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PRESIDENT JONES:

The regular Session on the 93rd General Assembly will 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 by Dr. Reginald Mills, Pastor of Central Baptist Church, Springfield, Illinois. Dr. Mills.

DR. REGINALD MILLS:

(Prayer by Dr. Reginald Mills)

PRESIDENT JONES:

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

SENATOR LINK:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Link)

PRESIDENT JONES:

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

SENATOR WOOLARD:

Mr. President, I move that the reading and approval of the Journals of Tuesday, March 4th; Wednesday, March 5th; Thursday, March 6th; and Tuesday, March 11th, in the year 2003, be postponed -- arrival of the printed Journals.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Woolard moves for the postponing and -- reading of the approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objection, so ordered. Wait a minute. Senator Woolard -- I mean, Senator Rutherford -- Rutherford, rather.

SENATOR RUTHERFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. If Senator Woolard would yield, I just wondered if he was to have read all of those, as opposed to waiting for them to arrive, how long would it take for him to read 'em? Is it something that would take, like, a long time or a little bit of time to read 'em?

PRESIDENT JONES:

He's a speed-reader. It shouldn't take him no more than ten days.

SENATOR RUTHERFORD:

Very good. Well, I can understand now why we are going to postpone reading them. Thank you.

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PRESIDENT JONES:

Message from the House, Madam Secretary.

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

House Bills 1178, 1179, 1185, 1187, 1189, 1192, 1193, 1205 and 1209.

Passed the House, March 11, 2003.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Shadid, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation, reports Senate Bills 96, 113, 150, 184, 281, 451, 567, 639, 1093, 1149, 1362, 1453, 1521, 1581, 1804 and 1848 Do Pass; Senate Bills 568, 1108, 1361, 1408 and 1471 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Trotter, Chairperson of the Committee on Appropriations I, reports Senate Bills 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 1264, 1265, 1266, 1267, 1268, 1269, 1270, 1271, 1272, 1273, 1274, 1275, 1276, 1277, 1278, 1279, 1280, 1281, 1282, 1283, 1284, 1285, 1286, 1287, 1288, 1289, 1290, 1291, 1292, 1293, 1294, 1295, 1296, 1297, 1298, 1299, 1300, 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1305, 1306, 1307, 1308, 1309, 1310, 1311, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315, 1316, 1317, 1318 and 1319 Do Pass.

Senator del Valle, Chairperson of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Bills 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 206, 372, 492, 618, 623, 634, 805, 814, 877, 878, 1030, 1037, 1321, 1333, 1368, 1369, 1375 and 1403 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 22, 317, 381, 490, 624, 684, 890, 891, -- pardon me, 1074 and 1107 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Walsh, Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, reports Senate Bills 174, 175, 176, 178, 257, 415, -- pardon me, 573, 576, 578, 1527, 1572, 1853 and 1854 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 71 and 610 Do Pass, as Amended.

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Senator Haine, Chairperson of the Committee on Local Government, reports Senate Bills 132, 152, 267, 331, 414, 425, 427, 594, 605, 685, 1105, 1167, 1168, 1204, 1205, 1210, 1345, 1353, 1370, 1382, 1384, 1407, 1409, 1546, 1576, 1647, 1762 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 196, 561, 974, 1164 and 1337 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Welcome Attorney General Lisa Madigan to the Senate Floor. Senator Cullerton, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I would move that we waive the posting -- I move that we waive the posting requirements for Senate Bill 172, which is to be -- to be heard in Revenue. It was inadvertently not posted. It's a -- noncontroversial bill. No opposition that I know of. So I -- I'd ask if we can waive the posting for that, please.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Cullerton moves to waive posting requirement for Senate Bill 172 so it can be heard today in the Judiciary Committee -- Revenue Committee. Any objection? So ordered. Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Madam Secretary, Committee Report.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Refer to Agriculture and Conservation Committee -- pardon me, Senator Demuzio, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Agriculture and Conservation Committee - Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 71; refer to Executive Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 291, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 941, Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1497, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1510, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1648, Senate Resolution 52, Senate Resolution 72, House Joint Resolution 11, Senate Joint Resolution 6, Senate Joint Resolution 15, Senate Joint Resolution 16, Senate Joint Resolution, Constitutional Amendment, 20, Senate Joint Resolution 24; refer to Health and Human Services Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1082, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1414 and Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1649; refer to Insurance and Pensions Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1

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{sic} (2) to Senate Bill 1776; refer to Judiciary Committee - Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 108; refer to Labor and Commerce Committee - Committee Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 600, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1070 and Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1857; refer to Licensed Activities Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1787; refer to Revenue Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 270, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 813, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1883; refer to State Government Committee - Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 155, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 226, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1530; and Be Approved For Consideration - Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 232.

