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PRESIDENT:

The hour of twelve having arrived, the Senate will please come to order. Will the members be at their desks and will our guests in the gallery please rise. Prayer this afternoon will be both in English and in Spanish in recognition of our guests who are with us, and the prayer will be offered by Sister Mary Lolita of Our Lady of Lords Church in Chicago and will be translated by our former co-worker, Father Charles Kyle. Sister.

SISTER MARY LOLITA:

(Prayer given by Sister Lolita)

FATHER CHARLES KYLE:

(Prayer given in Spanish)

PRESIDENT:

Thank you, Sister and thank you, Father. Reading of the Journal. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journal of Tuesday, April 24th, in the year 1984, be postponed pending arrival of the printed Journal.

PRESIDENT:

You've heard the motion for approval as placed by Senator...postponement as placed by Senator Kelly. Any discussion? If not, all in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. It's so ordered. If I can have the attention of the Body, Channel 7 has asked leave to film the proceedings. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Committee reports.

SECRETARY:

Senator Carroll, chairman of Appropriations I Committee, reports out the following bills: Senate Bill 1441, 1474 and 1587 with the recommendation Do Pass.

House Bill 2353 with the recommendation Do Pass.

Senator Berman, chairman of Elementary and Secondary Edu-

cation, reports out Senate Bill 1644 with the recommendation Do Pass as Amended.

PRESIDENT:

Messages from the House.

SECRETARY:

Message from the House by Mr. G'Erien, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate the House of Representatives has passed bills with the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

House Bills 876, 1128, 1855, 2374, 2466, 2468 and 2669.

PRESIDENT:

Resolutions.

SECRETARY:

Senate Resolution 560 offered by Senator Iechowicz and all Senators. It's congratulatory.

Senate Resolution 561 offered by Senator Davidson and all Senators, and it's congratulatory.

Senate Resolution 562 offered by Senator Jerome Joyce. It's a death resolution.

Senate Resolution 563 offered by Senator Floom and all Senators, and it's a death resolution.

PRESIDENT:

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY:

Senate Resolution 564 offered by Senator Gec-Karis and Demuzio.

PRESIDENT:

Executive. Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR GEC-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I have conferred with Senator Jeremiah Joyce and I would like

to ask leave to be put as a hyphenated cosponsor to his bill, Senate Bill 1484, and have...I've gotten his okay.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Geo-Karis has requested leave to be added as a cosponsor of Senate Bill 1484. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Senator DeAngelis, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would ask to be shown as sponsor of...hyphenated sponsor of Senate Bill 1655 and Senate Bill 1897 with leave of the Body.

PRESIDENT:

Senate Bill 1655 and Senate Bill 1897. The Senator requests leave to be shown as...a hyphenated cosponsor. Is leave granted? Leave is granted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

May we have some order, please. For what purpose does Senator Smith arise?

SENATOR SMITH:

Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask it to be...a cosponsor to House Bill 2377. Jeremiah Joyce is the...the sponsor from the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

...2377?

SENATOR SMITH:

That's right, Bruce bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Is there leave? Leave is granted. For what purpose does Senator Newhouse arise?

SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I'd like to ask leave of the Body to make an introduction. In the President's gallery...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

May we have some order, please. Senator Newhouse.

SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

...in the President's gallery are a group of students from a school in my district, that school is Bowen High School. In our last year's competition in...in modern home design one of the students from Bowen took first prize in one division. I'd like them to rise and be recognized by this body, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Would our guests in the galleries please rise and be recognized.

SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

...Welch, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR WELCH:

Mr. President, I would ask leave to be added as a cosponsor of Senate Bill 1382.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

All right, with...with leave that will be done. I will remind the Senate that as to cosponsorship, if you'd just tell the Secretary, that will be done, and if it's a joint sponsorship...a hyphenated cosponsor, we would ask leave for the Senate Floor. Is there leave to go to the Order of Resolutions? Leave is granted. Resolutions.

SECRETARY:

Senate Resolution 565 offered by Senators Kelly, Mahar, DeAngelis, Jones and others, and it's congratulatory.

Senate Resolution 566 offered by Senator Kelly, and it's congratulatory.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY:

Senate Joint Resolution 106 offered by Senator Bruce.

(Secretary reads SJB 106)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ERUCE)

Is there leave for Senator Welch to handle this resolution? Leave is granted. Senator Welch moves to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of the resolution which changes the reporting date. On that motion, those in favor say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. On the motion to adopt, those in favor say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Committee reports.

