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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

The regular Session of the 98th General Assembly will please come to order. All the Members be at their desks. Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by -- by Pastor Doug Cederberg, Glen Ellyn Evangelical (Covenant) Church, Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Pastor Cederberg.

PASTOR DOUG CEDERBERG:

(Prayer by Pastor Doug Cederberg)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Jacobs, to lead us in the Pledge.

SENATOR JACOBS:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Jacobs)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, March 6, 2013.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed -- printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Senator Jacobs, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR JACOBS:

Mr. President, I rise for a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point.

SENATOR JACOBS:

I have with me today a group of citizens from Rock Island County. The strongest and lowest unemployment in the State of Illinois is in Rock Island County, so I'm very thrilled to have 'em here today. If you'd please rise. And give the people from Rock Island County a warm Senate welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Will Senator Jacobs' guests please rise? Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Great -- great to have you here today. Seth Perlman with the Associated Press requests permission to take photographs and James R. Carder with Bluestream.com {sic} (Blueroomstream.com) requests permission to videotape. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 147, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

It's a death resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Committee Report Correction. The following correction was made on the report from the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, which on March 6, 2013 reported Senate Bills 1674 and 1778 with a recommendation of Do Pass. Senate Bills 1674

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and 1778 were both amended and should have been reported Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Holmes, Chairperson of the Committee on Environment, reports Senate Bill 33 Do Pass, as Amended, and Senate Resolution 98 Be Adopted.

Senator Raoul, Chairperson of the Committee on Criminal Law, reports Senate Bill 1528, Senate Bill 1814, Senate Bill 1817 and Senate Bill 1843 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 1587 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Muñoz, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive Appointments, reports Appointment Messages 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 515, 522 and 558 Do Recommend Advise and Consent; Appointment Message 396 Without Recommendation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the Senate will stand at ease for a few minutes to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. Will all members of the Committee on Assignments please come to the President's Anteroom? Committee on Assignments, all members to the President's Anteroom immediately. The Senate will stand at ease. (at ease) Senate will come to order. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Judiciary Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1295 and Senate Bill 1678; refer to

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Revenue Committee - Senate Bill 1162; Be Approved for Consideration - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1739 and Senate Resolution 146.

Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Silverstein, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

For an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your announcement, Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

There will be a Democratic Caucus upon recess, immediately, in the President's Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Althoff, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Republicans would like to caucus as well, in Room 400, immediately upon recess.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Althoff, for about how long? Senators Silverstein and Althoff move that the Senate recess for the purposes of Senate Democrat and Republican Caucuses, lasting approximately one hour. Seeing no -- seeing no objection, the motion is granted. The Senate now stands in recess to the call of the Chair. After the Senate caucuses, Senate committees will meet. The Senate will reconvene after committee meetings for the purpose of reading.. Correction: The Senate stands -- now stands in recess to the call of the Chair. After the Senate Democrat and Republican Caucuses, the Senate will -- will

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reconvene for the purposes of Floor action. The Senate stands in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senate will come to order. Will all Members within the sound of my voice please come to the Senate Floor? All Members within the sound of my voice, please come to the Senate Floor. Chris Brooks with WICS-TV requests permission to videotape. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you will turn to page 8 of the printed Calendar, on the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading. This is final action. House Bills 3rd Reading, we have House Bill 1560. Senator Harmon. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1560.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. House Bill 1560 would permit election authorities to suspend early voting on Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday, provided that they extend the hours later in the week before the election. I'm not aware of any opposition and I encourage us to vote Aye to send this to the Governor while it still matters.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 1560 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? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 1560, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, Supplemental Calendar No. 1 has been distributed. It is on the desks. Supplemental Calendar No. 1, on the Order of Secretary's Desk, Resolutions, we have Senate Resolution 146. President Cullerton. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 146, offered by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

President Cullerton, on Senate Resolution 146.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Resolution 146 disapproves -- disapproves of Executive Order 12-03, which is an executive reorganization order. Article V, Section 11 of the Illinois Constitution permits the Governor to reorganize or reassign functions of State agencies that are directly responsible to the Governor, and he can do that via Executive Order. However, if the Order contravenes a statute, either Chamber of the General Assembly may disapprove the Executive Order by a resolution adopted by a majority vote. This Order that the Governor issued contravenes several statutes

