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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
 Senator Linda Holmes, Aurora, Illinois, presiding.
 Prayer by Amina Barhumi, Muslim Civic Coalition, Chicago, Illinois.
 Senator Johnson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Thursday, January 29, 2026, was being read when on motion of Senator Glowiak Hilton, further reading of same was dispensed with, and unless some Senator had corrections to offer, the Journal would stand approved. No corrections being offered, the Journal was ordered to stand approved.

The Journal of Monday, February 2, 2026, was being read when on motion of Senator Glowiak Hilton, further reading of same was dispensed with, and unless some Senator had corrections to offer, the Journal would stand approved. No corrections being offered, the Journal was ordered to stand approved.

Senator Glowiak Hilton moved that reading and approval of the Journals of Wednesday, February 4, 2026, Thursday, February 5, 2026, Friday, February 6, 2026 and Tuesday, February 10, 2026, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journals.
 The motion prevailed.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES FILED

The following Committee amendments to the Senate Bills listed below have been filed with the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Assignments:

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1358
 Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2715
 Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2749
 Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2762
 Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2836
 Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2878
 Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2910
 Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2921
 Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2972
 Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3217

REPORTS RECEIVED

The Secretary placed before the Senate the following reports:

IPA Annual Report FY25, submitted by the Illinois Power Agency.

Reporting Requirement of 50 ILCS 707/20 (Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act), submitted by the McLean County Sheriff's Office.

Reporting Requirement of 50 ILCS 707/15 (Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act), submitted by the McLean County Sheriff's Office.

LAC Emergency Purchases Report FY25 Q4, submitted by the Legislative Audit Commission.

LAC Emergency Purchases Report FY26 Q1, submitted by the Legislative Audit Commission.

IDCMS Lease or Purchase Option Report CY26, submitted by the Department of Central Management Services.

ISFM Intentionally Added PFAS Report 2025, submitted by the Illinois State Fire Marshal.

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Reporting Requirement of 50 ILCS 707/20 (Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act), submitted by the Fairfield Police Department.

Reporting Requirement of 50 ILCS 707/15 (Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act), submitted by the Fairfield Police Department.

The foregoing reports were ordered received and placed on file in the Secretary's Office.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

**OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT
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February 17, 2026

Mr. Tim Anderson
Secretary of the Senate
Room 403 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 3-2(c), I hereby appoint Senator Javier Cervantes to temporarily replace Senator Mike Porfirio as a member of the Senate Education Committee. This appointment will expire upon adjournment of the Senate Education Committee on February 17, 2026.

Sincerely,
s/Don Harmon
Don Harmon
Senate President

cc: Senate Republican Leader John F. Curran

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Mr. Tim Anderson
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Room 403 State House
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

[February 17, 2026]

Pursuant to Rule 3-2(c), I hereby appoint Senator Adriane Johnson to temporarily replace Senator Laura Fine as a member of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. This appointment will expire upon adjournment of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee on February 17, 2026.

Sincerely,
s/Don Harmon
Don Harmon
Senate President

cc: Senate Republican Leader John F. Curran

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MINORITY LEADER

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February 13, 2026

Mr. Tim Anderson
Secretary of the Senate
401 State Capitol
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Secretary Anderson:

I am writing today to inform I have accepted the resignation of Senator Neil Anderson as Senate Republican Caucus Chair effective immediately.

Sincerely,
s/John F. Curran
John Curran
Senate Minority Leader
State Senator District #41

Cc: Senate President Don Harmon
Assistant Secretary of the Senate Scott Kaiser

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February 13, 2026

Mr. Tim Anderson
Secretary of the Senate
401 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-2(a), please be advised that I will be replacing Senator Neil Anderson as Minority Spokesperson of the Senate Executive Committee effective immediately for the 104th General Assembly. I will be assuming the position of Minority Spokesperson for the remainder of the 104th General Assembly.

If you have any questions, please contact my Chief of Staff, Brian Burian, at 217.782.3314.