SECRETARY:

Pursuant to amend Rule 5, the Rules Committee met at 10:15 a.m., Wednesday, April 25th, 1984 and makes the following report:

By unanimous vote the committee ruled that the following bills can be considered this Session of the Senate: Senate Bills 900, 1217, 1375, 1381, 1416, 1435, 1516, 1519, 1521, 1524, 1534, 1538, 1589, 1596, 1602, 1606, 1612, 1626, 1631, 1645, 1655, 1664, 1685, 1706, 1707, 1711, 1714, 1725, 1727, 1728, 1732, 1733, 1734, 1735, 1743, 1748, 1749, 1751, 1752, 1753, 1754, 1755, 1756, 1767, 1781, 1787, 1791, 1793, 1794, 1798, 1802, 1803, 1811, 1812, 1821, 1826, 1841, 1844, 1848, 1850, 1853, 1857, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1896, 1897, 1906, 1911, 1912, 1920, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1934, 1935, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955 and 1957. The foregoing bills were reported to the Senate on Committee of Assignment of Bills. Signed, Senator Philip J. Rock, chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ERUCE)

Committee on Assignment of Bills. Senator Rock, you...are you ready? Is there leave to go to the Order of

Resolutions? Leave is granted. Is there leave to go to the Order of Senate Joint Resolution 82 on page 6 of your Calendar? Leave is granted. Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY:

Senate Joint Resolution 82 as amended. Senator Rock is the Senate sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Senator Rock...may we have some order, please. Some of our guests in the gallery have a particular interest in this particular resolution. Senator Rock.

SENATOR ROCK:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I would like first to recognize the fact that we do have guests in the gallery. They are high school students from ten or eleven different high schools across the City of Chicago, and they belong to a group called ASEIBA and they are here to urge our support, which I'm sure will be forthcoming for the passage and approval of Senate Joint Resolution 82. As you know, we had the benefit last year of some lengthy research done by Father Charles Kyle, who was a co-worker here in the Illinois Senate, and the research done with respect to the problem of Hispanic dropouts indicating...an alarming dropout rate, one that ought to concern and does concern, frankly, everyone in the State. It appears that there is a dropout rate among Hispanic high school students that is in excess of fifty percent, and while we're not sure that we are able to determine yet the causes, the symptoms are certainly there. We have been in contact with the State Board of Education. We have been in contact with Doctor Love and the Chicago Board of Education. They have readily agreed that this task force is most worthy of our support and they have pledged their full support, both in terms of funding and manpower. I had the opportunity to meet at the request of Representative Joseph Berrico with Roberto Rivera

from the Network for Youth Services and Father Kyle in an attempt to discuss how we, the State, as a matter of public policy might attempt to deal with this, and what we had decided...what we have decided caused Senate Joint Resolution 82 to come into being. What it does very simply is call for the creation of a twenty-member State-wide task force, which task force will be appointed by the joint leadership of the General Assembly with participation by the Governor, the State Board of Education, the School Problems Commission and the Chicago Board of Education. We have to do something. Senator Lechowicz suggested in committee, as a cosponsor of this resolution, along with Senators Nedza and D'Arco and literally all of us from Chicago who are mightily concerned about this problem, that the reporting date ought to be shortened. So we have called for this task force to be created and to report back to this Assembly in November of this year, so that the first order of business for the General Assembly next year will be the implementation of the recommendations of this task force. The opportunity for education we have as a matter of policy in this State extended to everyone irrespective of race, color, creed or national origin, and now we are confronted with the fact that in this group, Hispanic students, there is a dropout rate that is of concern and should be of concern to each and every member not only of our community but in the State. The problems of the past need not be the problems of the future and that's what we are about. This is a problem that we have to address. Since the introduction of Senate Joint Resolution 82, the Chicago Board of Education has agreed to participate fully and has finally agreed that perhaps the statistics as researched by Father Kyle are more accurate than the Chicago Board's own statistics. Since that time the Coke-a-Cola Company has afforded ASPIBA a grant to further this and other studies. There is a great deal of interest and I'm

happy to say that Senate Joint Resolution 82, I think, was the cause of much of this interest. The documentation that was presented to the members of the Executive Committee, I would urge every member to familiarize him and herself with it. It is a document supporting the creation of this State-wide task force. It was prepared by Father Charles Kyle in collaboration with others who have been working on this problem, and it says very succinctly, and I think very aptly, that this is a generation too precious to waste. I urge your favorable support of Senate Joint Resolution 82.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Senator Nedza, and I have Senators...we're...we're certainly happy to have you here but please do not participate in the proceedings, if you don't mind. Although for Senator Rock, we're certainly happy that you did it. Senator Nedza.

