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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 Senator Geo-Karis. Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

(Prayer by Senator Geo-Karis)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance, Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

We've had some requests to film the proceedings. Fox News, WFLD, WGN-TV, WMAQ-TV and IIS. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journal of Friday, May 21st, 1999.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Jones.

SENATOR W. JONES:

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

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Jones moves to approve the Journal just read. There being no objection, so ordered. Senator Jones.

SENATOR W. JONES:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journal of Monday, May 24th, in the year 1999, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

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Senator Jones moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objection, so ordered.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has refused to recede from their Amendments numbered 1, 2 and 3 to a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 19

I am further directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives requests a First Committee of Conference.

We have like Messages on Senate Bill 24, with House Amendment 1; Senate Bill 27, with Amendments 1, 2, 3 and 5; Senate Bill 73, House Amendment 1; Senate Bill 441, with House Amendments 1, 2 and 3; Senate Bill 648, with Amendments 1 and 2; and Senate Bill 1202, with House Amendment 1.

Action taken by the House, May 24th, 1999.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Without objection, the Senate accedes to the request of the House for conference committees on those bills just read by the Secretary. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Seth Perlman, with the Associated Press, requests permission to take still photos. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. WBBM seeks permission to film. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. ...Channel 7 requests permission to tape. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Senator Smith, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR SMITH:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. I would like to request a meeting of the Democratic Party in Senator

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Jones' Office, immediately.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

That would be a thirty-minutes caucus, Senator?

SENATOR SMITH:

A thirty-minute Caucus, yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

All right. Senator Smith has requested a Democratic Caucus in Senator Jones' Office, immediately. And the Senate will stand at ease until 2:30.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

There is -- I hope that all Republican Members of the Senate can hear me. There will be a Republican Caucus in Senator Philip's Office, immediately. It'll last about fifteen minutes. A Republican Caucus, immediately.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senate will come to order. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 154, offered by Senator Geo-Karis and all Members.

It's a death resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Consent Calendar. Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

A Message from the President, dated May 25th, 1999.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rule 2-10(e), I hereby extend the deadline for final action on the following category of bills, with specific bills enumerated under this category, to June 1, 1999.

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Pensions - specifically, Senate Bill 854.

Signed by President Philip.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution 40, offered by Senators Emil Jones and Philip.

It's substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Weaver, for an announcement.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President. There'll be a Rules Committee meeting in five minutes in the Ante Room.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Thank you, Senator Weaver. Senator Radogno, for what purpose do you arise? Senator Radogno. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Industry - Conference Committee Report 1 to Senate Bill 834; to the Committee on Environment and Energy - Conference Committee Report 1 to Senate Bill 1088; to the Committee on Insurance and Pensions - Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 854; and Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Joint Resolution 40 and Conference Committee Report 1 to Senate Bill 656.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

WCIA - Channel 3, from Champaign, requests permission to videotape. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. ...me call to the Members' attention, currently being distributed is Supplemental Calendar No. 1. We will be going to that Order of Business momentarily, just as soon as the Calendars are completely

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circulated. So I would invite all the Members to please come back to the Floor. Some important business to take care of in just a few minutes. On Supplemental Calendar No. 1 is Senate joint resolution. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution 40, offered by Senators Emil Jones and Philip.

There are no committee or Floor amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Jones.

SENATOR E. JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. This resolution simply calls on the Illinois Gaming Board to conduct a study of ownership interest in current gaming licenses. The Board is to report the findings to the General Assembly by January 1, 2000. And I would appreciate a favorable vote on this resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? If not, Senator Jones moves the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 240 {sic} (40). Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Secretary. On that question, there are 48 Ayes, 7 Nays, no Members voting Present, and the resolution is adopted. Senator...

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr....

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

All right. Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

My Yes vote was locked when I was pressing on it and I couldn't get a green on it. So I would've voted Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

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All right. The -- the record will show -- indicate your intent, Senator Geo-Karis. Senator Donahue, for what purpose do arise?

SENATOR DONAHUE:

Well, thank you very much, Mr. President. Right now, I'd like to say that May 23rd is a very special day for the Dean of the Senate. It's his seventy-fourth birthday, and also his cohort's birthday is May 26th and it's his sixty-ninth birthday. I don't know -- I wouldn't -- I didn't appreciate it when, Mr. President, you stood up and gave my birthday age, but, I guess we can do that. But, I think, more importantly, what is special about this is that Senator Weaver has been here twenty-eight years and served his time in -- in the Illinois Senate. And Senator Philip has certainly been here twenty-four years. And I just want to wish 'em both the happiest of birthdays and thank 'em for all that they've done.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Would the Dean and Mr. President please rise? Please rise. Happy birthday, gentlemen. All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, on page 13 of your regular Calendar today is the... ..Consideration Postponed is Senate Bill 1017. ...the motion, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 3 and 5 to Senate Bill 1017.

