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GOVERNOR BRUCE RAUNER:

Will the Members and our guests please be seated? Anyone who doesn't have a seat, let us know. Think we got space. Article IV, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois reads in part as follows: On the first day of the January Session of the General Assembly in odd-numbered years, the Governor shall convene the Senate to elect from the membership a President of the Senate as presiding officer. Representatives of the media have requested permission to record the proceedings. Welcome. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. The following are appointed to the Committee of Escort for the members of the Judiciary: Senators Hastings, Hutchinson, Silverstein, Schimpf, and Tracy. Will the Committee of Escort please report to the front of the Chamber to escort the distinguished members of the Judiciary into the Chamber? Will the Members and our guests please rise? The invocation will be offered by Father Thomas Hurley, Old St. Patrick's Church. Father Hurley.

FATHER THOMAS HURLEY:

(Remarks and Invocation by Father Thomas Hurley)

GOVERNOR BRUCE RAUNER:

Will the Members and our guests please remain standing for the Presentation of the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance? Colors will be presented by the Color Guard of Lincoln's Challenge Academy from Rantoul. Permission to post the Colors is granted. Senator... Senator Cunningham will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Cunningham)

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Please remain standing for our National Anthem, which will be sung by Michael Lynch.

MICHAEL LYNCH:

("The Star-Spangled Banner", sung by Michael Lynch)

GOVERNOR BRUCE RAUNER:

The Color Guard is now dismissed. Thank you. Please be seated. I hereby appoint the following persons as temporary Senate Officers of the 100th General Assembly: Scott Kaiser, Secretary of the Senate, and Joe Dominguez, Sergeant-at-Arms. The Secretary will now read the Letter of Certification from the State Board of Elections of Senate Members elected on November 8th, 2016, to the 100th General Assembly. Mr. Secretary, please read the letter.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

A letter dated December 5th, 2016.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Enclosed is a list of individuals who have been elected to serve as Members of the State Senate in the General Assembly and have been duly certified by the State Board of Elections at their meeting on December 5, 2016. If you have any questions or additional information needed, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully, Brent M. Davis, Director of Elections {sic} (Election) Operations.

List of the Newly Elected Members: 1st District, Antonio "Tony" Muñoz, Chicago, four-year term; District 2, Omar Aquino, Chicago, two years; 4th District, Kimberly A. Lightford, Maywood, four-year term; 5th District, Patricia Van Pelt, Chicago, two-year term; 7th District, Heather A. Steans, Chicago, four-year term; 8th District, Ira I. Silverstein, Chicago, two-year term; 10th District, John G. Mulroe, of Chicago, four-year term; 11th

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District, Martin A. Sandoval, Chicago, two-year term; 14th -- oh, excuse me, 13th District, Kwame Raoul, of Chicago, four-year term; 14th District, Emil Jones III, Chicago, two-year term; 16th District, Jacqueline "Jacqui" Collins, Chicago, four-year term; 17th District, Donne E. Trotter, Chicago, two-year term; 19th District, Michael E. Hastings, of Tinley Park, four-year term; 20th District, Iris Y. -- Martinez, Chicago, two-year term; 22nd District, Cristina Castro, of Elgin, four-year term; 23rd District, Thomas E. Cullerton, Villa Park, two-year term; 25th District, Jim Oberweis, Sugar Grove, four-year term; 26th District, Dan McConchie, Hawthorn Woods, two-year term; 28th District, Laura Murphy, Des Plaines, four-year term; 29th District, Julie A. Morrison, Deerfield, two-year term; 31st District, Melinda Bush, Grayslake, four-year term; 32nd District, Pamela Althoff, McHenry, two-year term; 34th District, Steve Stadelman, Caledonia, four-year term; 35th District, Dave Syverson, Rockford, two-year term; 37th District, Chuck Weaver, Peoria, four-year term; 38th District, Sue Rezin, Morris, two-year term; 48th -- 40th District, Toi W. Hutchinson, Olympia Fields, four-year term; 41st District, Christine Radogno, Lemont, two-year term; 43rd District, Pat McGuire, Joliet, four-year term; 44th District, Bill Brady, Bloomington, two-year term; 46th District, Dave Koehler, Peoria, four-year term; 47th District, Jil Tracy, Quincy, two-year term; 49th District, Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant, Shorewood, four-year term; 50th District, William "Sam" McCann, Plainview, two-year term; 52nd District, Scott M. Bennett, Champaign, four-year term; 53rd District, Jason Barickman, Bloomington, two-year term; 55th District, Dale A. Righter, Mattoon, four-year district {sic}; 56th District, William "Bill"

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Haine, Alton, two-year term; 58th District, Paul Schimpf, Waterloo, fourth -- four-year term; and 59th District, Dale Fowler, of Harrisburg, two-year term.

GOVERNOR BRUCE RAUNER:

Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Will Justice Mary Jane Theis of the Illinois Supreme Court please come to the Rostrum to administer the Oath of Office to the Members of the Senate? Will Senators Aquino, Bennett, McConchie, and Murphy, as well as Senators-elect Castro, Fowler, Schimpf, and Tracy, please rise and be sworn into office?

JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS:

We'll begin with these. Senators Aquino, Bennett, McConchie, and Murphy, as well as Senators-elect Castro, Fowler, Schimpf, Tracy, please raise your right hands, repeat after me, and be sworn. I - state your name - do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of State Senator to the best of my ability. Congratulations. Now will the remaining Senators please stand and be sworn? Please raise your right hand and repeat after me. I - state your name - do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of State Senator to the best of my ability. Congratulations, all.

GOVERNOR BRUCE RAUNER:

Thank you. Mr. Secretary, please call the roll of the Senators of the 100th General Assembly.

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GOVERNOR BRUCE RAUNER:

Thank you, Mr. Secretary. A quorum is present. It is the intention of the Chair to begin organizing the 100th General Assembly under the Rules of the 99th General Assembly until new rules are adopted as part of the organization of the newly constituted General Assembly. The next order of business is the election of the President of the Senate of the 100th General Assembly. As required by Senate Rules 12-4 and 2-2(b) of the 99th General Assembly, thirty affirmative votes will be required to elect the President of the Senate. Nominations are now open. Senator Koehler is recognized for the purpose of placing a name in nomination. Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

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Governor and Members of the Senate, I rise to place in nomination for the President of the Illinois Senate for the 100th General Assembly the name of Senator John J. Cullerton. And I'm honored to do so because I consider him a trusted friend and an able leader. He has served this Body for eight years as our President. And I remember well his first task in assuming that position in January of 2009. His first order of business was to transform the Senate into a Tribunal for the purpose of bringing to trial an impeached Governor. No other Illinois Senate has ever been asked to do that. For the sake of our democracy, President Cullerton's leadership during that solemn event had to be outstanding. The details had to be right. The trial had to be fair and impartial, just as the framers of the Constitution had envisioned it, and so it was, for the eyes of the world were upon us at that moment. And because of President Cullerton's leadership, no one ever questioned the fairness or the seriousness of how we carried out our obligation. But that was an incredible way for a new Senate President to begin his tenure. But that showed us who John Cullerton was and is. He is not afraid to lead. He is not afraid to step into the unknown. There are several new Members of the Senate here today, along with many family members and friends, for whom this might be the first visit to the Capitol or their first visit to the Floor of the Senate, so I'd like to tell you a little bit about our Leader, President John Cullerton. He's been a Member of the General Assembly for more than thirty years and he's helped to shape our State. So let me share some perspective on how Illinois is doing: Chicago ranks ninth in job growth; Illinois ranks as the fifth top manufacturing state; number nine in biotech; ten in auto manufacturing; Illinois has fourteen

