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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 gallery please rise? The invocation today will be given by Reverend Brandon Lloyd {sic} (Boyd) of the Loami Christian Church.

THE REVEREND BRANDON BOYD:

(Prayer by the Reverend Brandon Boyd)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

The Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Reading and Approval of the Journal. Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journals of Wednesday, June 9, 2004; Friday, June 11; Monday, June 14; Wednesday, June 16; Friday, June 18; Monday, June 21; and Wednesday, June 23, 2004.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Mr. President, I move that the Journals 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 605, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

Senate Resolution 606, offered by Senator Schoenberg and all Members.

Senate Resolution 607, also offered by Senator Schoenberg and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 608, offered by Senator Watson and all Members.

And they're all death resolutions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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Consent Calendar. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Viverito, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Agriculture and Conservation Committee - Motion to -- Concur with House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3197; refer to Education Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 759 and Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1553; refer to Health and Human Services Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2944; refer to Insurance and Pensions Committee - House Bill 5925 and a Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2404; and Be Approved for Consideration - House Bills 977, 1030 and Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 913.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

We have a couple of requests for leave to take photographs. WAND-TV and the State Journal-Register in Springfield. Is there any objection? If not, leave is granted. Senator Jacobs, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I -- I move to waive all posting requirements so that House Bill 5925 can be heard in the Senate Insurance and Pension Committee today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Jacobs moves to waive the posting requirements for the purposes so stated. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion is adopted. Senator Jacobs, for purpose of announcement.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. The Insurance and Pensions Committee will meet in Room 400 at 2 o'clock.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Insurance, Room 400, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Senator Larry Walsh, for purposes of an announcement.

SENATOR WALSH:

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Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. The Senate Agriculture and Conservation Committee will meet at 2:30 p.m. this afternoon in Room A-1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Agriculture at 2:30, Room A-1. Senator Hunter, for purposes of announcement.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I'd like to announce that at 2:30 the Health and Human Services Committee will meet in Room 400. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Health and Human Services, Room 400, at 2:30 today. Senator Forby, for purposes of an announcement.

SENATOR FORBY:

Yes. Education meeting will be in Room 212 at 2 o'clock today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Education, Room 212, at 2 o'clock today. There'll be legislation voted on in every committee. Senator Halvorson, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HALVORSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to announce that there will be a Democratic Caucus at 12:15.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Democratic Caucus at 12:15 in the President's Office. Senator Burzynski, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you. For approximately how long?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Halvorson. The committees meet at 2, so I assume it'll be over by then. Senator Harmon, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. For purposes of an introduction. I'm pleased to be joined on the Floor today by Thomas Gary, who's been a very key player in my district office. I just ask the Senate to join me in welcoming him to Springfield.

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Mr. Gary, please stand. Senator Halvorson, for what purpose do you rise? Ladies and Gentlemen, there being no further business to come before the regular Session, the regular Session of the -- oh. Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. The Senate Republicans request a caucus as well, immediately.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

We...

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Oh. 12:15. 12:15.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

12:15.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

That would be fine. And we'll have the same duration as yours probably.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

All right. Thank you. The Senate will stand in recess until the call of the Chair. Ladies and Gentlemen, for purposes of letting you know what's happening, the First Special Session does not convene until 11:45 a.m. So we will reconvene at 11:45 a.m. for the First Special Session.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

The regular Session of the 93rd General Assembly will please come to order. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator del Valle, -- Chairperson of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 759 and a Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1553 Be Approved for Consideration.

Senator Walsh, Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, reports the Motion to Concur with House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3197 Be Adopted.

Senator Lightford {sic}, Chairperson of the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports the Motion to Concur with

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House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2944 Be Approved For Consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Messages.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Message for the Governor by Joseph B. Handley, Deputy Chief of Staff for Legislative Affairs, June 24, 2004.

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 names 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)

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 609, offered by Senator Risinger and all Members.

It's a death resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Consent Calendar. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Regular Session will stand adjourned until 10:15 a.m. tomorrow. The Senate stands adjourned.