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PRESIDENT JONES:

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 by Reverend Percy Johnson, Greater Faith Church -- Baptist Church in Waukegan. Reverend Johnson.

THE REVEREND PERCY JOHNSON:

(Prayer by the Reverend Percy Johnson)

PRESIDENT JONES:

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

SENATOR LINK:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Link)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Reading and Approval of the Journal. Senator Schoenberg.

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President. For Thursday, February 5th...

PRESIDENT JONES:

Pardon me a minute. Hold one second. Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journals of Thursday, February 5, and Friday, February 6, 2004.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Schoenberg.

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Mr. President, I move that the Journals just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Schoenberg moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 410, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

Senate Resolution 411, offered by Senator Viverito and all Members.

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Senate Resolution 412, also offered by Senator Viverito and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 413, offered by Senator Meeks and all Members.

They're all death resolutions.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 414, offered by Senators Luechtefeld, Watson, Dillard and John Jones.

Senate Resolution 415, offered by Senator Schoenberg.

Senate Joint Resolution 53, offered by Senator Cullerton.

Senate Joint Resolution, Constitutional Amendment, 54, offered by Senators Luechtefeld, Watson, Dillard and John Jones.

Senate Joint Resolution, Constitutional Amendment, 15 {sic} (55), offered by Senator Schoenberg.

And Senate Joint Resolution, Constitutional Amendment, 56, offered by Senator John Jones.

And Senate Joint Resolution 57, Constitutional Amendment, offered by Senators Petka and Wendell Jones.

They're all substantive.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 3220, offered by Senator Larry Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

A Message from the House by Mr. Bolin, Assistant Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 1913, together with House Amendment 1 -- No. 1.

Passed the House, as amended, February 9, 2004.

A Message from the House by Mr. Bolin, Assistant Clerk.

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House Bill 3937.

Passed the House, February 9, 2004.

A Message from the House by Mr. Bolin, Assistant 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 53.

Adopted by the House, February 5, 2004.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Althoff, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

On a personal privilege.

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'd like to take a moment and introduce my two Pages for today. They are cousins. We have Willy Smak from McHenry, Illinois, who is a resident of Senator Peterson's district, and we have Zachary Hummel, who is a resident of my district, from Ringwood, Illinois.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Will our young boys please stand and rise, be recognized by the Senate. Young Pages, welcome to the Senate. Will all the Members of the Rules Committee kindly convene? There'll be a meeting called by the Chairman immediately. Senator Jacobs, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Point of personal privilege and then an announcement.

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point, Senator.

SENATOR JACOBS:

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We have with us this afternoon on the Floor Senator Jimmy Rea from deep southern Illinois, one of our former colleagues. Jimmy Rea.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Yeah, will Jimmy Rea kindly raise your hand and be welcomed by the Senate? Welcome home.

SENATOR JACOBS:

And then, secondly, if I might make an announcement, that the Insurance and Pension Committee for tomorrow, you can sleep an extra hour, because we have canceled that due to lack of interest.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Hendon, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Mr. President. At the appropriate time I wanted to announce that the Environment and Energy Committee will be meeting tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock in 212.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Ronen.

SENATOR RONEN:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. The Labor and Commerce Committee meeting tomorrow has been canceled. There will be no Labor and Commerce Committee meeting tomorrow.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President. For purposes of announcement. The Local Government Committee will meet tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. in Room A-1 of the Stratton Building. Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Schoenberg.

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise for purposes of an announcement. The State Government Committee will meet tomorrow at 1 p.m. in Room A-1 of the Stratton Building.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Halvorson.

SENATOR HALVORSON:

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Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to announce that the Executive Committee will meet tomorrow at 1 p.m. in Room 212.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Yes, Mr. President. The Senate Revenue Committee will meet at 1 o'clock in Room 400 tomorrow.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Larry Walsh.

SENATOR WALSH:

Thank you, Mr. President. For the purpose of an announcement. The Senate Agriculture and Conservation Committee will meet tomorrow morning, 11 a.m., in Room A-1.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Miguel del Valle.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Senate Education Committee will meet tomorrow at 9 a.m. in Room -- 212.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator John Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Rise for the purposes of an announcement. The Senate Judiciary Committee will meet tomorrow at 10 a.m. in Room 400. Room -- 10 a.m. in Room 400.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Mattie Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Health -- the Senate Health and Human Services Committee -- excuse me, will meet tomorrow at -- in Room 4 o'clock -- Room 400 at 11 o'clock tomorrow. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Maggie Crotty.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to announce that the Licensed Activities will be meeting tomorrow in A-1 in the Stratton Building at 2 o'clock.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Sieben.

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SENATOR SIEBEN:

Thank...

PRESIDENT JONES:

Will you kindly hold it down, Members?

SENATOR SIEBEN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to remind the Members that the Sportsmen's Caucus will meet tonight at 6 o'clock at the State Fairgrounds. Historically we've been able to raise about twenty thousand dollars for youth activities, for contributions to the Conservation Foundation. So please join us. The staffs are welcome as well. Please join us at the fairgrounds tonight at 6 o'clock. Bring your billfold and your checkbook so you can bid on some of the good items tonight at the Sportsmen's Caucus. There'll also be good food there. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES:

They won't be carrying their guns, will they? Senator Kirk Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President. I want the record to reflect that my seatmate, Senator Dan Cronin, from Elmhurst, is absent today due to illness.

PRESIDENT JONES:

The record shall -- shall reflect. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Demuzio, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Education Committee - Floor Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 754; refer to Environment and Energy Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2142 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2350; refer to Executive Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1913; refer to Health and Human Services Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2270; refer to Judiciary Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2165, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2167, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2274, and Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2386; refer to Local Government Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to

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Senate Bill 2158 and Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2337.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 416, offered by Senator Demuzio.

It is a death resolution.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Resolutions Consent Calendar. House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3937, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT JONES:

There being no further business coming before the Senate, the Senate will stand adjourned till the hour of noon on Tuesday. The Senate stands adjourned.