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because it proposes to transfer policymaking and management functions related to information technology resources from certain State agencies to the State Chief Information Officer, whose position is not subject to Senate approval. Executive Order 12-03 exceeds the Governor's constitutional and statutory authority and, accordingly, I would ask the Senate to pass this resolution and disapprove the Order. And I would point out, however, that there's nothing inherently wrong with what the Governor wants to do; it's just the way in which he did it. This should be done through a statute, which we should pass through the normal legislative process. So, with that, I would ask for an Aye vote on the motion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Will the sponsor yield, please, Mr. President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. President Cullerton, in -- in your opening comments, you referenced, obviously your belief, as evidenced by your sponsorship of the resolution, that the Governor has exceeded his authority. And I wonder if there is -- do we have a precedent or a set of precedents that you have, that you could share with the Body, to give substance to the -- the -- the notion that he has clearly exceeded his authority here in his Executive Order.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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President Cullerton.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

I can't say that I am aware of any precedents, 'cause this is an unusual Executive Order to begin with. He's taking functions that are in other State agencies and consolidating 'em into his own office in contradiction of statutes that specifically delegate those authorities to those agencies, like CMS, for example. And so that's why I feel it's violative. I - - I can't say that I can give you a specific precedent, because I don't think he's ever done this before.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Mr. President, can you give -- can you give me and the rest of the Chamber -- and I don't need -- I don't -- I don't -- the entire list certainly, but maybe a couple of examples of statutes that have been in -- put in place that have assigned certain duties to administrative agencies that the Governor's Executive Order contravenes?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

President Cullerton.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Yes. It's a good question. I would -- I would give for you -- I mentioned CMS. Let's think about CMS. They have an enabling statute that charges them with the duty to coordinate and oversee technology resources of State agencies. They are responsible for managing and controlling the retention and maintenance of the physical equipment, as well as providing and coordinating services for State agencies. To accomplish these

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duties, State agencies must regularly report their usage of communication services to CMS. And the statute gives the Director of CMS the authority to transfer information technology functions of an individual agency or agencies to CMS. This Order that the Governor signed uses the State's technology resources to streamline intragovernmental and intergovernmental communications and provides a service to the public by making public data available online. But it -- the CIO takes away a portion of CMS's authority by doing that. So the Order allows the CIO to exercise functions relegated -- the management of technology resources and services that are statutorily delegated to CMS. And there's other examples of violations of statutes with the Governor's Office of Management and Budget. And I think that's the -- the best example, though, of why I think he's done it the wrong way. Again, I'm not arguing with the outcome; I think it just should be done through a statute.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the gentleman's resolution, if I might. Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Chamber. I rise in support of President Cullerton's resolution. Minds can differ -- reasonable minds can differ on, perhaps, the outcome of what the Executive Order would be in terms of policy or efficiency in government, but as has been demonstrated I think in the last week or two on a -- on a previous issue, there is an issue of process here. The Executive Order, while perhaps right-minded, is not rightly constructed. And I think that there are issues with regards to

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underlying statutes; that if the Governor believes that those administrative agencies should take on different duties or surrender duties that he would be well advised to come before the General Assembly with a bill and seek support for that bill to change those duties and those responsibilities. So, thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Any further discussion? Seeing none, President Cullerton, do you wish to close? Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, should.. Question is, shall Senate Resolution 146 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? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Resolution 146, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen, if we could have all Members at their desk. Will our staff and guests please retire to the back -- rear of the Chamber? All Members be at their desk. Staff, please retire to the rear of the Chamber. Ladies and Gentlemen, Senate Resolution 144. On the Order of Resolutions is Senate Resolution 144. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 144.