SENATOR NEDZA:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I rise in support of Senate Joint Resolution 82, and as President Rock has so eloquently and ably presented the facts before this Body, it is a situation that I am deeply concerned with because of the fact that my district is predominately composed of Hispanic residents. The children that we see perhaps in this gallery this...this afternoon, hopefully, some of them are from that district. We have tried to address this problem at a variety of levels for many, many years, but now it has come to the point where...there we don't stand alone in trying to address this problem, but we are now standing with many of our colleagues in this Assembly and many of the agencies throughout the State and in the city. We've taken it on a State and local level. Father Kyle has done a tremendous job of researching it. ASPIRA is...is for many, many years has addressed themselves to these problems so that now before us we stand in a unified front. There are many words that can be said why

we should have this and why we should take and continue on our reference, but very simply and very shortly is all I would have to say is that the greatest asset that we have is the human mind. We have not been taking that asset to our greatest advantage. An uneducated mind is the greatest waste of our natural resource. I urge you to support this resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ERUCE)

Senator Marovitz.

SENATOR MAROVITZ:

Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. As the chairman of the Spanish-speaking People's Study Commission in the State of Illinois which has...has been the conduit through which most Hispanics have dealt with the State Legislature until just recently, I have had hearings and many of my staff have been to meetings where this very problem involving dropouts has been the main topic of conversation. And I can tell you from meeting after meeting and discussion with parent after parent and student after student that this is among if not the greatest concern of the Hispanic community throughout the State of Illinois, a community that desperately wants to involve itself in the process and recognizes the value of education to the future of its young. I think the creation of this task force, a study and ultimately an effort, a very active effort by this body and others throughout the State of Illinois to make sure that these young people who so desperately desire an education are given the help and counselling to make sure that they fulfill every bit of that education that they need, that they desire and that they must have to become an integral part of our society that they...that they deserve to be and that they want to be. I totally support this resolution as chairman of the commission and hope that everybody will join with Senator Rock in voting Aye on Senate Joint Resolution 82.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

All right, Senators...Senator Egan.

SENATOR EGAN:

Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. As a Chicago northwestsider, let me...and also a close friend of...of our dear friend, Father Kyle, I just want to commend this resolution, Senator Rock and the sponsors. And incidentally, Mr. President, I thought I was a cosponsor and if I am not, please add me. That...this is a very serious problem in Chicago as it may be in other communities and it's the perfect way to meet the problem head on. I think has, as Senator Rock has pointed out, caught on with the people who are interested. I know the hundred thousand dollar grant may only be the beginning but the...the important fact is that we support this resolution because it is the perfect way to meet the problem head on. I just want to also point out the fact that these folks that have promulgated this type of action are the stabilizing influence in our community that...that we need and we want them to continue, and we really must support them and thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Senator Netsch.

SENATOR NETSCH:

Thank you, Mr. President. As one of the several cosponsors of SJR 82, I would like to add my obvious support to the resolution. I think the substance of the resolution has been well described and well defended by those who have already spoken. It is a critical issue and it must be addressed. I would like to do only one thing, and that is to add a word of special commendation to Father Kyle who has been mentioned before and to Mr. Rivera on behalf of the Network for Youth Services for being...for taking a leadership role and assuming responsibility for addressing this extremely serious problem. Instead of sitting around and just wringing hands

about it, they did something about it; and I think it should be a model, not just for those of us in the General Assembly but also for all of those who are sitting in the balcony today, and I might mention that their leadership is directed not just at the adoption of this resolution and the creation of the task force by the Illinois Senate, but they have also sponsored through the Network for Youth Services a parent-leadership conference with educators on Hispanic dropouts which was attended by over five hundred persons in February 1984, a student leadership conference on Hispanic dropout prevention which was attended by four hundred...over four hundred high school students in March, 1984 and a March rally which was also participated in by seven hundred residents. So the task force which clearly is the focal point of what is to be done was only part of what was accomplished in...in activating a community, in pressing upon many of the rest of us the seriousness of the problem that they faced, and most of all, by showing us that they knew how to go about doing something very concrete about that problem. My congratulations to all of them.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIC)

Further discussion? Senator Lenke.

