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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 desk? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Pastor Kendrick Sedrick {sic} (Hendrik Smidderks) of Knox Knolls Free Methodist Church in Springfield. PASTOR HENDRIK SMIDDERKS:

(Prayer by Pastor Hendrik Smidderks)

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.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, February 24, 2004.

PRESIDENT JONES:

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.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Haine moves to approve the Journal just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Will the Members of the Rules Committee come to the Antechamber behind the Podium? They will meet immediately. Union Leader {sic} (Leader-Union), Rich Bauer, and WRRV {sic} (WKRV) Radio seek leave to record or photograph proceedings. No objection, leave is ordered. Madam -- Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 438, offered by Senators Clayborne and Syverson.

It is substantive.

And Senate Joint Resolution, Constitutional Amendment, 62, offered by Senators Bomke, Risinger, Righter, John Jones and Watson.

It is also substantive.

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PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Clayborne, Chairperson of the Committee on Environment and Energy, reports Senate Bills 2275, 2525, 2603, 2619 and 2731 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 2142 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Obama, Chairperson of the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports Senate Bills 2448, 2530, 2551, 2583, 2610, 2618, 2845, 2880, 2900, 2926, 2940, 2944, 3013, 3211 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 2270, 2726, 2768, 2794 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Walsh, Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, reports Senate Bills 2153, 2184, 2372, 2399, 2416, 2904, 3065 and 3111 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 2370, 2457, 2612 and 2696 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, Messages.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

A Message from the President, dated February 25, 2004.

Dear Madam Secretary - Pursuant to my February 24, 2004 correspondence, please be advised that the inapplicable deadline for Senate Bills Out of Committee is February 26, 2004 and Senate Bills 3rd Reading is March 26, 2004.

Very truly yours, Emil Jones, Jr., Senate President.

I have a like Message.

Dear Madam Secretary - Pursuant to Rule 3-5(c), I hereby appoint Senator Rickey Hendon to replace Senator Vince Demuzio as a Member of the Rules Committee. This appointment is effective immediately.

Very truly yours, Emil Jones, Jr., President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 4025, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT JONES:

We are proceeding to -- to Senate Bills 2nd Reading. 2nd Reading. Senate Bill 2091. Senator Welch. Senate Bill 2098.

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Senator Sieben. Senate Bill 2108. Senator Demuzio. Senate Bill 2109. Senator Demuzio. Senate Bill 2122. Senator del Valle. Oh, one minute. Senator DeLeo, what purpose you rise? SENATOR DeLEO:

As the chief cosponsor with Senator Demuzio on 2108 and 2109, I'd like to move those both to 3rd Reading, sir.

PRESIDENT JONES:

We will return to the Order of Senate Bill 2108. Senator DeLeo. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2108.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Licensed Activities adopted Committee Amendment No. 3.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Have there been any Floor amendments filed?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2109. Senator DeLeo. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2109.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments filed?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senator Watson, what purpose do you rise? SENATOR WATSON:

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

State -- state your point.

SENATOR WATSON:

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I'd like to take the opportunity to introduce our guests in the gallery. Most of them are from the Vandalia Correctional -- Center. Many of 'em are employees. Many of 'em are family members from Vandalia. That's in my district, by the way. Just in case nobody knows that, I'd like to make sure you all understand. And Fayette County. And they're here, of course, as a result of the Governor's announcement of possible closing of the Vandalia Correctional Center in his These people are here and you'll see a great deal of them throughout the Legislative Session. You'll see a lot of red. And in -- talking about the problems of -- of the economic issue of what happens in Fayette County and Vandalia if this And I think it's important that all of us prison does close. hopefully will take the opportunity to visit with these people as they give you that opportunity. Many of you already have, and I -- I appreciate you opening up your doors to my constituents from my community and -- and helping them in any way we can to spread the message that this isn't something that we want to see done and that's close -- obviously, to close the Vandalia Correctional Center. We would, obviously, want to keep that open and these people here will be delivering that message, as I say, throughout the Legislative Session. So I would like to welcome 'em here to the Senate, Mr. President, and acknowledge their -- their presence here today and -- and thank them for taking the time out of their work possibly. This could very well be a work day for them. They've taken it off to come up here to be with us today to talk about the -- the issue of the -- of the prison and its possible closing. So...

PRESIDENT JONES:

Will our guests in the gallery please rise and be welcomed by the Senate? Thank you. Senate Bill 2122. Senator del Valle. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2122.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

Has there been any Floor -- amendments filed?

