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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 Andreasen, Faith Assembly of God Church, Lincoln, Illinois. Reverend Andreasen.

THE REVEREND DAVID ANDREASEN:

(Prayer by the Reverend David Andreasen)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Wednesday, March 27th and Thursday, March 28th, 1996.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

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

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler moves to approve the Journals just read. There being no objection, it is so ordered. Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the Governor.

Dear Mr. President - Pursuant to the Authority vested in the Governor by Article V, Section 11 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I hereby file Executive Order No. 3 to

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reorganize the major human service departments in the State of Illinois.

Signed by Governor Edgar, and filed on March 29th, 1996.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the House by Mr. McLennand, Clerk.

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

House Bills 2413, 2518, 2579, 2592, 2617, 2794, 3047, 3395, 3510, 2693 and 3141.

All passed the House, March 28th, 1996.

We have a like Message on House Bills 1014, 2734, 2741, 2800, 2927, 3161, 2621, 2963, 3199 and 3227.

All passed the House, March 29th, 1996.

We have a like Message on House Bill 1249.

Passed the House, April 15th, 1996.

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution 95.

We have a like Message on House Joint Resolution 101.

They're both substantive.

Message from the House by Mr. McLennand, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 1143,

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together with the following amendment which is attached, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Amendment No. 1.

Passed the House, as amended, March 29th, 1996.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1014, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1249, offered by Senator Hawkinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2518, by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2579, by Senator Smith.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Burzynski offers House Bill 2617.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2621, presented by Senator Hawkinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2693, Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2734, Senator Klemm.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Shadid offers House Bill 2741.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2794, presented by Senator Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2927, offered by Senator Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill -- or, 2963, offered by Senators Woodyard and Madigan.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3047, by Senator Hawkinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill -- or, 3141, by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3165, Senator Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3166, by Senator Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3199, by Senator Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Parker offers House Bill 3426.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3510, by Senator Parker.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3520, by Senator Parker.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3548, by Senator Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3662, by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senator Fitzgerald offers House Bill 3670.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

...Mahar, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MAHAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise for two purposes. First of all, a purpose of an announcement. The Senate Environment and Energy Committee, which was scheduled to meet at 3 o'clock today, that meeting has been canceled. And secondly, I would request that we -- that I would move to suspend Senate Joint -- or, I'm

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sorry, Senate Rule No. 4-3(a), dealing with our dress code. I -- till I get this cast off, I can't get my sport coat on, so...

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

I -- I want to know how the other guy looks.

SENATOR MAHAR:

Actually...

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Is leave granted? Leave is granted.

SENATOR MAHAR:

Actually, Mr. President, if I could lose the tie and wear shorts too, it might be more comfortable.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I assume he's -- he's wanting to waive the rule specifically for him. You know, some of the Members over on your side and my side may show up in shorts and whatever. Why don't we just do it for him and not the rest of us?

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Well, I -- I think that's what we've just done. That was his request. The record will so indicate: It is just for Senator Mahar. Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 185, offered by Senator Shaw and all Members.

Senate Resolution 186, offered by Senator Shaw and all Members.

Senate Resolution 187, offered by Senators Geo-Karis, Barkhausen and Peterson.

And Senate Resolution 188, offered by Senators Geo-Karis, Barkhausen and Peterson.

They're all death resolutions.

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Senate...

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Consent Calendar.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 189, offered by Senator del Valle.

And Senate Joint Resolution 88, offered by Senators Fawell and Cullerton.

They are both substantive.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

...could have your attention, the Chair would like to recognize Senator Berman for some comments on the Holocaust. Will you please be in your seats? Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, today, at 11 o'clock, we held a memorial service, as we do each year, as a Holocaust commemoration. And if I could just take a few moments of your time, there are some thoughts that I would like to share with you regarding the Holocaust. The ceremony this morning, as always, is a very moving event. Governor Jim Edgar was present, gave some very meaningful comments. And I thought it was very appropriate, and I have distributed on your desks, a column written by Steve Neal, the political editor of the Chicago Sun-Times, entitled "We Must Never Forget," and I hope you'll take a few minutes to read it at your leisure. It talks about some of the comments that he has received from American soldiers who, fifty-plus years ago, liberated some of the Nazi concentration camps. And he also talks about some of the historical revisionists who try to convince the world that the Holocaust, which resulted in the deaths of six million Jews and millions of non-Jews, never took place. And I thought that you might find Steve Neal's column today of -- of interest. At the Holocaust commemoration at the Old State Capitol today, we heard some

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comments from a lovely, elderly lady. She lived in northern France during the Nazi control of Germany, France, Belgium, other countries. Her name is Katherine Lipner. She told about how, in 1943, she received, from Jewish parents, five young Jewish children - the oldest one was ten years old - because their parents were taken away to the death camps. And she had the love and desire to try to protect these children. So before the parents were taken away to the death camps, five children were given to Mrs. Lipner. And she raised these children. She told of the story of how on one Christmas Eve, she looks out the window and she sees gestapo trucks coming to the area where she was living. And she took her five children and she ran down the street, on Christmas Eve. And it was midnight, and she ran into the church with the five Jewish children and they attended a midnight service on Christmas Eve. And it was because of that service that the gestapo that searched the buildings didn't find these five children. And today, fifty years later, one of those children still, as a nice Jewish boy, every Christmas Eve attends a midnight service in memory of the -- of his brothers and sisters whose -- who lived with Mrs. Lipner and survived because of Mrs. Lipner. Mrs. Lipner, in her closing comments, said, "Thank you for letting me share this with you." She said that for many, many, many years, she would tell no one about what she had done. But she shared that with us, and I know that you will take the same pride that I did in her closing comments. She said, "Thank you for letting me speak. God bless America." Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, to echo the feelings of Senator Berman, and -- I did read Steve Neal's