SENATOR LENKE:

Thank you, very much, Mr. President. As we commend Senator Rock and commend Father Kyle, I think the commemoration is to the point of our future voters in Illinois, the people in the gallery. The people that are distant from Springfield, live in the City of Chicago and very much...very few times have an association with government in the...our Capitol. So I welcome them and I compliment them for their lobbyist efforts and their efforts in coming down here in support of this legislation. They are the future of Illinois. They will be the future voters and the future constituents of many of us and many of us...of a people to follow

us, but I think it is important that they given the opportunity to find out what's causing the problem and the opportunity to give them an education; and having come from Elsen and lived all my life on 26th Street and see the influence of gangs and the fallout of students from various high schools and grammar schools, I think it's a compliment to these students to show their effort that they are concerned with the other students that are not going to school and falling out. I think that's what's important, and I think what's important to us today is to show them that we recognize their lobbyist efforts, we recognize their attendance here and that we recognize it by passing Senate Joint...Senate Joint Resolution 82. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Further discussion? Senator Lechowicz.

SENATOR LECHOWICZ:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, the proof in Senate Joint Resolution 82 that one man or one woman can make a difference. Father Charles Kyle, as a member of our staff a year ago, addressed this situation and brought it to many member's attention. We have a religious man who takes an active part in the community, recognized a problem long before it was a thing to discuss in the media, addressed it to the legislative process and the...the democratic process in this State. To Father Charles Kyle, to ASFIRA, a...the membership and the umbrella group that he worked through, but more important, to the students that we're addressing today, the ones who are here and the ones that are not here, a very serious problem will be seriously locked into with legislative solution is to be recommended to this General Assembly. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you read the resolution it pointed out that twenty-five percent of the students who enroll in the public school system in Illinois do not complete the four-year schooling. In the Hispanic

community that figure raises to fifty or sixty percent. There has to be a reason why you have a dropout rate of such a magnitude proportion. We would hope that Father Kyle and ASPIRA and the people who will be asked to serve on...coming with a up legislative solution in conjunction with the Chicago Board of Education, in conjunction with private financial resources will tackle a very serious dilemma. Education is supposed to be the excellence of anyone's achievement. It's through that process that democracies flourishes, industries survive and the American way of life is preserved. I would hope that the guiding force and Senator Rock and the other people who are responsible will seriously consider the fact that not only do we have a responsibility to the Hispanic community, we have a responsibility to every student in the public school system and this addresses a very serious concern. I strongly support the passage of this resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIC)

Further discussion? Senator Gec-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, coming from the 31st Senatorial District which has a great contingency of Latino families, I, too, am concerned about the dropout problem; and I want to commend Senator Rock and also Father Kyle for the interest they've shown and taken the initiative to produce such a resolution, and I certainly support it wholeheartedly.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIC)

Further discussion? Senator Rock may close.

SENATOR ROCK:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is an effort in which we should all join, and I do invite and ask leave that all members be shown as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 82. This is not a partisan issue, this is not a Senate issue or a House issue; this is

an issue that concerns all the people of Illinois because it is not just the dropout him or herself who suffers. That youngster who drops out, unfortunately, winds up on the road to nowhere; but he's not alone, we all pay the price, higher crime rates, deteriorating neighborhoods, higher taxes for welfare costs; it's our problem. It is our problem, all of our problem, and we ought to help find the solution. Senate Joint Resolution 82, hopefully, will make that attempt and I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIC)

All right, Senator Rock has sought leave to add all members as cosponsors. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Senator Rock has moved the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 82. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Howie. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 56, the Nays are none, none voting Present. Senate Joint Resolution 82 having received the required constitutional majority is declared passed. Senator Rock.

SENATOR ROCK:

If I can have the attention of the Body, there is a photographer in the President's gallery who has requested permission to shoot some photographs, primarily of Senator DeAngelis, and I'm sure that leave will be granted for that purpose. Better put your lunch away, Aldo.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIC)

Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Senator DeAngelis.

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. On a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIC)

State your point.

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

One of our esteemed colleagues who received numerous honors in the past, last Sunday was honored again, and in this case, he was activated as an active member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity at SIU in Edwardsville; and before we find the fraternity pin on Senator Fawell's suit, we ought to commend him, Senator Vadalabene.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIC)

Senator Vadalabene, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR VADALABENE:

Yes, on a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIC)

State your point.

