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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 Kevin Wolfe, Pawnee Christian Church, Pawnee, Illinois. Pastor Wolfe.

PASTOR KEVIN WOLFE:

(Prayer given by Pastor Kevin Wolfe)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Sieben will now lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben) PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal. Senator Butler. SENATOR BUTLER:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journals of Wednesday, February 26th and Thursday, February 27th, in the year 1997 be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journals.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journals, pending the arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Committee Reports. SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator O'Malley, Chair of the Committee on Financial Institutions, reports Senate Bills 209, 538, 646 and 1043 Do Pass; Senate Bill 805 Do Pass, as Amended; and Senate Bill 1096 tabled by the sponsor.

Senator Fitzgerald, Chair of the Committee on State Government Operations, reports Senate Bills 199, 237, 239, 250, 500, 516, 517, 532 and 537 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 536 Do Pass, as Amended.

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Senator Klemm, Chair of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Bills 473, 626 and 797 Do Pass.

And Senator Sieben, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, reports Senate Bills 258 and 795 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Peterson, Chair of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Bills 16, 36, 371, 484 and 856 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 83 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Mahar, Chair of the Committee on Environment and Energy, reports Senate Bills 55, 56, 140, 816, 819 and 894 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 151 and 214 Do Pass, as Amended. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the President, February 28th, 1997.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-10, I hereby revise the Senate schedule for the week of March 17th through the 21st. Please be advised that the Senate will be in Session on March 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th. The deadline for passage of substantive Senate Bills is March 20th. The Senate will not be in Session on Friday, March 21st. Sincerely, James "Pate" Philip, President of the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution 19, offered by Senators Maitland, Philip and Molaro.

It's substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, the -- we are going to proceed to the Order of 2nd Reading on page 2 of your -- today's Calendar. 2nd Reading. Page 2. Senate Bill 8. Senator Radogno.

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Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2 {sic} (8).

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

That's Senate Bill 8? 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 25. Senator Hendon. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we would beg your indulgence. Please keep your voices down where I can't hear them. I can practically hear every bit of conversation, and some of it you may not want me to hear. Please keep your voices down. Senate Bill 25. Senator Hendon. Out of the record. Senate Bill 65. Senator Trotter. Senator Trotter. Senate Bill 67. Senator Watson. Senator Watson, Senate Bill 67? Madam Secretary, will you read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 67.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 69. Senator Watson. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 69.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 102. Senator Dudycz. Senator --Madam Secretary, read the bill. 102.

February 28, 1997 15th Legislative Day ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER: Senate Bill 102. (Secretary reads title of bill) 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Judiciary adopted Committee Amendment No. 1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS) Have there been any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration? ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER: No Floor amendments reported, Madam President. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS) 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 108. Senator Burzynski. Read the bill, Madam Secretary. ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER: Senate Bill 108. (Secretary reads title of bill) 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS) 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 109. Senator Syverson. Madam Secretary, will you read the bill. ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER: Senate Bill 109. (Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 112. Senator Syverson. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 112.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 113.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 125. Senator Petka. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 125.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)
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2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 156. Senator Jacobs. Senator Jacobs. Senate Bill 186. Senator Garcia. Senator Garcia. Senate Bill 186. Madam Secretary, will you please read that bill. ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 186.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any Floor amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments reported, Madam President. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

15th Legislative Day February 28, 1997 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 232. Madam Secretary, read the bill. ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER: Senate Bill 232. (Secretary reads title of bill) 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS) 3rd Reading. Senate Bill -- Senate Bill 233. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 233.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 234. Senator Sieben. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 234.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 292. Senator Hawkinson. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 292.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 315. Senator Watson. Senator Watson. Senate Bill 315. Read the bill, Madam Secretary. ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 315.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 355. Senator Link. Senator Link, 355? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 355.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Have there any Floor -- been any Floor amendments? ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments reported, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 381. Senator Fawell. Senate Bill 421. Senator Berman. Senator Berman. Senate Bill 427. Senator Hawkinson. Read the bill, Madam Secretary. ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House {sic} Bill -- House {sic} Bill 427.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Please, may we have your attention. Thank you. Senate Bill 437. Senator Butler. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