The motion, by Senator Weaver.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Weaver is recognized.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. The concurrence to House Amendments 3 and 5 to Senate Bill 1017 have been thoroughly discussed. I think there -- under our agreement, there will be two speakers for and two against. So if there's

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anything to add, now's the time to do it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.
Would the sponsor please yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Indicates he will yield, Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Senator Weaver, as I mentioned yesterday regarding the -- my fear of the "shell game" reinstatement, State proceeds at the present time, the proceeds from riverboat gaming taxes, are currently transferred from the Gaming Fund to the Education Assistance Fund. In that Fund, their sole purpose is for education funding. This legislation appears to authorize Gaming Fund transfers not to the Education Assistance Fund, but to the Racing Equity Fund, with the revenues that would have gone to the Education Assistance Fund being so-called backstopped or held harmless by General Revenue funds. My concern continues to be that the legislation sets in place the opportunity to return to the shell game. And the shell game occurred, under previous administrations, when gaming proceeds from the Lottery and riverboats were used as replacement, rather than supplemental, funding for education. Senator Weaver, would you consider legislation in the Veto Session to amend the Responsible Education Funding Law so as to address this issue?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Further discussion? Senator Dillard.

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SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I will be very brief. I just want to point out in summation, as we consider this bill again, that this is not about two particular men. There are, as I said last night, forty-nine thousand five hundred jobs for little people, little members of and residents of Illinois. So, forty-nine thousand five hundred jobs are at stake, with over four billion dollars a year in economic activity, for better or worse, coming from this particular industry. Illinois has the highest pari-mutuel tax in the United States of America, and we are more than twice the national average. I agree with the Chicago Tribune editorial board and want to remind Members that this is not an expansion of gambling, not according to Kirk Dillard, but according to the Chicago Tribune. A wise old sage once told me, "When you have a tough issue, make sure you pick the right sponsor," and Senator Weaver, who I think we all have the highest regard for - as one of the wisest men, most honorable men in this Body - has put in five to seven years of his life on this particular topic, and I certainly trust Senator Weaver's judgment on this. And, I guess, just to close, again, I agree with the Chicago Tribune that millions of tax dollars and fifty thousand jobs are at stake in this particular bill. And it's time to tune out the noise, focus on a problem, and fix these long-regulated industries by the State of Illinois, and I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Further discussion? Senator Emil Jones.

SENATOR E. JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Last evening we had -- we debated this issue for many, many hours. And many of the issues that we debated was addressed in this resolution that we just passed. But there were many, many other issues that Members of my caucus had of great concern, as relate

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to Senate Bill 1017, as amended: the issue as relate to the economic development of depressed communities throughout the State of Illinois. Those communities were -- who were supposed to profit from gaming have been left dormant many, many years. We have resolved that particular problem. We have resolved that particular problem as it relate to this piece of legislation to assure that those communities will have the opportunity to receive the necessary grants to deal with that. Since we have resolved that problem, then I'll take away my opposition to this bill. There has been wrangling on both sides of the aisle as it relate to Membership. I know the Senate President had twisted so many arms, I saw a couple of the guys in the hospital this morning. But on this side of the aisle, we don't do -- do that. And I never encourage anyone to walk; always tell them, the best thing you do is run. But this is a very, very important issue. There are those in this caucus who are opposed to gaming. There are those who are in favor of gaming. There are those who are opposed to expansion, and there are those who are in favor of expansion. I have stated publicly for many, many years that, if you're going to do anything about gaming, I only -- I don't only want to open up Cook County, I would like to see six or seven boats in Cook County. So I have no problem with that particular issue; but, by the same token, recognizing that we, as a Member of the General Assembly, must make decisions and we must come to an accord on issues, because this issue is also tied to the forty-billion-dollar budget that we are attempting to pass. So recognizing that, recognizing that the resolution that we just passed deals with a very critical issue as it relate to this bill, recognizing that the economically depressed communities throughout the State of Illinois will be dealt with as we deal with this particular budget, I withdraw my opposition to the bill and, therefore, call for affirmative vote.

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Senator Weaver, to close.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Lots of misinformation's been disseminated to this Body and to the public. The intent of this bill is to level the playing field for all concerned with gaming in Illinois, both riverboat and racing. If this dormant license is back in operation, it should provide at least a hundred million dollars to the Education Fund. Better purses at the track will revitalize horse racing, and the State's revenue will increase from that. This is the first time in seven years that all the players are in basic agreement. Nothing -- nothing around here is written in stone, and this is the right thing to do. So I would appreciate a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

This is final action. The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments No. 3 and 5 to Senate Bill 1017. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Secretary. On that question, there are 31 Ayes, 27 Nays, no Members voting Present. The Senate does concur in House Amendments No. 3 and 5 to Senate Bill 1017. And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, the -- the day isn't finished. Let me have your attention, please. Supplemental Calendar No. 1, Conference Committee Reports, Senate Bill 656. Mr. Secretary, do you have on file a conference committee report on Senate Bill 656?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Yes, Mr. President. The First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 656.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Rauschenberger.