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of the world's largest companies; and with our seven hundred and eighty-four-billion-dollar economy, Illinois is an international center of global commerce; and Illinois is number two of all states in the U.S. in the -- in terms of electric grid modernization. So somebody must have been doing something right for all those years. And not to ignore our present-day problems, but some things still do work in Illinois. And if you want to find out more information on that, go to illinois.gov/dceo. Well, during his thirty years in the General Assembly, John Cullerton spent twelve of those years in the House of Representatives. He was then appointed to the Senate in 1991 to fill the vacant seat of Dawn Clark Netsch, who had been elected to the position of Illinois Comptroller. He's had numerous accomplishments and awards throughout his time in both the House and the Senate. He specifically developed a reputation as a champion for road safety and public health. He sponsored the State's mandatory seat belt law and the Child Passenger Safety Act, along with other legislation aimed at protecting young drivers and ensuring safer roads in Illinois. He also sponsored legislation to ban smoking in public places. And in addition to road safety and public health, John Cullerton left his mark on many laws in Illinois regarding criminal justice reform and tax modernization. At the conclusion of the 93rd and 94th General Assemblies, he was recognized as having successfully sponsored more bills than any other legislature -- legislator -- and the key word there is successfully. And I would be remiss if I didn't mention his passion for education, including education funding reform. No one has more passion for education of our State's young people -- actually, all people -- than President Cullerton. But let me tell you what I feel is really exceptional

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about John Cullerton's leadership and why it's so important for him to continue in his role as President of the Illinois Senate. He knows how to negotiate. He knows how to reach agreement. And that's a very special and unique skill. Roger Fisher, former Dean of Harvard Law School, in his widely popular book, co-authored by William Ury, titled Getting to Yes, warns us of the pitfalls of "positional" or "traditional" bargaining versus "interest-based" or "collaborative" bargaining. An interesting footnote and the subtitle of the book, which says, "Negotiating Agreement Without Giving In". What Fisher and Ury described as a useful and productive negotiating process is to create a system where a person or each side understands that the most important question to ask is, "How can I help you achieve what you want, and how can you help me achieve what I want?" John Cullerton instinctively knows this. He is a listener. He is a relationship builder. He understands that finding common ground can result in a lasting agreement. And this is so much better than forcing capitulation where alls you get is winners and losers and, oftentimes, losers and losers. So how does this work? Well, here's a example, a little story I like to use about two kids who are fighting over an orange. And the parent comes in the room and is tired of them bickering back and forth and takes the orange and slices it in half and gives each of 'em half an orange. So does that solve the problem? Well, only partially. What if I told you that a hundred percent of the interests or the desires of each of those children could have been satisfied with that one orange? You have to ask the question, what do you want? Well, one child is hungry, wanted to eat the orange. The other child was baking a cake for Scout class and wanted the orange peel to use. So you could have

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satisfied a hundred percent of the interests of each of those children had you dared to ask the question, "What's important to you?" "Why does it matter?" The key to misunderstanding is that no one bothers to ask the questions about what is important and why does it matter. The point of all this is to focus on how can I help you get what you want and you help me get what I want. Well, John Cullerton understands this. He probes. And more than that, he empathetically listens, which means emotionally he understands where you are. He walks in your shoes. He asks, why is this important to you? He seeks to understand before jumping in with a solution. This is John Cullerton's way. He places value on people and on resolving issues in a way that uplifts everyone. He truly cares about this State and all the people who call Illinois home. And now, more than ever, we need someone with these skills, someone to get the job done, and to -- to do it in a way that we can all be proud. So, Governor, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'm proud and honored to place in nomination for the President of the Illinois Senate for the 100th General Assembly the name of our friend, our Leader, and our mentor, John J. Cullerton. Thank you.

GOVERNOR BRUCE RAUNER:

Thank you, Dave. Senator Koehler nominates Senator John J. Cullerton for President of the Senate. Senator Holmes is recognized for the purpose of seconding the nomination. Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you, Governor. I'd like to second the nomination of John J. Cullerton as President of the Illinois Senate, a man I have been proud to serve alongside for ten years - eight of which

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he has been the Senate President. Politics can be a rather ugly business. Every two years, we in this building engage in a rather distasteful war against our peers, people who, like ourselves, have chosen to serve the citizens of Illinois. Many will argue that the Presidential election of 2016 was one of the filthiest in our history. I'm going to digress for a moment. I'm actually going to take a page from the Senator Bill Haine book. That book is liberally seasoned with political and historical references. I'm going to submit that should we say our most recent election was the worst ever, we may have a debate on our hands. Some would argue the nastiest ever was actually in 1824. It was the battle between Andrew Jackson and John Quincy Adams. The Adams' campaign insinuated that Jackson's wife Rachel was not divorced when they married. He was accused of adultery and living in sin. She was accused of bigamy. Jackson's camp accused Adams of gambling and even having a pool table in the White House that he paid for with government money. Senate President, you might want to get that pool table in your office. But, anyway, ugly elections are a rather long-standing tradition. But, when the voters have had their say, it's up to those of us who have been elected to work together in the best interests of the citizens. It can be difficult, very difficult, as we've seen, to switch from campaigning to legislating. In recent years, in fact, that seems an almost insurmountable obstacle. So, what is the solution? It lies in the ability to compromise. Why has compromise become an ugly word? The most important attribute a leader can display is the ability to work with others, to negotiate, to be willing to sit down and work with people, even people that have very different opinions. I have always called John "the great negotiator". He

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understands the critical importance of working with people. He knows that if we work to craft a compromise, everyone wins. Those same skills are particularly useful when it comes to dealing with a large number of very diverse legislators. We number thirty-seven in our caucus - thirty-seven very different people; thirty-seven people with strong opinions; thirty-seven people that have no shyness in voicing those opinions. How do you manage that? How does one try to maintain some semblance of cohesion? John Cullerton manages to do that with diplomacy, respect, and a marvelous sense of humor. His door's always open to us. He encourages our input. When we discussed him seeking another term as Senate President, I did politely inquire as to why he would want that job. But, as we begin the 100th General Assembly, all of us in this Chamber understand what's important, what's important in working for the citizens of our individual districts. We understand that the top issue is a balanced budget. That is absolutely our top priority - a balanced budget. The only way to achieve that is with a leader who is willing to listen to his caucus members. That's why I second the motion to nominate John J. Cullerton as Senate President. Thank you.

