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PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Regular Session of the 96th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desk? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Pastor Clint Cook, the Real Life Church, Springfield, Illinois.

PASTOR CLINT COOK:

(Prayer by Pastor Clint Cook)

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

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

SENATOR JACOBS:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Jacobs)

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, February 10th, and Thursday, February 11th, 2010.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

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

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SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 3833, offered by Senator Delgado.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 3834, offered by Senator Garrett.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 3835, offered by Senator Sandoval.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 3836, offered by Senator Forby.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 3837, offered by Senator Muñoz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 3838, offered by Senator Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 3839, offered by Senator Harmon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 3840, offered by Senator Althoff.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 3841, offered by Senator Althoff.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Resolution 637, offered by Senator Lauzen and all
Members.

It is a death resolution.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Madam Secretary, Messages
from the House.

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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 4775.

Passed the House, February 11th, 2010. 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 57.

Offered by Senator Frerichs, and adopted by the House, May 31st, 2009. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House. It is substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Madam Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ROCK:

House Bill 3659, offered by Senator Bond.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4667, offered by Senator Lightford.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4698, offered by Senator Maloney.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4738, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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House Bill 4776, offered by Senator Schoenberg.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of these House bills.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Trotter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. A point of -- of personal privilege, as well as a -- a purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

State your point and make your announcement.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much. This month, the month of February, is African American History Month, and as a consequence of that -- or not the consequence, but because of that, many of the members of the Illinois Black Caucus are today dressed in traditional African garb. The garb that I have on is actually Ghanaian and does -- they do not wear a tie, so I'm asking for leave from wearing a tie today in celebration.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Leave is granted.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Okay, and for purposes of announcement, this evening, at 5:30 at the Governor's Mansion, the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus will have their annual soul soiree and we're inviting everyone to please come join with us as we celebrate our African heritage.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

The Senate will stand at ease for a few minutes to allow

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the Committee on Assignments to meet. The members of the Committee on Assignments will come to the President's Anteroom immediately and the Senate will stand at ease.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

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 Agriculture and Conservation Committee - Senate Bill 2959, Senate Bill 2999, Senate Bill 3020 and Senate Bill 3120; refer to the Commerce Committee - Senate Bill 3316; refer to the Consumer Protection Committee - Senate Bill 3607; refer to the Criminal Law Committee - Senate Bill 2357, Senate Bill 2462, Senate Bill 2983, Senate Bill 3028, Senate Bill 3029, Senate Bill 3030, Senate Bill 3033, Senate Bill 3036, Senate Bill 3084, Senate Bill 3087, Senate Bill 3090, Senate Bill 3092 and Senate Bill 3293; refer to the Education Committee - Senate Bill 2521, Senate Bill 2647, Senate Bill 2980, Senate Bill 3000, Senate Bill 3014 and Senate Bill 3062; refer to the Energy Committee - Senate Bill 2485; refer to the Environment Committee - Senate Bill 2813, Senate Bill 3070; refer to the Executive Committee - Senate Bill 2978, Senate Bill 2989, Senate Bill 2990, Senate Bill 2991, Senate Bill 3040, Senate Bill 3135, Senate Bill 3511, Senate Bill 3652; refer to the Gaming Committee - Senate Bill 3146; refer to the Higher Education Committee - Senate Bill 3013, Senate Bill 3045, Senate

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Bill 3728 and Senate Joint Resolution 88; refer to the Human Services Committee - Senate Bill 2931, Senate Bill 2976 and Senate Bill 2982; refer to the Insurance Committee - Senate Bill 2817, Senate Bill 2818, Senate Bill 2819; refer to the Judiciary Committee - Senate Bill 2465, Senate Bill 3064 and Senate Bill 3131; refer to the Labor Committee - Senate Bill 3078, Senate Bill 3500, Senate Bill 3570; refer to the Licensed Activities Committee - Senate Bill 2552 and Senate Bill 3025; refer to the Local Government Committee - Senate Bill 2637, Senate Bill 2794, Senate Bill -- 3001, Senate Bill 3009, Senate Bill 3019 and Senate Resolution 605; refer to the Pension and Investments Committee - Senate Bill 2793, Senate Bill 2808, Senate Bill 2822, Senate Bill 2984, Senate Bill 2995, Senate Bill 3008, Senate Bill 3022 and Senate Bill 3105; refer to the Public Health Committee - Senate Bill 3038, Senate Bill 3035, Senate Bill 3039, Senate Bill 3057, Senate Bill 3196, Senate Bill 3273, Senate Bill 3354, Senate Bill 3416, Senate Bill 3667, Senate Bill 3697 and Senate Bill 3698; refer to the Revenue Committee - Senate Bill 2481, Senate Bill 2491, Senate Bill 2492, Senate Bill 2511, Senate Bill 2512, Senate Bill 3017, Senate Bill 3151, Senate Bill 3152, Senate Bill 3154, Senate Bill 3170, Senate Bill 3171 and Senate Bill 3172; refer to the State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee - Senate Bill 2630 and Senate Resolution 609; refer to the Transportation Committee - Senate Bill 2617 and Senate Bill 2986; Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Bill 120, Senate Bill 176, Senate Bill -- 365, Senate Bill 416 and Senate Bill 1888.

Signed by Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on

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Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to the Agriculture and Conservation Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2556; refer to the Criminal Law Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2590 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2951; refer to the Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 416; refer to the Higher Education Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2615; refer to the Judiciary Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2514; refer to the Local Government Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2529; refer to the Telecommunications and Information Technology Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 120.

Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Committee announcements. The committees that will meet this afternoon: At 1 o'clock, Agriculture and Conservation in Room 409; Public Health, 1 o'clock, Room 212; Higher Education, 2:30, Room 409; Human Services, 2:30, Room 212; Judiciary, 2:30, Room 400; Education, 4 p.m., Room 409. I'd like to also announce that apparently our fiscal house is a little bit in better shape - Senator Burzynski got a haircut. Thank you, Senator. Congratulations. One other announcement: Senators, I'd like to remind you that tomorrow -- tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. in Room 212, we will have a Joint Bipartisan Senate Caucus. I believe this is the first time this has happened, in -- in my memory. We are going to have Senator Althoff and Senator Trotter welcome the staff of the National Conference of State Legislatures, who will make a presentation regarding state budgets and the national economy. So I'd like to have all

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Senators there, please. Reminder, at 9 a.m. tomorrow. There's one more committee announcement. Transportation will meet at 4 p.m. in Room 400. And so, the committees are to begin in twenty minutes. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 11:30 a.m. on the 17th day of February, 2010. The Senate stands adjourned.