SENATOR VADALABENE:

Senator DeAngelis, I appreciate you bringing this to the...to the...to the attention of the...of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle. I see they were all overwhelmed and I appreciate that. However, on May 7th, at...at eleven o'clock at SIU-Edwardsville they're going to name the multipurpose building Vadalabene Center, and I invite all of you to come down to...for that one. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIC)

Senator Rigney, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR RIGNEY:

Mr. President, we also have some other guests in the balcony today. I think perhaps we've been called upon by some of these people. I want to call to attention to the Body the fact that we have a number of township officials with us, and I think they should be recognized.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIC)

Would our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized by the Senate. Senator Eock.

SENATOR EOCK:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I'm sure the members are aware that the Rules

Committee report was just read in. There is something in excess of one hundred bills that were reported out of that committee, the primary grouping being those that are determined to be administration bills from the Office of the Governor or from the other constitutional officers or from Appropriations. The Assignment of Bills report will be done tomorrow, and I would remind all members that we will have to tomorrow waive the posting requirement because next week is the final week for bills in committee. So I would urge the members to familiarize themselves with that report and make sure that the bills are posted for next week. It does not appear that it will be necessary for us to be here on Friday. So we will conclude our business tomorrow and, hopefully, spend the weekend in our district and to return to Springfield next Monday for a full week of committee hearings. The Rules Committee will again meet tomorrow at eleven to, hopefully, wind up its business. In the meantime, if there is no further business, I would move that we stand adjourned until the hour of noon tomorrow and remind the members, as I'm sure Senators Berman and Carroll would have if they were on the Floor, that there is a...okay. I would...I would...before we move to adjourn till noon tomorrow, I will just yield to Senator Berman. There is a...at the request of a group of Illinois' citizens we have delayed the opening of the Senate until noon tomorrow to accommodate a memorial service that I'm sure all of us are interested in.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LENUZIC)

Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. You are all invited tomorrow at eleven o'clock at the Old State Capitol for a memorial service in commemoration of the Holocaust. This is an annual event which allows us to recall man's inhumanity to man. It is a very somber but

meaningful service that is participated in by many of our elected officials, and a personal invitation is being extended to all of you as members of the Senate to join us at eleven o'clock tomorrow at the Old State Capitol. Thank you, very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIC)

All right, further business? Senator Philip. Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIC)

State your point.

SENATOR PHILIP:

I don't know if you're aware of it, last night, but the great Chicago Cubs beat the St. Louis Cardinals three to two. They're in sole, complete control of first place, the first time since 1873, and I hope that all you White Sox fans and all you Southern Illinois Cardinal fans understand that, that the Cubs are here to stay.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIC)

All right, further business to come before the Senate? Senator Euzbee.

SENATOR EUZBEE:

Appropriations II Committee will meet at two o'clock this afternoon in Room 212.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIC)

All right, further business? Senator Keats, for what purpose do you arise? Senator Keats.

SENATOR KEATS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I...I was just going to remind a few of my friends on...on a commission issue. I wanted to wait till our young friends left 'cause I did not want to embarrass them, I just wanted to embarrass a few of our

colleagues. We have just done Senate Resclution 82 which was a good idea and we all voted for it, but does that show you how worthless most of our State commissions are? We have several commissions that directly overlap; in fact, one of the people speaking for it's chairman on one of commissions that directly overlaps what we've just appropriated a whole other commission to study. This other commission is a good idea, we voted for it, but when we look at our legislative commissions, whether the Spanish-speaking People Study Commission or...or some of the education commissions, this is what they're for and look at how much money they're spending to not do this job. And so as I...I remind a few of my friends, when that vote comes up in June, let's remember how worthless most of these commissions that we're already appropriating several hundred thousand bucks for are.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right, further business to come before the Senate?
Senator Vadalabene.

SENATOR VADALABENE:

...let the record show that Senator Dawson is absent because of illness.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

The record will so indicate. Further business to come before the Senate? Senator Lechowicz.

SENATOR LECHOWICZ:

Sam did it. I just wanted to have Senator Dawson excused because of illness.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Further business to come before the Senate?
Senator Rock moves that the Senate stand adjourned till noon, April 26th. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The Senate stands adjourned till noon tomorrow.