GOVERNOR BRUCE RAUNER:

Thank you, Senator Holmes. Senator Holmes seconds the nomination of Senator John J. Cullerton for President of the Senate. Senator Hutchinson is recognized for the purpose of seconding the nomination. Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Governor and Members of this esteemed Body, on this beautiful day. Eight years ago, on January 5th, 2009, I was sworn into this Body. Rod Blagojevich was still the Governor;

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Barack Obama hadn't been sworn in yet. I was a mother of three, law student who was just about to walk into historic impeachment hearings. I remember John Cullerton's first inauguration as Senate President vividly, because it was my first Senate inauguration as well. We didn't know each other very well. And I knew I didn't owe him politically, but I knew that I owed my district everything I had to give and I owed this new Senate President my professional best. I was determined to work hard to earn this veteran lawmaker, President of the Senate, someone who had seen multiple Governors come and go, who studied this institution of the Legislature and rose to its Presidency, it didn't matter in that moment whether he liked me, I wanted to earn his respect. So I watched. I didn't speak much in caucus when I first started out because I had respect for seniority. I knew my job in the district was to lead the -- for the people who sent me here, but I had take -- I had to take the time to learn under this dome. So I watched. And in that first inauguration, we also saw a woman rise to the leadership post, in Christine Radogno, and John voted for Christine and Christine voted for John. Shortly thereafter, our first Chamber dinner was scheduled, and these two people set the tone for the rules of engagement in this Chamber. And even in the hard times, this Chamber rises to the occasion when it counts. I've seen passionate discourse on this Floor on hard issues, and you very rarely change someone's mind by the time a vote gets to the Floor, but the few times that it's happened, I've seen it here, in this Chamber, under this leadership. Then I met his wife and daughters. And we've all heard John be introduced as the President of the Senate and the first thing he does is say, "Let me introduce you to my wife and the Speaker of My House, Pam." And then Pam stands

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up, with this look on her face, like, is this still funny? Every time he says it's funny. But that family sticks together. They -- I've seen firsthand how proud John is of his family and that new grandbaby. When you call him, before you get a word in edgewise, the first thing he says is, "Do you hear that? I have a baby on my lap!" So I knew early on that John Cullerton was very comfortable knowing when to get out of the way and let a woman have her say! I was like, this is a President I can work with. You see, today, political discourse is rough. It is never-ending. The campaign cycle seems continuous. We spend so much time screaming at each other that we don't spend enough time listening to each other and this is where John Cullerton thrives. John knows that governing requires the ability to understand the other side. That's the only way you get principled opposition, which is required in a two-party system. He is uniquely qualified at building bipartisan bridges, because above everything else, he's demonstrated a love for this State. So I rise to second the nomination of John Cullerton because this time is built for a leader like John Cullerton - a leader who respects the cerebral but listens with his heart; a leader that knows that purpose trumps politics when lives are at stake. In this dark hour of acrimony and hyper-partisanship, where it is uncomfortably easy to allow fear to drive public policy, we need a leader like John Cullerton. At this inauguration, with Illinois facing the most pressing fiscal challenges she's seen in a generation, we ask for aspirational leadership. We call on you, John, to rise to the mantle of statesmanship that you already so easily possess, to speak truth to power, to embrace the difficulties of representative democracy with all of the challenges that come to bear in a system of

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governance that has stood the test of time for over two hundred and forty years and since 1818 when this State was first entered into the Union. Illinois is the fifth-largest State in the country, a State that produced three Presidents, who produced three of the six African Americans in the United States Senate since Reconstruction, but also the State where the General Assembly passed Black Codes to outright discourage free Blacks from moving here from the south. Illinois was the first state to ratify the 13th Amendment, even though it was a State that had sundown towns, places where Black people knew you best be gone by sundown. It was up until the seventies when Black legislators still had problems staying in hotels in Springfield. They stayed with local folks who opened up their homes to them so that they could serve in the Legislature. Our history is deep. Our progress is undeniable, even though we are today mired in unprecedented upheaval. Illinois is a complex one hundred and two county State with people who represent all corners of the State and we meet right here on this Floor, in this Chamber. We don't look like each other. We don't, in some cases, sound like each other. Some of our communities are as different as you could possibly imagine, but we all meet in this Chamber to try and solve the issues of our day, and history is watching. An indigenous saying tells us: We are the ancestors of those yet to come. What legacy are we leaving them? So I rise to second this nomination because I believe that John has demonstrated commitment to the ideals and principles that move us forward as a people, so eloquently stated in the very preamble we all just stood and raised our right hands and swore to uphold: "We, the People of the State of Illinois - grateful to Almighty God for the civil, political and religious liberty which

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He has permitted us to enjoy and seeking His blessing upon our endeavors - in order to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the people; maintain a representative and orderly government; eliminate poverty and inequality; assure legal, social and economic justice; provide opportunity for the fullest development of the individual; insure domestic tranquility; provide for the common defense; and secure the blessings of freedom and liberty to ourselves and our posterity..." We all just rose our hands and swore to uphold that. In our system of governance, the principle of separation of powers is founded on a bedrock that each branch is separate and coequal. We are intricately tied, but our work cannot be done without clear and delineated powers imbedded in each branch. The institution of the Legislative Body is how we have governed ourselves since the beginning of this democratic experiment. This institution demands the best that we have to give it and that means the choosing of its leadership is a decision that requires weight and judgement with an eye towards a vision of what this State could be as we ask ourselves who do we want to be in five years, in ten years, in twenty years. What will this State look like for the time that each of us spent here? I know John Cullerton. I have served with John Cullerton. And it's for these reasons that I proudly second the nomination of John J. Cullerton for President of the State Senate of the 100th Illinois General Assembly.

GOVERNOR BRUCE RAUNER:

Thank you, Toi. Senator Hutchinson seconds the nomination of Senator John J. Cullerton for President of the Senate. Senator Rose is recognized for the purpose of placing a name in nomination. Senator Rose.

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SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you, Governor Rauner. I rise to nominate Christine Radogno as President of the new 100th General Assembly. But first, I'd like to say a big welcome to all of our guests today. You've driven far to your State Capitol to see your loved ones and friends take the oath -- oath of office. To the newest Members on both sides of the aisle, welcome. I would like to specifically take an opportunity to recognize Senator Schimpf and Senator Fowler. You have battled your way here. Congratulations. And to my good friend, Senator Tracy - as the Chinese say, may you live in interesting times - you picked a very interesting time to return to public life, but welcome home. I would be remiss if I did not say thanks to the people of the 51st Senate District and to my family for giving me the honor of a lifetime to stand here with all of you in this Chamber, where great things have happened and great things can happen again. So with that, it is my great honor and privilege to nominate Senator Radogno to be our Senate President. I could go along with the normal, usual platitudes and talk about strong character, commitment, integrity, certainly willingness to reach across the aisle has been evidenced time and time again, and all those are true. I could also go on at length about her being a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, even during some of the toughest times, but I've had a unique opportunity here in Illinois to sit in both the House and the Senate. And, yes, to my friends on the other side of the aisle, I would agree that the Senate is far more democratic - small "d", small "d". But in that opportunity, you get a chance to observe a lot of different leadership styles. You get to see what works, what doesn't work. First of all, what I enjoy most about Chris in the time I've known

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her, I've never heard a "no" - no, we're not going to do that; no, we're not interested in that. Quite the opposite. In fact, it's "What are you interested in? What do we do as a caucus here that our caucus members are interested in?" Her entire leadership style is driven by letting the Members on our side of the aisle achieve what they believe in the best interests of their home districts and the constituents they represent. John Maxwell, who's an author and pastor, once said that leaders become great not because of their power - not because of their power - but because of their ability to empower others - but because of their ability to empower others. So with that, I would say that Senator Radogno wants all of us, on both sides of the aisle, to take leadership positions here. She wants all of us to take the initiative. She wants all of us to bring input to the table. This is an incredibly refreshing leadership style. So while it's my honor and privilege to nominate her, I'd like to close by paraphrasing something that Ronald Reagan once said, that great leaders are the ones who get people to do the greatest things. This is the new 100th General Assembly. It is time for us, all of us, to do great things. And with that, Mr. Governor, I appreciate your indulgence and I would renew my motion to nominate Christine Radogno as the President of the 100th General Assembly. Thank you.