(Secretary reads SR No. 144)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Cullerton moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate

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Resolution 144. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Mr. -- Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 144, offered by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

President Cullerton, to the resolution.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr...(microphone cutoff). It is always sad to rise to consider a death resolution of a former Member, but in this case, I feel it necessary to point out my personal commitment to Dawn Clark Netsch and my personal relationship with her. I served in the House for twelve years. She was my Senator. She was the first woman to be elected to statewide office, when she got elected in 1990 to be the Comptroller. And as a result, there was an opening for Senate and I was appointed to my position back then, in January of 1991. So, but for Senator Netsch's success, I may not have been here. She was born on September 16th, 1926 - same day, same year as my mother. We were really a close team in our caucus -- in our -- in our -- in our district. She, as you can hear from reading the resolution, was just a remarkable woman, the -- the first in -- in everything. And she was so active. I remember, just wasn't that long ago, that she got an award, couple -- about a month and a half ago, while I was present, from an organization, and it was a packed crowd, 'cause folks were aware of the fact that she was suffering from this terrible disease. She was appointed by myself just, I think, a couple years ago, when we passed the campaign finance reform. She wanted to be -- continue to be

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active at -- at her age and she was my appointment. So -- and she was a remarkable woman who was a great model for all women in the State. She did a fantastic job in this Body. She elevated the debate in this Body when she was here. And I definitely am going to miss her. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator Dillard, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the resolution, Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

I first met Senator Netsch as a staff member here in the Senate, and what an incredible impression this woman made on somebody who was an aspiring lawyer, just a woman who, when you were a staffer, treated you with dignity. But she taught me a lot more than any staffer could ever, ever teach her. I got to continue to work with Dawn when she was the Comptroller of the State, when I was Governor Edgar's Chief of Staff. And Dawn was a great partner during some very, very tough fiscal years with somebody who she'd eventually run against for Governor. And the way those two people worked together -- and actually the third leg of that ironic group was Pat Quinn, who was the Treasurer at that time. But the -- the way the offices worked together with different parties, and the deep, meaningful meetings that Governor Edgar would have with Dawn, and the professionalism which -- which the two of them conducted the business, whether it was short-term borrowing discussions or whatever it was, I

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think would make the citizens of this State proud. The woman was an absolute consummate professional, who always did her homework, who was always -- she'd never let on to it, but the smartest person in the room. Her intellect was incredible. I mean, obviously, she was a major league law professor. And when you had a constitutional law question, even up until just a few weeks ago, you'd go to Dawn, if you didn't go to Ann Lousin at the John Marshall Law School, with your question. It was very uncomfortable for me when -- when Dawn and Governor Edgar, my mentor, had to run against each other for Governor. But there was a -- a great lesson that was learned from that race, in that you could have a dignified race between two people who greatly admired one another, and it didn't have to be a bare-knuckles, really, really difficult situation. And that race was always cordial between Governor Edgar, who continued to admire and talk with Dawn after that was over. Dawn was incredibly - incredibly - independent. And I remember, during the years that I was Jim Thompson's Senate liaison and Director of Legislative Affairs, there were times when Senator Rock, who was the Senate President, would say, "I'm not going to go talk to Dawn." You know, "You go talk to her, Big Jim", or "You go talk to her, Kirk". And she was not always on - as Mr. President knows - she was not always on the program of helping out Tom Hynes or -- or Phil Rock, or anybody who was the Senate President. She was part of that "Crazy 8" group. She had a tremendous friendship with the Demuzios. Vince Demuzio and Dawn Clark Netsch were -- were -- were tremendous, tremendous friends. And there's a message there too - that you can be a liberal from the north side of Chicago and work with a Carlinville Democrat on issues