Sincerely,
s/John F. Curran
John Curran
Senate Republican Leader

Cc: Senate President Don Harmon
Assistant Secretary of the Senate Scott Kaiser
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February 13, 2026

Mr. Tim Anderson
Secretary of the Senate
401 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-2 (a) and 3-5(c), please be advised that Senator Neil Anderson is being replaced as a member of the Senate Assignments Committee.

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Effective immediately for the 104th General Assembly, Senator Sally Turner is appointed Minority Spokesperson and Senator Dale Fowler is appointed as a member of the Senate Assignments Committee.

If you have any questions, please contact my Chief of Staff, Brian Burian, at 217.782.3314.

Sincerely,
s/John F. Curran
John Curran
Senate Republican Leader

Cc: Senate President Don Harmon
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PRESENTATION OF CELEBRATION OF LIFE RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 616

Offered by Senator Hastings and all Senators:
Mourns the passing of Aradia Clark.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 617

Offered by Senator Murphy and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Joyce Diebel of Des Plaines.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 618

Offered by Senator Preston and all Senators:
Mourns the passing of Rev. Jesse Jackson.

By unanimous consent, the foregoing resolutions were referred to the Resolutions Consent Calendar.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

Senator Curran offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 615

WHEREAS, The Tribute to Valor Foundation was founded in 2018 as an all-volunteer organization focused on influencing, inspiring, and impacting the youth of America to ask themselves "Who Am I?" and to answer by reflecting on the six core character values derived from our nation's highest military decoration for valor, the Medal of Honor; and

WHEREAS, The Tribute to Valor Foundation works to help the youth of America to understand, engage in, and incorporate into their daily lives the core values of the Medal of Honor; and

WHEREAS, The six core values of the Medal of Honor are courage, sacrifice, patriotism, citizenship, integrity, and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Courage is the mental and moral strength to face fear, danger, and adversity, and includes both physical and moral courage, and it is the willingness to stand up for what is right, even when it is unpopular or difficult, and the strength to defend those that are disenfranchised or mistreated; and

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WHEREAS, Sacrifice is a voluntary act of surrendering personal interests for a greater cause and involves a selfless surrender of one's own interests or well-being for the betterment of another, and it is often considered an act of love or a demonstration of a deeper principle; and

WHEREAS, Patriotism is a devotion to and defense of the ideals of our country and is a sense of purpose derived from supporting the nation and its freedoms, and it manifests through disciplined service, commitment, and a belief in something greater than oneself; and

WHEREAS, Citizenship is the status of being a responsible member of a community, which includes both rights and responsibilities, and it means understanding your rights and duties, following rules, respecting others, and contributing positively to your community through actions such as teamwork and helping others; and

WHEREAS, Integrity is the desire to do what is right, legally and morally, which includes honesty, a firm adherence to moral and ethical principles, and acting consistently with one's values even when no one is watching, and it means being truthful and upright, saying what you mean, and doing what you say, with integrity forming the foundation of trust, a value that requires both personal moral courage and a commitment; and

WHEREAS, Commitment is a pledge or an obligation to do something in the present and future, including a strong dedication to a cause, a person, or an activity, and it is the belief that giving your word and standing behind it is honorable and that you fulfill your promise despite any obstacles or adversity you might face; and

WHEREAS, By empowering the youth of America to face adversity and changing circumstances with the core values of the Medal of Honor, the Tribute to Valor Foundation hopes the next generation will gain the strength to make choices of which they can be proud and that will help them to become better citizens; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we support and encourage all residents to support the Tribute to Valor Foundation and its mission to inspire the youth of America and all people to ask themselves the question "Who Am I?" and to answer by reflecting on the six core values of the Medal of Honor; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage and support activities and educational programs that invite veterans, first responders, and other role models to share how the six core values of the Medal of Honor have helped them commit to a life of service and have assisted them in times of adversity.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

SENATE BILL NO. 4053. Introduced by Senator Faraci, a bill for AN ACT concerning appropriations.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

SENATE BILL NO. 4054. Introduced by Senator Peters, a bill for AN ACT concerning appropriations.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

SENATE BILL NO. 4055. Introduced by Senator Lightford, a bill for AN ACT concerning education.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