GOVERNOR BRUCE RAUNER:

Thanks, Chapin. Senator Rose nominates Senator Christine Radogno for President of the Senate. Senator Anderson is recognized for the purpose of seconding the nomination. Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

Thank you, Governor Rauner, and thank you to all my colleagues

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for being here. I want to say thank you to all the families that are here, especially to the families of the new Members. Nothing in this world is more important than family and nothing is more important to us as legislators than the support of our family. And thank you to all the members of the 36th Senate District for allowing me the honor of -- of being here. Today I rise to second the nomination of Christine Radogno for Senate President. I've thought a lot about what I wanted to say today because choosing a leader is an important decision, and it's important because it will set the tone for the next two years for the kinds of things we want to accomplish in the 100th General Assembly. I want everybody to understand why Leader Radogno is the best person for that job. When I was sworn in to the Senate two years ago, I came here as simply just a fireman and paramedic from Rock Island County. I had never held elected office before and I had a lot to learn. As a new Member, I was guided not only by an extraordinary staff, wonderful colleagues on both sides of the aisle, but also a Leader who always had an open door as I settled into the new job. My district this past year faced huge challenges in my first term, and without Leader Radogno's leadership, guidance, and hard work, we would not have been able to pass legislation that saved nearly eight hundred jobs in my area. I, and the 36th Senate District, owe her a great debt of gratitude. For me, Leader Radogno has been an invaluable resource and a mentor over the last two years, and as we welcome three new Members to the Senate Republican Caucus, I have no doubt that she will do the same for them. Leader Radogno has proven that she is an extraordinarily hardworking, accessible, and bipartisan lawmaker who will work collaboratively within her caucus and across the aisle to do what

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is best for the people of Illinois. As we look forward to the next two years and the challenges that we face, Christine Radogno is the kind of strong, principled leader we need to get our State back on track and moving forward. Today, in front of you, I am honored to nominate Christine Radogno for Senate President. Thank you, Governor.

GOVERNOR BRUCE RAUNER:

Thank you, Senator Anderson. Senator Anderson seconds the nomination of Senator Christine Radogno for President of the Senate. Senator Althoff is recognized for the purpose of seconding the nomination. Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you very much, Mr. Rauner -- Governor Rauner. Ladies and Gentlemen, I rise to second the nomination of Senator Christine Radogno for the Office of Senate President for the 100th General Assembly. But first, I, too, would like to welcome our guests, our family members, our friends who have joined us on the Senate Floor and in our galleries on this very special day. I would also like to welcome some of our newest Members of the Senate - Senator Fowler, Senator Tracy, Senator Schimpf, and Senator Castro, who although you sit on the other side of the aisle, we are familiar and we are friends. You are about to embark on a great adventure. Serving in the Illinois Senate is an enormous honor and privilege, but it is also a serious responsibility, requiring hard work and resolve. Public service is a calling, and one which should be met with passion as well as empathy. Today, we celebrate the beginning of a new General Assembly and, hopefully, a special one, as you've heard, it is our 100th. But let us begin with the recognition that the past few years have been, well, a tad rocky. We've been

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met with stalemates and deadlocks; we've been met with harsh words and mistrust. I know, however, better things are yet to come because as of late they have been visibly present. We, this chamber, will continue to work together to move Illinois forward and toward a path of stability and prosperity. And I can think of no better individual to lead us to better days ahead than my friend and colleague, Senator Christine Radogno. I have spent many years working alongside Senator Radogno and I can honestly say there is no one more qualified or suited for this job. Senator Radogno is no stranger to reaching across the aisle to find a friend or an ally. And solutions to the State's problems require that kind of cooperation and a willingness to work together with all Members of the Senate, and I believe Christine Radogno possesses these qualities, as she has demonstrated during the past forty-eight hours. She is loyal, experienced, hardworking, and a true public servant. She listens without lecturing. She searches for consensus, as opposed to confrontation. And she encourages -- no, no, she embraces our many diverse and oftentimes very vocal opinions. But, most importantly, she gets things done. If we are to move Illinois in a direction of greatness and prosperity, it will come under the leadership and experience of Senator Radogno. For these reasons and more, I am proud to stand and second the nomination of Christine Radogno for Senate President of the 100th General Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Governor and Members of the Senate.

GOVERNOR BRUCE RAUNER:

Thank you, Senator Althoff. Senator Althoff seconds the nomination of Senator Christine Radogno for President of the Senate. If there are no further nominations, Senator Clayborne is recognized for the purpose of making a motion.

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SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Governor. I move that the nominations for the Office of President of the Illinois Senate of the 100th General Assembly be closed.

GOVERNOR BRUCE RAUNER:

Senator Clayborne has moved that nominations be closed. All those in favor of the motion, please indicate -- first, those in favor, say Aye. Those opposed, say Nay. In the opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the nominations are closed. The Secretary will call the roll of the Senators. Each Senator should answer the roll by stating one of the names nominated or by voting Present. Please call the roll, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senator Althoff. Althoff votes Radogno. Senator Anderson. Anderson votes Radogno. Aquino. Aquino votes John Cullerton. Barickman. Senator Barickman votes Radogno. Senator Bennett. Senator Bennett votes Cullerton. Senator Bertino-Tarrant. Senator Bertino-Tarrant votes John Cullerton. Senator Biss. Senator Biss votes Cullerton. Senator Bivins. Senator Bivins votes Radogno. Senator Brady. Senator Brady votes Radogno. Senator Bush. Senator Bush votes Cullerton. Senator Castro. Senator Castro votes Cullerton. Senator Clayborne. Senator Clayborne votes Cullerton. Senator Collins. Senator Collins votes Cullerton. Senator Connelly. Senator Connelly votes Radogno. Senator John Cullerton. Senator John Cullerton votes Radogno. Senator Tom Cullerton. Senator Tom Cullerton votes John Cullerton. Senator Cunningham. Senator Cunningham votes Cullerton. Senator Fowler. Senator -- Fowler votes Radogno. Senator Haine. Senator

