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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 91st 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 Reverend Milton Bost, Pasfield Southern Baptist Church, Springfield, Illinois. Reverend Bost.

THE REVEREND MILTON BOST:

(Prayer by the Reverend Milton Bost)

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.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Tuesday, February 2nd; Wednesday, February 3rd; and Tuesday, February 9th, 1999.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

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

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers moves to approve the Journals just read. There being no objection, so ordered. Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journal of Thursday, February 11th, in the year 1999, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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Senator Myers moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objection, so ordered. May I have your attention, please - particularly those people who are still in their office? We have a special guest here, if you would come up to the Floor, a very special guest from Washington, D.C. And if you'd come up here in the next five minutes, you'll have an opportunity to hear his message. Thank you. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like the record to reflect today that Senator Bowles is absent due to some health problems in her family.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The record will so indicate. If I could have your attention for a minute. We're very privileged to have with us the new United States Senator from Illinois, Senator Peter Fitzgerald. As you know, he has... And as you're probably aware, he has served with us here - I think six years at least. And we all know him well and all love him well, and he certainly did an outstanding job in the primary and the November election, and we're so very proud of what he has done in Washington, D.C. He stands for everything that is good and right. Without further ado, that wonderful Senator from Illinois, Peter Fitzgerald.

U.S. SENATOR PETER FITZGERALD:

(Remarks by U.S. Senator Peter Fitzgerald)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?
SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, I'd like to have a ruling from the Chair, if I might.

First of all, I wish that Senator Fitzgerald, if he's listening
Senator Fitzgerald? - if you would, please tell...

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

May we have some peace and quiet, please? SENATOR DEMUZIO:

...tell Senator Byrd I didn't like Chapter 6, where Hannibal devastated Italy. And number two, a ruling from the Chair: Is this a gift we can accept now under this new bill, or -- or not? PRESIDENT PHILIP:

You'll have to ask Senator Dillard. 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 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 6.

(Secretary reads HJR No. 6)

Adopted by the House, February 17th, 1999.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Jones moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of HJR 6. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Jones has now moved to adopt HJR 6. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The resolution's adopted. The following Senators have been appointed as a Committee of Five from the Senate to await upon His Excellency, Governor George Ryan, and invite him to address the Joint Assembly: Senators Noland, Parker, Sieben, Lightford and Lisa Madigan. All Members are encouraged to immediately proceed to the House Chamber for the Governor's Message. The Senate will stand at ease until the hour of 1.

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(SENATE STANDS AT EASE/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senate will come to order. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 28, offered by Senator Bowles and all Members.

Senate Resolution 29, by Senator Lauzen.

Senate Resolution 31, by Senator Jones and all Members.

They're all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 30, offered by Senator Hendon.

It's substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 287, offered by Senator Syverson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 288, by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 289, Senator Silverstein.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 290 is offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 291 is presented by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 292, by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 293, by Senator Burzynski.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 294, by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Maitland offers Senate Bill 295.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 296, by Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 297, Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 298, Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 299, by Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 300, by Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 301, Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 302, by Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 303, by Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 304, by Senator Bowles.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 305, by Senator Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Mahar offers Senate Bill 306.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 307, Senator Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 308, by Senator Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 309, by Senator Halvorson.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 310, by Senator Robert Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 311, presented by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

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

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Purpose of personal privilege. Sitting up in the gallery my -- is my guest today, Michael Bulakowski, from Palatine, Illinois, who is a constituent of Senator Wendell Jones and also of U.S. Senator Peter Fitzgerald. We'd like you to welcome Michael Bulakowski.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Will our guest in the gallery please rise and be recognized by the Senate? Welcome to Springfield. Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

You might be interested to know, Senator Dudycz, that Mr. Bulakowski is of Ukrainian extraction, like you are.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Thank you, Senator Geo-Karis. (Remarks to guest in Ukrainian.) Introduction of Bills.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 312, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 313, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 314, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 315, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 316, offered by Senator Link.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 317, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 318, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 319, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 321, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 322, offered by Senator Donahue.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 323, offered by Senators Parker, Rea, Obama, Smith and Munoz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 324, offered by Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 325, offered by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 326, offered by Senator Bomke.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 326 -- pardon me, 327, offered by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 328, offered by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 329, offered by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 330, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 331, offered by Senator Hawkinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 332, offered by Senator Syverson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 333, offered by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 334, offered by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 335, offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 336, offered by Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 337, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 338, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 339, offered by Senator Obama.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 340, offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 342, offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 343, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 344, offered by Senator Klemm.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 345, offered by Senator Parker.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 346, offered by Senators del Valle, Madigan - pardon me, that is Lisa Madigan - and Obama.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 347, offered by Senator del Valle.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 348, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 349, offered by Senator Geo-Karis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 350, offered by Senator DeLeo.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 351, offered by Senator Geo-Karis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 352, offered by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 353, offered by Senator Sieben.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 354, offered by Senator Noland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 355, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 356, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 357, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 358, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 359, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 360, offered by Senators Sullivan and Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 361, offered by Senator Lightford.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 362, offered by Senator Robert Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 363, offered by Senators Thomas Walsh and Jacobs.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 364, offered by Senator Rea.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 365, offered by Senator Rea.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 366, offered by Senator Thomas Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 367, offered by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 368, offered by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 369, offered by Senators Watson and Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 370, offered by Senator Myers.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 371, offered by Senator Myers.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 372, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 373, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill 374, offered by Senator Larry Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 32, offered by Senator Myers.

It's a death resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Consent Calendar. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

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Senator Dillard, Chair of the Committee on Local Government, reports Senate Bills 12, 99 and 169 Do Pass, and Senate Bill 168 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Weaver, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation - Senate Joint Resolution 9; to the Committee on Appropriations - Senate Bills 232 and 236; to the Committee on Commerce and Industry - Senate Bills 186, 187, 250, 252, 269, 272 and 290; to the Committee on Education - Senate Bills 215, 219, 226, 244, 246, 277, 281, 292, 293 and 324; to the Committee on Environment and Energy - Senate Bills 204, 205, 262, 263, 264, 265, 305, 306, 308; to the Committee on Executive - Senate Bills 198, 207, 210, 216, 220 {sic} (222), 228, 261, 271, 274, Senate Resolution 27 and Senate Joint Resolution 8; to the Committee on Financial Institutions - Senate Bills 218, 220 and 249; to the Committee on Insurance and Pensions - Senate Bills 195, 196, 211, 243, 273, 285, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303 and 310; to the Committee on Judiciary - Senate Bills 183, 188, 202, 223, 224, 230, 231, 234, 242, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 267, 289, 304, 316, 317 and Senate Resolution 26; to the Committee on Licensed Activities - Senate Bills 212, 238, 239, 240, 241, 259, 287 288; to the Committee on Local Government - Senate Bills 189, 206, 208, 235, 260, 275, 278, 279, 280, 286 and 326; to the Committee on Public Health and Welfare - Senate Bills 190, 191, 192, 197, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322 and 323; to the Committee on Revenue -Senate Bills 184, 193, 194, 199, 213, 214, 225, 227, 229, 233, 237, 247, 248, 253, 266, 284 and 314; to the Committee on State Government Operations - Senate Bills 221, 268, 283, 294 and 311; and to the Committee on Transportation - Senate Bills 185, 203, 209, 217, 270, 276 and 313.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

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Is there any further business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator Sullivan moves that the Senate stand adjourned until the hour of 11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 18th.

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