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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 90th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? Our prayer today will be given by Pastor Gerry Nichols, First United Methodist Church, Springfield, Illinois. Pastor Nichols.

PASTOR GERRY NICHOLS:

(Prayer by Pastor Gerry Nichols)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Sieben, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Wednesday, January 28th; Thursday, January 29th; and Tuesday, February 10th, 1998.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

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

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler moves to approve the Journals just read. There being no objection, so ordered. Senator Butler, for the second time.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journal of Tuesday, February 17th, in the year 1998, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler moves to postpone the reading and the approval

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of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcripts.
There being no objection, so ordered. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like the record to reflect that Senator Margaret Smith is absent today. I think she's in the hospital, I think. Senator Rea is absent on State business. And Senator Severns is also absent, but I'm also pleased to report that it's my understanding that she'll be going home from the hospital today. So I would like the record to reflect that.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The record will so indicate. ...has been a request from Mr. Squires with the Associated Press to take still photographs in the Body. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the Secretary of State, February 9th, 1998. To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Sir - In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I am forwarding herewith the enclosed Senate bill that is being returned by the Governor with specific recommendations for change.

Senate Bill 9.

Respectfully, George H. Ryan, Secretary of State.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution, Constitutional Amendment, 48, offered by Senator Obama.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that

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the House of Representatives has refused to recede from their Amendment No. 1 to a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 1031.

I am further directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives requests a First Committee of Conference. Action taken by the House, February 2nd, 1998.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Without objection, the Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference committee on those bills just read by the Secretary...

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, 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 2473.

Passed the House, February 4th, 1998.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

...Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1318.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

The bill offered by Senator Geo-Karis.

House Bill 2257, by Senator Geo-Karis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 2473, offered by Senator Myers.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

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

SENATOR BUTLER:

Purpose of announcement.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

State your announcement.

SENATOR BUTLER:

The -- the Finance Committee will meet at 2 p.m. in Room 400. The discussion will be on the Conference Committee Report on -- on Senate Bill 597. 2 o'clock, 400, Finance Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator O'Malley, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

For -- for purposes of announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

There will be a meeting -- there will be a meeting of the Financial Institutions Committee today at 2 o'clock, this afternoon, in Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Thank you, Senator O'Malley. We had that well-covered.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Maitland, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. For the purpose of tabling a bill. I would move to table Senate Bill 1419.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Maitland moves to table Senate Bill 1419. Hearing no objection, leave is granted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that

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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 52.

(Secretary reads HJR No. 52)

Adopted by the House, February 18th, 1998.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Weaver moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of House Joint Resolution 52. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Weaver now has moved for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 52. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. ...following -- if I could have your attention, please. The following Senators have been appointed as a Committee of Five from the Senate to wait upon His Excellency Governor Jim Edgar and invite him to address the Joint Assembly. The Senators are Senators Myers, Walsh, Lauzen, Halvorson and Welch. All Members are encouraged to be in the House at noon for the Governor's address to the Joint Session. And is there any further business to come before the Senate at this time? If not, the Senate will stand in recess until the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senate will now come to order. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

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Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Referred to the Committee on Appropriations - Senate Bill 1252; to the Committee on Education - Senate Bill 1258; to the Committee on Environment and Energy - Senate Bills 1201 -- or, Senate Bill 1201 and House Bill 94; to the Committee on Executive - Senate Bills 1279, 1292 and 1326, and Senate Joint Resolution 42; to the Committee on Judiciary - Senate Bills 1188, 1207, 1215, 1217, 1224 and 1249, and House Bill 1217; to the Committee on Local Government and Elections - Senate Bills 1203, 1208, 1209, 1210 and 1244; to the Committee on Revenue - Senate Bills 1219, 1223, 1291, 1313 and 1316; to the Committee on State Government Operations - Senate Bill 1191; to the Committee on Transportation - Senate Bill 1213 and House Bill 1059; and Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Bill 1195 and House Bill 533.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 151, offered by Senator Clayborne and all Members.