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Haine votes Cullerton. Senator Harmon. Senator Harmon votes Cullerton. Senator Harris. Senator Harris votes Cullerton. Senator Hastings. Senator Hastings votes Cullerton. Senator Holmes. Senator Holmes votes Cullerton. Senator Hunter. Senator Hunter votes Cullerton. Senator Hutchinson. Senator Hutchinson votes Cullerton. Senator Jones. Senator Jones votes Cullerton. Senator Koehler. Senator Koehler votes Cullerton. Senator Landek. Senator Lightford. Senator Lightford votes Cullerton. Senator Link. Senator Link votes Cullerton. Senator Manar. Senator Manar votes Cullerton. Senator Martinez. Senator Martinez votes Cullerton. Senator McCann. Senator McCann votes Radogno. Senator McCarter. Senator McCarter votes Radogno. Senator McConchie. Senator McConchie votes Radogno. Senator McConnaughay. Senator McConnaughay votes Radogno. Senator McGuire. Senator McGuire votes Cullerton. Senator Morrison. Senator Morrison votes Cullerton. Senator Mulroe. Senator -- Mulroe votes Cullerton. Senator Muñoz. Senator Muñoz votes Cullerton. Senator Murphy. Senator Murphy votes Cullerton. Senator Nybo. Senator Nybo votes Radogno. Senator Oberweis. Senator Oberweis votes Radogno. Senator Radogno. Senator Radogno votes Cullerton. Senator Raoul. Senator Raoul votes Cullerton. Senator Rezin. Senator Rezin votes Radogno. Senator Righter. Senator Righter votes Radogno. Senator Rooney. Senator Rooney votes Radogno. Senator Rose. Senator Rose votes Radogno. Senator Sandoval. Senator Sandoval votes Cullerton. Senator Schimpf. Senator Schimpf votes Radogno. Senator Silverstein. Senator Silverstein votes Cullerton. Senator Stadelman. Senator Stadelman votes Cullerton. Senator Steans. Senator Steans votes Cullerton. Senator Syverson. Senator Syverson votes Radogno. Senator Tracy. Senator Tracy

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votes Radogno. Senator Trotter. Senator Trotter votes Cullerton. Senator Van Pelt. Senator Van Pelt votes Cullerton. And Senator Weaver. Senator Weaver votes Radogno.

GOVERNOR BRUCE RAUNER:

Thank you, Mr. Secretary. The results of the roll call are as follows: Senator John J. Cullerton, thirty-six votes; Senator Christine Radogno, twenty-two votes. Senator John J. Cullerton, having received the constitutionally required number of votes, is hereby declared elected President of the Senate of the 100th General Assembly. Will Justice Theis join the new -- President John Cullerton come to the Rostrum, please? I'm going to now step down, but I would like to take a personal moment. First, I would like to express personal congratulations to President Cullerton for his extraordinary leadership. He's got one heck of a hard job, I know, and we all owe him an incredible debt of gratitude for his leadership. President Cullerton, thank you. Leader -- Leader -- Leader Radogno, you have been a wonderful Leader for the Minority Caucus. Done a great job bringing people together, trying to find solutions, trying to find compromise. We owe you an incredible debt of gratitude, all of us here in the Senate and across the State of Illinois. Thank you, Leader Radogno. God bless you. And I want to say a personal thank you to every Senator here today. We live in challenging times. You know what, you're puttin' it out there. You're servin' the people of Illinois. I believe very much what Teddy Roosevelt said more than a hundred years ago, how special it is, how necessary and important to be in the arena covered in blood, covered in mud, covered in sweat, gettin' hit and attacked and sufferin', but in there workin', in there battlin'. And how much more important it is to be in the

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arena than it is to being a spectator and lobbin' criticisms from outside. You're in there takin' the arrows and I know how hard it is. All of us are in public service because we believe in the people of Illinois and in our future. All of us share a passion for having a better future for the people of Illinois. As my grandfather used to tell me every time I'd come to get advice, he's say, "Bruce, reasonable people can reasonably disagree." There are different ways to solve problems. There are different ideas, different solutions. We all need to battle for what we firmly believe is right, but I hope the good Lord grants us the wisdom to find common ground to listen and respect to the other ideas to come to the solution for a better future. Thank you for your service. It's a privilege for me to work with you and for you and it's a privilege for all of us to work for the people of Illinois. Thank you. God bless you.

JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS:

Senator John J. Cullerton, I ask that you come forward and raise your right hand to be sworn. And please repeat after me. I, John J. Cullerton, do solemnly swear

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

I, John J. Cullerton, do solemnly swear

JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS:

That I will support the Constitution of the United States

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

That I will support the Constitution of the United States

JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS:

And the Constitution of the State of Illinois

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

And the Constitution of the State of Illinois

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JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS:

And that I will faithfully discharge the duties

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

And that I will faithfully discharge the duties

JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS:

Of the Office of President of the Senate

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Of the Office of President of the Senate

JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS:

To the best of my ability.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

To the best of my ability.

JUSTICE MARY JANE THEIS:

Congratulations, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Thank you very much. Well, thank you, and welcome to the first day of the 100th Session of the Illinois Senate. Let me first thank Illinois Supreme Court Justice Mary Jane Theis for administering our oath of office today. And I also, of course, would like to welcome from the Supreme Court, Chief Justice Lloyd Karmeier, Justice Robert Thomas, and Justice Rita Garman. It appears we have a quorum. And it's truly an honor to have you here today. Thanks also to Father Tom Hurley from Old St. Pat's Church for the invocation and Rabbi Shmuel Schuman from Hebrew Theological College for the benediction that he will perform. We have a number of other honored guests with us today. Governor Rauner, thank you very much for presiding over today's ceremony. I also want to recognize our Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti. It's nice to see you and welcome to the Senate.

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Congratulations also to our new Illinois Comptroller, Susana Mendoza. Welcome to the Senate, even though you're more familiar with the House. I'd like to welcome back to the Senate our own former State Senator and current State Treasurer, Mike Frerichs. I'm honored to have my predecessor in this post here with his wife, former Senate President Emil Jones, Jr., and his wife Doctor Lorrie Jones. Here representing U.S. Senator Dick Durbin is his wife, Loretta. And I'd also like to welcome to the Senate, former Congressman Bill Enyart and his wife, Judge Annette Eckert. We are also, as is the tradition, honored to have with us the Springfield Mayor, James Langfelder, who is undoubtedly thrilled to have so many visitors spending money in his city. So welcome, Mr. Mayor. I'd like to recognize Chicago Alderman Ameya Pawar for being here. Welcome to the Capitol. And also another Alderman is here, of course, Debra Silverstein, the wife of Senator Silverstein. And I'd like to recognize the former Senate -- Secretary of the Senate, Linda Hawker. It's great to see you again. And now for all of you. As Senate President, I want to officially congratulate and welcome the new Members here in the Illinois Senate on their first day: Senator Cristina Castro, Dale Fowler, Paul Schimpf, and Senator Jil Tracy. And, of course, welcome back all of the returning Senators. I'm well aware that none of us got here on our own. That was proven by the requests for tickets for the Floor. So I think it'd be appropriate to have a well-deserved round of applause for all the family and friends and the sacrifices they make on our behalf. At this point, I'd like to interject a bit of presidential privilege and recognize a few members of my family. Let me remind everyone that I'm from a family of nine children, and so is my wife. So don't worry.

