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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? The invocation today will be given by Reverend Gordon McLean of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield. Reverend McLean.

THE REVEREND GORDON McLEAN:

(Prayer by the Reverend Gordon McLean)

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)

The University of Illinois news division has asked for leave to film the proceeding. Is there any objection? Seeing none, leave is granted. Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journal of Thursday, February 19, 2004.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 432, offered by Senators -- Demuzio, President Jones and all Members.

It's a death resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Madam Secretary, Messages.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

A Message for the Governor by Joseph B. Handley, Deputy Chief of Staff for Legislative Affairs, February 20, 2004.

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Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 93rd General Assembly - I have nominated and appointed the following named persons to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments of your Honorable Body.

Rod Blagojevich, Governor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Munoz, Chairman -- Chairperson of the Committee on Licensed Activities, reports Senate Bill 2299 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 2108, 2109, 2271, 2377, 2395 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are going to proceed to page 2 of the Calendar, Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Would the secretaries please ask their Members to come to the Floor so that we can move these bills on the Calendar to 3rd Reading so next week will go faster? The first bill on our Calendar is Senate Bill 2098. 2098. Senator Sieben. Senate Bill 2103. Senator Radogno. Senator Radogno. Could we please have some room for Senator Radogno? Do you want -- read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2103.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2106. Senator Halvorson. Senator Halvorson. Senator Halvorson. 2106. Do you want to move that to 3rd Reading? Thank you. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2106.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2115. Senator del Valle. Senate Bill 2124. Senator Cullerton. Senate Bill 2134. Senator Cullerton. Senate Bill 2140. Senator Garrett. Senate Bill 2141. Senator Demuzio. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2141.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2145. Senator Jacobs. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2145.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2147. Senator Silverstein. Senate Bill 2156. Senator John Jones. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House {sic} Bill 2156.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2158. Senator Garrett. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2158.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Local Government adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator... Any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2164. Senator Althoff. Senate Bill 2165. Senator Petka. Yes? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2165.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Judiciary adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Are there any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill -- top of page 3. Senate Bill 2166. Senator Viverito. Senate Bill 2167. Senator Welch. Senate Bill 2171. Senator Ronen. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2171.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2172. Senator Haine. 2172. Senator Haine. Do you wish to move it to 3rd? Senate Bill 2174. Senator Jacobs. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2174.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2181. Senator Halvorson. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2181.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2190. Senator Jacobs. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House {sic} Bill 2190.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2193. Senator Meeks. Senate Bill -- 2197. Senator DeLeo. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2197.

(Secretary reads title of SB 2193)

Pardon me -- excuse me. 2197.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bills 2205 through 2264 are Senator Emil Jones' bill. We're going to pass those. The middle of page 4. Senator Forby. Senate Bill 2273. Senator Forby. Senate Bill 2274. Senator Righter. Senator Righter. 2274. Senate Bill 2285. Senator DeLeo. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2285.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2293. Senator Jacobs. Senate Bill 2296. Senator Jacobs. Senate Bill -- we'll pass Senate Bill 2320. Senate Bill 2329. Senator Martinez. At the top of page 5. Senate Bill 2335. Senator Hunter. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2325 -- pardon me, 2335.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2337. Senator Cullerton. Senate Bill 2362. Senator John Sullivan. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2362.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2366. Senator Trotter.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Read the bill, Madam...

