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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

The regular Session of the 96th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our -- will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Rabbi Barry Marks of Temple of {sic} Israel, Springfield, Illinois.

RABBI BARRY MARKS:

(Prayer by Rabbi Barry Marks)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Pledge of Allegiance to be led by Representative -- I mean, Senator - I'm sorry - Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Journal of Thursday, October 15th, 2009.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Mr. President, I move to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal just read by the Secretary, pending approval {sic} of the printed transcript.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Sullivan moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ROCK:

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Senate Resolution 455, offered by Senator Lauzen and all Members.

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Senate Resolution 459, offered by Senator Lauzen and all Members.

Senate Resolution 462, offered by Senator Demuzio and all Members.

They are death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ROCK:

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, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 1800.

We have received like Messages on House Bills 1801, 1802, 1995, 4628 and 4638.

All passed the House, October 15th, 2009. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint

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resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution 75.

Offered by Senator Maloney, and adopted by the House, October 15th, 2009.

We have received a like Message on House Joint Resolution 76, offered by Senator Frerichs, and adopted by the House October 15th, 2009. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

They are substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

1st -- 1st Reading of House Bills.

SECRETARY ROCK:

House Bill 1800, offered by Senator Raoul.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1801, offered by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1802, offered by Senator Frerichs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1995, offered by Senator Delgado.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4628, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the House bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

We have a request by Catie Sheehan of WICS-TV to videotape. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Madam Secretary, any written motions?

SECRETARY ROCK:

I have a motion on file with respect to the Governor's

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action on Senate Bill 1576.

Filed by Senator Cronin.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Madam Secretary, please...it on the -- print it on the Calendar. Senator McCarter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR McCARTER:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Please state your point.

SENATOR McCARTER:

I have from my district today one of my fine mayors, Mr. -- Mayor Larry Tish from St. Elmo. And I'd like to recognize him and thank him for coming today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Please stand and be recognized. Thanks for coming today, Mayor. Thank you. The Senate will stand at ease for a few moments to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. The members of the Committee on Assignments will come to the President's Anteroom immediately. The Senate will stand at ease. Senator Lightford in the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Clayborne in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

The Senate will come to order. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

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SECRETARY ROCK:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to the Commerce Committee - House Joint Resolution 76; refer to the Executive Committee - House Bill 3997; refer to the Higher Education Committee - House Joint Resolution 75; refer to the Human Services Committee - House Joint Resolution 28; refer to the Revenue Committee - House Bill 303; and Be Approved for Consideration - House Bill 607, House Bill 2414, Senate Bill 660 and Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 660, and Senate Bill 655.

Signed by Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Going to the order of business on page -- on page 5, I'm sorry. Senate Bill 51. Senator Schoenberg. Madam Secretary, read the -- read the motion.

SECRETARY ROCK:

I move that Senate Bill 51 do pass, notwithstanding the specific recommendations of the Governor.

Filed by Senator Schoenberg.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Schoenberg, to explain the motion.

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. To refresh the Body's memory, this bill was a sweeping series of reforms that have -- that impacted contracting and investment decisions. The Governor's -- it was the direct byproduct of successful negotiations with the Governor's Reform Commission, as well as among the various legislative caucuses.

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The -- it's my belief that the Governor's amendatory veto exceeds the authority of that office. But let me tell you what three consequences of the amendatory veto would be. So -- this provides further -- further strengthens the argument as to why we need to override the Governor's veto. The first has to do with how it would -- potentially compromise the independence of the internal auditors. Secondly, it would inadvertently weaken the procurement officer for IDOT - the change that was being made - and we don't want to do that. And then -- and then finally, there -- it would shift the resources away from those independent auditors if they were to be moved to another agency, and that would have the net result of weakening our capacity to police how taxpayer dollars are being spent. I believe there'll be a follow-up trailer bill to this as well, that can hopefully move forward to greater progress. And I'd urge your support of the motion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Are there any questions? Seeing none -- Senator, do you want to close? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 51 pass, 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 52 Yeas, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 51, having received the required three-fifths majority, is declared passed, notwithstanding the specific recommendations of the Governor. Senator Murphy, on Senate Bill -- out of the record. Moving to -- on to Supplemental Calendar No. 1. Senate Bill 1576. Senator Cronin. Senator Cronin, do

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you wish to proceed? Madam Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ROCK:

I move that Senate Bill 1576 do pass, notwithstanding the specific recommendations of the Governor.

Filed by Senator Cronin.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Cronin, to explain.

