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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

The regular Session of the 93rd General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given Pastor Julie Lejman-Guy, Grace Lutheran Church, Springfield, Illinois. Pastor Lejman-Guy.

PASTOR JULIE LEJMAN-GUY:

(Prayer by Pastor Julie Lejman-Guy)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Link)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Reading and Approval of the Journal. Senator Woolard. Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, February 18, 2003.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Reading and Approval of the Journal. Senator Woolard.

SENATOR WOOLARD:

Mr. President, I move that the Journal just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer. Also, Mr. President, I move that the reading and approval of the Journals of Wednesday, February 19th; Thursday, February 20th; Wednesday, February 26th; Thursday, February 27th; and Friday, February 28th, in the year 2003, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journals.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Woolard moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts and to approve those Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Madam... Madam Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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

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

House Bills 51, 88, 100, 123, 128, 199, 200, 211, 249, 269, 275, 293 and 294.

Passed the House, February 28th, 2003.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, thank you, Mr. President. You know, my light has been on for the last five minutes and I am surprised that you haven't -- and shocked that you haven't noticed that up there. I was going to point out that this is a rather historic day for both you, as well as those individuals of -- that are Hispanic. I think this is the first time a Hispanic has ever presided in the Illinois Senate, and we want to say congratulations to you. It's unfortunate, however. Apparently, you seem to be governing with blinders on. So I would appreciate if you would put -- recognize me a little sooner in the future.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Well, thank you, Senator Demuzio, but I wanted to take care of business first before going on to your point of personal privilege. But I thank you for that acknowledgment and recognition. Thank you very much. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 61, offered by Senator Lightford and all Members.

Senate Resolution 62, also offered by Senator Lightford and all Members.

Senate Resolution 63, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

Senate Resolution 64 and 65, offered by Senator Lauzen and all Members.

Senate Resolution 66 and Senate Resolution 67, offered by -- pardon me, and also Senate Resolution 68, offered by Senators -- Senator Dave Sullivan and all Members.

Senate Resolution 69, offered by Senator Lauzen and all Members.

Senate Resolution 70 and 71, offered by Senator Demuzio, Emil Jones and all Members.

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They're all death resolutions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

And Senate Resolution 72, offered by Senator Brady.

It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Madam Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 12, offered by Senator Shadid.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

State your point.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Mr. President, if I could have a little order. I -- I can't even hear myself. It has come to my attention that Monday, yesterday, Larry Walsh was -- I can't read it, how old he was. Let's see, it's a pretty high number. Oh. Larry Walsh was fifty-five years of age yesterday, and just because it was a -- Monday, we want to tell him that we expect cake. So happy birthday. Where's the cake?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Cake is in his room. Stop down. Happy birthday, Larry.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Happy birthday, Senator -- Senator Larry Walsh. Senator Jacobs. Senator Jacobs, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR JACOBS:

The Insurance and Pensions Committee will meet directly after caucus, hopefully at -- around 1:30 or thereabouts in Room 400. 2 o'clock in Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Halvorson, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR HALVORSON:

For an announcement. I'd like to announce that we'll have a Democrat Caucus immediately upon adjournment in the President's Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Woolard, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WOOLARD:

For the purpose of an announcement. The Education Committee will be meeting in Room 212 at 2 p.m. Changed to 2 p.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Burzynski, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. I -- I don't know what Senator Demuzio was complaining about. You recognized my light very quickly. I appreciate that. But for purposes of announcement, we'll be having a Republican Caucus in Senator Watson's Office immediately upon - adjournment or recess.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Shadid, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SHADID:

For a -- an announcement. The Transportation Committee will be meeting at 4:30 in Room A-1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Haine, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HAINE:

We rise, Mr. President, to inform the Senate that the Local Government Committee is meeting in A-1, Stratton Building, at 2 p.m. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Walsh, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WALSH:

For the purposes of an announcement, Mr. President. Just as a -- just as a reminder, the Senate Agriculture and Conservation Committee will meet at 9 a.m. in A-1 tomorrow morning. 9 a.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Schoenberg, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

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I rise to remind the Members of the Appropriations II {sic} (I) Committee that that committee will be meeting at 4:30 p.m. today in Room 212 of the Capitol. That's 4:30 p.m. for the Appropriations Committee that's chaired by Mr. Trotter. He's not here. I'm making this announcement in his absence. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Shadid, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SHADID:

For an announcement. Local Government's meeting in A-1 at 2. Transportation will meet as soon as they're done, hopefully before 4:30. Could be 4 o'clock. Okay? Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Clayborne, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Energy -- Environment and Energy will meet tomorrow at 9 in 212.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Hunter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HUNTER:

I rise to make an announcement, Mr. President. Tomorrow -- just as a reminder that the Health and Human Services Committee will meet tomorrow in Room 4 o'clock {sic} (400) at 9 o'clock in the morning. Thank you, sir.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Cullerton, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. With regard to the Judiciary Committee, which normally would be scheduled to meet at 3:30, we will now meet at 4:30, 4:30 in Room 400. I also have witnesses from out of State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Demuzio, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Agriculture and Conservation Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 71 and Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 610; refer to Education Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 22, Committee Amendment No. 1 to

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Senate Bill 201, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 207 and Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 684; refer to Environment and Energy Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 25, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 221 and Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1518; refer to Executive Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 75, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 95, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 100, Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 218, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 409, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 531, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 565 and Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 619; refer to Health and Human Services Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 59, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 61, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 252, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 552 and Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1156; refer to Insurance and Pensions Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 318, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 475, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 559, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 601 and Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1359; refer to Judiciary Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 15, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 43, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 118, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 242, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 407, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 469, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 470, Committee Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 472, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1352 and Committee Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1578; refer to Labor and Commerce Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 248; refer to Licensed Activities Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 217; refer to Local Government Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 132, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 196 and Committee Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1124; refer to Transportation Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 330, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 563, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 568, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 901 and Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1397; and re-refer to Rules -

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Senate Bills 95, 249, 291, 590 {sic}, 639, 1466, 1479, 1480, 1762 and 1772.

March 4th, 2003, Senator Vince Demuzio.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

There being no further business to come before the Senate, Senator Demuzio moves that the Senate stand adjourned until the hour of noon, on Wednesday, March 5th. The Senate stands adjourned.