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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The regular Session of the 93rd General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members -- please be at their desks? And will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Father Stewart Ruch of the Church of the Resurrection in Wheaton.

FATHER STEWART RUCH:

(Remarks and Prayer by Father Stewart Ruch)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Please remain standing for the Pledge. Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Link)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, November 10, 2004.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 732, offered by President Jones and all Members.

Senate Resolution 733, offered by Senator Hunter and all Members.

They're both death resolutions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

And Senate Resolution 734, offered by Senator Sandoval.

And Senate Resolution 735, offered by Senator Maloney.

They are both substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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Madam Secretary, Motions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I have a motion with respect to House Bill 7029.

Filed by Senator Trotter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Please put that on the Calendar. Madam Secretary, Messages.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

A Message for the Governor by Joseph B. Handley, Deputy Chief of Staff for Legislative Affairs. November 10, 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 named persons to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments of your Honorable Body.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

All Members within the sound of my voice please come to the Floor. We will be going to do some business. Chicago Tribune seeks leave to photograph the proceedings. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Seth Perlman of IAP requests leave to photograph the proceedings. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Senator Shadid, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SHADID:

A point of personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR SHADID:

Thank you very much. I rise on a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Excuse me, Senator Shadid. Could we please have it a little quieter, so we can hear what Senator Shadid's trying to say?

SENATOR SHADID:

Thank -- thank you very much. In the gallery are constituents of mine, ninth-grade students of the Illinois Central Christian School in Washington, Illinois. They are

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accompanied by their teacher, Cheryl Brecher. Please join me in welcoming them to Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise? Welcome to Springfield. Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Point of personal -- point of personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. With us here today in the Senate are Honorary Pages that are constituents of both Senator Winkel's and I's. And that is Brianna Lillyman and Matthew and Michael Meyer. And their mothers, Amy and Barbara, are in the President's Gallery, with us as well. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise? And welcome to Springfield to our Pages. Jak Tichenor of WSIU Public Broadcasting seeks leave to record, videotape, -- photograph the proceedings. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Senator Watson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank -- thank you, Madam President. Just a point of personal privilege, if I might. In the gallery over your -- over the President's Gallery, we have a group of students from Mt. Zion High School. And they're with their teacher, Cathy Anderson and we're glad to have 'em here with us today and certainly want to welcome 'em here to the Illinois Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise? Welcome to Springfield. We're going to be going to page 6 - Motions in Writing, Override Total Vetoes. So if everybody can open their Calendar. On House Bill 4651. Senator Clayborne, do you wish to proceed? Madam Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move that House Bill 4651 do pass, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor.

Motion filed by Senator Clayborne.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Clayborne, to explain.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Madam President and Members of the Senate. House Bill -- 4651 is very simple, that it grandfathers in existing mobile homes that currently are not really being built anymore. It's for the -- at the time that the law was passed that regulated these mobile homes - these are the single, not the double-wides - these mobile homes and the mobile home parks were in compliance. Since then, the law has changed and obviously development has progressed. We have double-wides. We have some that look like homes. You can't tell the difference. But what this bill does is, it allows one of those homes that was built early on in the '80s, if it is damaged and it's taken off that lot, then it could be put -- be repaired and be replaced and put back on that same lot. That's all the bill does. In fact, I -- I've heard from different people complaining, but this is a quote from the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association, "To our chagrin, we found no code that addresses mobile home size and the respective separation between units. All code states that the manufactured homes shall not be closer than ten feet side to side". And that's currently what we're trying to do, is just to make sure that if -- if one of these homes is damaged or needs to be replaced, it can be taken, repaired, and put back on the same lot.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Clayborne moves that House Bill 4651 do pass, notwithstanding the total veto of the Governor. Is there any discussion? Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Madam Chairman and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This bill originally passed this Chamber with only 30 votes and it was vetoed by the Governor. And that's for good reason. I don't often agree with our Governor, but he is absolutely right on this particular veto. The passage -- if we override the veto, we are going to ensure unsafe conditions in mobile home parks across the State.