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column today, and there is a group that thinks that Holocaust never -- never existed. Well, my former husband was at the Camp of Dachau, and he saw the horrors, when he was in the American Army, when they went to liberate the people. And anyone who takes it upon himself to state that they didn't have Nazi death camps and that there was no Holocaust is either deranged or completely forgetful of the fact that they have the right to be here and make whatever statements they want, even though they are so wrong. I salute Senator Berman for that very beautiful story, and I know there are a lot of others like it.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

...Resolutions. Will the Members please be in their seats? Will the staff please retire to the gallery, and will the doormen please secure the doors?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution 89, offered by Senator Jones and all Members.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 89)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Jones moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 89. Those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. The resolution said it all, but I'd just like to add just my own personal views to the -- on this issue. I met with Ron -- Ron Brown about five weeks ago, when he visited the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois - a person who had been here many, many times; one, as the resolution spoke to, was very open, warm. But prior to his getting selected to be the Commerce Secretary, he was on the partisan side, as relate to



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the Chairman of the Democrat National Committee. And listening to all the tributes that have been given him, he -- when the Republican Chairman was suffering from cancer - and died; I recall that he went to his funeral - he went and spoke with him, even though they were opposing individuals. But it was a great loss for Illinois, because prominent CEOs of major corporations from this State was also on that trip, expanding opportunity for business abroad over in Bosnia, as -- as a representative of this nation. So as the Secretary of Commerce, he was attempting to expand opportunities for us here in this country. It's a great loss for America. It's a great loss for this nation, because we lost one who could deal with everyone, be they Democrat, be they Republican, and on the State -- taking care of State business in Bosnia, visiting the troops there at the same time, trying to rebuild that country with the technology of those corporate leaders who were with him on that trip. So it was a great loss. He was a very warm individual. He had been in Illinois many times, and I felt honored to have the opportunity to have known him, and also honored to have my colleagues join in support of this resolution.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Tom Dunn.

SENATOR DUNN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, knew Ron Brown. I think that his parents represented the best in America. His parents owned the finest hotel in Harlem. And true to the American dream, they sought a better life for their child, and they sent him to the finest college -- one of the finest colleges in Connecticut, where he achieved distinction. And you know the rest of the story basically, served in the military. Ron Brown has been to my hometown. I enjoyed a warm relationship with him. In the last convention, he gave my daughter, who was then fifteen, a job as a

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Page on the Podium. And, of course, she had better credentials than I had. She could go anywhere, and so she got to experience something in life that you don't ordinarily get to experience. And every time I would see him thereafter, he'd always describe that grin on her face, because one minute she'd be leading Tom Brokaw somewhere and the next minute she'd be leading somebody else of the same stature. So it's with sadness that we have lost him. He was -- irrespective of politics. There are good people in government on both sides. And irrespective of what the newspapers say about any of us, Ron Brown was a credit to -- to us, to the people who take the time to give a little bit more to their country. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I -- I had the privilege of making a few remarks this past Friday in Chicago at a memorial that was held for Ron Brown, and I shall be brief this morning. But I remember meeting Ron Brown when he was a candidate for the chairmanship of our Party, the national chairmanship, and I can remember there were five at the time. And I remember that they conducted a -- a very serious campaign for the national chairmanship in -- in our Party that year. And I can recall that we came together in Illinois, and I can remember the conversation that we had with Ron Brown indicating that Illinois was going to support his candidacy for the Democratic National Committee. And I had asked one of his opponents at the time, who was a chairman of the State Chairmen's Association from Michigan, and informed him that we would be supporting Ron Brown. Ron Brown -- well, that was enough votes for him to put him over the top to become chairman of our national Party, and I paved a way, I think, for David Wilhelm, who was also

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a member of the Democratic Party staff when I was chairman, at that point. Ron Brown was a interesting fellow. He was a person who would always drop a note if he were nearby. He would always call. And he was one of those persons who, I can say today, was a person who always remembered his friends. He never turned his back on old friends to make new ones. And those things that you have read about him, and the qualifications, and the outpouring of -- of support that has been generated to his family as a result of this -- of this tragedy, I can only say that he will be sadly missed by our Party. He has been -- he will be missed by all of those of us -- in public office, and I offer his -- condolences to -- to all of his family today and I will always have -- he is a special part of our -- our memory, and particularly in our prayers at Sunday at mass. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Jones moves the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 89. All those in favor of this resolution will please rise. The resolution is adopted. Senator Jacobs, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR JACOBS:

Mr. President, request a Democratic Caucus upon adjournment in Senator Emil Jones' Office.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

That request is always in order. If there's any other further business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator moves the -- whoop. Senator Dudycz, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DUDYCYZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. For the information of the Membership, I have some of Mama Dudycz's Easter bread here. You're all welcome to come and try it, with some of her famous -- world-famous beet and horseradish sauce. It's on my desk. Help yourselves. Staff and Members.

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Cronin, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CRONIN:

For purposes of an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Make your announcement.

SENATOR CRONIN:

The Senate Education Committee shall convene at 1:45 sharp. We were going to meet at 1 o'clock, but 1:45 in our usual meeting room, A-1. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Fawell, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR FAWELL:

A question for the other side. I wonder if you could tell me approximately how long that caucus will be, because we, too, have a Transportation Committee scheduled at 1?

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Fawell, I've been informed a half hour to forty-five minutes. If there's no further business to come before the Senate -- Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Then I will call the Senate Transportation Committee for 1:45 in Room 400. 1:45.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Is there any other business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator Weaver moves the Senate stands adjourned until noon, Wednesday, April 17th.

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