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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The regular Session of the 93rd General Assembly will please come to order. Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journal of Monday, July 19, 2004.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Madam 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 HALVORSON)

Senator Haine moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Senator Burzynski, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Madam President. It's a pleasure to see you today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Just purposes of announcement, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

First of all, I think that if we're all here -- when we're all here during the State Fair, we might be able to get together and get a group rate for one of the shows. So look at the State Fair Calendar. Let's see when we can go and hold hands and have a great evening. But secondly, I'd call for a Republican Caucus immediately upon our recess I -- I would imagine today. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Yes, thank you. The Journal-Register seeks leave to photograph the proceedings. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Madam Secretary, Communications.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

A Message from the President, dated July 20, 2004.

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Dear Madam Secretary - Pursuant to Rule 3-5(c), I hereby appoint Senator John Cullerton and Senator Louis Viverito to replace Senator Patrick Welch and Senator Terry Link, respectively, as members of the Rules Committee. This appointment is effective immediately.

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

A Message from the Minority Leader, dated July 20, 2004.

Dear Madam Secretary - Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rules 3-5(b) and (c), I hereby appoint Senator Peter Roskam to replace Senator Brad Burzynski as a member of the Rules Committee, effective immediately.

Sincerely, Frank Watson, Senate Republican Leader.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Jacobs, Chairperson of the Committee on Insurance and Pensions, reports House Bill 45 Do Pass.

Senator Silverstein, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports House Bills 4510, 5252 and 7307 Do Pass; House Joint Resolution 83 Be Adopted; House Joint Resolution 54 Be Adopted, as Amended; Senate Resolution 569 Be Adopted; and Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill -- 629 Be Adopted; and the Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2263 Be Adopted.

Senator Munoz, Chairperson of the Committee on Licensed Activities, reports Senate Bill 2793 Do Pass.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Shadid, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SHADID:

For -- for an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR SHADID:

There will be a brief Democratic Caucus in the President's Office immediately following the Session.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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

SENATOR ROSKAM:

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Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Well, Madam President, you know, we've had -- some of us have had more time than others recently to be around Springfield and we've been able to look at the various Lincoln sites - Lincoln's Tomb and Lincoln's Home and Lincoln's this and Lincoln's that. And what has impressed the Republicans, is the number of plaques that are littered really all over Springfield. And I'm happy that we're all witnesses today for a new plaque that is going to be able to be on the outside of the Senate Chamber, and it'll say something like this, "Here brought Governor Blagojevich, the State of Illinois, to a complete train wreck into the longest legislative Session in the history of the State of Illinois." So we're all witnesses together. There's cake outside that you're all welcome to. And since we bought the cake, we figured you guys could buy the plaque.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Well, I was moved to speak by the remarks of the prior representative of the -- I believe it's the "Coalition of the -- Unwilling". I wanted to -- I -- I -- I wanted to make an inquiry of the Chair. Madam Chair. I received a phone call from the White House, yesterday, inviting me to join President Bush in Glenview in my district on Thursday, where he will be speaking on homeland security. I believe he may be filming a sequel to a Michael Moore movie. I was wondering if you thought I would be able to join President Bush, because I'd really like to join President Bush on Thursday in my district, if that opportunity would afford itself.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Schoenberg, we'll let you know, but it's not really likely. There being no further business to come before the regular Session of the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 12:05 on Wednesday, July 21st. The Senate stands adjourned.