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ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 437.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. With the leave of the House {sic}, we'll go back to Senate Bill 421. Senator Berman. Will you please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 421.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 455. Senator Fawell. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 455.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any Floor amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments reported. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 460. Senator -- Senator Cullerton? Senator cullerton? Senate Bill 465. Senator Cullerton? Senate Bill 501. Senator Fawell. Senator Fawell, you wish the bill called? Madam Secretary, read the bill. ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

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Senate Bill 501.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 506. Senator Parker. Madam Secretary, will you read the bill? Just a moment, Madam Secretary. We cannot hear even the number of the bill, and I would appreciate your indulgence by keeping your voices quieted down. Thank you so much. Senator Parker. 506, Madam Secretary. ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 506.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 510. Senator Petka. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 510.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Senator Petka. 511. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 511.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 548. Senator O'Malley. Senator O'Malley. Senate Bill 551. Senator Parker. Senator Parker, Senate Bill 551? Read the bill, Madam Secretary. ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 551.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Senator Bomke. Senate Bill 555. Senator O'Malley. 556. Senator Cronin. 557. Senator Watson -- Senate Bill 557. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 557.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Senator Watson. Senate Bill 568. Senator Watson. Read the bill, Madam Secretary. ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 568.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 619. Senator Berman. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 619.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Judiciary adopted

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Committee Amendments No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any Floor amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 844. Senator Cullerton. Senate Bill 942. Senator Dillard. Read the bill, Madam Secretary. ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 942.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1100. Senator -- Senator Cronin. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1100.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. ...Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Re-referred from the Committee on Executive Appointments to the Rules Committee - Senate Bill 1071; re-referred from the Judiciary Committee to the Rules Committee - Senate Bill 782; re-referred from the Local Government and Elections to Rules - Senate Bill 775; and from Transportation to Rules - Senate Bill 79; referred to the Committee on Education - Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill

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65 and Senate Bill 1071; to the Committee on Executive - Senate Bills 79 and 775; to the Committee on Local Government and Elections - House Bill 281; and Be Approved for Consideration -Senate Joint Resolution 19.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we will now go to Executive Session for the purpose of advise and consent. If we can have your undivided attention, please. Staff, please clear the Floor, and, please, can we have your undivided attention. This is for advise and consent. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports. SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Bomke, Vice Chair of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message of January 23rd, 1997, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointments. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Bomke.

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you, Madam President. I'd move the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of acting on the Governor's appointments set forth in his Message of January 23rd, 1997. Madam President, with respect to the Governor's Message on January 23rd, I will read the salaried appointments to which the Senate Committee on the Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

Department of Public Aid, term ending January 15th, 2001, Robert D. Miller, Jr.

Court of Claims, terms ending January 20th, 2003, David A. Epstein.

Illinois State Labor Relation Board, term ending January 24, 2000, David N. Barkhausen -- Barkhausen.

Property Tax Appeal Board, term ending January 20, 2003, Homer

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R. Henke.

Small Business Utility Advocate, term ending February 5th, 2001, Vincent N. Gilbert.

Madam President, having read the salaried appointments, I now seek leave to consider these appointments on a roll call. And, Madam President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any discussion? Any discussion? Any discussion? Hearing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the nominations just made. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Take the record, Mr. Secretary. On that question, there are 57 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And a majority of Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the nominations just made. Senator Bomke.

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you, Madam President. With respect to the Governor's Message on January 23rd, 1997, I will read the unsalaried appointments to which the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

Capitol Development Board, term ending January 15, 2001, Dennis J. Gannon.

East St. Louis Financial Advisory Authority, a term ending August 30th, 1999, Otis Cowan.

Guardianship and Advocacy Commission, term ending June 30th, 1998, Christopher A. DeAngelis.

Illinois Health Care Cost Contaminant {sic} (Containment) Council, term ending September 5th, 1999, Kristine W. Coryell, Benn J. Greenspan, Andrew H. Melczer, Steven B. Scheer.

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Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan Board, term ending July 1st, 1997, Johanna M. Lund.

State Board of Higher Education, term ending January 31st, 1999, Bob Kustra.

Advisory Board of Livestock Commissioners, term ending January . 18th, 1999, Gretchen M. Bernardi and Ronald S. Torrance.

