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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 the Reverend James J. Noah, Church of Christ, Havana, Illinois. Reverend Noah.

THE REVEREND JAMES J. NOAH:

(Prayer by the Reverend James J. Noah)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please remain standing for 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 Journal of Tuesday, April 21st, in the year 1998, 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 transcripts. Are there any objections? So ordered. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Burzynski, Chair of the Committee on Licensed Activities, reports House Bills 2377 and 2590 Do Pass.

Senator Hawkinson, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary, reports House Bills 2297 and 2369 Do Pass; and House Bill 25 Do Pass, as Amended.

And Senator Cronin, Chair of the Committee on Education, reports House Bill 2887 Do Pass.

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Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the Minority Leader, dated April 22nd, 1998.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-5(c) of the Illinois State Senate of the 90th General Assembly, please be advised that Senator Arthur Berman will temporarily replace Senator John Cullerton on the Senate Rules Committee.

Signed by Senator Jones.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Berman, for what purpose do you rise? Senator Berman. If we could have some...

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, if I could just have your attention for a moment, for purposes of -- of an announcement. Every year, members of the Jewish community throughout the State of Illinois come to Springfield to hold a remembrance ceremony regarding the Holocaust. Tomorrow morning, at the Old State Capitol, at 11 o'clock a.m., will be this year's Holocaust Remembrance Service. And on behalf of the entire Illinois Jewish community, I wish to extend an invitation to you to join us there. It is a very moving experience. And this year, being the fiftieth anniversary of the State of Israel, with much of the things that you have seen on radio and TV regarding that celebration, and the remembrance of the Holocaust, I think it would be appropriate if as many of you as possible could join us. Tomorrow morning, 11 o'clock, at the Old State Capitol. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Maitland, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Members of the Senate, if

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I could have your attention, please, I have a announcement I'd like to make. On April 22nd, in the year 19..., Larry and Mary Lou Kent gave birth to their third child at 6 o'clock in the morning, and she was a beautiful, bouncing baby girl. That beautiful, bouncing baby girl has become a very special lady to all of us. Would you please, Mr. President and Members of the Chamber, wish a very special happy birthday to my seatmate, Senator Laura Donahue, please.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Well, on a point of personal privilege. Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I, too, congratulate and wish Laura Kent Donahue a very happy and healthy birthday, filled with love and prosperity. I have been the -- shall I say, the proud recipient of a surprise birthday party last night, engineered by Senator Doris Karpel and all the women of the Senate, and I -- and others, and I -- I just want to thank them very much. And another point: I was utterly shocked at the event last night 'cause I didn't expect it, and I was even more shocked and thrilled to see attending it my former colleague in the Senate, one of our most respected women legislators in the State of Illinois, none other than my good friend, Senator Virginia Macdonald, who is retired now. And would you all help me welcome Virginia. Virginia, stand up.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Peterson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PETERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. For a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR PETERSON:

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I would like the -- the record to reflect that Senator Mahar was absent yesterday due to illness.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The -- the record will so indicate. Senator Geo-Karis, for the second time.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President, a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

May I please have the right to ask Senator Macdonald for a word?

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Go ahead, Senator.

FORMER SENATOR MACDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President, and Geo. Wonderful introduction, Geo, and I'm so glad to be back and wonderful to see all my old friends and see so many wonderful new Senators that are here. I congratulate you on the job that you're doing, and I'm proud of all of you. I do miss you, but I don't miss all the hard work. There is a life after the Legislature and I am enjoying it, but I do miss you. Thanks much.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Virginia, it's very nice to have you back. It goes to prove there is life after the Senate. Congratulations. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Two announcements. Also like the record to reflect that Senator Cullerton is, again, home recuperating from his surgery. And secondly, we also have a birthday on this side of the aisle today. Celebrating her twenty-ninth birthday is Senator Evelyn Bowles, and there's cake

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in the -- up near the... Senator Bowles.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

All right. The -- the record will so indicate. Messages from the House.

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 concurred with the Senate in the adoption of the following joint resolution, to wit:

Senate Joint Resolution, Constitutional Amendment, 15, together with House Amendment No. 1.
Action by the House, April 21st, 1998.

A 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 House joint resolution constitutional amendment of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 20.
Action taken by the House, April 21st, 1998.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Molaro, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MOLARO:

Thank you. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR MOLARO:

It's more of a point to Senator Karpiel, Senator Geo-Karis. We heard about this -- apparently there's birthday parties of ladies only last night, and I would just like to ask those two ladies: What's up with that? Thank you, Mr. President.