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They're not all here. So we'll -- we'll try this one more time. I've been elected Senate President, but she's the Speaker of My House - see, it still works! - Pam Cullerton. We recently celebrated our thirty-seventh wedding anniversary. Someone asked my wife, "What's the secret to your successful marriage?" She replied, "The secret to our successful marriage is we're both in love with the same man." Yeah, yeah, it sounded like a compliment at first to me too. And there's also a very special guest here for his first inauguration, my first, and at the moment, only grandchild, Cormack "Mac" Hooper. He's here with his mom, our daughter, Maggie Hooper. He's been a little unruly so far today, but in his defense, he's only a year and a half old and he's really never been a room with so many Republicans. So, let's give him some slack. Oh, by the way, I -- I -- I recently became aware that my staff tracks the days I help with the babysitting. That's when they call me with the tough issues. Apparently, they prefer dealing with Grandpa Cullerton wielding a grandson than Senate President Cullerton wielding a gavel. Maybe, we -- Governor, we should start bringing him to Leaders' meetings and see what happens. We're also joined by two of our sons, Garritt and Kyle, are here, and by the way, the young man who sang the National Anthem is my nephew, Michael Lynch. You may have seen him a couple years ago on a TV show called "The Voice". So, thank you, Michael, for doing that once again. And, of course, I'd like to congratulate Senator Christine Radogno for being re-elected Republican Leader. Leader Radogno, I'm looking forward to continuing to work with you. You are an inspirational Leader for your caucus. And, on behalf of the entire Senate Democratic Caucus, I can't tell you how pleased we are to have you back as

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"Minority" Leader, and we hope you continue in that role for many years to come. As for this side of the aisle, I'd like to thank Senators Koehler, Holmes, and Hutchinson for their seconding speeches and their kind words, and I agree with everything you said about me. So, my philosophy as Senate President has been to simply try to keep the Senate on the path that Members set. I am honored to have again earned your trust and support. This ceremony and this Session are about the fifty-nine Members of the Senate coming together to make Illinois better. Today, I would encourage everyone to enjoy the ceremony and celebrate with your families. It will soon be over, and much work awaits. I think we can all agree that things have got to get better. The State needs a budget. Period. This has become nearly as ridiculous as it is frustrating. People, real people in the real world, are fed up, and they blame all of us. I'm prepared to do something about this, and so is Leader Radogno. We have made it clear -- we have made it clear that the Senate will offer solutions and leadership. Today, we are filing more than a dozen proposals containing the contents of our budget and reform plan. The intent is to quickly pass them in this new Session. It is my hope that the Illinois House and you, Mr. Governor, will join us. Believe me, I recognize that this is not an easy task, but it's time for the Senate to step up and provide leadership. We have done this before. Eight years ago today, the Illinois Senate ushered in a new era when Senator Radogno and I were first elected to lead our caucuses. As has been mentioned, but maybe some of you have forgotten, or were lucky enough to not have known about the personal political wars that had consumed this Chamber and much of State government at the time. A governor by the name of Blagojevich presided over the

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2009 inauguration ceremony. And right after we got the gavel away from him, we - the Illinois Senate - began an impeachment trial that would remove him from office. So we've seen some pretty bad times. And we've gotten through them by working together. That was the promise Leader Radogno and I made eight years ago. And together we have worked. We have made historic changes in Illinois. Now, I'd be the first to complain that we, the Senate, don't get the credit or attention that we deserve. That could be because we tend to cooperate, rather than tear each other apart. And too often, if there's no conflict, there's no coverage. But I digress. It was together that we, the Senate, passed the 2011 workers' compensation reforms that began to rein in costs, while also protecting workers. Could more be done? Yes. And we are working on that proposal. We, the Senate, also enacted workplace reforms that kept conventions and jobs coming to McCormick Place. And Governor Quinn vetoed that bill. So my first call was to Leader Radogno, and less than twenty-four hours later, the Senate had overridden that veto. And today, the convention business is again strong thanks to our efforts. The Senate led the way on marriage equality. That, too, was a bipartisan effort that was important for thousands of people across this State, and because of us, they have the same basic rights as everyone else. Those are real people with real rights that we helped. And just a few weeks ago, we, the Senate, passed sweeping energy policy changes. Most people called it the Exelon bill, but it also contained ground-breaking environmental policies that will guide Illinois and the nation for years to come. I, however, think of that bill as the Roy Durkee plan. Roy is a union welder in the Clinton nuclear power station, which is in Senator Chapin Rose's district.

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Roy's job at that power plant pays his mortgage and is how he could afford a new car for his family. There are hundreds of workers like Roy at the nuclear plants in Clinton and the Quad Cities. If those plants had closed, it would have wiped out jobs, families, and entire communities. We didn't let that happen. Now perhaps, some of you are sitting there thinking, well, none of those things affected us. And to that I would say, did you enjoy the seventy-mile-per-hour speed limit on the drive to Springfield today? That was Senator Oberweis' idea - Republican Senator Oberweis. Now, Senator Oberweis, it wasn't long ago that the political animosity was such in this Chamber that Democrats would have simply stolen your idea, filed our own version and then taken the credit. It's called bill-jacking. That's the kind of thing that Leader Radogno and I talked about ending eight years ago. And I went back and reread our 2009 speeches. I talked about the need for a sense of camaraderie in solving problems. Leader Radogno, you welcomed the opportunity to work together. You cautioned that Republicans would disagree with us from time to time. Those disagreements, however, would be principled, not petty or personal. So we need to continue to honor those commitments now as much as we did then. Unfortunately, we find ourselves seemingly mired in a new campaign season before the old is over. And we call for bipartiship {sic} (bipartisanship) and compromise, but there's political attack dogs sniping at every development. There's plenty of time and issues to campaign on - when it's campaign season. How about if we just try governing for a little bit? That's what the people sent us here to do. So, frankly, I think the -- the -- the State -- I think personally the State has been shaken up enough and now it's time to make Illinois great again. It's clear the Senate's not

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afraid to take tough votes to solve problems and move the State forward, so let's get to it. So in closing, to the Members of the Illinois Senate, I again thank you for the opportunity to lead this Chamber and promise to do the best to be fair and vigorous in doing so. Thank you very much. The next order of business is the election of the Minority Leader of the Senate. Senator Brady, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR BRADY:

Mr. President, on behalf of the Senate Republicans, I request unanimous consent to declare Christine Radogno, of Lemont, to be the Senate Minority Leader for the 100th General Assembly.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Leave granted? Leave is granted. Senator Christine Radogno is declared Minority Leader. Senator Radogno, congratulations. The Chair recognizes Senator Christine Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Mr. President. And welcome to Governor Rauner. Thank you for presiding over the proceedings today. Welcome to all the Members of the 100th General Assembly and to all of our special guests. To those with whom I've served, I say, thank you, and to our new Members - Senators Castro, Fowler, Schimpf, and Tracy - I hope each and every one of you enjoy this experience as much as I have. It's extraordinarily rewarding. I look forward to working with each and every one of you over the next days, weeks, and years ahead. I'd like to begin my thanks, though, to thanking the people of the 41st District for giving me the opportunity to serve here in Springfield. It is certainly not an honor I take lightly and I know none of you do as well. It's a huge responsibility. I want to thank my Senate Republican