Board of the Illinois State Museum, term ending January 18th, 1999, George B. Rabb.

Public Administrator and Public Guardian of Tazewell County for a term ending December 1st, 1997, Thomas K. Brewer.

Advisory Council on Spinal Cord and Health Injury {sic} (Head Injuries) for a term ending June 30th, 1999, Linda A. Hollister.

Upper Illinois River Valley Development Authority, term ending January 19th, 1999 {sic} (1998), Donna J. Matteson; and a term ending January 18th, 1999, Philip S. McCully.

Madam President, having read the unsalaried appointments, I now seek leave to consider these appointments on a roll call. And, Madam President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any discussion? Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Madam Chairman, I would move that we divide the question, and that the appointment to the Illinois State Board of Higher Education be taken on a separate roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Welch, do you have four other -- have you four other people joining you in this request? Do you have... Do you have four others who've joined you in that request, Senator Welch, or would you like to withdraw your motion? SENATOR WELCH:

I, reluctantly, withdraw the motion.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

That's fine. Thank you. The question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the nominations just made. Those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Take the record, Mr. Secretary. On that question, there are 57 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present, and a majority of Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the nominations just made. Senator Bomke. SENATOR BOMKE:

Madam President, I move that the Senate arise from Executive Session.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

You have heard the motion. Those in favor, say Aye. Those opposed, say Nay. In the opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it. The motion carries. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we're going to begin 3rd Readings, Senate Bills on the bottom of page 4, starting with Senate Bill 3. Senator Bomke. Senate Bill 20. Senator Garcia. Senate Bill 38. Senator Burzynski. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 38.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Madam President. Currently, there are about twenty-six taxing districts in the State of Illinois that don't share in the State revenue funds, and this bill simply corrects that. There are twenty-five downstate taxing districts, and one Cook County taxing district.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 38 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present, and this bill, having received the constitutional majority required, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 101. Senator Madigan. Madam Secretary, will you read the bill?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 101.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Madigan.

SENATOR MADIGAN:

Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 101 makes changes in the public pension systems to bring those systems into compliance with federal statutes that have changed in the last few years regarding changing how assets are arrived at by the five public pension systems from book value to market. Makes the corrections or changes under the pension systems to comply with Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Service Code. Makes the changes to comply with the federal Uniformed Employment and Reemployment Rights. Changes the Chicago Services Teachers' System to allow the prudent person rule in their And lastly, allows the State Board of investment authority. Investment to register investments in banks or trust companies authorized to do business in Illinois, but not necessarily domiciled in Illinois. I'd be happy to answer any questions on

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Senate Bill 101, and otherwise would ask for its approval. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 101 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And this bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 111. Senator Watson, for what purpose do you rise? SENATOR WATSON:

Thank you, Madam President, a point of personal privilege. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your point, sir.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. We have some guests in the gallery on the Republican side of the aisle from my hometown and Greenville College. An Honors Group here. There's nine members from Greenville College headed by Dr. Tim Kneeland, and I'd like for us to welcome them to the Senate and give them a warm welcome. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Will our guests rise. And welcome to the Senate. Senate Bill 111. Senator Burzynski. Read the bill, Madam Secretary. ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 111.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Madam President. What we're trying to do here is

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bring the Counties Code into the same situation that other taxing districts are. Requires an individual to live in the county for one year prior to running for office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, should Senate Bill 111 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And this bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 164. Senate Bill 174. Senator Klemm. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 174.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Klemm.

SENATOR KLEMM:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 174 allows conservation districts to increase their board membership from five to seven so that we could have more public participation and more members on the board. There's no opposition to the bill. I ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 174 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Madam Secretary, take the

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record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present, and this bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 193. Senator Madigan. Madam Secretary, will you read that bill?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 193.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Madigan.

SENATOR MADIGAN:

Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 193 repeals the Vision Service Plan Act. This is an Act that was passed in 1965 that has never had any action. No companies were ever organized in Illinois under this action, and this bill repeals that Act. I -- I notice that everyone got very quiet. I'd like to assure everyone that this has no wheels on it. This is all that it does. I would ask for its approval, otherwise; I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Any further Hearing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 193 discussion? pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay -- opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who Have all voted who wished? • Have all voted who wished? wished? Madam Secretary, take the roll. On that question, there are -there are 56 -- 56 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting required received the bill, having Present, and that constitutional majority, is declared passed. 211. Senator 213. Senator O'Malley. 222. Senator Cronin. 235. Sieben. Senator Sieben. 236. Senator Syverson. 247. Senator Syverson.