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SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 656 is essentially the bill that we passed out of the Senate permitting Isabella's Restaurant to regain its liquor license after having lost it through a procedural error with the City Council. But it also includes a Jewel food store now that was requested by the House. They have the opportunity to have a new Jewel food store move into a strip mall in a depressed part of Chicago, and they need the same exemption from the hundred-foot rule located near the school. The school's in agreement. I'd appreciate favorable consideration of the Conference Committee Report.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Ladies and Gentlemen, we're dealing with final action here. Is there discussion? Is there discussion? If not, the -- all right, I beg your pardon, Senator Molaro. I -- I beg your pardon.

SENATOR MOLARO:

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Molaro.

SENATOR MOLARO:

Now, would the sponsor yield for a question, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

He indicates he will yield, Senator.

SENATOR MOLARO:

Thank you. Why -- why are we doing this? 'Cause this is a Jewel food store? Or would we be doing this for any mom and pop? And I -- the reason I ask the question is because of the fact that we're talking about fifty-six thousand square feet. So I guess the idea would be if it's a big gigantic chain, they could sell liquor, but if you're just a ma-and-pa grocery, you're not allowed to sell liquor.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Senator Molaro, I -- I appreciate your concern, but I point out that the underlying bill deals with Isabella's Restaurant, which was the reason that I became involved with the bill. The Jewel food store under discussion is moving down the street from its present location and rebuilding a new location. It is one foot within the line of the statute that requires it to be a hundred feet away from a school. So, hopefully, this is not a -- a big business deal. Really the underlying bill is Isabella's and I'd appreciate your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Any further discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 656. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Secretary. On that question, there are 41 Ayes, 14 Nays, no Members voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 656. And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. All right. On your regular Calendar, bottom of page 12, Secretary's Desk, Non-concurrence, is House Bill 733. Mr. Secretary. Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes, thank you very much, Mr. President. I would like to refuse to recede from Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 733 and ask for a conference committee report, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? If not, Senator Watson moves that the Senate refuse to recede from the adoption of Senate Amendments No. 1 to House Bill 733. All those in favor, say Aye. Aye -- Nay.

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The Ayes have it. And the motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

We will stand at ease and wait for more paperwork flow to take place between the House. So we will stand at ease to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

The Chair would advise that all Members return to the Floor. Ring the bell. The first order of business will be Non-concurrence and we are looking for Senator Bowles and Senator Wendell Jones. Please return to the Floor. Those will be the first order of business. Mr. Secretary, resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 155, offered by Senator Lisa Madigan and all Members.

It's a death resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Consent Calendar. We will be on Supplemental Calendar No. 2, Secretary's Desk, Concurrence, on Senate Bills, for the purpose of nonconcurring. We are at the top of page 2 of Supplemental Calendar No. 2, Secretary's Desk, Concurrence. These will be nonconcurring motions. Senate Bill 286. Senator DeLeo. Senator DeLeo on the Floor? Out of the record. Mr. Secretary, 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 refused to recede from their

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Amendment No. 2 to a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 53

I am further directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives requests a First Committee of Conference.

We have like Messages on Senate Bill 392 and Senate Bill 321. Action taken by the House May 25th, 1999.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Without objection, the Senate accedes to the request of the House for conference committees on these bills just read by the Secretary.

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 refused to concur with the Senate in the adoption of their amendments to a bill of the following title, to wit:

House Bill 523, with Senate Amendments 1 and 2.

We have a like Message on House Bill 1845, with Senate Amendment 1.

Both nonconcurrent in by the House, May 25th, 1999.

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 a passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 826 {sic} (286), with House Amendments 1, 2, 3 and 4.

We have a like Message on Senate Bill 369, with House Amendments 1 and 3; Senate Bill 618, with House Amendments 1, 2 and 3; and Senate Bill 1079, with House Amendment 1.

All passed the House, as amended, May 25th, 1999.

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Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

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Senator Tom Walsh, Chair of the Committee on State Government Operations, reports Senate Bill 876 - the Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 3 Be Adopted.

And Senator Lauzen, Chair of the Committee on Commerce and Industry, reports Senate Bill 834 - the First Conference Committee Report Be Approved for Consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

We will once again attempt to go through Supplemental Calendar No. 2. Top of the page under Secretary's Desk, Concurrence, and this is for the purpose of a nonconcurring motion only. We find Senate Bill 286. Senator DeLeo. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise? Senate Bill 369. With leave of the Body, Senator Maitland will handle that. Leave is granted. We are on the Order of -- with leave of the Body, Senator Rauschenberger will handle Senate Bill 369. Senator Rauschenberger, on the Order of Non-concurrence, Senate Bill 369. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to nonconcur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 369.