APPOINTMENT MESSAGES

Appointment Message No. 1040422

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, One Hundred Fourth General Assembly:

I, JB Pritzker, Governor, am nominating and, having sought the advice of the Senate and by and with the consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Public Administrator and Public Guardian

Agency or Other Body: Adams County

Start Date: February 13, 2026

End Date: December 4, 2029

Name: Christopher Scholz

County of Residence: Adams

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Jil Tracy

Most Recent Holder of Office: Christopher Scholz

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 1040423

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, One Hundred Fourth General Assembly:

I, JB Pritzker, Governor, am nominating and, having sought the advice of the Senate and by and with the consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Public Administrator and Public Guardian

Agency or Other Body: Brown County

Start Date: February 13, 2026

End Date: December 4, 2029

Name: Christopher Scholz

County of Residence: Adams

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Jil Tracy

Most Recent Holder of Office: Christopher Scholz

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 1040424

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, One Hundred Fourth General Assembly:

I, JB Pritzker, Governor, am nominating and, having sought the advice of the Senate and by and with the consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Public Administrator and Public Guardian

Agency or Other Body: Hancock County

Start Date: February 13, 2026

End Date: December 4, 2029

Name: Christopher Scholz

County of Residence: Adams

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Jil Tracy

Most Recent Holder of Office: Christopher Scholz

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Appointment Message No. 1040425

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, One Hundred Fourth General Assembly:

I, JB Pritzker, Governor, am nominating and, having sought the advice of the Senate and by and with the consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Public Administrator and Public Guardian

Agency or Other Body: Schuyler County

Start Date: February 13, 2026

End Date: December 4, 2029

Name: Christopher Scholz

County of Residence: Adams

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Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Jil Tracy

Most Recent Holder of Office: Christopher Scholz

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Under the rules, the foregoing Appointment Messages were referred to the Committee on Executive Appointments.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

A message from the House by

Mr. Hollman, Clerk:

Mr. President -- I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 51

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the two Houses shall convene in Joint Session on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at the hour of 12:00 o'clock noon for the purpose of hearing his Excellency Governor JB Pritzker present to the General Assembly his Budget Message for the Fiscal Year 2027, as required by Chapter 15, Section 20/50-5 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

Adopted by the House, January 22, 2026.

JOHN W. HOLLMAN, Clerk of the House

The foregoing message from the House of Representatives reporting House Joint Resolution No. 51 was referred to the Committee on Assignments.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON ASSIGNMENTS

Senator Cunningham, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Assignments, during its February 17, 2026 meeting, reported the following Legislative Measures have been assigned to the indicated Standing Committees of the Senate:

Agriculture: **Senate Bills Numbered 3512 and 3640.**

Appropriations: **Senate Bills Numbered 3267, 3309, 3339, 3343, 3355, 3357, 3366, 3413, 3426, 3432, 3474, 3493, 3500, 3537, 3580, 3605, 3613, 3617, 3621, 3624, 3633, 3664, 3667, 3685, 3717 and 3721.**

Appropriations- Education: **Senate Bills Numbered 3202, 3260, 3279, 3482, 3546, 3598, 3663, 3675 and 3701.**

Appropriations- Health and Human Services: **Senate Bills Numbered 3254, 3276, 3277, 3294, 3315, 3337, 3360, 3406, 3407, 3410, 3459, 3460, 3464, 3472, 3473, 3519, 3523, 3528, 3532, 3553, 3554, 3555, 3587, 3594, 3615, 3637, 3668, 3670, 3682, 3686, 3687, 3712, 3714 and 3727.**

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Appropriations- Public Safety and Infrastructure: **Senate Bills Numbered 3274, 3289, 3306, 3316, 3317, 3478, 3538, 3679 and 3681.**

Behavioral and Mental Health: **Senate Bill No. 3722.**

Consumer Protection: **Senate Bill No. 3719.**

Criminal Law: **Senate Bills Numbered 3506, 3510, 3526, 3593 and 3697.**

Education: **Senate Bills Numbered 3255, 3320, 3330, 3331, 3361, 3451, 3533, 3559, 3641, 3669, 3718 and 3729.**

