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PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

The regular Session of the 103rd General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Invocation today will be given by Elder Mike Young, of the Main Street Church of the Living God, in Decatur.

ELDER MIKE YOUNG: (Invocation)

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Johnson, please lead us in the Pledge.

SENATOR JOHNSON: (Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

Due to renovations in the Capitol. The Senate will be meeting in the temporary Senate Chamber here in Springfields Howlett Building. While the temporary Chamber does not have a gallery. Members of the public can still view the Senate's proceedings. There's a public viewing area in the Hall of Flags, also located on the first floor of the Howlett Building. Session will also be available to view online at www.ilga.gov. Lisa Yuscious with Blueroomstream requests leave to video stream the proceedings. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Thursday, March 7th, 2024.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

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Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts, there being no objection, so ordered. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolutions 833 and 834, offered by Senator McClure and all Members. Senate Resolution 835, offered by Senator Murphy and all Members. Senate Resolution 836, offered by Senator Morrison and all Members. Senate Resolution 839, offered by Senator McClure and all Members. Senate Resolution 840, offered by Senator Belt and all Members. And Senate Resolution 841, offered by Senator Hunter and all Members. They are all celebration of life resolutions, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 832, offered by Senator Fine. It is congratulatory. Senate Resolution 837, offered by Senator Fine and Senate Resolution 838, offered by President Harmon. They are both substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

Mr. Secretary, Introduction and Reading of Senate bills for the first time.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3915, offered by Senator Sims, an Act concerning appropriations. 1st Reading the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

Mr. Secretary, Appointment Messages.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Appointment Message 1030444, Governor's salaried appointment, State Based Marketplace Director of the Illinois - at the Illinois Department of Insurance, Morgan, Winters.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Turner, for what reason do you seek recognition?

SENATOR D. TURNER:

I have an introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

Please proceed with your introduction.

SENATOR D. TURNER:

Thank you. So, as you know, we are celebrating Women's History Month this month, and I have a guest today that really embodies everything that we talk about and think about when we look to celebrate Women's History Month. Evelyn Brandt Thomas was born and raised on her family farm in Salisbury Township, with parents who emphasized a strong work ethic. She attended Springfield High School, where she took two years of shorthand, typing, and bookkeeping classes. Then she took accounting classes at Illinois Business College. At the same time, she was keeping records for the family farm. Co-founder of Brandt with her brother, a leading retailer of professional agronomic services and manufacturers of specialty input products. She worked as the office manager and treasurer for decades, and I will tell you that she still goes into the office every day and when I visited, her staff said, nothing leaves out of here until Evelyn sees it. Brandt has really become an international company. There are subsidiaries in Spain, Brazil. Brandt Europe Products are distributed primarily in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. Has not only - she has not only witnessed the evolution of farming practices but has actively

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participated in them. Her connection with the land began at an early age, where on the family farm for her father farmed with horses. Through the decades, she embraced innovations while never losing sight of the fundamental values that have shaped the agricultural landscape. She remains a living embodiment of the profound connection between human health and the land. Known in central Illinois for her civic leadership, philanthropic efforts, and support for the community. She's very outgoing, fun-loving person who can be seen bidding on cattle at the Illinois State Fair and attending NASCAR races. And not only does she attend NASCAR races, she owns a NASCAR with the - with the driver, Justin Allgaier. And those of you that came in and saw the flashy car outside, that's how she got here today. During her career, she has been lauded by many organizations for her business and civic leadership. She was one of the 2008 Women of Influence recognized by Springfield Business Journal and Security Bank. The next year, she received the Athena Award. In 2011, she was selected by Illinois Agri Women as Outstanding Businesswoman in Agriculture. She received an honorary doctorate degree from UIS in 2014. She was inducted into the Senior Illinois and Hall of Fame in 2020. In 2022, she was named the State Journal Register First Citizen, and in this year, she was the recipient of the Order of Lincoln, the State's highest civilian honor for professional achievement and public service. Miss Brandt will be celebrating her 101 birthday in August, and to celebrate that, she is opening a brand new, innovative center in her honor. So, she has invited all of us out to see it. August 24th, 2024. Her birthday is actually August 25th, but she says she didn't want people getting drunk on Sunday. So, help me welcome Miss Evelyn Brandt Thomas.

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PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

Welcome to the Senate. Senator Fowler, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR FOWLER:

Thank you, Madam President. Moment of personal privilege, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

State your announcement.

