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PRESIDENT JONES:

The regular -- the regular Session of the 94th 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 Jeff Chitwood, South Side Christian -- Church, Springfield.

THE REVEREND JEFF CHITWOOD:

(Prayer by the Reverend Jeff Chitwood)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journals of Thursday, November 16, and Tuesday, November 21, 2006.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

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

SECRETARY HAWKER:

A Message from the President, dated November 28, 2006.

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

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

A second Message from the President, dated November 28, 2006.

Dear Madam Secretary...

PRESIDENT JONES:

Hold on, Madam Secretary. Could we tone it down just a -- a

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wee bit? Yeah. Proceed.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Dear Madam Secretary - Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rule 2-10, I hereby establish January 9, 2007, as the 3rd Reading deadline for House Bill 5830.

Sincerely, Emil Jones, Jr., President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Viverito, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Insurance Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2917; refer to Judiciary Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2427; refer to Licensed Activities Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 205; refer to Local Government Committee - House Bill 5830, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 318 and a Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2340; refer to State Government Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Joint Resolution 107, Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Joint Resolution 139, and Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Resolution 877; and Be Approved for Consideration - House Bills 2708 and 4977.

Senator Viverito, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Environment and Energy Committee - Motion to Recede from Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 4977; refer to Financial Institutions - Floor Amendment No. 3 to House Bill 2708.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Committee announcements. Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

The Insurance Committee will be meeting today at -- in Room 400 of the Statehouse at 2:45 p.m.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Crotty.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Thank you. And Local Government will be meeting today at 2:45 in the Stratton Building, Room A-1.

PRESIDENT JONES:

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Senator Cullerton. Senator Munoz.

SENATOR MUNOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. Transportation will meet at 3 p.m. in Room 400.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. The Senate Judiciary Committee will meet in Room 212 at 3 o'clock.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Harmon. Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Senate Revenue Committee will meet at 3:45 in Room 400. I also would like to make an announcement that Senator Forby is absent today due to illness in the family.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Energy and Environment Committee will meet today at 212 at 3:30. Again, at 3:30 in Room 212.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. Licensed Activities will meet today at 4:15 in A-1, Stratton Building.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Thank you, Mr. President. State Government will meet today at 3:45, A-1, Stratton Building.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. For purpose of announcement. Financial Institutions will meet today in Room 400 at 4:45.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Miguel del Valle.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Mr. President, the Education Committee will meet at 2:30 in

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Room 212. 2:30 in Room 212.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. Rise for purposes of two announcements, if I could. Many of you might have known that Gary Dahl, Senator Dahl, is not here today due to the passing of his mother last week. And so, her funeral was yesterday in Iowa. So, just like for you to know that. And after we adjourn today, we'll have a brief Republican Caucus down the hallway in the computer lab where we met last week. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Althoff, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Proceed.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, sir. On a little bit of a happier note, I would like this esteemed Body to recognize the birthday of our wonderful Press Secretary, Patty Schuh. Patty Schuh, happy birthday.

PRESIDENT JONES:

How old? The Senate will stand -- stand in recess to the call of the Chair. After committees, the Senate -- the Senate will reconvene to receive Committee Reports and other matters not requiring Floor action. There will be no Floor action till the Senate reconvenes at 11 o'clock, Wednesday. No action will be taken. 11 o'clock tomorrow, November the -- November the 29th. The Senate stands in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The Senate will come to order. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Lightford, Chairperson of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Joint Resolution 94 Be Adopted.

Senator Haine, Chairperson of the Committee on Insurance,

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reports the Motion to Concur with House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2917 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Crotty, Chairperson of the Committee on Local Government, reports the Motion to Concur with -- Senate {sic} (House) Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 318 and House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2340 recommended Do Adopt.

Senators Cullerton and Dillard, Co-Chairpersons of the Committee on Judiciary, reports Motion to Concur with House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2427 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Munoz, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation, reports House Bill 4344 Do Pass.

Senator Clayborne, Chairperson of the Committee on Environment and Energy, reports House Bill 2197 Do Pass and the Motion to Recede from Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 4977 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Revenue, reports House Bills 4895 and 5475 Do Pass.

Senator Garrett, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government, reports House Bills 1896 and 4804 Do Pass; Senate Joint Resolution 95 Be Adopted; Senate Joint {sic} Resolutions 748 and 878 Be Adopted; and Senate Resolution 877 Be Adopted, as Amended; House Joint Resolutions 129, 141 and 142 Be Adopted; House Joint Resolutions 107 and 139 Be Adopted, as Amended.

Senator Demuzio, Chairperson of the Committee on Licensed Activities, reports the Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 205 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Collins, Chairperson of the Committee on Financial Institutions, reports Senate Amendment No. 3 to House Bill 2708 recommended Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Messages from the House.

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 passed a bill of the following title, the veto of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 5377.

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Passed the House, November 14, 2006, by a three-fifths vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the -- the hour of 11 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, November 29th. The Senate stands adjourned.