Energy and Public Utilities: **Senate Bills Numbered 3234, 3246, 3268, 3272, 3273, 3293, 3332, 3409, 3529, 3570, 3573, 3606, 3612, 3652, 3660 and 3693.**

Environment and Conservation: **Senate Bills Numbered 3422 and 3556.**

Executive: **Senate Bills Numbered 29, 3153, 3201, 3231, 3232, 3240, 3241, 3244, 3247, 3252, 3253, 3257, 3261, 3262, 3263, 3264, 3278, 3284, 3292, 3296, 3297, 3298, 3299, 3300, 3303, 3307, 3308, 3312, 3323, 3328, 3346, 3348, 3358, 3364, 3367, 3368, 3374, 3377, 3378, 3384, 3391, 3392, 3394, 3423, 3428, 3435, 3438, 3439, 3444, 3449, 3454, 3455, 3461, 3466, 3469, 3481, 3492, 3495, 3501, 3502, 3504, 3511, 3514, 3518, 3530, 3548, 3552, 3571, 3589, 3590, 3596, 3601, 3602, 3603, 3622, 3628, 3634, 3654, 3659, 3673, 3674, 3678, 3683, 3690, 3702, 3715, 3716, 3725 and 3726; Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2715; Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2749.**

Health and Human Services: **Senate Bills Numbered 3239, 3266, 3318, 3322, 3365, 3372 and 3434.**

Higher Education: **Senate Bills Numbered 3314, 3467, 3632 and 3720.**

Human Rights: **Senate Bill No. 3340.**

Insurance: **Senate Bills Numbered 3258, 3295, 3414, 3505, 3508, 3509, 3517, 3536, 3549, 3688 and 3696; Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1358; Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2762; Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2878; Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2910; Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2921.**

Judiciary: **Senate Bills Numbered 3251, 3259, 3291, 3379, 3380, 3381, 3395, 3398, 3401, 3415, 3468, 3498, 3524, 3527, 3557, 3561, 3562, 3568, 3607, 3611 and 3706.**

Labor: **Senate Bills Numbered 3396 and 3465.**

Licensed Activities: **Senate Bills Numbered 3235, 3238, 3265, 3325, 3393, 3421, 3445, 3496, 3507, 3521, 3560, 3620, 3645, 3666 and 3676.**

Local Government: **Senate Bills Numbered 3321, 3417, 3418, 3471, 3565 and 3644; Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2836.**

Pensions: **Senate Bill No. 3403.**

Public Health: **Senate Bills Numbered 3087, 3383 and 3487.**

Revenue: **Senate Bills Numbered 3236, 3283, 3387, 3420, 3425, 3436, 3443, 3457, 3483, 3494, 3499, 3513, 3515, 3535, 3539, 3541, 3567, 3592, 3614, 3619, 3635, 3638, 3642, 3646, 3665, 3692 and 3710; Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3217.**

State Government: **Senate Bill No. 3643.**

Transportation: **Senate Bills Numbered 3275, 3285, 3290, 3336, 3382, 3385, 3408, 3419 and 3595; Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2972.**

Veterans Affairs: **Senate Bill No. 3352.**

Senator Cunningham, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Assignments, during its February 17, 2026 meeting, reported that the following Legislative Measure has been approved for consideration:

Senate Resolution No. 600

The foregoing resolution was placed on the Congratulatory Consent Calendar.

Senator Cunningham, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Assignments, during its February 17, 2026 meeting, reported that the following Legislative Measure has been approved for consideration:

House Joint Resolution No. 51

The foregoing resolution was placed on the Senate Calendar.

Senator Aquino asked and obtained unanimous consent for a Democrat caucus to meet immediately upon adjournment.

Senator McClure asked and obtained unanimous consent for a Republican caucus to meet immediately upon adjournment.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES FILED

The following Committee amendments to the Senate Bills listed below have been filed with the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Assignments:

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2806

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2846

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2971

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3051

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3066

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3147

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3195

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3226

At the hour of 12:49 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stands adjourned until Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 11:00 o'clock a.m.