? Please read the bill,  
Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1759.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeANGELIS)

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

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeANGELIS)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bills, is  
Senate Bill 1883. Senator Rauschenberger, do you wish the bill  
called? Take it out of the record, Mr. Secretary.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill -- 1385. Senator  
Sieben. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1385.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on State Government

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Operations adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

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

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. We're on page 2, 2nd -- Order of 2nd Reading. Senate Bill 1402. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1402.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Page 4, at the top of page 4, under House Bills 3rd Reading, we have House Bill 2251. Senator DeAngelis, do you wish this bill returned to 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment? The Senator wishes that, and the Senator seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill -- pardon me, House Bill 2251 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 2251. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator DeAngelis.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator DeAngelis, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Amendment No. 4 to House Bill 2251 is a product of much negotiations and conversation regarding the Comptroller's Office and the Illinois Senate. And

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what it does - it does several things - one, it creates a special fund in the State Treasury to be named the Comptroller's Administrative Fund; secondly, eliminates the Comptroller's Merit Advisory Board, which never meets anyhow; three, establishes a statutory definition of reappropriation; number four, it reduces the lapse period; number five, it creates a Debt Collection Board. And I think most of you have received this explanation on your desks, but I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration, Mr. Secretary?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Resolutions, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 167, offered by Senator Parker and all Members, as is Senate Resolution 168.

Senate Resolution 169, by Senator Palmer and all Members. They're all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HARRY:

And Senate Resolution 170, offered by Senator Cullerton. It's substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

...now proceed to the Order of Resolutions Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all of those read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, have there been any objections filed to any resolution on the Consent Calendar?

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SECRETARY HARRY:

No objections have been filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the resolutions are adopted. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution 81, offered by Senator Weaver.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 81)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

...Weaver moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of an immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 81. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Weaver has moved for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 81. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Referred to the Committee on Education - Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 226; referred to the Committee on Executive - Senate Bills 1486 and 1645; to the Committee on Financial Institutions - Senate Bills 1648 {sic} and 1688; to the Committee on Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities - Senate Bill 1456; to the Committee on Judiciary - Senate Bills 1320, 1911 and 1912; re-referred from the Judiciary Committee to the Committee on Rules - Senate Bill 1604; referred to the Committee on Local Government and Elections - Senate Bills 1416, 1420, 1516, 1604 and 1887; to the Committee on Public Health and Welfare - Senate Bill 1326; to the Committee on Revenue - Senate Bills 1254, 1564 and 1634 {sic}; and Be Approved



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for Consideration - Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1251 and House Bills 115 and 226.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Cronin, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CRONIN:

For -- for purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Proceed.

SENATOR CRONIN:

The Senate Education Committee shall convene in one hour to consider the Amendment to Senate Bill 19, the charter schools bill. We'll convene in one hour in Room 400 - Room 400. Not A-1, Room 400, in one hour, at 12:45. Thank you. House Bill 226. Sorry about that. House Bill 226, one hour in Room 400. And Senator DeLeo is invited to join us.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Mr. President, for the edification of the Members on the schedule, is it -- is it our understanding that we're going to go to the Education Committee, that you'll probably recess to keep the Session open, but in effect our -- our business on the Floor is, in effect, over for the day? Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

...are ready to respond, Senator Demuzio. Senator Berman, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BERMAN:

I've discussed the announced meeting of the Education Committee with Senator Cronin, the Chairman of the Committee. And in order to accommodate all of the Senators, I would move that the posting requirement of one hour on -- for this Committee today - of the Education Committee - be waived.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

That motion is in order, Senator, and that's our intention as soon as we identify the proper rule. Senator Berman moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the Education posting hearing, the one-hour posting, which is identified as 3-8(b) in our rules. Those in favor say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Cronin, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CRONIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. In light of the motion and the ruling from the Chair, the Senate Education Committee shall meet immediately in Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

The Senate Education Committee will meet immediately in Room 400. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Are we -- are we then going to recess and then -- are we going to have any other action on the -- on the Floor today, or are we -- in effect, are we -- are we finished?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

We -- in effect, we are finished. We will keep the -- the Chair open at the -- for the -- at the call of the Chair, we will keep it open so we can read in the report from the committee. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

You're welcome.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

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We will be recessing to the call of the Chair, and everyone -- noting that the adjournment resolution has us coming back at 12:30 on Tuesday. So we will recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

...will now come to order. Committee Reports, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Cronin, Chair of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 226 Be Adopted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Is -- is there any further business? Hearing none, this Assembly will be adjourned until Tuesday, the -- the 5th of March, 1996, at 12:30 noon {sic}. So good-bye to everyone. Have a nice weekend.

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