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84TH LEGISLATIVE DAY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2002

12:45 O'CLOCK P.M.

No. 84
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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
 Honorable James "Pate" Philip, Wood Dale, Illinois, presiding.
 Prayer by Father Eugene Costa, St. John Vianney Church, Sherman,
 Illinois.

Senator Radogno led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Wednesday, April 3, 2002, was being read when on motion of Senator W. Jones further reading of same was dispensed with and unless some Senator had corrections to offer, the Journal would stand approved. No corrections being offered, the Journal was ordered to stand approved.

The Journal of Thursday, April 4, 2002, was being read when on motion of Senator W. Jones further reading of same was dispensed with and unless some Senator had corrections to offer, the Journal would stand approved. No corrections being offered, the Journal was ordered to stand approved.

The Journal of Tuesday, April 9, 2002, was being read when on motion of Senator W. Jones further reading of same was dispensed with and unless some Senator had corrections to offer, the Journal would stand approved. No corrections being offered, the Journal was ordered to stand approved.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES FILED

The following floor amendment to the Senate Bill listed below has been filed with the Secretary, and referred to the Committee on Rules:

Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2313

The following Conference Committee Report has been filed with the Secretary, and referred to the Committee on Rules:

First Conference Committee Report to House Bill 2207

At the hour of 12:55 o'clock p.m., Senator Geo-Karis presiding.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A message from the House by

Mr. Rossi, 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 NO. 4478
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to support.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 4479
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to child support.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 4549
 A bill for AN ACT concerning criminal law.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 4605
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to executive agencies.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 4620
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to financial regulation.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4639
 A bill for AN ACT regarding vehicles.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 4647
 A bill for AN ACT concerning environmental protection.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 4670
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to public utilities.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 4673
 A bill for AN ACT concerning aging.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 4680
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to elections.

Passed the House, April 9, 2002.

ANTHONY D. ROSSI, Clerk of the House

The foregoing House Bills numbered 4478, 4479, 4549, 4605, 4620, 4639, 4647, 4670, 4673 and 4680 were taken up, ordered printed and placed on first reading.

A message from the House by

Mr. Rossi, 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 NO. 4681
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to elections.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 4719
 A bill for AN ACT regarding aircraft.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 4725
 A bill for AN ACT concerning insurance.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 4740
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to public aid.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 4795
 A bill for AN ACT concerning plan commissions.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 4796
 A bill for AN ACT concerning municipalities.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 4830
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to criminal law.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 4832
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to criminal law.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5016
 A bill for AN ACT concerning the Historic Preservation Agency.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5026
 A bill for AN ACT concerning agriculture.

Passed the House, April 9, 2002.

ANTHONY D. ROSSI, Clerk of the House

The foregoing House Bills numbered 4681, 4719, 4725, 4740, 4795, 4796, 4830, 4832, 5016 and 5026 were taken up, ordered printed and placed on first reading.

A message from the House by

Mr. Rossi, 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:

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5038
 A bill for AN ACT concerning land conservation.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5045
 A bill for AN ACT concerning natural resources.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5048
 A bill for AN ACT concerning open lands.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5076
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to child support.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5077
 A bill for AN ACT concerning family law.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5079
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to public aid.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5127
 A bill for AN ACT concerning freedom of information.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5128
 A bill for AN ACT concerning open meetings.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5145
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to unemployment insurance.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5150
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to executive agencies.

Passed the House, April 9, 2002.

ANTHONY D. ROSSI, Clerk of the House

The foregoing House Bills numbered 5038, 5045, 5048, 5076, 5077, 5079, 5127, 5128, 5145 and 5150 were taken up, ordered printed and placed on first reading.

A message from the House by
 Mr. Rossi, 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 NO. 5159
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to executive agencies.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5160
 A bill for AN ACT concerning public health.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5168
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5169
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5200
 A bill for AN ACT concerning families.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5201
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to children.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5203
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to mental health.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5218
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to health facilities.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5220
 A bill for AN ACT concerning mental health and developmental disabilities.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5222
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to vehicles.

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The foregoing House Bills numbered 5159, 5160, 5168, 5169, 5200, 5201, 5203, 5218, 5220 and 5222 were taken up, ordered printed and placed on first reading.

A message from the House by

Mr. Rossi, 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 NO. 5231
A bill for AN ACT in relation to highways.
HOUSE BILL NO. 5236
A bill for AN ACT in relation to State finance.
HOUSE BILL NO. 5240
A bill for AN ACT in relation to transportation.
HOUSE BILL NO. 5278
A bill for AN ACT in relation to the regulation of professions.
HOUSE BILL NO. 5301
A bill for AN ACT in relation to aging.
HOUSE BILL NO. 5307
A bill for AN ACT in relation to insurance.
HOUSE BILL NO. 5322
A bill for AN ACT concerning assistance to citizens.
HOUSE BILL NO. 5323
A bill for AN ACT in relation to taxes.
HOUSE BILL NO. 5324
A bill for AN ACT concerning citizen benefits.
HOUSE BILL NO. 5325
A bill for AN ACT in relation to public aid.

