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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 92nd General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? Our prayer today will be given by Dr. Reginald Mills, Central Baptist Church, Springfield, Illinois. Dr. Mills.

DR. REGINALD MILLS:

(Prayer by Dr. Reginald Mills)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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

(Pledge of Allegiance recited)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

We've had a request from -- WFDL-TV {sic} (WFLD-TV) Chicago to videotape, Journal-Register to take still photos and WMBD-TV to tape. Is leave granted? Hearing no objections, leave is granted. Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President...

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator -- could we have some peace and quiet, please?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President...

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Thank -- thank you. Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. In the gallery to my right is the very dynamic present Chairman of the County Board of Lake County, Suzi Schmidt, with her great mother, from Oak Brook, Mrs. Lucille Reyes. Would you help me welcome them here?

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will they please rise and be recognized by the Senate?

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Senator Bomke, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BOMKE:

A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR BOMKE:

We have with us today a class -- Kevin Beeson's class from Calvary Temple Academy visiting here today.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will they please rise and be recognized by the Senate?

Senator Welch, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WELCH:

Senator, I'd just like to put in the record that Senator Carol Ronen will not be here today because of illness.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The record will so indicate. Senator Bowles, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BOWLES:

For a point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR BOWLES:

Today I have with me a young man from Bethalto, Illinois, who is serving as a Page, Mr. Kistner. I'd like the Senators to greet him.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will he please rise and be recognized by the Senate? Senator Lauzen, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LAUZEN:

For purposes of an introduction. Personal privilege.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Make your introduction.

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SENATOR LAUZEN:

I'd like to introduce a constituent from back home who's a Page for today. His name is Galen Norman. He just became an Eagle Scout last month. I'd like to welcome him to the Senate.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Would he please rise and be congratulated by the Senate?  
Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Thursday, May 30th; Friday, May 31st; Saturday, June 1st; Sunday, June 2nd; and Thursday, November 7th, 2002.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Jones. Wendell Jones.

SENATOR W. JONES:

Mr. President, I move that the Journals just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Wendell Jones moves to approve the Journal just read. There being no objection, so ordered. Senator Halvorson, for what reason do you rise?

SENATOR HALVORSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Well, we're just calling for a Democratic Caucus when we adjourn.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Fine. That's always in order. Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the President, dated November 18th, 2002.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rule 3(b) -- or, 3-5(b) and (c), I am hereby making the following appointments to the Senate Rules Committee: Senator Stanley B. Weaver, Chairman; Senators Kirk Dillard and Laura Kent Donahue.

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Senator Dillard, as the Vice-Chair. These appointments are -- effective immediately.

Signed by President Philip.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Mr. Secretary, have there been any motions filed?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Yes, Mr. President. Senator Bomke has filed a motion with respect to Senate Bill 1657; Senator DeLeo, on Senate Bill 1622; Senator Watson, on Senate Bill 1982; Senator Burzynski, on Senate Bill 2155; Senator Link, on Senate Bill 2160; and Senator Cullerton, on Senate Bill 1756.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Mr. Secretary, the Chair requests these motions be printed on the Calendar. So ordered. Now if I could have a little peace and quiet just for a minute, I'd like to introduce our two newest additions to the Senate. Senator O'Shea, replacing Senator Walsh. Senator O'Shea? You hiding somewhere? Welcome aboard. And Senator Rupley, replacing Senator Dudycz. Senator Rupley.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Sullivan, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Please state your point.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

If the Senate could please join me in welcoming our former colleague and a good friend of ours. Walter Dudycz is on the Floor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 2430, offered by Senator Luechtefeld.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 2431, offered by Senator Bowles.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Cullerton, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Madam President. I -- I'd like to just kind of report something to the -- the Body. Very unusual occurrence happened today when I got to my office. There were about ten or twelve people just standing in my -- in my office, people who I hadn't seen in ten years. And they were -- I asked them who they were and they said they were actual registered lobbyists here at the State. And I asked them what they wanted, and they said, "Nothing." They -- they just wanted to know how I was. So I don't know if anybody else had this happen, but be careful.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 519, offered by Senator Silverstein and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 520 through 525, offered by Senators Demuzio, Emil Jones and all Members.

Senate Resolution 526, offered by Senator Noland and all Members.

Senate Resolution 527, offered by Senator Geo-Karis and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 528 through 532, offered by Senator Lauzen and all Members.

Senate Resolution 533, offered by Senator Sullivan and all Members.

Senate Resolution 534, also offered by Senator Sullivan and

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all Members.

Senate Resolution 535, offered by Senator Parker and all Members.

Senate Resolution 536, offered by Senator Sullivan and all Members.

Senate Resolution 537, offered by Senator Shadid and all Members.

Senate Resolution 538, offered by Senator Sullivan and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 539, also offered by Senator Sullivan and all Members.

Senate Resolution 540, offered by Senator Myers and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 541, offered by Senator Parker and all Members.

They're all death resolutions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Consent Calendar.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

And Senate Resolution 542, offered by Senator Syverson.

It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Sieben, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SIEBEN:

Well, thank you, Madam President. I wanted to respond to Senator Cullerton. Just -- just outside -- my office is located just outside the Chamber door here, and I also had a really strange occurrence this morning in my office. I showed up early, got back from the St. Louis and Bears game at 9 o'clock, was in my office from 9 to 12 this morning. The phone didn't ring. I -- I was able to -- to take care of all my work. There was very little mail there, and only had one visitor. It was my friend from the

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Pork Producers. So -- and he wasn't too concerned with how I was doing. He said he has going over to see Senator Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

House Bills 1st Reading.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 5218, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Mr. Secretary, have there been any motions filed?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Yes, Madam President. Senator Philip has filed a motion with respect to Senate Bill 1583 and Senator Bomke has filed a motion with respect to Senate Bill 2117.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

The Chair requests that the motions be printed on the Calendar. So ordered. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Referred to the Executive Committee - House Bill 3557 and Senate Resolution 517; to the Committee on State Government Operations - House Bill 4446; Be Approved for Consideration - House Bills -- or, 800, 1268, 1269, 1273, 1664, 2463, 3999 and 4047; referred to the Committee on Commerce and Industry - Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 1664; to the Committee on Executive - Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 800; to the Committee on Judiciary - Senate Amendment 3 to House Bill 4047; to -- to the Committee on Licensed Activities - Senate Bill -- or, Senate Amendment 3 to House Bill 2463; and to the Committee on Revenue - Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 1268, Amendment 1 to House Bill 1269 and Amendment 1 to House Bill 1273.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

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Senator Hawkinson, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Thank you, Madam President. For purposes of an announcement. The Senate Judiciary Committee will meet immediately upon adjournment - it should be a short meeting - in Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senate Judiciary, Room 400, immediately on adjournment. If there's no further business to come before the Senate -- Senator Philip, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Just to bring you up on date, what we think we're going to be doing. We'll probably have a Republican Caucus sometime tomorrow. We'll probably be coming in on Thursday at 9:30 in the morning and hopefully getting out of here early so everybody can get home.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

If there is -- any further business to come before the Senate? Senator Weaver moves that the Senate stand adjourned until the hour of 12:30, Wednesday, November -- 20th. 12:30 p.m. Senate is adjourned.