SENATOR FOWLER:

Thank you, Madam President. I don't know if I can top that. I know I can't top that, but however, I would like to wish my wife, Jill, a very happy birthday today. And in celebration of her birthday next month. She is going to be running her 20th marathon, the Big Sur Marathon in Monterey, California, in celebration of her birthday. So, her name is Jill. So, Jill, happy birthday. Love you and can't wait to go to California with you and see you finish.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

On page 13 of the Calendar on the Order of Resolutions. We're going to go to Senate Resolution 774, Senator Villanueva. Mr. Secretary, read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 774, offered by Senator Villanueva.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Villanueva.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

Thank you, Madam President. Today is a very important day, March 12th, which represents Equal Pay Day, which represents all women who are celebrating this year on March 12th. The date is based on US census figures showing that the average woman who works

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full time is paid on average, just 84 percent of the typical man's pay. This was something that was started by the National Committee on Pay Equity in 1996. The goal of Equal Pay Day is to raise awareness about the gender wage gap. I also want to highlight some upcoming days because it takes different groups to actually get to equal pay throughout the course of the year. June 15th, for example, is LGBTQIA Plus Equal Pay Day Awareness Day. July 27th is Black Women's Equal Pay Day. August 15th is Mom's Equal Pay Day for working moms. October 5th is Latina Equal Pay Day, November 30th is Native Americans Women's Equal Pay Day, and April 5th is Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Women's Equal Pay Day. Again, the pay gap has been shown to start as soon as a year after college, and the inequity affects all of us, so it's not something I wish to celebrate, but something I wish to continue to educate on. Thank you very much. And I thank the organization, the Association - the American Association of University Women who brought this resolution to my attention and who continue to educate us all on this matter. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall Senate Resolution 774 pass? All those in favor will say, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senator Aquino, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR AQUINO:

Thank you, Madam President, for an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

Your announcement.

SENATOR AQUINO:

I just wanted to take one -- one -- one moment to get

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everyone's attention here. We have a special birthday of a young lady. Lisa, who is celebrating 25 never looked so good. Lisa, Happy birthday, we love you.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

Happy Birthday Lisa and thank you for taking such good care of all of us. The Senate will stand at ease for a few minutes to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. The Members of the Committee on Assignments will meet in the Senate front room immediately. The Senate will stand at ease. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Cunningham, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Agriculture Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1890; refer to Appropriations Committee - Senate Bill 1437, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1437 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2631; refer to Appropriations Education - Senate Bill 3215, Committee Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2209 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3714; refer to Appropriations Health and Human Services - Senate Bill 3308, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2730, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2830, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3301 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3689; refer to Appropriations Public Safety and Infrastructure - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3226 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3610; refer to Behavioral and Mental Health Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3316; refer to Education Committee - Committee Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1400, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2675, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2689, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate

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Bill 2861, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2872, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3151, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3261, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3571 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3768; refer to Energy and Public Utilities Committee - Senate Bill 3173, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1556, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3636, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3648 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3686; refer to Environment and Conservation Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2876; refer to Executive Committee - Senate Bills 146, 2305, 2925, 3177 and 3263, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1, for -- Committee Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 85, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2360, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2633, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2643, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2065 -- 2665, Committee Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2749, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2779, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2811, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3098, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3235, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3240, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3443, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3468 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3630; refer to Financial Institut-Institutions Committee - Committee Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2234, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3157 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3550; refer to Health and Human Services Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2650, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2980, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3256, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3430, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3661, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3753; refer to Higher Education Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2606,

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Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3081, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3138 and Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3581; refer to Insurance Committee - Committee Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2671, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2697, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2735, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3318, Committee Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3414, Committee Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 3665, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3732; refer to Judiciary Committee - Senate Bills 3310 and 3420, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2597, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2601, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2602, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2644, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2657, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2740, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2758, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2788, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2799. Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2933, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2935, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2978, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3136, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3232, Committee Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 3323, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3325, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3652, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3678 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3705; refer to Labor Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2918, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3180 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3646; refer to Licensed Activities Committee - Senate Bill 2702, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2660 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2731; refer to Local Government Committee - Committee Amendment one to Senate Bill 2778. Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3429 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3597; refer to Public Health Committee - Committee

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Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2617, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2658, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3116, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3134, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3277, Committee Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 3350, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3529 and Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3548; refer to Revenue Committee - Senate Bills 2717, 2718, and 3104, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2911, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3152, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3273, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3426 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3699; refer to State Government Committee - Senate Bill 3501, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2907, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3434 and Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3805; refer to Transportation Committee - Senate Bill 3389, Committee Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 275, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2654, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2959 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3309; refer to the Special Committee on Criminal Law and Public Safety - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2626, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2803, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3463. Be approved for Consideration - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3410 and Senate Resolution 838. Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-8(b-1), the following amendments will remain in the Committee on Assignments. Committee Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 85, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2818, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2850, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3095, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3414 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3739. Signed, Senator Bill Cunningham, Chair.

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Mr. Secretary, Introduction of Senate Bills.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3916, offered by Senator Feigenholtz, an Act concerning finance. 1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Aquino, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR AQUINO:

Thank you, Madam President, for an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

Your announcement.

SENATOR AQUINO:

The Senate Democrats will caucus in the Senate President's Office at 1:15 for approximately half an hour.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator McClure, for what purpose do you seek recognition.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

For an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

Your announcement.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

The Senate Republicans will caucus, immediately upon adjournment, in the -- in the Capitol Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until 1 p.m. on the 13th day of March, 2024. The Senate stands adjourned.