Passed the House, April 9, 2002.

ANTHONY D. ROSSI, Clerk of the House

The foregoing House Bills numbered 5231, 5236, 5240, 5278, 5301, 5307, 5322, 5323, 5324 and 5325 were taken up, ordered printed and placed on first reading.

A message from the House by

Mr. Rossi, 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 NO. 5334
A bill for AN ACT in relation to tobacco.
HOUSE BILL NO. 5340
A bill for AN ACT relating to children's health insurance.
HOUSE BILL NO. 5342
A bill for AN ACT relating to education.
HOUSE BILL NO. 5351
A bill for AN ACT concerning bonds.
HOUSE BILL NO. 5368
A bill for AN ACT in relation to townships.
HOUSE BILL NO. 5383
A bill for AN ACT concerning bonds.
HOUSE BILL NO. 5401
A bill for AN ACT concerning business transactions.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5444
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to criminal law.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5450
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to elections.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5499
 A bill for AN ACT concerning insurance.

Passed the House, April 9, 2002.

ANTHONY D. ROSSI, Clerk of the House

The foregoing House Bills numbered 5334, 5340, 5342, 5351, 5368, 5383, 5401, 5444, 5450 and 5499 were taken up, ordered printed and placed on first reading.

A message from the House by

Mr. Rossi, 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 NO. 5500
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to insurance.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5514
 A bill for AN ACT concerning education.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5530
 A bill for AN ACT relating to higher education.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5545
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to environmental protection.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5564
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to utilities.
 HOUSE BILL NO. 5938
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to business organizations.

Passed the House, April 9, 2002.

ANTHONY D. ROSSI, Clerk of the House

The foregoing House Bills numbered 5500, 5514, 5530, 5545, 5564 and 5938 were taken up, ordered printed and placed on first reading.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Senator Mahar, Chairperson of the Committee on Environment and Energy to which was referred House Bills numbered 4471 and 5709 reported the same back with the recommendation that the bills do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Mahar, Chairperson of the Committee on Environment and Energy, to which was referred Senate Resolution No. 342 reported the same back with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Under the rules, Senate Resolution 342 was placed on the Secretary's Desk.

Senator Parker, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation to which was referred House Bill No. 1495 reported the same back with amendments having been adopted thereto, with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, do pass.

Under the rules, the bill was ordered to a second reading.

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PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 387

Offered by Senator Dillard and all Senators:
Mourns the death of William P. Tomy of Downers Grove.

The foregoing resolution was referred to the Resolutions Consent Calendar.

Senator Woolard offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 388

WHEREAS, Governor Ryan's proposed Department of Corrections budget for FY03 does not include annualized funding for the Vienna Correctional Center or for Valley View Youth Center; and

WHEREAS, These facilities now house over 1,000 adult and juvenile inmates; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Corrections has not presented a clear plan as to how the Illinois prison system can absorb these numbers of inmates at other facilities; and

WHEREAS, In presenting his budget to the General Assembly, the Governor indicated that he was willing to consider changes to the budget and welcomed the opportunity for dialogue with legislators in shaping a final budget that would have the approval of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly is currently holding hearings and considering amendments to the Governor's budget; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives acted on April 5 to amend the Governor's proposed budget to include full funding for Vienna CC and Valley View IYC; and

WHEREAS, DOC originally stated that the closure dates for Vienna and Valley View would be July 31 and September 30, respectively; and

WHEREAS, On April 9, in a clear violation of the Governor's commitment to allow for input from the General Assembly, DOC announced that it intends to move the closure date for both facilities forward to May 15 and to lay off most employees as of that date; and

WHEREAS, DOC has already begun to move inmates from Vienna - with some 400 having been moved out in recent weeks; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the loss of maximum security beds at Joliet Correctional Center, a significant number of inmates have had their status arbitrarily downgraded; and

WHEREAS, There are reports that incidents of violence have begun to increase throughout the Illinois correctional system in recent weeks; and

WHEREAS, Two correctional facilities are currently on 24-hour lockdown; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we strongly oppose the Department of Corrections' actions in moving inmates during the course of legislative deliberations and oppose any closure or downsizing of Vienna CC or Valley View IYC without legislative approval; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the General Assembly calls upon the Governor to uphold his commitment to full input from the Senate in the shaping of a final budget.