PRESIDENT JONES:

On -- on page 2 of the Calendar, on the Order of -- Senate Bills 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 3. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 3.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Health and Human Services adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Out of the record. Senate Bill 4. Senate Bill 13. Out of the record. Senate Bill 15. Out of the record. Senate Bill 24. Senate Bill 30. Out of the record. Senate Bill 43. Out of the record. Senate Bill 50. Take it out. Senate Bill 52. Out of the record. Senate Bill 59. Out of the record. I skipped one. Go back to Senate Bill 58. Take it out. Senate Bill 67. Out of the record. Senate Bill 78. Senate Bill 90. Senate Bill 100. Senate Bill 101. Senate Bill 102. Senate Bill 130. Senate Bill 142. Senate Bill 151. Senate Bill 179. Senate Bill 185. Senate Bill 186. Senate Bill 190. Senate Bill 200. Senate Bill 208. Senate Bill 218. Out of the record. Senate Bill 222. Senate Bill 223. Senate Bill 224. Senate Bill 229. Senate Bill 232. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 232.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Risinger.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Risinger, on the amendment. Senator Risinger.
Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Senator Risinger has an amendment. Is he going to speak on
the amendment? I would like to move the bill to 3rd.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Take the amendment out of the record. 3rd Reading, Senate
Bill 232. 233. On Senate Bill 232, the amendment was taken out
of the record. The bill is moved to 3rd Reading. Senate Bill
232. Messages from the House, Madam Secretary.

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 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 25.

(Secretary reads HJR No. 25)

Adopted by the House, March 11, 2003.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Demuzio. Senator Demuzio moves to suspend the
rules for the purpose of immediate consideration and adoption of
House Joint Resolution 25. All those in favor, say Aye.
Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended for
the immediate consideration and adoption of resolution -- of the
resolution. Senator Demuzio moves to adopt House Joint
Resolution 25. All those in favor, signify by saying, Aye.
Nays. Ayes have it. The Ayes have it. The resolution is
adopted. Senator Silverstein, what purpose you rise?

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

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For the purpose of an announcement, Mr. President. The Senate Executive Committee will meet promptly at 2 o'clock in Room 212.

PRESIDENT JONES:

At this time I would like to announce the Committee of Five Senators who have been appointed to escort the Governor to the House of Representatives: Senator Clayborne, Senator Link, Senator Ronen, Senator Righter and Senator Risinger. The Senate will now recess and will reconvene in Joint Session in -- in the House Chamber for the Governor's Address, after which the Senate will stand in recess until the call of the Chair. The Senate will reconvene in this Chamber at approximately 2 p.m. this afternoon. The Senate stands in recess.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The Senate will come to order. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 82, offered by Senator Geo-Karis and all Members.

Senate Resolution 83, offered by Senator Risinger and all Members.

Senate Resolution 84, Senate Resolution 85 and Senate Resolution 86, all offered by Senator Demuzio, Emil Jones and all Members.

They're all death resolutions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

And Senate Resolution 87, offered by Senators Petka and Roskam.

It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 53, offered by Senator Althoff.

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Senate -- pardon me, House Bill 362, offered by Senator Clayborne.

House Bill 525, offered by Senator Haine.

House Bill 536, offered by Senator David Sullivan.

And House Bill 1205, offered by Senator DeLeo.

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 53, offered by Senator Althoff.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 362, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 525, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 536, offered by Senator David Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 1205, offered by Senator DeLeo.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Dillard, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DILLARD:

Madam President, on a point of order. I'm looking around the Floor and you and I are the only Members of the Senate here. And I know that -- I believe when we went over to hear Governor Blagojevich's Address, there was a time certain of 2 p.m. given for the Senate to stand in recess until. I don't know if there's committee meetings going on, but I know -- I think when we came back, we transacted at least some business, even if it was perfunctory. And this place is crazy enough and overflowing with paperwork now, and it's a -- it's a -- it's a big inconvenience for the Members, but let alone the staff, on both sides of the aisle, who are trying to keep track of what's going on around here. What is our status? What are we doing? Are we coming back at 2? And are there committee meetings going on right now?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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Thank you, Senator Dillard. When we recessed earlier, it was -- the time was given as an estimate. What we plan on doing right now is adjourning and -- to save time for everybody. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 13th, 2003. The Senate stands adjourned.