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Excuse me, Senator Radogno. Please, I know everybody's excited about seeing each other, but can we keep our conversations at a minimum? Thank you. Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Well, as I started out saying, this bill barely passed the Senate to begin with and was vetoed for good reason. If we go ahead and override this veto, we're going to be creating unsafe conditions in mobile home parks across the State. The fact of the matter is, what we're dealing here -- with here is a -- is a safety issue, pure and simple. The proponents will cite that this is an affordable housing issue and that we have to maintain -- a stock of affordable housing. But, you know what? Tent cities would be affordable housing. Tenement slums would be affordable housing. And we don't sacrifice safety just for affordability. The proponents say that this bill won't change anything, and that's not true either. The fact of the matter is, this will not allow municipalities who currently regulate distances between mobile homes to keep doing that. They -- this will also prevent Cook County from rewriting their mobile home ordinance, which they are currently in the process of doing. But I think the most telling thing is that this bill is opposed by the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Cook -- County Department of Public Health, the Collar County departments of public health, the entire public health -- community in the State. It's also opposed by the Illinois State Fire Marshal and by the entire fire service in this State, including Fire Chiefs, Firefighters, Fire Protection Districts, and so on. It's also opposed by the municipal leagues and the COGs and again, the reason is, it's a safety issue. I know that many people have been lobbied very, very hard on this bill -- on this particular bill, and those lobbyists have been carefully selected in order to be people that you're going to listen to. But the fact of the matter is, if you vote to override this bill, you're really going to be voting to condemn many people in this State to unsafe conditions. So I would urge you to vote No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any further discussion? Senator Sullivan.

SENATOR D. SULLIVAN:

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Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. There's been a lot of discussion about this bill, about what it does and what it doesn't do. I'm -- I've heard a lot of different things. I'm going to take the word of the Elk Grove Township Fire Department Chief. This is a gentleman who has mobile home parks in his area in my district. He's the expert; he knows what we're really talking about here. I'm going to read his very simple letter to you. There's one key sentence I'll read here to you. It says, "I believe this bill will enhance the long-term safety of mobile home parks." That's coming from a fire chief in my district. He knows what he's talking about. There's a lot of misunderstandings about this bill. Rest assured, this doesn't change the setbacks. It will improve these parks. It will make sure that their rents don't go through the roof, because if you don't improve these parks in this manner, those rents are going to go up. And take it from my fire chief, it will improve the safety of these parks. I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Clayborne, to close.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Madam President. I do, just a brief response. This -- this does not change what the National Fire Prevention Association says, that it doesn't change the current law. In the current law, these homes are already in compliance. It's just if you take them off, the law has subsequently -- the municipalities have -- subsequently changed the requirements for setbacks. But as they currently exist today, the mobile homes that are on the lot currently comply with all the ordinances and all the zoning. It's only if they're damaged, if you take them off and repair them, you now can't put them back on. That's all this does. So all -- for all those little old ladies, and -- and -- and people who've bought these homes, who live on these lots, and if they need them repaired, they want to be able to take 'em off and put 'em back on. That's all it does. I would ask for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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The question is, shall the Senate pass House Bill 4651, notwithstanding the total veto of the Governor. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 28 Yeas, 28 Nays, none voting Present. The motion fails. Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Yes. I would like to put this on Postponed Consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Clayborne, I do not believe we can put this on Postponed Consideration. You -- it's a motion, so you'll have to... Senator Clayborne, what do you choose to do?

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

I'm -- I'm going to refile a motion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Page 6. Motions in Writing to Override Specific Recommendations. We're going to House Bill 826. Senator Clayborne, do you wish to proceed? Madam Secretary, read the motion.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move that House Bill 826 do pass, notwithstanding the specific recommendation of the Governor.

Motion filed by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Clayborne, to explain.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you. This bill has passed this Chamber -- Chamber, overwhelmingly, several times. This is an economic development bill. This bill also, for those who are opposed to TIFs, replaces TIFs without being a tax burden on the other taxing districts. Basically, simply, what this bill does is, you have to create a business district. In order to create a business district, you must have a public hearing to invite the public to have comments on -- on this business district. And what takes

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place is, developers then can negotiate with the municipality and agree on, say for a -- a -- a -- in my district if this bill -- is signed tomorrow, in one area, it means about a hundred and fifty million dollars' worth of new commercial development. And in that, the local municipality will probably give them about five million dollars -- allow them five million dollars for replacement costs for site clearance, preparation and so forth. And they will be able to impose up to a -- a one-percent sales tax until they recoup that five million dollars. And once they recoup it, it goes away forever. It's only for that particular business that they agree to. I would ask for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Clayborne moves that House Bill 826 do pass, notwithstanding the specific recommendations of the Governor. Is there any discussion? Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Thank you, Madam President. Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Senator, there's some confusion over here just, procedurally, what you're doing. It's my understanding that the Governor amendatorily vetoed the bill to put the referendum language in and your motion today is to override the Governor's veto. Is that right?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