Senator Cronin offered the following Senate Joint Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 67

WHEREAS, Results from the Prairie State Achievement Examination indicate that approximately half of Illinois high school juniors fail to meet State learning standards; and

WHEREAS, New federal education legislation requires that all students meet State learning standards within 12 years; and

WHEREAS, Over three-fourths of Illinois high school graduates go on to higher education; and

WHEREAS, Illinois colleges and universities spend more than \$100 million annually providing remedial classes to high school graduates; and

WHEREAS, Workforce skills are changing, and two-thirds of today's workers need advanced reading, writing, mathematics, and critical thinking skills; and

WHEREAS, Illinois ranks last among Midwestern states in the proportion of students completing a high school core curriculum and last among all states in the number of core curriculum courses required for graduation by the average school district; and

WHEREAS, This high school core curriculum consists of the following, contrasted with current Illinois minimum high school graduation requirements:

- (1) 4 years of English instead of 3 years;
- (2) 3 years of mathematics instead of 2 years;
- (3) 3 years of science instead of one year; and
- (4) 3 years of social science instead of 2 years; and

WHEREAS, The content and learning level of the core curriculum is more closely aligned with State learning standards and the expectations of the workplace and higher education than the current Illinois graduation requirements; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Board of Higher Education, the State Board of Education, and the Illinois Community College Board prepare recommendations to increase student knowledge and skills in accordance with State learning standards, to improve student performance on the Prairie State Achievement Examination, and to better prepare high school students to meet the demands of the workplace and the rigors of higher education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That these 3 boards jointly provide recommendations on appropriate high school graduation requirements in light of the high expectations articulated in the Illinois Learning Standards and the Prairie State Achievement Examination, which is a rigorous test of the standards; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the recommendations made by these 3 boards be accompanied by estimates of the costs of upgrading curricula, hiring additional teachers, retraining current teachers, and making more extensive use of the Illinois Virtual High School; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the these 3 boards report their findings to the Governor and the General Assembly prior to January 15, 2003; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to the chairs of the Board of Higher Education, the State Board of Education, and the Illinois Community College Board.

REPORTS FROM RULES COMMITTEE

Senator Weaver, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, during its April 10, 2002 meeting, reported the following House Bills have been assigned to the indicated Standing Committees of the Senate:

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Agriculture and Conservation: House Bill No. 4438.
 Appropriations: House Bills numbered 2137, 3329, 3439, 3463 and 3521.
 Commerce and Industry: House Bills numbered 4451, 4457 and 4531.
 Education: House Bills numbered 1436, 1438, 1440, 1442, 1448, 3729, 3776, 4117, 4328, 4351, 5663, 5700 and 5734.
 Environment and Energy: House Bills numbered 3768, 5720 and 5846.
 Executive: House Bills numbered 101, 822, 1689, 2765, 2828, 3606, 3714, 4007, 4084, 4090, 4187, 4214, 4355, 4453 and 5000.
 Financial Institutions: House Bills numbered 1949, 3336, 4952, 5742 and 5822.
 Insurance and Pensions: House Bills numbered 1386, 1889, 2671, 4220, 4371, 4618, 4975, 4989, 5607 and 5908.
 Judiciary: House Bills numbered 3717, 4047, 4073, 4074, 4081, 4179, 4194, 4228, 4321, 4926, 4936, 4947, 5004, 5578, 5648, 5649, 5695 and 5732.
 Licensed Activities: House Bills numbered 3129 and 5803.
 Local Government: House Bills numbered 1215, 3710, 3734, 3771, 3773, 3812, 4130, 4257, 4397, 4988, 5577, 5646 and 6034.
 Public Health and Welfare: House Bills numbered 1535, 1536, 4170 and 6041.
 Revenue: House Bills numbered 1268, 1269, 1272, 1273, 1276, 3775, 4053, 4230 and 6012.
 State Government Operations: House Bills numbered 4454, 5807, 5829 and 5911.
 Transportation: House Bills numbered 3210, 3629, 3645, 3652, 3712, 4229, 4365, 4911, 4948, 4953, 5610, 5615 and 6004.

Senator Weaver, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, during its April 10, 2002 meeting, reported the following Senate Resolutions have been assigned to the indicated Standing Committee of the Senate:

Public Health and Welfare: Senate Joint Resolutions numbered 57, 58 and Senate Resolution No. 373.

Senator Weaver, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, during its April 10, 2002 meeting, reported the following House Resolution has been assigned to the indicated Standing Committee of the Senate:

Executive: House Joint Resolution No. 63.

Senator Weaver, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, during its April 10, 2002 meeting, reported the following Legislative Measure has been assigned to the indicated Standing Committee of the Senate:

Executive: Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2313.

Senator Weaver, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, reported that the following Legislative Measure has been approved for consideration:

First Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 119

The foregoing conference committee report was placed on the Senate Calendar.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

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Senator Klemm, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive announced that the Executive Committee will meet today in Room 212, Capitol Building, immediately upon adjournment.

