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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

The regular Session of the 99th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Well, it's an exciting day for us here in the State Capitol. It's very much like our favorite son is coming home and we have to remember this is where the political roots of President Obama began. And so it's with this excitement, this anticipation, that I offer a prayer for this day. I've done this on several occasions and I've used the Prayer of St. Francis, which is my favorite prayer. I thought I don't want to repeat that too often, so I'm giving a prayer today that is written by Desmond Tutu, Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town, South Africa, and I think it's very appropriate. If you'd join me in an attitude of prayer and reflection.

(Prayer by Senator Koehler)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

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

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Cunningham)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journals of January 28th and February 3rd, 2016.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Hunter.

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SENATOR HUNTER:

Mr. President, I move to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal just read by the Secretary, pending arrival of the printed transcript.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Communications from the Secretary of State.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

A letter dated February 9th, 2016.

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I am forwarding herewith the enclosed Senate bill from the 99th General Assembly that is being returned by the Governor with specific recommendations for change:

Senate Bill 317.

Respectfully, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

On page 2 of the Calendar is the Order of Resolutions. This is final action. Senate Joint Resolution 41. Mr. Secretary, read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution 41.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 41)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Cullerton.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. We are

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certainly honored that the President has decided to come back to visit with us while he's the President and we are looking forward to greeting him in a Joint Session and hearing his words over in the House. He should be here relatively soon and we're looking forward to seeing him. And with that, I move for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 41.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? There being none, the question is, shall Senate Joint Resolution 41 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. On the Order of Resolutions is Senate Joint Resolution 42. Mr. Secretary, read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution 42, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 42)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Link moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 42. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Link moves for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 42. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. There being no further business to come before the Senate, pursuant to the Senate Joint Resolution 42, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 12 o'clock noon on the 16th day of February 2016, or at the call of the Senate President. The Senate stands adjourned.