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Pardon me.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

No. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 2367. Senator Trotter. Senate Bill 2374. Senator Shadid. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2374.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2375. Senator Ronen. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2375.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2378. Senator Ronen. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2378.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2379. Senator Ronen. Senate Bill 2380. Senator Silverstein. Senate Bill 2381. Senator Munoz. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2381.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2386. Senator Shadid. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2386.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Judiciary adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2397. Senator DeLeo. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2397.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. Top of page 6. Senate Bill 2398. Senator DeLeo. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2398.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2424. Senator Halvorson. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2424.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2442. Senator James Clayborne. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2442.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2444. Senator Clayborne. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2444.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2447. Senator Righter. Oh. There's -- there's a fiscal note on that bill, too. Senate Bill 2453. Senator Bomke. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2453.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2469. Senator Haine. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2469.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2503. Senator Cullerton. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2503.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2517. Senator Cullerton. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2517.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2552. Senator Link. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2552.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Revenue adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2577. Senator Cullerton. Senator Cullerton. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2577.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2578. Senator Cullerton. Senate Bill 2579. Senator Obama. Senate Bill 2601. Senator Clayborne. Senate Bill 2602. Senator Clayborne. Senate -- top of page 7. Senate Bill 2755. Senator John Sullivan. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill -- pardon me, 2755.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2809. Senator Maloney. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2809.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2810. Senator Bomke. Senate Bill 2827. Senator Demuzio. Senator Demuzio. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2827.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2864. Senator Burzynski. Senate Bill 2879. Senator Maloney. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

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Senate Bill 2879.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Local Government adopted Committee Amendment No. 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2919. Senator Sandoval. Senator Sandoval. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2919.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2988. Senator Collins. Senate Bill -- Senate Bill 3083. Senator Schoenberg. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 3083.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3112. Senator Garrett. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 3112.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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3rd Reading. Senator DeLeo. Senate Bill 3184. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 3184.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, Mr. President, if I could have the attention of the Members for a moment, please. I know there's a number of conferences that are going on.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Could we have attention? Senator Demuzio has an important announcement to make - as all of his announcements are.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I always have an important announcement to make. Thank you very much, Mr. President. Mr. President, we are honored today by a special guest, Brett Rose. Brett is in the gallery in front of me. Would you stand for a moment -- for a minute, Brett? Ladies and Gentlemen, he is also here with Ollie and Julie {sic} (Judy) Schwallenstecker, who are constituents of mine from my district. But I want to point out some extraordinary action that was taken by this young man that I think that the Body would be pleased to know. As you know, the Illinois Senate is always pleased to recognize a number of individuals who have gone beyond the call of duty. Well, Brett Rose, of Bunker Hill, did just exactly that when he saved the life of his brother, Austin. Brett is the son of Debra and Hubert Rose of Bunker Hill. And he is thirteen years old. He's a student at Meissner Junior High School. And whereas, Brett learned his basic first aid as part of his eighth-grade health class. He came home one day and he found his brother, Austin, unconscious in the kitchen. Well, Brett placed his brother on the floor and began performing CPR. And through his swift and focused actions, Brett managed to get his brother breathing again and, therefore, saving his life. I thought that the

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Members of the Senate would want to congratulate Brett for his courage, his presence of mind, his heroism, and wish him the best of luck in the future, and serving as an -- exemplary example of how learning about CPR can help others. And so, Brett, we say congratulations to you for the -- for the -- what you've done and best of wishes to you in the -- in the future.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Harmon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

State your point.

SENATOR HARMON:

I'm honored to be joined today by two of my favorite constituents, my sister, Julia, and brother-in-law, Jeff Bell, are here today, along with our first niece or nephew to be named later. So I just wanted to ask you all to join me in welcoming them to Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Will our guests please rise? Welcome to the Senate. Senator Burzynski, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. Would just like the record to reflect that Senator Jones - Wendell Jones - is not with us today due to personal business.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President. For a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

State your point.

