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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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? You, folks. The invocation today will be given by the Reverend Brandon Boyd of Loami Christian Church. Reverend Boyd.

THE REVEREND BRANDON BOYD:

(Prayer by the Reverend Brandon Boyd)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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

SENATOR LINK:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Link)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, February 10, 2004.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Mr. President, I move that the Journal just read by the Secretary be approved, unless a Member of the Senate has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

There being no objection, so ordered. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 417, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

Senate Resolution 418, also offered by Senator Link and all Members.

Senate Resolution 419, 420, 421 and 422, all offered by Senator Lauzen and all Members.

They're -- and Senate Resolution 423, offered by Senator Sandoval and all Members.

They're all death resolutions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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And Senate Joint Resolution 58, offered by Senator Hunter.  
It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Radogno, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Mr. President. For the purposes of a motion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Please proceed.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

As the chief sponsor of Senate Bill 3114, I would move to  
table that bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Radogno moves that Senate Bill 3114 be tabled.  
That motion is always in order. Those in favor will say Aye.  
Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the bill is tabled. Senator  
Collins, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR COLLINS:

A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

State your point.

SENATOR COLLINS:

I would like to acknowledge the presence of another Senator  
Collins on the Floor. Of course, there's no relationship  
involved, but -- and there's no preferential treatment, but I  
just would like to recognize her for her contribution to the  
General Assembly when she served so distinguishedly. Former  
Senator Earlean Collins.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Collins, nice to see you again. Welcome to  
Springfield, Senator. Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 3222, offered by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 3223, offered by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 3224, offered by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 3225, offered by Senator John Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 3226, offered by Senator Brady.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Madam Secretary, Messages.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

A Message from the Comptroller.

To the Honorable Members of the Illinois Senate, 93rd General Assembly - Please be advised that I have nominated and appointed the following named persons to the -- following positions enumerated below pursuant to Public Act 93-617:

As Inspector General, Office of the State Comptroller, Mr. Michael J. Drake for a term of five years, salaried.

As a Commissioner on the -- Executive Ethics Commission, Mr. James J. Faught for a term of two years, nonsalaried.

I respectfully ask concurrence in the confirmation of these appointments by your Honorable Body.

Sincerely, Daniel W. Hynes, Comptroller.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Burzynski, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. For purposes of announcement. Like the record to reflect that Wendell Jones will not be here today. He will be absent on personal business.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

The record will so reflect. Senator Hendon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

State your point. State your point.

SENATOR HENDON:

I wanted to join Senator Collins in recognizing my colleague from the great west side and I was just a little slow getting to my button, but I would be remiss in my duties if I didn't recognize Senator Earlean Collins for her great work

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while she was here in the Senate and especially for the great work she's done to save the line on taxes -- property taxes in Cook County quite recently. And her great work saved the people of Cook County the lease tax, which would have hurt business and film and everything else in the County of Cook within the State of Illinois. I wanted to recognize her for her staunch stand on that issue in Cook County.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Hendon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HENDON:

Purpose of announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Please -- please proceed.

SENATOR HENDON:

There will be an Executive Appointments Committee meeting at 3 p.m. 3 p.m. in Room 212. Be on time. We'll -- we will be prompt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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 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 66.

(Secretary reads HJR No. 66)

Adopted by the House, February 18, 2004.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Halvorson moves to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of House Joint Resolution 66. All in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Senator Halvorson moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 66. All in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. House Joint Resolution 66 is adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like to announce the Committee of Five Senators who will be appointed to escort the Governor to the House of Representatives: Senator Welch, Senator

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Halvorson, Senator Garrett, Senator Wojcik, Senator Soden. Ladies and Gentlemen, the Senate will now recess and will convene after the meeting of the -- of the Executive Appointments Committee. The Executive Appointments Committee will meet first. That will be at the call of the Chair. We do not expect any votes at that time. However, the Senate will reconvene. The Senate is in recess.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 424, offered by Senator Viverito and all Members.