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colleagues. Your continued support of me, your collaboration, your counsel have been invaluable, and I am beyond grateful for the confidence you've placed in me to serve as your Leader once again. Also, Senate President, my heartfelt congratulations to you. I truly do enjoy working with you. And I just learned something in your speech, that you actually have your grandson sitting on your lap half the time, and guess what? Me, too. I've got five of 'em. Now we don't have to try to keep 'em quiet when we're talking. We can just let them chatter away. But it certainly does, I think, give us both perspective as to why we're doing this. Today is a fresh start for the General Assembly and it's being witnessed here by our family and friends who fill the Chamber and many who probably couldn't be here today who are at home watching this on television. Today I would like to focus a little bit on our guests. We've talked a lot about the Senators here, but I'd like to focus on our guests. All of you, the special people in our lives - our spouses, our parents, our friends - you are our closest advisors. The fact is, there's an old saying that says, keep your own counsel. And you know what, those of you sitting here next to the Senators and in the galleries, you are our -- our closest counsel. You're our link to our communities. You are the people that keep us in touch with the moms, who take their kids to dance class; to the guys at the grain elevator; to the small businessmen and women; to the real people in this State. You're the ones that give us the feedback we need in order to keep us grounded. I know that each and every one of you want to see the mess that we have in this State resolved, just as badly as those that are elected here today. So I want you to remember that all of you are just as important to this process as those that have

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just taken the oath of office. You have to keep us focused on that larger community and the common good. So as we begin the 100th General Assembly, I'd like to focus on what has united us over the past two days, rather than what's divided us over the past two years. The bipartisan groundwork that was laid earlier this week can jumpstart this General Assembly. We have a tremendous opportunity to begin moving Illinois past the financial impasse that has hovered over this Capitol for far, far too long. Collectively - and I do mean collectively - because, again, it's going to take all of us and one other group, who I haven't mentioned, and that is the phenomenal staff that always makes us Senators look good. They literally will work around the clock, twenty-four seven, when we call on them to do that. So, they need to be recognized. So collectively, again, we have the power of a solution. We have -- we have filed a package on the State budget with the necessary revenues and the structural reforms to grow jobs and give taxpayers a better value by rebalancing State government with the needs of those paying the bills. I hope all of you will help support us in getting that job done. We can no longer allow interest groups to dictate policy and every single one of you in this room has a role in that. Today, we're going to be reintroducing the measures that we introduced on Monday. We hope these concepts will be carefully reviewed and vetted by the people of this State. I know the Senate President and myself are both open to constructive criticism, refinement, addition. We are not open to poison pills. We will -- we have to get the State back on a sustainable path and we can be partners getting the State on this path. So, finally, it's my hope today that this is not just the beginning of a new General Assembly. My sincere hope is

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this is a new day for a better Illinois. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

The Benediction will be offered by Rabbi Shmuel L. Schuman, CEO of the Hebrew Theological College.

RABBI SHMUEL L. SCHUMAN:

(Remarks and Benediction by Rabbi Shmuel L. Schuman)

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

The following Senators are appointed to the Committee of Escort for the Governor: Senators Aquino, Castro, Murphy, Rooney, and Weaver. Will those Senators please come forward to escort the Governor from the Chamber? Will the Senators appointed to the Committee of Escort for the members of the Judiciary - Senators Hastings, Hutchinson, Silverstein, Schimpf, and Tracy - please come forward to escort the distinguished members of the Judiciary from the Chamber? It is the intention of the Chair to begin organizing the Senate of the 100th General Assembly. Mr. Secretary, Communications.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

I have a letter dated January 11th, 2017.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to Rule 35(c) {sic} (3-5(c)), I hereby appoint James Clayborne as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Assignments. In addition, I hereby appoint Senator Don Harmon and Senator Kimberly Lightford as members of the Senate Committee on Assignments. These appointments will expire upon the adjournment of the Senate Committee on Assignments.

Signed, Senator John J. Cullerton, Senate President.

I have a letter dated January 11th, 2017.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to the temporary Senate Rules of the 100th General Assembly, I hereby appoint Senator Dale

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Righter to serve as Minority Spokesperson on the Senate Committee on Assignments and Senator Pamela Althoff to serve as a member of the Committee.

Signed, sincerely, Christine Radogno, Senate Republican Leader.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Resolution No. 1, offered by Senator Trotter.

It is substantive.

And Senate Resolution No. 2, offered by Senator Clayborne.

It's also substantive.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

The Senate will stand at ease to allow time for our guests to exit the Chamber. The Committee on Assignments will meet immediately in the President's Anteroom. Members are asked to remain in the Chamber. The Senate will stand at ease. (at ease) I would like to ask the Senators to please be seated. If there's any Senators who are off the Floor, please come to the Floor. We're about to take some votes. If I -- if I can ask the guests to please leave the Chamber and that even includes my own wife. Can I please ask the Senators to take their seat? The Senate will come to order. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Resolutions 1 and 2.

Signed by James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

The Senate Calendar has been printed and distributed. On the

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Calendar is Senate Resolution No. 1. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Resolution No. 1, offered by Senator Trotter.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Trotter, to explain the resolution.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. You know, we heard earlier today a couple of our Members talking about the discourse and acrimony that goes on in this Chamber, unfortunately, this building, and in other places in our country. Sadly, we can't characterize our democratic process as sometimes being nothing other than pretty ugly. However, to help us fulfill our democratic and our constitutional responsibility to make laws to enhance the -- the people of the State of Illinois, there are mechanisms in place. And what Senate Resolution No. 1 does, it elects the officers of the 100th General Assembly, those individuals that -- that help us keep us in an orderly fashion, and the bill {sic} specifically names Tim Anderson, Secretary of the Senate; Scott Kaiser, Assistant Secretary of the Senate; Joe Dominguez as Sergeant-at-Arms; and Dirk Eilers as the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, here in the Illinois Senate.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Trotter has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 1. Is there any discussion? If not, the question is -- oh, sorry. Senator -- Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the gentleman's resolution. First of all, Mr. President, congratulations on your election and

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your more important title now of grandfather. I simply rise in support of Senator Trotter's resolution.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

So, the question is, shall the Senate adopt Senate Resolution No. 1. All those in favor will signify by voting Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 58 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And Senate Resolution No. 1, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared adopted. On the Order of Resolutions is Senate Resolution No. 2. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 2, offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Clayborne, to explain the resolution.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Resolution No. 2 encompasses the Rules for the Senate of the 100th General Assembly. It retains the Rules of the Senate of the 99th General Assembly with the following changes: Institutes a process to handle quick-take legislation in the Senate; designates Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedures {sic} (Procedure) as the Senate's backup to the Senate's already detailed Rules; tightens up Motions to Reconsider so that if a measure passes the Senate, only a chief sponsor or a chief cosponsor may file a Motion to Reconsider; eliminates the Legislative Petitions Committee and adds four committees to handle more technical and specific jurisdiction of legislation; conforms certain Senate Rules to longstanding Senate

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practices, such as transferring the sponsorship of former Members' legislation to {sic} an Executive Appointments Committee protocol; makes a number of other technical changes.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Clayborne has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 2. Is there any discussion? Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the gentleman's resolution. Simply rise in support of it, as well as the changes that have been made from the 99th General Assembly. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

The question is, shall the Senate adopt Senate Resolution No. 2. All those in favor will signify by voting Aye. Those opposed, by voting 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 58 voting Yes, none voting No, none voting Present. And Senate Resolution No. 2, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared adopted. The Senate is now operating under the Rules of the Senate of the 100th General Assembly. Mr. Secretary, Communications.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Letter dated January 11th, 2017.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to Rule 3-5 of the 100th General Assembly, please be advised that I have appointed the following Senators to serve on the Committee on Assignments: Senator James Clayborne, Chairman, and Senators Harmon and Lightford. These appointments are effective January 11th, 2017.