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2124. Senator Cullerton. Senate Bill 2133. Senator Meeks. Senate Bill 2134. Senator Cullerton. Senate Bill 2135. Senator Garrett. Senate Bill 2147. Senator Silverstein. Senate Bill 2151. Senator Bomke. Senate Bill 2164. Senator Althoff. Senate Bill 2173. Senator Jacobs. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2173.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

Has there been any Floor -- amendments filed?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate -- Senate Bill 2180. Senator Halvorson. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2180.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

Have there been any Floor -- amendments filed?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2196. Senator Garrett. 2196. Senator Garrett. Madam Secretary, read the bill. Madam Secretary, read the bill. 2196.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2196.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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PRESIDENT JONES:

Has -- any Floor amendments been approved?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2203. Senator Jacobs. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2203.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

Have there been any Floor amendments filed?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2169 {sic}. Senator Obama. Senate Bill 2271. Senator Haine. Senate Bill 2272. Senator Jacobs. 2272. Senator Jacobs. Madam Secretary, read the bill. SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2272.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

Has there been any Floor amendments filed?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2273. Senator Forby. Senate Bill 2277. Senator Peterson. Madam Secretary, read the bill. SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2277.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

Have there been any Floor amendments filed?

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2301. Senator Brady. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2301.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee -- Committee on Insurance and Pensions adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Have there been any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2306. Senator Brady. Senate Bill 2306. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2306.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

Have there been any Floor amendments filed?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2317. Senator del Valle. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2317.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Have there been any amendments filed from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

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PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2323. Senator Shadid. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2323.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd -- 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2327. Senator Walsh. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2327.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

Have there any -- are there any Floor amendments filed? SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2329. Senator Martinez. Senate Bill 2339. Senator Cullerton. Senate Bill 2349. Senator Crotty. Senate Bill 2353. Senator Clayborne. Senator DeLeo, who's that stranger invading the premise of the Senate? Senator DeLeo.

SENATOR DeLEO:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. I'd like the Illinois Senate today to recognize a former Member of the Senate, former Senator Bob Molaro, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Boo. Senate Bill 2360. Senator Kim Lightford. Senate Bill 2366. Senator -- let's return to Senate Bill 2360. Senator Lightford. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2360.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2366. Senator Trotter. Senate Bill 2367. Senator Trotter. Senate Bill 2377. Senator Ronen. Senate Bill 2379. Senator Ronen. Senate -- Senate Bill 2395. Senator Crotty. Senate Bill 2401. Senator Jacobs. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2401.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2404. Senator Jacobs. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2404.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senate Bill 2429. Senator George Shadid. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2429.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2480. Senator George Shadid. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2480.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senator Shadid, what purpose do you rise? SENATOR SHADID:

Thank you, Mr. President. A point of personal privilege.

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PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR SHADID:

In the -- in the gallery right behind me are constituents of mine who are members of the Pekin Chamber of Commerce Leadership Academy. Would you please join me and the rest of the -- Senators in welcoming them to Springfield?

PRESIDENT JONES:

Will our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized by the Senate? Senator del Valle, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Today we have a -- a Member on our side of the aisle here who is celebrating a birthday and her birthday is today. So we want to wish a happy birthday to Senator Iris Martinez. Happy birthday.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Now that she's made twenty-one, she's officially welcomed to the Senate. Senator del Valle.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Mr. President, just wanted to add that there is cake available here for anyone who wants to indulge. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Thank you very much. Senator Walsh, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WALSH:

For a point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR WALSH:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'm very proud today to have a young, ten-year-old, fifth grader from Wesmere Elementary Grade School in Plainfield. Kaitlin -- Glagola and she's here as a Page for the Day, and her mother, Lori Streit, is up in the President's Gallery. And she's down

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today to see and witness. She attended a Agricultural Committee meeting this morning and she's here to see how the Illinois Senate works. And she's going to go back and write a term paper in school on how the Illinois Senate works. So I would like to welcome her to the Illinois Senate.

PRESIDENT JONES:

And will the mother of the -- our distinguished young guest please rise in the gallery? And welcome, our young Page, next to Senator Larry Walsh. Senator Lightford, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. On the purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your purpose.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

The Illinois Legislative Black Caucus is celebrating the culmination of Black History Month by hosting a soul food soirée for all Members of the General Assembly and staff. You will enjoy live entertainment and receive a small token marking this occasion. Please join us tonight at the Governor's Mansion from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. So please come out and enjoy live music, great food and just a good time. Thanks.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Senator Lightford. Can you kindly tell the Members what is in soul food? What kind of food? SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Well, there's different types of soul food, Mr. President. Unfortunately, we will not have chitterlings. It's not one of my favorites. But I'm sure you like greens and macaroni and cheese and candy yams and all -- and -- and -- and Viverito's beans and rice. So please come out. The food is delicious. Green fried tomatoes. I'm not sure if that's on the menu. One of my favorites. But I'm sure you will enjoy.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senate Bill 2491. Senator John Cullerton. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2491.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2528. Senator del Valle. 25...
Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2528.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