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from education to -- to conservation. As somebody who has a couple of young daughters and is a Sox fan, my kids and I got to go to a couple of White Sox games with this very eccentric woman. And I always remember one of my kids going, you know, "Wow, Dad, it's -- it's kind of weird that lady's a Sox fan." And, you know, it's great that my daughters got exposed to somebody like that and I always point out to my -- to my daughters, "You know, that's somebody you want to be like. That woman is an incredibly competent, professional woman. She's really important, Emma. You know, and she's really smart; she's a professor at one of the top five law schools in the United States." So, you know, being around Dawn made you a better and a smarter person. And she made being a State Senator, as we saw when she passed away on the front page of the Tribune -- you know, when you read about one of our colleagues, somebody who -- who was in this Body, on the front page of the Tribune being lauded like she was, it makes you proud to be a State Senator. And that's what this Body ought to be about day in and day out. And, you know, when -- when we go, we want to go like Dawn, with people saying the kinds of things about her integrity. And she took on ethics challenges twenty-plus years ago that -- you know, that are now everyday things, but Dawn would say that's not right. You know, you read about what she said when she thought things were not right down here, including nicknames for -- for people that she helped eventually see the -- see the light and become very clean and -- and competent politicians. So, you know, she's somebody that I will always, always admire. One of the great things that I am so proud of is, she would let me come and lecture, or go talk to -- you didn't go lecture

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Dawn's classes. Her classes were prepared and they asked questions and they actually made me stay on my toes. And I remember when I'd go to the -- the law school at Northwestern, I'd say I -- I just went to DePaul; I went to that little law school under the tracks, the elevated tracks. But she would stay in touch and she would call me every now and then. If she read something in the paper, she'd -- it would usually begin with, you know, "I can't believe you're moving that far to the right. Would you move back to the middle, Kirk? My God, you know, move back to the middle." But the woman, even when she left here, would stay in touch. And last, but not least - I had the -- the -- the pleasure, with Senator Rose and -- and Senator Connelly, the other night of having dinner with -- with President Cullerton - Dawn Netsch was married to an incredible architect - in fact, one of the greatest architects in the world - but Dawn was her own person. She was never, you know, Mrs. Walter Netsch. She was always Professor Dawn Clark Netsch. She had her stature all to her own and was on a pedestal, very high and much deserved, like her husband Walter. And if you're in a professional marriage, where you have two professional people, two very strong people in a marriage, that marriage was remarkable. The two of 'em had their own careers, and she was never Mrs. Walter Netsch. She was Professor Dawn Clark Netsch or Treasurer Netsch. And I always thought it was incredible how two people that were so accomplished could have a -- a marriage that was -- that was like that. And just an incredible person, a giant, who was probably one of the -- the four or five, you know, most trendsetting people who ever served in this Body. So, this is an important resolution for a very, very important

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woman and for all of us, whether it's today or twenty years from now. You know, she's a person that, you know, makes us proud to be a Member of the Illinois State Senate. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Martinez, to the resolution.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

To the resolution, Mr. President. I -- I met Dawn Clark Netsch back in '94 when she ran for Governor. And I had just won my election, my very first election, as State Central Committeewoman, and I remember that she called me and says, "I want you to campaign with me because we have to make sure that we show a very united front." And let me just say that I really came to admire a great person, a great human being, but a great woman, because she had so much energy, she had so much for us to learn from. I -- I mean, as a woman, she was just relentless as far as going out there, and we spent the whole day touring; we did the fly around. And this woman just -- was just incredibly, you know, full of energy and -- and just talked about Illinois and how much she loved Illinois. She taught me a lesson, as far as wanting to do more than just be a voice. She says that there -- we women had to stand up and start changing the makeup of what this Illinois looked like when it came to elected officials, because there was more men than women. She really made this about, you know, giving us encouragement to going out there and -- and really doing everything we could so we can be represented at every part of, you know, State agencies and every -- from local to State to county government. So, you know, I -- I -- I took her words and, really, I -- I -- I -- I -- I watched

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her -- I -- we know -- in IWIL. I remember when she came, you know, to the IWIL events. You know, again, a woman full of energy. I think she gave a lot of the -- the women, the -- the -- the trainees that were there, encouragement. Just recently, about a -- almost a -- I think about a year and a half ago, I was sitting at Northwestern in a office that was dealing with a young girl who was incarcerated at the young age of fifteen years old for murder with no chance of parole ever and she sat with me and a couple of the other female lawyers that were there and talked about, you know, how much work we still have to do. So, you know what, I -- I -- I -- I'm so saddened by the death of such a great woman, a woman who gave me and taught me a whole lot personally. Because I think -- I -- I thought about that energy all these years, and I think that through her, I think I capture some of the energy to continue to be that woman that I think everyone wants to be, like Dawn Clark Netsch. So I really send my condolences to her family. And I know that she's resting well and now we have another great angel up there watching over us.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution: I met Dawn probably in 19 -- was it 1984, after Harold Washington had won the mayoralship in Chicago, where the two of them had attended law school together and were actually good friends. And I know that she is the one that helped to take Harold around on the North Side and introduce her {sic} to the so-called "lakefront liberals", because Dawn was one of those lakefront liberals who

