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PRESIDENT HARMON:

Please rise, the invocation today will be given by Pastor Curt Fleck of Civil Servant Ministries in Springfield, Illinois. Pastor.

PASTOR CURT FLECK: (Invocation)

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Thank you, Pastor. Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Johnson, would you please lead us.

SENATOR JOHNSON: (Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDENT HARMON:

CNI request permission to audiotape the proceedings today, seeing no objection, permission is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, January 8th, 2025.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Blueroomstream is requesting permission to video stream the proceedings today. Seeing no objection, permission is granted. Senator Aquino, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR AQUINO:

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Thank you, Mr. President. For an announcement.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR AQUINO:

The Senate Democrats will caucus in the Senate President's Office at 10:30 for approximately half an hour.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Bryant, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you, Mr. President. For the purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Republicans will caucus in Room 400 at 10:30 for one hour.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Just confirming your requests for a one hour caucus, or a half an hour?

SENATOR BRYANT:

Half an hour.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Thank you, Senator. The Senate stands in recess to the call of the Chair. After caucuses, we will return to the Floor for substantive Floor action. The Senate stands in recess.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDENT HARMON:

The Senate will come to order. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 4, offered by Senator Lightford.

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PRESIDENT HARMON:

Mr. Secretary, Communications.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Letter dated January 9th, 2025. Dear Secretary Anderson - Pursuant to Rule 3-5(c) of the 104th General Assembly, I hereby appoint General -- Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, as Chairperson, of the Senate Committee on Assignments. In addition, I hereby appoint Senator Bill Cunningham, Vice Chair; Laura Murphy and Senator Omar Aquino as Members of the Senate Committee on Assignments. These appointments will expire upon adjournment of the Senate Committee on Assignments. If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please contact my Chief of Staff, Ashley Jenkins Jordan, at your convenience. Sincerely, Don Harmon, Senate President. I have a similar letter dated January 9th from Leader Curran, appointing Senator Anderson as Minority spokesperson and Senator Sally Turner as Members of the Committee on Assignments.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senate will stand at ease for a few moments to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. Will the Members of the Committee on Assignments please report to the President's Anteroom immediately? The Committee on Assignments will meet immediately. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Resolution 4. Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

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Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Senate Supplemental Calendar No. 1 is being distributed to the Members desks. We'll give the Pages a moment to make sure the schedule is distributed, but on that Order is Senate Resolution No. 4. We'll turn to Leader Lightford in a moment. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we'll turn to the Order of Senate Supplemental Calendar No. 1, Senate Resolution 4. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 4, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Leader Lightford, on Senate Resolution 4.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Good morning, Mr. President. Thank you. Senate Resolution 4 encompasses the rules for the Senate of the 104th General Assembly. It retains the rules of the Senate of the 103rd General Assembly with the following substantive changes. No. 1, we will remove references to special committees of the redistricting Committee, since the redistricting committee is no longer a standing committee of the Senate. Two, we will remove the Early Childhood Education Committee and add the Committees on Child Welfare, Commerce, Consumer Protection, Criminal Law and Pensions. Three, we will specifically require Senators to avoid threats, inciting violence or other assaults in debate. Four, in the last GA, the Senate required the request for a verification be made prior to putting the question to the Senate, because the Senate was not meeting in the Capitol. While the Senate is returning to the Capitol, there is still significant construction and Members scattered throughout the complex. For that reason, the rules for the 104th GA continue the previously established verification practice at this time.

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Five, it replaces the residential address of appointees on the Senate Appointment Messages with the county of residence for the appointee. And lastly, it would update the Senate stopgap parliamentary practice to the 2010 -- from the 2010 to the 2020 edition of Mason's Manual of Legislative Practices. I'd be happy to answer questions, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Thank you, Leader. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, we'll turn to the vote. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, a reminder the voting system is still being fine-tuned. So, this will be a roll call vote with a -- with an oral vote. So, when we open voting, the Secretary will call the roll. Please respond with a Aye or a Nay. The question is, shall Senate Joint Resolution 4 {sic} (Senate Resolution 4) be adopted? The voting is open, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Anderson. Anderson votes No. Aquino. Aquino votes Aye. Arellano Junior. Arellano Junior votes No. Balkema. Balkema votes No. Belt. Belt votes Yes. Bryant. Bryant votes No. Castro. Castro votes Yes. Cervantes. Cervantes votes Yes. Chesney. Chesney votes No. Collins. Collins votes Yes. Cunningham. Cunningham votes Yes. Curran. Curran votes No. DeWitte. Edly-Allen. Edly-Allen votes Yes. Ellman. Ellman votes Yes. Faraci. Faraci votes Yes. Feigenholtz. Feigenholtz votes Yes. Fine. Fine votes Yes. Fowler. Fowler votes No. Glowiak Hilton. Glowiak Hilton votes Yes. Guzmán. Guzmán votes Yes. Halpin. Halpin votes Yes. