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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 gallery please rise? Our prayer today will be given by the Reverend Charles Guigel, St. John's Church of Christ, Peotone, Illinois. Reverend Guigel.

THE REVEREND CHARLES GUIGEL:

(Prayer by the Reverend Charles Guigel)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will you 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.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Wednesday, April 9th, 1997; Thursday, April 10th; Friday, April 11th; Monday, April 14th; Tuesday, April 15th; and Wednesday, April 16th, 1997.

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 be no objections, so ordered. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Syverson, Chair of the Committee on Public Health and Welfare, reports House Bills 131, 204, 214, 611, 653 and 1578 Do Pass.

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Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

A Message from Joseph A. Spagnolo, State Superintendent of Education.

To the Honorable Members of the General Assembly. As required by Section 2-3.25g of the School Code, the following report provides to the Illinois General Assembly summaries of requests for waivers of School Code mandates for its consideration. Also included are summaries of requests for waivers and modifications acted on by the State Board of Education and of applications that have been returned to school districts. This letter filed April 16th, 1997.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler, for what purpose do you rise?
SENATOR BUTLER:

For purposes of a -- I move that the reading and approval of the Journals of Thursday, April 17th and Friday, April 18th, in the year 1997, be approved unless -- be postponed - I'm sorry - be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journals.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler moves to postpone the reading and the approval of Journals pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objections, so ordered. Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

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 bills of the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bills 27, 53, 132, 276, 363, 571, 1041, 1058, 1112, 1212, 183, 291, 398, 412, 455, 641, 718, 871, 868, 881, 192, 235, 333, 1118, 1202, 1296, 1421, 1735, 2125, 2219, 234, 260, 437,

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651, 1141, 1208, 1459, 1444, 1641, 1643, 257, 408, 962, 1007, 1126, 1227, 1346, 1736, 2061, 2179, 314, 1302, 1400, 1565, 1780, 2200, 635, 745, 760, 861, 877, 896, 951, 1168, 1783, 1817 and 748. All passed the House, April 18th, 1997.

We have a like Message on House Bills 107, 1377, 1547, 1757, 1784, 1876, 2215, 307, 379, 467, 468, 480, 781, 829, 927, 1029, 1180, 1176, 1210, 1239, 1257, 1318, 1354, 1369, 1375, 1427 and

All passed the House, April 19th, 1997.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

House Bills 1st Reading.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 27, offered by Senator Fawell.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate {sic} Bill 94, offered by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate {sic} Bill 107, offered by Senators Parker and Berman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate {sic} Bill 125, offered by Senator Viverito.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate {sic} Bill 126, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate {sic} Bill 127, offered by Senator Geo-Karis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate {sic} Bill 152, offered by Senator Molaro.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate {sic} Bill 163, offered by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate {sic} Bill 172, offered by Senator Dudycz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate {sic} Bill 183, offered by Senator Syverson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate {sic} Bill 201, offered by Senator Geo-Karis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate (sic) Bill 223, offered by Senator Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate {sic} Bill 231, offered by Senator Geo-Karis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 232, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate {sic} Bill 260, offered by Senators Maitland and Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate {sic} Bill 271, offered by Senator Geo-Karis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill -- pardon me. House Bill 363.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 379, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 398, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 408, offered by Senator Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill -- pardon me -- House Bill 412, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 447, offered by Senator Smith.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 455, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 468, offered by Senator Butler.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 470, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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House Bill 475, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 480, offered by Senator Petka.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 494, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 522, offered by Senator Sieben.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 519, offered by Senator Molaro.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 526, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 545, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 552, offered by Senator T. Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 558, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 571, offered by Senator Farley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 573, offered by Senator Myers.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 579, offered by Senator Jacobs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate {sic} Bill 605, offered by Senator Obama.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 619, offered by Senator Smith.

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House Bill 635, offered by Senator Syverson.

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House Bill 651, offered by Senator Bomke.

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House Bill 672, offered by Senator Butler.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 710, offered by Senator Lawrence Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 723, offered by Senator Geo-Karis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 725, offered by Senator Thomas Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 745, offered by Senator Halvorson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 776, offered by Senators Trotter, Garcia and Smith.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 781, offered by Senators del Valle, Trotter and Garcia and Smith.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 818, offered by Senator O'Daniel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 829, offered by Senator Rea.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 868, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 871, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 877, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 881, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 896, offered by Senator Syverson.

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House Bill 927, offered by Senator Cullerton.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1029, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1050, offered by Senator Bowles.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1059, offered by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1090 {sic} (1080), offered by Senator Obama.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1093, offered by Senator Carroll.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1112, offered by Senator Hawkinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1117, offered by Senator Molaro.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1123, offered by Senator Philip.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1193, offered by Senator Klemm.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1212, offered by Senator Lawrence Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1227, offered by Senator Berman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1249, offered by Senator Sieben.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1250, offered by Senator Butler.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1254, offered by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1298, offered by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1302, offered by Senator Parker.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1363, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1368, offered by Senator Donahue.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1369, offered by Senator Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1377, offered by Senator Sieben.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1397, offered by Senator Thomas Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1427, offered by Senator Peterson.

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House Bill 1433, offered by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1459, offered by Senator Hendon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1481, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1565, offered by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1619, offered by Senator Obama.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1703, offered by Senators Severns, Jones and

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Hendon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1704, offered by Senator Hendon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1735, offered by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1765, offered by Senator Klemm.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1780, offered by Senator Syverson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1784, offered by Senator Bomke.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2015, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2122, offered by Senator Karpiel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2169, offered by Senator Weaver.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2200, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2209, offered by Senator Petka,

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2219, offered by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 2232.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of those bills.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Could I have some order for one minute, please? I can almost hear myself think, believe it or not. Let me remind the Members that we have passed a list out on everybody's desk of all those House bills which are sitting over here on the Calendar. I would

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humbly suggest that if you're interested in picking up some of those House bills, that the sooner you pick 'em up, the better off you are. Rules Report, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Re-referred from Financial Institutions to the Rules Committee - House Bill 586; referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation -House Bills 367 and 818; to the Committee on Education - House Bills 574, 754 and 2132; to the Committee on Environment and Energy - House Bills 470, 771, 2216; to the Committee on Executive - Senate Resolution 48 and House Bill 513; to the Committee on Financial Institutions - House Bill 1588; to the Committee on Insurance and Pensions - House Bills 345, 488, 586; to the Committee on Judiciary - House Bills 1373, 1410, 1612 and 2138; to the Committee on Licensed Activities - House Bills 1216 and 1664; to the Committee on Local Government and Election - House Bills 652, 1004, 1188, 1417, 1651 and 2161; to the Committee on Public Health and Welfare - House Bills 408, 604, 1316, 1342 and 2059; to the Committee on Revenue - House Bills 581, 585, 847 and 883; to the Committee on State Government Operations - House Bill 496; the Committee on Transportation - House Bills 50, 218, 288, 596, 1115, 1233, 1238 {sic} (1388), 1470; and a Sponsorship Change Approved pursuant to Rule 5-1(c) - House Bill 819, Senator Demuzio as the new sponsor.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you arise? SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, one of our colleagues added another year to her auspicious beginning, and it's none other than Senator Laura Donahue -- Laura Kent Donahue, who is now going to be twenty-eight years of age as of yesterday.

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So I'd like you to congratulate her and wish her well.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Well, Senator Donahue, congratulations on a wonderful twenty-eight years. Happy birthday. Senator Cronin, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CRONIN:

For purposes of an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Make your announcement.

SENATOR CRONIN:

I'd like to, if I may, please direct the attention of my fellow Senators to the President's Gallery, behind the President's Chair, and introduce the Bethel Academy Warriors. Bethel Academy Warriors from Northlake, Illinois. They're a fine group of people, my friends. There they are. Wonderful citizens and students. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will -- will Bethel please stand and be recognized by the Senate? Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

We also had another birthday girl yesterday, in addition to Senator Donahue. Senator Evelyn Bowles also celebrated a birthday. We want to wish her a happy birthday, also, today.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator, happy birthday. Senator Watson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. For an announcement. I'd like to announce that we have softball practice tonight. And I know that's a -- that's a burning issue with most of you here in the -- in the Senate, but we do have a practice. It's at the Springfield track, which is about a block from here. John

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Cullerton has got a map on how to get there. I've got maps here. We certainly want a good turnout. As you know, the House has been here while we've been gone. They've practiced four or five times while we've been gone. Yeah, very secretively. And -- and they're -- and they look good from what I understand. So it's important that we get out there and -- and get ourselves in shape. I've looked at a couple of guys. They look good. Everything's You spent some time working out over the time we were gone, so that's important, too. And John Cullerton and both, will be handing out the tickets. Each year we give money to a local charity. As you know, the softball game raises money for the charity here, and last year we gave it to the Big Sister/Big Brother Program here in Springfield. They're ten dollars apiece. Every year all fifty-nine Senators contribute, and that's a better cry than what happens across the Rotunda. So, once again, hope we have a unanimous, hundred-percent participation. you.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Dudycz, for what purpose do you rise? SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. For an introduction of a special guest that's among us this morning.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

May we have some attention? Senator Dudycz.

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. You will note in the Press Box, we have a special guest. He is a member of the Polish Parliament, Mr. Jan Bury -- Bury, from the Rural Youth Union, President, and he is a member of Parliament. He's visiting us. He's met with Senator Maitland, myself and Senator Philip. He's going to be meeting with other dignitaries and people in government, and we'd like to welcome him to the

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Illinois Senate.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will you please stand and be recognized? Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolutions 27 and 28, both offered by Senator Cronin.

And Senate Resolution 49, offered by Senator Klemm.

They're all substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Karpiel, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Thank you, Mr. President. To announce the Republican Caucus immediately after adjournment in Senator Pate Philip's Office.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Thank you, Senator Karpiel. Senator DeLeo, for what purpose do you rise? Senator DeLeo.

SENATOR DeLEO:

Thank you, Mr. President. We'd ask for a Democratic Caucus immediate upon adjournment. Short -- just a ten-minute, fifteen-minute caucus.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

So ordered. Any further business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator Weaver moves the Senate stand adjourned until 12 o'clock noon, April 24th.

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