SENATOR JACOBS:

An announcement. It's not very often that someone reaches a milestone while they're in the Senate, but my seatmate, Tony Munoz, who's trying to run away now, just turned the ripe old age of forty on Wednesday. And he probably thought he was going to get away without being noticed, but he's also pretty cheap

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and didn't buy a cake. But we want to say happy fortieth to my seatmate, my friend, Tony Munoz.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Madam Secretary, Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2349 {sic} (3349), offered by Senator del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Since we're in the Majority, would be nice if you looked over here a lot more than you looked over on the other side. But...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator, you had two people talking, one in each ear.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I -- well, you know, you always have an excuse. Thank you very much, Mr. President. I would like the record to reflect that Senator Viverito is absent today due to personal business.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Record will so reflect. Madam Secretary, on the Order of Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution 61, offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 61)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Demuzio moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 61. Those in favor will say Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Demuzio moves for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 61. All in favor will say Aye. All opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Pursuant -- we're going to hold up the adjournment till we introduce a few more bills. Our business is concluded for the day. We'll reconvene on Tuesday at noon, February 24th. February 24th, noon. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, Mr. President, another announcement. You just passed the adjournment resolution. Ladies and Gentlemen, when we -- stand adjourned today in a few minutes, we'll come back next Tuesday, the 24th, at the hour of twelve noon. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Thank you, Senator. I -- I thought I said that myself. Madam Secretary, Resolutions Consent Calendar. Have there been any resolutions to be added to the Consent Calendar? We will now proceed to the Order of Resolutions Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all those resolutions read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Madam Secretary, have there been any objections filed to any resolution on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

There have been no objections filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries and the resolutions are adopted. Senator John Sullivan, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR J. SULLIVAN:

A point for announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

State your announcement.

SENATOR J. SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to remind all the Members -- like to remind all the Members and their staff that the Second Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration with the Sullivan Caucus will be held on Tuesday, March 23rd, at Marly's Pub. Second annual. Last year was a huge success. I've had several Members ask to change their name to Sullivan, but that's not going to be possible, but we certainly would like for everybody to come. It'll be a great day. And look forward to seeing you on the 23rd of March, 5 to 8 p.m., at Marly's Pub.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

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...we're over here. Mr. President, may I ask why we are still -- what are we waiting for?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

You may ask.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Okay. In effect, our business has been concluded for the day and therefore...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Yes. Yes.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

...we're just waiting for some paperwork to catch up. Is that what we're doing?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Today is the deadline for introducing bills. We are filing a bunch of appropriation shell bills with the Secretary. So, we are waiting -- we're just holding the door open for the Secretary to record those bills.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, let me ask a question. Are we recessing then for -- to let additional bills be introduced, or what's the plan?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

The answer to your first question is no. The -- the answer to the second part of the question is, we're going to recess as soon as this handful of bills here is read in by the Secretary.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

So, in effect, we have -- we've concluded our business and Members can mosey on.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Except for the people up here, yes.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Which people would those be, Mr. -- Mr. President? Oh.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

These five in front of me, myself, and the Parliamentarian. We are -- we continue to work, Senator Demuzio. You can go home, though. Madam Secretary, Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 3350, offered by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 3351, offered by Senator Trotter.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)
Senate Bill 3352, offered by Senator Trotter.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
Senate Bill 3353, offered by Senator Trotter.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
Senate Bill 3354, offered by Senator Trotter.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
Senate Bill 3355, offered by Senator Trotter.
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Senate Bill 3355, offered by Senator Trotter.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
Senate Bill 3356, offered by Senator Trotter.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
Senate Bill 3357, offered by Senator Trotter.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
Senate Bill 3358, offered by Senator Trotter.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
Senate Bill 3359, offered by Senator Trotter.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
Senate Bill 3360, offered by Senator Welch.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
Senate Bill 3361, offered by Senator Welch.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
Senate Bill 3362, offered by Senator Welch.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
Senate Bill 3363, offered by Senator Welch.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
Senate Bill 3364, offered by Senator Welch.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
Senate Bill 3365, offered by Senator Welch.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
Senate Bill 3366, offered by Senator Welch.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
Senate Bill 3367, offered by Senator Welch.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
Senate Bill 3368, offered by Senator Welch.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
And Senate Bill 3369, offered by Senator Welch.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

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1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 433, offered by Senator Garrett.

It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

There being no further business to come before the Senate, pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 61, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of noon on Tuesday, February 24th, 2004. The Senate stands adjourned.