Sincerely, John J. Cullerton, Senate President.

Letter dated January 11th, 2017.

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Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to Senate Rules adopted on January 11th, 2017, I -- hereby appoint Senator Dale Righter to serve as Minority Spokesperson of the Senate Committee on Assignments and Senator Pamela Althoff to serve as a member of the Committee. These appointments are effective immediately.

Sincerely, Christine Radogno, Illinois Senate Republican Leader.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 3, offered by Senator Morrison.

Senate Resolution 4, offered by Senator Link.

And Senate Resolution 5 -- Senate Resolution 5, offered by Senator Hunter.

And Senate Resolution 6, offered by Senator Collins.

They are all substantive.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Committee on Assignments will meet immediately in the President's Anteroom. Members are asked to remain in the Chamber and the Senate will stand at ease. (at ease) The 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: Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Resolutions 3, 4, 5, and 6. Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Supplemental Calendar No. 1 has been printed and distributed. Can I have your attention, Senators? Please be in your seat. On Supplemental Calendar No. 1 is Senate Resolution No. 3. Mr.

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Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 3, offered by Senator Morrison.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Resolution 3 amends the Senate Rules of the 100th General Assembly to limit any Senator to five terms as President and five terms as Minority Leader. The clock would begin today.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Morrison has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 3. Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to highlight the importance of this change. One of the issues that a lot of people in this State have talked about is term limits. I think a great place to start is term limits with Leaders. Today the only thing we can do is do it through Senate Rules and apply it to ourselves, but I think it demonstrates that we're serious about this and this will be introduced as a Constitutional Amendment that will cover both Chambers, as soon as we can do that. So I'm looking forward to a unanimous vote on something I think the people of this State will be very pleased to have happen. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Morrison has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 3. The question is, shall the Senate adopt Senate Resolution No. 3. All those in favor will signify by voting Aye. Those

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opposed, by voting 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 58 voting Yes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Resolution No. 3, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared adopted. On the Order of Resolutions is Senate Resolution No. 4. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution No. 4, offered by Senator Link.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Link, to explain the resolution.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Resolution 4 notifies the House of Representatives that the Senate has organized by the election of officers and is now ready to proceed with the business of Session.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Link has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 4. Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt Senate Resolution No. 4. All those in favor will signify by voting Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 58 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And Senate Resolution No. 4, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared adopted. On the Order of Resolutions is Senate Resolution No. 5. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

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Senate Resolution 5, offered by Senator Hunter.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Hunter, to explain the resolution.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Resolution 5 directs the Secretary of State -- the Secretary of the Senate to prepare the State {sic} (Senate) Journal and to furnish it to the Legislative Printing Unit to -- to print copies.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Hunter has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 5. Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt Senate Resolution No. 5. All those in favor will signify by voting Aye. All those opposed, by voting Nay. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 58 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And Senate Resolution No. 5, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared adopted. ...Resolution is Senate Resolution No. 6. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution No. 6, offered by Senator Collins.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Collins, to explain the resolution.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Resolution 6 appoints the Standing Committee of Correspondents to advise the Senate on all press matters, consisting of Doug Finke of The State Journal-Register; Monique Garcia of the Chicago Tribune; Jordan Abudayyeh

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of WICS-TV; and Brian Mackey of WUIS radio.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Collins has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 6. Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt Senate Resolution No. 6. All those in favor will signify by voting Aye. All those opposed, by voting No. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 58 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And Senate Resolution, having received the required -- Senate Resolution No. 6, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared adopted. Mr. Secretary, Communications.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Have a letter dated January 11th, 2017.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Enclosed please find the Senate Session Schedule for the 100th General Assembly. If you have any questions, please contact my Chief of Staff, Kristin Richards. Sincerely, John J. Cullerton, Senate President.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

..Gentlemen of the Senate, at this time, I'd like to ask for your attention, because I am proud to announce my Senate Democratic Leadership team. The Majority Leader, Senator James Clayborne; the Assistant Majority Leader, Senator Donne Trotter; the Assistant Majority Leader, Senator Terry Link; Assistant Majority Leader, Senator Kimberly Lightford; Assistant Majority Leader, Senator Antonio Muñoz; Assistant Majority Leader, Senator William Haine; Majority Caucus Chair, Senator Ira Silverstein; President Pro Tem, Senator Don Harmon; Majority Caucus Whip, Senator Mattie

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Secretary, Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 2, offered by Senator Lightford.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 3, offered by Senator Tom Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 4, offered by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 5, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 6, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 7, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 8, offered by Senators Harmon and Althoff.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 9, offered by Senator Hutchinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 10, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 11, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 12, offered by Senator Connelly.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 13, offered by Leader Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 14, offered by President Cullerton.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 15, offered by President Cullerton.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 16, offered by President Cullerton.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 17, offered by President Cullerton.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 18, offered by President Cullerton.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 19, offered by President Cullerton.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 20, offered by President Cullerton.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 21, offered by President Cullerton.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 22, offered by President Cullerton.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 23, offered by President Cullerton.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 24, offered by President Cullerton.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 25, offered by President Cullerton.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 26, offered by President Cullerton.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 27, offered by President Cullerton.
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Senate Bill 28, offered by President Cullerton.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 29, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 30, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 31, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 32, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 33, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 34, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 35, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 36, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 37, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 38, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 39, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 40, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 41, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 42, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 43, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 44, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 45, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 46, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 47, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 48, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 49, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 50, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 51, offered by Senator Bivins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 52, offered by Senator McConchie.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 53, offered by Senator McCarter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 54, offered by Senator Bivins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 55, offered by Senator Jones.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 56, offered by Senator Stadelman.

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Senate Bill 57, offered by Senator Stadelman.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 58, offered by Senator Hunter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 59, offered by Senator Althoff.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 60, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 61, offered by Senator Righter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 62, offered by Senator McConnaughay.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 63, offered by Senator McCarter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 64, offered by Senator McCarter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 65, offered by Senator Hastings.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 66, offered by Senator Hastings.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 67, offered by Senator Hastings.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 68, offered by Senator Hastings.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 69, offered by Senator Hastings.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 70, offered by Senator Holmes.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 1, offered by Senator Harmon.

And Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment No. 2, offered by Leader Radogno.

They are both substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 9 a.m. on Thursday, January 12th. The Senate stands adjourned.