SENATOR CRONIN:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. I believe this is the bill that deals with the Illinois Racing Board and the independence of the Board. After consulting with colleagues on both sides of the aisle, we've come to the conclusion that in the best interests of good governance and the industry, we need to override the Governor's veto. I ask for your favorable consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Righter, for what purpose do you seek recognition? Okay. Senator Cronin, to close.

SENATOR CRONIN:

Yes. I -- I think, without making too big of an issue out of this, what we're trying to do here is take the Illinois Racing Board out from under the Department of Revenue, put it back into the position that it was before the -- Governor Blagojevich did what he did. And so we think this is in the best interests of reform, the best interests of good governance. And so I ask for your favorable vote to support this override motion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 1576 pass,

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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 51 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1576, having received the required three-fifths majority, is declared passed, notwithstanding the specific recommendations of the Governor. Turning -- going to the order on page 5. Senate Bill 1682. Senator Demuzio. Senator Demuzio, page 5. Out of the record. Turn to the order, page 2, Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Senator Haine, on Senate Bill 353. Senator Haine. Out of the record. Going to the order -- or going to Senate Bill 354. Senator Cullerton. Out of the record. Going to Senate Bill 380. Senator Hunter. Out of the record. Going to Senate Bill 602. Senator Cullerton. Out of the record. Going to Senate Bill 614. Senator Demuzio. Out of the record. Going to Senate Bill 748. Senator Martinez. Madam Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Martinez, do you -- I'm sorry. Senator Martinez seeks the leave of the Body to return to Senate Bill -- Senate Bill 748 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 748. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Martinez.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Martinez, to explain the bill.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. And the bill -- the -- the

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amendment deletes the bill -- and it becomes the bill, but I will be happy to discuss it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator -- Senator Martinez, to explain the bill. No. I'm sorry. Senate - I'm sorry - Senate Bill 748. Senator Martinez, do you wish to explain the bill? Madam Secretary -- you wish to proceed? Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 748.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Martinez, to explain the bill.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. As I -- as I explained before, the amendment becomes the bill. It amends the Liquor Control Act to allow the City of Chicago to issue a liquor license to a restaurant within one hundred feet of the -- the school as long as the restaurant is located in a five-story building that has ten storefront properties and they use three out of the ten storefront properties. I -- I have --

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this is a new -- a new restaurant in my district. It's going to create fifty jobs in my district, especially during these hard times. I have talked to Senator Righter about the letter from the principal of the school that's nearby. We did receive the letter from the church, so we're just waiting for the letter from the principal. All parties have been notified. CPS is going to forward this letter to us. I'm just hoping to pass this bill over to the House, hold it there. I have a commitment of holding it there to make sure we can get that letter and see that we can get this bill passed so I can open up this restaurant in our district. I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Righter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

To the bill, please, Mr. President. Simply rise in support of Senate Bill 748. I did have a conversation with a representative from the Chicago public schools today. And with the commitment that the -- the Senator has made, I appreciate very much your work and -- and hope that the people will vote Aye and send this bill over to the House. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Martinez, to close. The question is, shall Senate Bill 748 pass. 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 41 voting Yea, 8 voting Nay, none voting Present. Have... Senate Bill 748, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Raoul.

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Senate Bill 760. Senator Raoul seeks leave -- I mean, yeah, Senator Raoul seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 760 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 760. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Raoul.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Raoul, to the -- to explain.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment 1 incorporates Senate Bill 231, which we passed out of the Senate unanimously, along with the Governor's recommended changes in an amendatory veto. I'll explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all -- all those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Raoul, do you wish to proceed? Senator Raoul indicates that he wishes -- he does wish to proceed. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 760.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Raoul, to explain.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank -- thank you. Senate Bill 760, as amended, again, reflects Senate Bill 231, which we passed out of the Senate unanimously, which allows -- which clarifies that an incarcerated individual that was eligible for medical assistance benefits prior to entering the Illinois Department of Corrections will remain eligible for such assistance upon their leaving the Department of Corrections. The Governor's amendatory veto of Senate Bill 231 extended the implementation date beyond the time that thought -- that would seem reasonable -- seemed to be reasonably within his authority. So we've incorporated that amendatory veto into this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Raoul, do you want to close?

SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 760 pass. 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 49 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 760, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Lightford in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Koehler, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR KOEHLER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your point.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

I don't know if Members of the Senate are aware that this is International Credit Union Week, but I just wanted to draw everybody's attention to that. I serve as a member of the board of directors of our local credit union, CEFCU, in Peoria. And this is a week when -- which credit unions all across the world are recognized for their contribution to economic stability in their own local community. So I just rise as a matter of pointing that out and congratulating them on their work.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Congratulations to the credit union department -- division. Senator Clayborne, on Senate Bill 2188. Senator Clayborne indicates he wish to proceed. He seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2188 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Senator Clayborne. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Syverson.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Senator Clayborne to present the -- Floor Amendment No. 1. Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you -- thank you, Madam President. Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2188 would amend the Local Government Debt

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Reform Act so that any time a referendum is approved by the public, and that referendum would cause a local government to incur debt, and that approval is only allowed under the terms of the referendum for a finite amount of time, the outcome of that referendum is challenged, the period of time that the issue is under review by the courts shall not be counted against it in regards to the time afforded under the approval of the referendum.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2188. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2188.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Madam Secretary. This -- this addresses a situation in Rockton where a referendum was passed; they have five years to issue the bonds and the court -- the case has been tied up in court, and the time to move forward is about to

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expire. So what we're doing, we're changing the law so that the time would not run during the -- during the time that the case is being challenged in court. To my knowledge, there's no known opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2188 pass. 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 50 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2188, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Madam Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ROCK:

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 bills of the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 1526.

We have like Messages on House Bill 1911 and House Bill 4599.

All passed the House, October 16th, 2009. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

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 Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 1732

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Together with the following amendments which are attached, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Amendment 1 and House Amendment 3.

Passed the House, as amended, October 16th, 2009. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution 77

Offered by Senator Meeks, and adopted by the House, October 16th, 2009. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House. It is substantive, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Madam Secretary, Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2487.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Filed by Senator DeLeo. 1st Reading of the Senate bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Madam Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ROCK:

House Bill 1526.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Offered by Senator Viverito. 1st Reading of this House bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

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SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Resolution 463, offered by Senator Meeks and all Members.

It's a death resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Resolution Consent Calendar. Senator Meeks, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MEEKS:

For the point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR MEEKS:

All right. If I could have everybody's attention in the Chamber for just a few moments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Excuse me. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.

SENATOR MEEKS:

If I could have everybody's attention for just a few moments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Meeks.

SENATOR MEEKS:

I will be offering this in the form of a resolution later, but I wanted everybody to be aware that the guy that we all knew as "Billy Ray", who worked in the -- in -- in the Senate bathroom back there shining shoes, he passed away and his services will be held tomorrow. And so I didn't want the resolution to come far after his services. Billy Ray was a -- a nice guy to all of us. He shined everybody's shoes. He kept

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'em nice, even the ladies' shoes. We would pass the shoes and the ladies would send their shoes in and Billy Ray would shine them. And so I would like for all of us to remember him and to remember his family and his life in our prayers as we go about, because tomorrow they'll be funeralizing him here in Springfield. Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The Senate will stand at ease for a few moments to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. The members of the Committee on Assignments will come to the President's Anteroom immediately. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I'm ready to go whenever you are, Eric. Okay. Good. Okay.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The Senate will stand at ease.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Clayborne in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Madam Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ROCK:

House Bill 1911, offered by Senator Althoff.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4599, offered by Senator Wilhelmi.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of these House bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

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Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to the Education Committee - House Joint Resolution 77; refer to the Executive Committee - House Bill 1911, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 and House Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 1732; refer to the Revenue Committee - House Bill 1526 and House Bill 4599.

Signed by Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator -- going to the order of business, Motions in Writing, on page 5. Senator Demuzio, on Senate Bill 1682. Madam Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ROCK:

I move to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1682 in manner and form as follows:

Amendment to Senate Bill 1682

In Acceptance of Governor's Recommendations

Filed by Senator Demuzio.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Demuzio, to explain.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 1682, which amends the Illinois Funeral or Burial Funds Act and the Cemetery Pre-Need {sic} (Pre-Need Cemetery) Sales Act regarding the transparency and disclosure to consumers placing funds in trust, what the Governor did is to -- his veto -- the Governor's recommendation is to change the effective date

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of the bill from January 1, 2010, to January 31st, 2010. His reasoning being that presently there is a task force that they are waiting for the results of and this would give them about a thirty-day window to see if there were any other things that needed to be added or changed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall the Senate accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 1682 in the manner and form set forth in the motion. 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 44 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1682, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We will proceed now to the Order of Resolution Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all those resolutions read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Madam Secretary, have there been any objections filed to any resolutions on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No objections have been filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolution {sic} on the Consent Calendar be adopted? All those in favor, vote -- will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion is -- the motion carries, and the resolutions are adopted. On the Order of Resolution is Senate Joint Resolution 29. Madam Secretary, read the resolution. Sorry, 79.

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SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Joint Resolution 79.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 79)

Filed by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Lightford moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 79. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Lightford moves for the -- for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 79. All those in -- all in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. We will recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 12 p.m., Wednesday, October 28th, 2009. The Senate stands adjourned.