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Senate Bill 297.

(Secretary reads title of bill) 3rd Reading of the bill. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 297 is an amendment to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District map. It's a procedure necessary under State Statute. As new areas are annexed and need to be added to the Metropolitan Water District, it's necessary for the Legislature to amend the map. This is done in agreement with both the district, the annexing municipality, as well as the property owner. It's a -- kind of a procedural bill or a routine. I would appreciate a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 297 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Madam Secretary, take the -- the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, none voting Present, and this bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 698. Senator Syverson. Senate Bill 946. Senator Radogno. You ready? Madam Secretary, would you please read Senate Bill 946?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 946.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you. This bill proposes to extend a pilot program that was established in 1990 that allows some nursing homes, only those that are strictly private-pay, to participate in a program whereby they can choose to be licensed by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations in lieu of Department of Public Health. Many of these facilities find this to be a more constructive process. And we haven't had a lot of nursing homes able to participate in it as of this point. So the extension would be until the year 2000, at which time a final -- or, 2001, at which point a final report would be submitted. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Senator Dudycz. SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Will the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

She indicates that she will.

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Thank you. Senator Radogno, I'm looking at my analysis of your first bill, and it says that nursing homes which have had certain types of violations are prohibited from participating in the program. What type of nursing homes would -- would be prohibited from participating in the program? And what type of violations are -- are they talking about? PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Radogno. SENATOR RADOGNO:

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First of all, the only nursing homes qualified to participate are those that are strictly private-pay. Any Medicaid- or Medicare-funded nursing homes are not able to participate. Any nursing homes that have egregious violations that we would be concerned about patient care, and we would want to be sure that the Department of Public Health were overseeing, would also be ineligible to participate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Dudycz. SENATOR DUDYCZ:

I'm sorry. Could you repeat that? I -- I didn't get that answer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Clear up your ears. Go ahead, Senator Radogno. SENATOR RADOGNO:

The only -- the only nursing homes that would be able to participate are those that are strictly private-pay. No Medicare or Medicaid, and any nursing homes that have particularly egregious violations of patient care wouldn't be able to participate. We would want the Department of Public Health overseeing those homes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Dudycz. SENATOR DUDYCZ:

I notice that you weren't reading. Did you memorize that answer, or... Senator, the -- is there an age limit for those nursing home residents that would be able to participate in this program, or is there a threshold, or is there a minimum age requirement?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Radogno. SENATOR RADOGNO:

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No, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion, Senator Dudycz?

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Go right ahead, sir.

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

How about a weight limit? Is there a weight limit on any of these?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Further discussion? Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Madam President. Will the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

She's indicating that she will.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Senator, you've indicated that certain nursing homes can benefit from this. Are those already set aside in a pool, the ones that will be able to be a part of this project?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Yes. There are some that are already participating, but this would extend that eligibility so we could have some others participate as well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Could you, by any chance, give me the geographic disbursement of those nursing homes throughout the State, where they're

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located?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

No. I don't have that information in front of me. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Well, what about just by region? Are they Cook County, are they Collar County, downstate? Do you -- do you have any idea? PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

They can be throughout the State. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Walsh. Oh, Senator Burzynski, did you not finish? I'm sorry, sir. Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

I've only begun -- we've only just begun. Senator, if they can be throughout the State, is there any other criteria, other than they not be a Medicaid participant? Is that what I understand? And you can wait till your light gets turned on so that you can talk.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Yes. They just cannot have certain types of violations. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

I hear whistling. Senator Burzynski. SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you. Are those Fire Code violations, or what kind of violations are they?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

No. These would not be Fire Code violations. They would be related to patient care.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Did -- did you bring this bill forward because of a problem in your district? Do you happen to have one of these facilities in your district, or -- or is there something that we should be made aware of that's relative to your district? PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