That's correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Okay. Just for the record, I was with you on your last bill. To this bill: Just a -- a word of caution and that is, for those of you that are concerned about the ability of -- of various entities to institute a sales tax really without a referendum, I think there's a lot of ambiguities in the bill and

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I would urge caution all the way around and I intend to vote No.
Thank you for your forthright answers to my questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any further discussion? Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Thank you, Madam President and Members of the Senate. I --
I appreciate Senator Clayborne carrying this bill. I think it
was brought up by an individual in my district. They are --
they have an interchange being put in. Would like to help pay
for some of that infrastructure. I think it's a -- you know,
it's a temporary thing that I think is good to -- for economic
development in -- in really all areas of the State. So would
hope to get some support to override this veto. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator
Clayborne, to close.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Senator
Luechtefeld. And -- and, Senator Roskam, the real concern here
is for all of those areas that have been left out. Some
business districts in the south side of Chicago, the west side,
those individuals who believe that TIFs have -- have abused --
been abused and those individuals who believe that -- that TIFs
have taken away from the school districts. This allows for you
not to TIF an area, and it's only for that particular business.
People can make a choice not to go there and support it.
They're not forced to go there. But what this does is -- like
Senator Luechtefeld talked about, an interchange. Well, what
happens on interchange? Most people traveling through the State
would now stop and spend money at that place. If you think
about it, if you impose up to one percent, you're only talking
an additional dollar on a one-hundred-dollar purchase. But what
it does is, again, it creates jobs in the community, it
revitalizes old business districts that have been decayed and
there's no money to help them -- help them -- make 'em viable
again. I would ask for your favorable -- vote. This is a jobs
and economic development bill. And if you look at the
supporters, you have the Suburban Mayors and Managers
Association, the Illinois Municipal League, St. Louis Regional

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Chamber and Growth, Kelty Development, Illinois Retail Merchants Association, DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, and the City of Chicago. And I say for my colleagues on the other side, those are a lot of your supporters who believe that this is a good bill. I ask for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The question is, shall the Senate pass House Bill 826, notwithstanding the specific recommendations of the Governor. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 37 Yeas, 22 Nays, none voting Present. And House Bill 826, having received the required three-fifths majority, is declared passed, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor. There will be a meeting of the Rules Committee immediately in the President's Anteroom. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Viverito, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Education Committee - Floor Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 768, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 925 and Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Joint Resolution 89; refer to Environment and Energy Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 872; refer to Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 3 to House Bill 914, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 1000, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1641, Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1, 3 and 4 to Senate Bill 1737, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2257 and Senate Resolution 717; refer to Insurance Committee -- Insurance and Pensions Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 678; refer to Judiciary Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 552, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 734 and Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 1021; refer to Labor and Commerce Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1994; refer to Revenue Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 867, Floor Amendment 5 to House Bill 834; re-refer from Energy and Environment to Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 7 to House Bill 911; and Be Approved for Consideration - House Bill 626, 648, 665 -- pardon me, that was 640, 665, 1002, 3589, Senate

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Bills 1994, 2257, Floor Amendment No. 4 to House Bill 834 and Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 3641.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 736, offered by Senator Harmon and all Members.

It is a death resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Madam Secretary, Motions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I have a motion filed with -- by Senator Clayborne with respect to House Bill 4651.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The motion will be put on the Calendar. Senator del Valle, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

For purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

The Senate Education Committee will meet in Room 212 at 3 o'clock.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Madam President, for purpose of an announcement. The Insurance and Pensions Committee will meet at 3 o'clock in Room 400. 3 o'clock in Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Sandoval, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Point of personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point, please.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Madam President and Members of the Senate, I'd like to give a warm welcome today to the president of a community college in my district, the President of Morton College, President Brent

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Knight. He has the distinction of representing and being the president of the second oldest community college in the State of Illinois. And I am so proud of what he's done at the community college of diversifying and enhancing its education curriculum. He's also proud to lead the institution that has the second highest Hispanic population of any State college or university in the State of Illinois. I'd like to give a warm welcome to the President of Morton College, Brent Knight.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Welcome to Springfield. Senator Crotty, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CROTTY:

Purpose of announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Yes. I'd like to announce that the Revenue Committee will be meeting today in Room 400 at 2 o'clock.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Crotty, do you wish to say that again?