It is a death resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 3227, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 3228, offered by Senator Winkel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 3229, offered by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3230, offered by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill -- and Senate Bill 3231, offered by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Madam Secretary, Messages.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

A Message from the -- from the Secretary of State.

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Sir - In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I am forwarding herewith

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the enclosed Senate bill from the 93rd General Assembly as vetoed by the Governor, together with his objections:

Senate Bill 1510.

Respectfully, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Ladies and Gentlemen, there will be an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee in the Anteroom behind the Senate President's stand. The Rules Committee. The Rules committee is meeting and waiting for Senator Cullerton. Madam Secretary, 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 - Senate Bills 2457, 2790, 2904, 3065 and 3111; refer to Appropriations I Committee - Senate Bills 2368, 2454, 2543 and 2829; refer to Appropriations II Committee - Senate Bill 3012; refer to Education Committee - Senate Bills 2646, 2676, 2730, 2732, 2769, 2863, 2867, 2918, 2995, 3000, 3001, 3091, 3107 and 3109; refer to Environment and Energy Committee - Senate Bills 2525, 2570, 2598, 2603, 2619 and 2731; refer to Executive Committee - Senate Bills 2460, 2461, 2567, 2580, 2678, 2693, 2751, 2839, 2937, 2966, 2989, 3053, 3148, 3150 through 3181, Senate Bills 3185, 3186, 3208, 3214, 3215, 3216, 3217, 3218 and 3219; refer to Financial Institutions Committee - Senate Bills 2634, 2707, 2710, 2908, 2981, 3021 and 3027; refer to Health and Human Services Committee - Senate Bills 2448, 2551, 2583, 2608, 2609, 2610, 2618, 2655, 2726, 2737, 2754, 2845, 2880, 2900, 2926, 2944, 3013, 3125 and 3141; refer to Insurance and Pensions Committee - Senate Bills 2173, 2306, 2545, 2560, 2581, 2701, 2744, 2830, 2872, 3002, 3068 and 3077; refer to Judiciary Committee - Senate Bills 2090, 2163, 2188, 2354, 2451, 2456, 2471, 2495, 2496, 2499, 2502, 2510, 2516, 2535, 2536, 2546, 2559, 2561, 2562, 2572, 2591, 2630, 2638, 2653, 2654, 2664, 2690, 2757, 2765, 2766, 2767, 2777, 2778, 2784, 2785, 2786, 2806, 2895, 2921, 2946, 2982, 3004, 3007, 3014, 3041, 3042, 3043, 3127, 3137 and 3140; refer to Labor and Commerce Committee - Senate Bills 2547, 2665, 2858, 2877, 2901 and 2905; refer to Licensed Activities Committee - Senate Bills 2382, 2435, 2459,

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2605, 2613, 2614, 2617, 2729, 2756 and 2887; refer to Local Government Committee - Senate Bills 2091, 2133, 2138, 2455, 2659, 2924, 2932, 2933 and 3064; refer to Revenue Committee - Senate Bills 2190 -- pardon me, I'm sorry, that was 2170, 2411, 2432, 2542, 2635, 2735, 2807, 2890, 2892 and 3129; refer to State Government Committee - Senate Bills 2216 through 2233, 2236 through 2259, 2262, 2263, 2385, 2407, 2526, 2626, 2683, 2686, 2718, 2719, 2788, 2801, 2820, 2844, 2847, 2961, 2962, 2966 {sic} (2996), 3037, 3188 through 3204; refer to Transportation Committee - Senate Bills 2152, 2343, 2401, 2429, 2452, 2480, 2627, 2682, 2894, 2980 and 3131.

Senator Demuzio, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Education Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2317; refer to Health and Human Services Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2378, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2379, Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2768 and Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 3112; refer to Judiciary Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2124, Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2134, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2172, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2791 and Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3130; refer to Licensed Activities Committee - Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2108; refer to Local Government Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2277 and Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2879; refer to Revenue Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2552; refer to State Government Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3207; and refer to Transportation Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3184.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution -- 59, offered by Senator Wendell Jones.

It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 1:30 p.m. on



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Thursday, February 19th, 2004. Thursday, tomorrow, 1:30. The Senate stands adjourned.