The motion, by Senator Rauschenberger.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I would appreciate the Body's support in nonconcurring on this bill to posture it for a conference.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Rauschenberger moves to nonconcur in House Amendments 1 and 3. Excuse me. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Senate Bill 618. Mr. Secretary, please read

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the motion.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to nonconcur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1, 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 618.

The motion, by Senator Rauschenberger.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I'd appreciate the Body's support in the nonconcurrence. I'd like to move this bill in a posture for conference so we can move on with the budget.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Rauschenberger moves to nonconcur in House Amendments 1, 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 618. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Senator Rauschenberger, on Senate Bill 876. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 876.

The motion, by Senator Rauschenberger.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Mr. Secretary, out of the record. Senate Bill 1079. Senator Rauschenberger, Mr. Secretary. Senator Rauschenberger, for a motion.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I'd like to move to nonconcur on House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1079 to send this back to the House and posture it for conference.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

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Is there any discussion? Any discussion? If not, Senator Rauschenberger moves to nonconcur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1079. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Senate Bill 1080. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion. Senator Maitland, for the purpose of a motion on Senate Bill 1080. Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I move to nonconcur with House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1080.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Maitland moves to nonconcur with House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1080. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? If not, all those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. We'll return to the top of page 2 on Supplemental Calendar No. 2. We have Senate Bill 286. Senator DeLeo. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to nonconcur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1, 2, 3 and 4 to Senate Bill 286.

The motion, by Senator DeLeo.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? If not, Senator DeLeo moves to nonconcur with House Amendment 1, 2, 3 and 4 to Senate Bill 286. To Senate -- all those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. We are now at the bottom of page 2. Secretary's Desk, Non-concurrence, with House bills. We have House Bill 523. Senator Bowles.

SENATOR BOWLES:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. I would

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move that the Senate refuse to recede from Senate Amendments 1 and 2 of House Bill 523, and ask that a conference committee be appointed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Bowles moves that the Senate refuse to recede from the adoption of Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 523, and that a conference committee be adopted. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. House Bill 1845. Senator Wendell Jones. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion. Senator Jones, for the purpose of a motion. Senator Jones.

SENATOR W. JONES:

Mr. President, I move to refuse to recede from Senate Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion on that? If not, Senator Jones moves -- Wendell Jones moves to -- that the Senate refuse to recede from the adoption of Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1845, and that a conference committee be appointed. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Senator Rauschenberger, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

For purposes of an announcement to the Body. Work is progressing very aggressively down in the Bureau of the Budget on the appropriation bills. Now that we have acted on the gaming bill, we know the structure that we have to follow through most of the major bills. You may not realize it, but the gaming bill modified the budget at DHS, Department of Human Services, which is nearly a seven-billion-dollar State agency. It modifies Department of Agriculture and about four other departments. So they're drafting now. We hope early or mid-afternoon, as we take

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a break from the Chamber, to be able to do some preliminary briefings to people on how parts of the budget work. But much of the budget is still being drafted downstairs and the -- the normal number rack ups that we normally share with Members probably won't be available till late in the day tomorrow, but we'll try to make sure there's some time in the afternoon. So whatever you've got scheduled for morning you're free, we'll try to make sure there's a briefing for interested Members.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

It's the intention of the Chair, just for all the Members' information, that we're waiting on paperwork to come back from the House. There'll probably be no votes of roll calls taken on anything from now on, but there may be a couple nonconcurrency motions and that's -- that's the intention of the Chair. So I would assume that you can do as you wish for the rest of the evening, and have a good evening. Yeah. The intention -- we are not going to adjourn, but those that may be leaving, we will be coming back at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. 1 p.m. Messages from the House, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has refused to concur with the Senate in the adoption of their amendment to a bill of the following title, to wit:

House Bill 1134, with Senate Amendment No. 1.

Nonconcurrent in by the House, May 25th, 1999.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Supplemental No. 3 -- Calendar Supplemental No. 3 has been distributed. Inadvertently, a printing error occurred and we have only one order of business on the Calendar. It's House Bill 1134. Senator O'Malley, for the purpose of a motion on House Bill 1134.

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Senator O'Malley.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I refuse to recede to Amendment No. 1 -- Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1134.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator O'Malley refuses to recede on Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1134, and that a conference committee be appointed. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? If not, all those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Is any further business to be brought before the Senate? Any further business? If not, Senator Luechtefeld moves that the Senate stand adjourned until 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26th. That's 1 o'clock tomorrow. Have a good evening.

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