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always stood up for all the right causes, all the liberal causes, you know. And so after Harold won in '83, then in '84, Dawn called together a group of liberal women throughout the County of Cook, and I was one of those women, and Dawn said, "There are not enough women in elective office, not only throughout this State, but throughout this County." And that's how the Cook County Democratic Women were born back in '84. And that group only had one goal and that goal was to raise funds and to elect women to office. And this was before Jan Schakowsky and -- and -- and -- and -- and those guys came down to Springfield to serve in the General Assembly. And so I think that we need to -- to -- to give credit to Dawn Clark for having that concept and for making it possible to have women serve in the General Assembly and in other elective offices. Because I don't know how many women in the past had been -- had had discussions about that, but if they had discussions, she was one of the ones who took the lead in bringing folks together to really make it happen, you know. And so she was -- I -- I knew that she was a fighter. I knew that Dawn Clark Netsch would not back down. If she believed in a cause and if she -- she did not want to fight it by herself, she knew how to pick the phone up and she knew how to call the right people. And she always said to me, "And there's some liberal men out here that will help you as well", you know. And so I -- I just want to say "thank you" to Dawn, because I know that I'm here because of all of her hard efforts all in -- in the past, you know. And I just want to say thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Hutchinson.

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SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution: I wanted to also stand and offer my condolences to the family of Dawn Clark Netsch. I -- in 1994, I was still in college, when she was running for Governor. And -- so when -- when I become the student of -- of political history that I like to claim that I am, so I can learn lessons from people who came before, she was always one that stood out as somebody I would love to meet one day. And then I did. When I became -- when I got appointed to the Senate in 2009, I met her shortly thereafter, and we were at a luncheon and I told her, "I'm a brand-new State Senator." And it was amazing to me, at the time that I came in, that there were no women lawyers in the Senate. And I -- I told her all that I knew about her and her career, and I said, "I just want to work hard. I want to -- I really want to work hard. Do you have any advice?" She said, "Well, what are -- what are the other things that you're doing?" And I said, "Well, I'm married; I have three kids; I'm a part-time law student." She said, "You're in law school?" I said, "Yes." She said, "While you're a Senator?" I said, "Yes." She said, "While you were campaigning?" I said, "Yes." She said, "That's my kind of girl. That's my kind of girl", she said. I -- I saw her later and I told her that I was appointed Chair of Revenue, and that was her committee, and she told me at that moment, "Don't ever worry if you're the only woman in the room." And her eyes were twinkling when she said it. When I think about what "service" means and what it means for all of us to take time away from our families and other careers and other things that we do because we concentrate on the "service" part of public service - she

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personified that in ways that are sometimes difficult to explain. And so, as a younger woman in politics today, growing in this system and learning from all of you and remembering those who came before us - and I talk all the time about being absolutely humbled by being in this Chamber because of the people who came here before us - she is on that list. I will forever look up to her legacy. And I offer my sincerest condolences to the family. She was a legend - a legend. And I hope she's still saying "Way to go, girl!"

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, President Cullerton, do you wish to close? Senate -- Senator -- Senate President Cullerton moves for the adoption of Senate Resolution 144. All those in favor will please rise. It is the opinion of the Chair, the resolution carries and is adopted. Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, we will now proceed to the Order of Resolutions Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all those resolutions read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, have there been any objections filed to any resolution on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No objections filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the resolutions are adopted. On the Order of Resolutions is Senate Resolution {sic} 26. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution 26.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 26)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harmon moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 26. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have, and the rules are suspended. Senator Harmon moves for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 26. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 12 noon on the 12th day of March, 2013. The Senate stands adjourned.