Senate Resolution 152, by Senator Shaw and all Members.

Senate Resolution 153, Senator Shadid and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 154, by Senator Myers and all Members.

They're all death resolutions, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HARRY:

And Senate Resolution 155, offered by Senator Myers.

It's substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Mr. Secretary, have there been any motions filed?

SECRETARY HARRY:

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Yes, Madam President. Senator Radogno has filed a motion with respect to Senate Bill 9.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Mr. -- Mr. Secretary, the Chair requests that these motions be printed on the Calendar. So ordered. Introductions of Bills.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1424, offered by Senators Mahar, Cullerton, Dudycz and Parker.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1425, offered by Senator Hawkinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1426, offered by Senator Bomke.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1427, offered by Senators Radogno and Bomke.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1428, offered by Senator Luechtefeld.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1429, offered by Senators Dudycz, Myers, Bomke, Mahar and Thomas Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1430, offered by Senator Parker.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1431, offered by Senator Hawkinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1432, offered by Senator Hawkinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1433, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1434, offered by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1435, offered by Senators Obama, Smith, Garcia, Rea and Trotter.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1436, offered by Senators Link, Halvorson, Farley and Lawrence Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill -- pardon me, 1437, offered by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1438, offered by Senators Welch and Bowles.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1439, offered by Senator Larry Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1440, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1441, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1442, offered by Senator Halvorson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1443, offered by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1444, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1445, offered by Senator Dudycz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1446, offered by Senator Philip.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1447, offered by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1448, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1449, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1450, offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 1451, offered by Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1452, offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1453, offered by Senators Shadid and Hawkinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator -- Senate Bill 1454, offered by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1455, offered by Senators Sieben and O'Daniel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1456, offered by Senator Sieben.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1457, offered by Senators Sieben and O'Daniel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1458, offered by Senator Weaver.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1459, offered by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1460, offered by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1461, offered by Senator Karpiel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1462, offered by Senator Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1463, offered by Senator Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1464, offered by Senator Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1465, offered by Senator Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1466, offered by Senator Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 1467, offered by Senator Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1468, offered by Senator Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1469, offered by Senator Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1470, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1471, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1472, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1473, offered by Senator Donahue.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1474, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1475, offered by Senator Karpel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1476, offered by Senator Karpel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1477, offered by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1478, offered by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1479, offered by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1480, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1481, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1482, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 1483, offered by Senator Berman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1484, offered by Senator Berman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1485, offered by Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1486, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1487, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1488, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1489, offered by Senator Berman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1490, offered by Senator del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill 1491, offered by Senator Philip.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of those House bills -- Senate bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

There any further business to come before the Senate?
Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 156, offered by Senator O'Malley.

It is a death resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Consent Calendar. If I may have your attention, please. The Chair would remind the Members to be in their seats promptly at 9 a.m. tomorrow morning, as the Senate photographer will be taking our picture at that time. I am reminding you: Be in your seats promptly - if you're missing from the -- from the picture, it will be your fault - tomorrow morning, 9 a.m. sharp. Be in the

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Chambers. Senator Hawkinson, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Thank you, Madam President. For purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your purpose.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

The Judiciary Committee will be meeting at 3 p.m. in Room 400. That's 3 p.m. If we get there promptly, it shouldn't be that long a meeting.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

The Judiciary Committee will be meeting at 3 p.m. in 400. And I understand that the Financial Institutions Committee is meeting at 2 p.m. in 400. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Madam President, would it -- would it be okay tomorrow if some of the Members that -- that are absent can use their -- maybe, their campaign posters with their pictures on it to put in their seats?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Demuzio, you always have the most unique questions. And I will give you a unique answer: No. If there's no further business to come before the Senate, Senator Demuzio -- or, Senator Dudycz moves that the Senate stands adjourned until 9 a.m., Thursday, February 19. 9 a.m. tomorrow morning we're back in Session. Your pictures will be taken at 9 a.m., so be here on time, please. Senate's adjourned.

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