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Senator Hendon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HENDON:

A point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR HENDON:

I just wanted to say to all my fellow Senators that I just left over from the House Floor, and they're lingering around the -- the rail, bragging about how they're going to beat us so bad this year in softball. And I -- I'm a little discouraged to hear that some of you aren't playing. Maybe you're feeling your old, achy bones or something. But I'd be very disappointed if we lose to the House today. So let's take this softball game serious today, Mr. President. I'd hate to lose to the House. I haven't lost to 'em since we've been here. So let's not start now.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Bomke, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BOMKE:

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

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR BOMKE:

I have with us today Honorary Pages from Williamsville, Illinois, seventh grade. Sitting in the back, we have Hanna Collier, Paul Cooper, Leslie Davis, Robert Fulscher and Michael Lazoan.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will they please rise and be recognized by the Senate?
...Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we have

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another birthday here today. One of our very fine staff people, Jim Owen, has a birthday today, and we want to wish Jim a happy birthday.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Thank you. Let's all wish Jim Owen a happy birthday. Senator Watson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WATSON:

Well, thank you very much, Mr. President. Just to follow-up what Senator Hendon, lobbying for a starting position obviously, making that announcement, and we appreciate that. We do have the Senate-House softball game tonight, and there is some concern. The two weeks that -- that we were out of Session, the House had a couple of practices, and I know that they've been working hard and -- so we've got a little bit of a problem. Some guys aren't here; some people are hurt. So if you have any intention in playing, we want you out there about 5 o'clock at the Lincoln Park field, at the north end of the field. So... Yeah, Peter Fitzgerald, it's 8 o'clock.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers, for what purpose do you rise? Could we have some peace and quiet, please, so everybody could hear the announcements?

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR MYERS:

I'd like to introduce to everyone, in the President's Gallery, a group of students from Eastern Illinois University - that great university that's in my district - and with them is Dr. Jill Nielsen. And thank you for coming.

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Will they please rise and be recognized by the Senate? There must be something in the water today. Senator Rea, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR REA:

Thank you, Mr. President. On a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR REA:

I would also like to introduce a person from my hometown that's here in Springfield with us today, Darby Arondelli, here on the Floor.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Yes. Will Darby please stand and be recognized by the Senate? Nice to have you here. Senator Klemm, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KLEMM:

Well, for purposes of announcement, Mr. President. We do have an Executive Committee meeting at 1 o'clock, or immediately upon adjournment. We only have about seven bills. So I hope you'd all get there promptly and we'll dispense with our business. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Senator Philip and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, on another point of personal privilege, we are honored to have present with us today the Wheeling Township Chairman from -- from Cook County, Connie Peters, who is a constituent of Senator Peter Fitzgerald. And we'd like you to welcome her here.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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 Education - Senate Joint Resolution 60 and 61, and House Bills 2411, 2565, 3481 and 3793; to the Committee on Environment and Energy - House Bills 3256 and 3257; to the Committee on Executive - Senate Joint Resolution 58, the Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Joint Resolution, Constitutional Amendment, 15, House Joint Resolutions 36, 51 and 53; House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 20, and House Bills 2370, 2425, 2652, 2700, 2729, 2805, 3048 and 3233; to the Committee on Financial Institutions - House Bill 2474; to the Committee on Insurance and Pensions - House Bills 161, 1552 and 2860; to the Committee on Judiciary - House Bills 2257, 2326, 2446, 2447, 2558, 2593, 3000, 3063, 3279, 3321, 3377, 3463, 3500, 3778, 3790 and 3843; to the Committee on Licensed Activities - House Bills 349, 2589, 2818, 3494 and 3710; to the Committee on Local Government and Elections - House Bill 2827; to the Committee on Public Health and Welfare - House Bills 2581 and 3286; to the Committee on Revenue - House Bill 884; to the Committee on State Government Operations - House Bills 2643, 2864; and to the Committee on Transportation - House Bills 2746 and 3374.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 193, offered by Senator Demuzio.

And Senate Resolution 194, offered by Senator Kehoe and all Members.

They're both death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Consent Calendar. House Bills 1st.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 132, offered by Senator Myers.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1090, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2802, Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Demuzio offers House Bill 2884.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2896, Senator Obama.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3477, Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3579, presented by Senator del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3672, by Senator Tom Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3806, by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3807, by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3808, by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 3809, by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Is there any other further business to come before the Senate?
If not, the Senate will stand adjourned till 10 a.m., April 23rd.

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