SENATOR CROTTY:

I rise on a -- for the purpose of an announcement. The Revenue Committee will be meeting today at 2 o'clock in Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Lightford, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Madam President. For a personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'd like to introduce to you Patricia Easley. She is a senior at Whitney Young High School. However, she's a participant in our Illinois Governmental Internship Program through the State Board of Ed. Please welcome Patricia here to the Assembly.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Welcome to Springfield. Senator Clayborne, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

For purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

There will be an Energy and Environment Committee --
Environment and Energy Committee in Room 212 today at 4 o'clock.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Ronen, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RONEN:

Purposes -- for purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR RONEN:

The Labor and Commerce Committee will meet in Room 400 at
4:30.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Silverstein, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

For purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Thank you. The Senate Executive Committee will meet at --
2 o'clock in Room 212.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Cullerton, for what purpose do you rise? And I'll
give you time to get over to your desk. Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

I rise for the purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

The Judiciary Committee is going to be meeting at 3:30 in
Room 400, and I urge all the Members to come. We have a new
member of the Committee. So I want everybody there so they can
meet the new member and I hope the new member knows where Room
400 is.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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

SENATOR VIVERITO:

Personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR VIVERITO:

I would like very much if we'd give a warm welcome to the Board of Review Chairman, our good friend, Bob Shaw.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Welcome to Springfield. Senator Burzynski, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Madam President. For purposes of announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you. There will be a Republican Caucus at 1 o'clock in Senator Watson's Office. Immediately upon whatever we're doing.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

It'll be a few minutes. There will be another Rules Committee meeting in five minutes. Five minutes, Rules Committee. Rules Committee immediately in the President's Anteroom. Rules Committee immediately. Gentlemen, immediately. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Viverito, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Agriculture & Conservation Committee - Floor Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 665; refer to Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 626 and Floor Amendment 8 to House Bill 911.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Clayborne, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Purpose for an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

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SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

I previously announced that there would be an Energy & Environment Committee at -- at 4 in 212. I am now canceling that -- that committee. So there will not be an Energy & Environment Committee meeting.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you, Senator Clayborne. Senator Walsh, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WALSH:

Thank you, Madam President. For the purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR WALSH:

The Senate Agriculture & Conservation Committee will meet at 4 p.m. this afternoon in A-1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you. The -- the items that were -- that just came out of Rules Committee that are new will be heard in Exec at 2:20. So Executive will still meet at 2, but the -- the issues that just came out of Rules will be 2:20. The regular Session of the Senate will stand in recess to the call of the Chair. After committees, the Senate will reconvene to receive committee reports and other matters not requiring Floor action. There will be no Floor action until the Senate reconvenes tomorrow, November 17th, at 10 a.m. The Senate stands in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary... The Senate will come to order. The hour of 4:45 {sic} having arrived. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Silverstein, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 626, Senate Amendments 7 and 8 to House Bill 911, Senate Amendment No. 3 to House Bill 914, and Senate Amendment No. 1 to House

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Bill 1000, Motions to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1641, House Amendments 1, 3 and 4 to Senate Bill 1737, House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2257, and Senate Joint Resolution 90, all Be Adopted.

Senator del Valle, Chairperson of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 757, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 768, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bills -- 925, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Joint Resolution 89, all Be Approved for Consideration.

Senators Cullerton and Dillard, Co-Chairpersons of the Committee on Judiciary, report Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 552, Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 734, and Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 1021, all Be Adopted.

Senator Ronen, Chairperson of the Committee on Labor and Commerce, reports Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1994 Be Adopted.

Senator Crotty, Chairperson of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 867 and Senate Amendment 5 to House Bill 834 Be Adopted.

Senator Walsh, Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 665 Be Adopted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, Resolutions, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 737, offered by Senator John Sullivan and all Members.

Senate Resolution 738, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

Senate Resolution 739, offered by Senator Clayborne and all Members.

They're all death resolutions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

And Senate Joint Resolution 91, offered by Senator Crotty. It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, Messages from the House, please.

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

A Message from the House by Mr. Mahoney, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 958, together with House Amendment 1. Passed the House, as amended, November 16, 2004, by a three-fifths vote.

I have like Messages with respect to Senate Bills 2133 with House Amendment 1, Senate Bill 2234 with House Amendment 1, Senate Bill 2277 with House Amendment 1, and Senate Bill 3090 with House Amendment 1.

All passed the House, as amended, November 16, 2004.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Seeing there being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 17, the year 2004. The Senate stands adjourned.