No. It -- it is not related to my district, in particular, but it's a good program and it offers us a creative alternative to nursing home licensure.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Burzynski. SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Perhaps it would be more appropriate for someone who has one of these homes in their district to carry this language. You might want to consider that in the future. Thank you, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Madam President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Would the sponsor -- sponsor yield for a question? PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

She indicated she will. SENATOR JACOBS:

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Senator, what is a pilot project? Is that a project where you have -- it takes off, or is it lands? What is a pilot project? PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Well, hopefully it will take off, it will be successful. But as it's defined in this bill, it's just a demonstration project. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

What is necessary to -- to make this a qualified facility? PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

The primary qualification is that it must be a nursing home that accepts only private-pay patients and one that hasn't had certain violations reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Well, I notice that this bill has a -- a drop-dead date of 2000, and for that reason, I really think it's a terrible bill and I think it's a cheap attempt by you, Senator, to -- to build a bridge into the 21st century.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Jacobs, now that you're in the business of building bridges. Do you have any further comments, Senator Radogno? SENATOR RADOGNO:

I request a positive vote. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Senator Cullerton. SENATOR CULLERTON:

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Would the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

She indicates that she will.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Senator, I -- I haven't -- I don't remember you actually getting up before. Is this your first bill? PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

As a matter of fact, it is. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Normally -- this is very early in the Session. Normally, most freshman Senators or State Representatives, for that matter, you know, kind of sit back and observe the process, and they don't just jump up right away and try to pass a bill before they've, you know, they've had some experience. And I just wondered if you wouldn't mind considering holding the bill until you've had some more -- more time to... And -- and the other thing is, you know, there's an election contest for your actual election, and until we determine that...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Will you direct your remarks to the bill? SENATOR CULLERTON:

Could we just sort of wait until we see whether or not you really got elected before you start passing bills? PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

I would suggest you direct your remarks to the bill. Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Madam President. Will the sponsor yield?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

She indicates that she will.

SENATOR HENDON:

Senator Radogno, I was in the men's room when you got up to introduce your bill. Could you repeat everything you said prior to now?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Radogno, would you briefly repeat? Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Senator, I noticed that I was the original sponsor of this -of this marvelous bill, and that it was supposed to go out in December 31st, 1997. Since I was the sponsor, I -- it must be a -- a perfect bill. However, I do have one question I wonder if you could answer for me.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

She indicates that she will. SENATOR FAWELL:

I -- read in the analysis, since I don't really remember this bill at all, and I don't have the vaguest idea what it does, I wonder if you could tell me what JCAHO stands for, because it keeps appearing in the analysis.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

It stands for the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Anything further, Senator Fawell? Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 946 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have

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all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Well? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Madam Secretary, take the roll. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. This bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared duly passed. Senate Bill 1030. Senator Bomke. Would you read the bill? ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1030.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Bomke. Hold on just a minute, Senator. We are proceeding on Senate Bill 1030 with Senator Bomke, and it would be appreciated if you'd give your undivided attention to Senator Bomke so that I don't have to rap the gavel a million times. Senator Bomke.

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you, Madam President. The bill requires the Department of Children and Family Services to notify the public when a child care institution, maternity center or group home undergoes a change in the range of care or services offered, the age or type of children served, or the area within the facility used by the children. Requires notification to be in a newspaper of general This bill was prompted by a -- something that circulation. occurred in Springfield. Certainly not -- certainly not germane It could've occurred anywhere in the State of to Springfield. Illinois. We had a situation, a center referred to as a Parkside center, that in 1992 they applied for a child welfare agency Because it changed the zoning in the area, it required license. the municipality to hold a hearing for a zoning change. The public was notified -- or, the residents were notified. The zoning was granted, as was the license. It allowed for capacity of ten males

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ranging from ages thirteen to eighteen. In 1994, the Parkside center applied for a child care institution license, increasing the capacity from ten to twelve males and the range from thirteen to eighteen to twelve to twenty-one, and it allowed for a more aggressive, a more impulsive, and in some instances, pixilated individual. Because the municipal zoning was so broad, it did not require a change in the zoning; therefore, the public was not notified. In November of '96, three young men escaped -- or, excuse me, ran away from the center and allegedly raped a young girl in the neighborhood. This bill will go, I hope, a long way in protecting the residents from this occurring ever again. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1030 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. All those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. Madam Secretary, take the roll. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. This bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Supplemental Calendar No. 1, dated February 28, 1997, has been distributed. On that -- in that Calendar, the Secretary's Desk, is a resolution, SJR 19. Madam Secretary, will you read the resolution?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution 19. No committee or Floor amendments reported. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you very much, Madam President and Members of the