Have there been any Floor amendments filed?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2545. Senator Iris Martinez. Will the twenty-one-year-old Iris Martinez -- on Senate Bill 2545. Senate Bill 2560. Senator Harmon. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2560.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2579. Senator Obama. Senate Bill 2581. Senator Obama. Senate Bill 2601. Senator Clayborne. Senate Bill 2602. 2601. Senator Clayborne? Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2601.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2602. Senator Clayborne. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

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Senate Bill 2602.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2620. Senator Silverstein. Senate Bill 2659. Senator Wendell Jones. Senate -- Senate Bill 2676. Senator del Valle. Senate Bill 2682. Senator Patrick Welch. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2682.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2701. Senator Munoz. Senate Bill 2732. Senator Demuzio. Senate Bill 2744. Senator Hunter. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2744.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2769. Senator del Valle. Senate Bill 2830. Senator Roskam. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2830.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2863. Senator Burzynski. Senate Bill 2864. Senator Burzynski. Senate Bill 2867. Senator Cronin. Senate Bill 2894. Senator Shadid. Senate Bill 2918. Senator del Valle. Senate Bill 2924. Senator Clayborne. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2924.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2932. Senator Haine. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2932.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2933. Senator Haine. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2933.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2978. Senator Sandoval. Senate Bill 2980. Senator Link. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2980.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill -- 2988. Senator Collins. Senate Bill 2995. Senator Righter. Senate Bill 3064. Senator Walsh. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 3064.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

Have there been any Floor amendments filed?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3077. Senator Brady. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 3077.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3085. Senator Jeff Schoenberg. Senate Bill 3090. Senator Harmon. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 3090.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senator -- Senate Bill 3091. Senator Watson. Senator Trotter, what purpose do you rise? Senator Trotter, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. I'm rising for a point of inquiry.

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much. I would like -- in celebration of African-American History Month I have -- have donned the garb of one of the traditional dresses, and I would like permission of the -- and leave from the Body to be on the Floor today without wearing a tie.

PRESIDENT JONES:

The Senator requests leave to be on the Senate Floor without a tie. Is leave granted? Is leave granted? I'll -- I believe the Nays have it. I believe the Ayes have it, so you can remain for the time being, Senator. Senator Sieben, what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR SIEBEN:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

Well, Mr. President, I've observed Senator Trotter's dress today and find it most appropriate for the Senate Chambers. In fact, in comparison to some of the ties I've seen him wear before, it's -- it's much more becoming and I strongly would encourage the Body to grant leave for the Senator to appear in his traditional dress today. Most outstanding.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Yeah. I wasn't going to comment on your tie. Senate Bill 3107. Senator del Valle. Senate Bill 3109. Senator del Valle. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports. Let the record show that Senator Meeks made it to the Floor. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Viverito, Chair of -- the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Executive Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2198, Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2200, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2548, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2937, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3053 and Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3148; refer to Health and Human Services Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2926; refer to Judiciary Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2535, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2766, Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2765, Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2791, Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2806, Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2895 and Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2946; refer to Revenue Committee - Committee -- Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2112, Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2466 and Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2704; and Be Approved for Consideration - House Bill 989.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Silverstein, what purpose you rise? SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

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For a purpose of announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your announcement.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

The Senate Executive Committee will meet promptly at 1 o'clock in Room 212.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. For a purpose of announcement. Senate Revenue Committee will meet at 1 o'clock in Room 400.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Thank you. Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

The -- the Appropriations II Committee will meet at 3:30 in Room 212, or immediately after the Executive Committee ends.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Meeks, for what purpose do you rise? We've all recognized you were late.

SENATOR MEEKS:

Well, thank you so much, Mr. Chairman. State Government will meet at 1 o'clock in A-1.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Thank you. Senator Crotty, what purpose do you rise? SENATOR CROTTY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to announce that Licensed Activities will meet today at 3:30 in the Stratton Building, A-

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 439, offered by Senator Lightford -- Senators Lightford, President Jones, Hunter, Clayborne, Collins, Hendon, Meeks and others.

It is substantive.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 4106, offered by Senator Martinez.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Ronen, what purpose do you rise? SENATOR RONEN:

For purposes of an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Yeah. State your announcement.

SENATOR RONEN:

The Labor and Commerce Committee will meet at -- at 2:30 today -- at 3:30 today. Labor and Commerce Committee will meet at 3:30 today in Room 400. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES:

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 10 a.m., Thursday, February 26. 10 a.m. tomorrow. We stand adjourned.