READING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT A THIRD TIME

On motion of Senator Petka, Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment No. 18, having been printed, was taken up and read in full a third time.

Senator Petka moved that Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment No. 18, be adopted.

And on that motion, a call of the roll was had resulting as follows:

Yeas 33; Nays 22; Present 2.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Bomke
Burzynski
Cronin
DeLeo
Dillard
Donahue
Dudycz
Geo-Karis
Hawkinson
Jones, W.
Karpel
Klemm
Lauzen
Luechtefeld
Mahar
Maitland
Myers
Noland
O'Malley
Parker
Peterson
Petka
Radogno
Rauschenberger
Roskam
Sieben
Stone
Sullivan
Syverson
Walsh, T.
Watson
Weaver
Mr. President

The following voted in the negative:

Bowles
del Valle
Demuzio
Halvorson
Hendon
Jacobs

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Jones, E.
Lightford
Link
Madigan
Molaro
Munoz
Obama
O'Daniel
Shadid
Shaw
Smith
Trotter
Viverito
Walsh, L.
Welch
Woolard

The following voted present:

Cullerton
Silverstein

Having failed to receive a vote of three-fifths of the members elected, the resolution was declared lost.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

On motion of Senator Demuzio, Senator Clayborne was excused from attendance due to medical reasons.

Senator Karpriel announced that there will be a Republican caucus immediately following the adjournment of the Executive Committee.

**READING BILLS FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
A FIRST TIME**

House Bill No. 1445, sponsored by Senator Cronin was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 1452, sponsored by Senator Cronin was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 1456, sponsored by Senator Cronin was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 1839, sponsored by Senator Cronin was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 1871, sponsored by Senator E. Jones was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 3655, sponsored by Senator Bomke was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 3797, sponsored by Senator Bomke was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4082, sponsored by Senator Cullerton was taken up,

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read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4118, sponsored by Senator Sieben was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4211, sponsored by Senator Dudycz was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4337, sponsored by Senator Myers was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4343, sponsored by Senator Cronin was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4353, sponsored by Senator Roskam was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4407, sponsored by Senator Syverson was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4444, sponsored by Senator Karpiel was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4446, sponsored by Senator Bomke was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4472, sponsored by Senator Molaro was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4473, sponsored by Senator Dillard was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4667, sponsored by Senator Sullivan was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4889, sponsored by Senator Sieben was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4890, sponsored by Senator Sieben was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4974, sponsored by Senator Munoz was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5567, sponsored by Senator Watson was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5592, sponsored by Senator Dillard was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5779, sponsored by Senator Myers was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5780, sponsored by Senator Jacobs was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5831, sponsored by Senator Molaro was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5844, sponsored by Senator Syverson was taken up,

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read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5999, sponsored by Senator Obama was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 6007, sponsored by Senator Cronin was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5557, sponsored by Senator Dillard was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

Senator Parker offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 389

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate find that the rate of reimbursement for State agency community services grants and contracts insufficiently captures federal financial participation, compared to the actual general revenue funds expended for the program or service, for State-eligible vulnerable Illinois residents to be served under State authorized and appropriated State agencies; and

WHEREAS, The trend of funding community-based services for State eligible juvenile justice populations does not meet the need for those services in the State; and

WHEREAS, Community-based services for this population have been demonstrated across the nation and in Illinois as efficacious and cost-effective; and

WHEREAS, State government officials should prioritize maximizing the capture of federal financial participation and federal initiatives to provide funding for juvenile justice client services including: assessment and service needs evaluation; treatment plan development, review, and modification; psychiatric treatment and medication management; therapy and counseling services; crisis intervention, rehabilitative stabilization services, and client-centered consultation; and case management, training and placement as provided by community agencies; and

WHEREAS, The current financial disparity between State capture of federal funds is inadequate, which is contributing to insufficient reimbursement rates for quality human services and the actual cost of State funded programs and services around the State; and

WHEREAS, The inability of most State-funded human services programs to adequately provide services to the juvenile justice population contributes to the recidivism in the juvenile justice system and the increased costs in other State-supported services that must be provided to this population; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Governor of the State of Illinois urges the Director of Public Aid, the Director of Corrections, the Director of Children and Family Services, and the Secretary of Human Services to ensure community services provided to juveniles are provided in a manner that promotes the capture of federal financial participation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Governor also urges the Director of Public Aid, the Director of Corrections, the Director of Children and Family Services, and the Secretary of the Department of Human Services to ensure that each Department is making all efforts to capture federal initiatives for juvenile justice services in the fiscal year 2003 and

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beyond; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to the Governor and to the Director of Public Aid, the Director of Corrections, the Director of Children and Family Services, and the Secretary of Human Services.

At the hour of 1:47 o'clock p.m., on motion of Senator Stone, the Senate stood adjourned until Thursday, April 11, 2002 at 9:30 o'clock a.m.

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