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Senate. Senate Joint Resolution is a resolution that we are attempting to pass today that will allow the Pension Laws Commission -- a subcommittee of the Pension Laws Committee --Commission to go into closed session for the purpose of dealing with personnel matters only. We believe, and I think justifiably, so, that we, as a -- a legislative commission, are bound by the Open Meetings Act, both as a full commission and as a -- as a -- a subcommittee of that Commission, but for personnel matters, we believe that those matters ought to be closed. And therefore, we have introduced this resolution. Senator Molaro and Senator Philip have joined me in this. We have talked with our friends across the aisle, and I think there is complete agreement on this now. And I seek support of the Body.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Senator Jacobs. SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Would the Senator yield for a question? PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

He indicates that he will. SENATOR JACOBS:

Senator, it almost seems too simple, the resolution. I guess my first question would be, is this going to involve hiring and firing? What are we really looking to do in this subcommittee whenever we are -- are discussing personnel matters? Are we looking at hiring and firing? What -- what is the -- the bottom line here?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Senator Jacobs, and I -- I'm certain you know the -- the Pensions Laws Commission really has no authority to hire and fire.

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We -- we serve at the discretion of -- of the four Legislative Leaders, and they will ultimately make that decision, but they have charged us with attempting to seek out a full-time executive director. We have a number of names that we have looked at, and we are going to go over all those resumes and -- and determine who we believe might best be recommended to the four Leaders. They will have, however, sir, access to all those resumes and they can go through them as well. But we are simply attempting to screen some of those out.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Hearing none, pursuant to Section 5(c) of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution, the adoption of this resolution requires a two-thirds vote. Forty votes are needed. Madam -- Senator Maitland, are you -- do you wish to close? Senator Maitland moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 19 -- Senate Joint Resolution 19. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The -- and the voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who mished? Madam Secretary, take the roll -- record. On that question, there are 47 voting Aye, 6 voting Nay, 1 voting Present, and this Joint Resolution, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 29, offered by Senator Berman and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 30, 31 and 32, offered by Senator Severns and all Members.

They're all death resolutions, Madam President. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Welch, for what purpose do you rise, sir? SENATOR WELCH:

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Point of personal privilege, Madam President. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Would you state your point of personal privilege. SENATOR WELCH:

On our side of the aisle we have a birthday over here, our Chief Communication Officer, Cindy Huebner, is celebrating the tenth anniversary of her thirtieth birthday, and so everybody's wearing badges over here. She's over here in the purple. So we want to wish her a happy birthday.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Happy birthday, Cindy. We will 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?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No objections have been filed, Madam President. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted? All those in favor, say Aye. All opposed, say Nay. In the opinion of the Chair, the motion to adopt carries and the resolutions are adopted. Resolutions. SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution 20, offered by Senator Weaver.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 20)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Hearing none, Senator Weaver has moved for the adoption -- Senator Weaver moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and -- and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 20. Those in favor will say Aye. Those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, in the opinion of the Chair, and the rules are suspended. Senator Weaver

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has moved for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 20. Those in favor, say Aye. All opposed, say Nay. In the opinion, the Ayes have it, and the resolution's adopted. Senator Dillard, did you wish the Floor? Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Madam President. In an attempt to keep our Calendar clean, I'd like to table Senate Bill 748. To table SB 748.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Your motion is in order. And Senator Dillard wants to table Senate Bill 748. All those in favor, say Aye. All opposed, Nay. In the opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it. The -- the Senate Bill 748 is tabled. Is there any further business to come before the House. By "House" I mean the Senate. If not, pursuant to the adjournment resolution, Senator Radogno moves the -- that the Senate stand adjourned till noon, Tuesday, March 4. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. All opposed? In the opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it. We stand adjourned, and we'll see you next Tuesday. 1

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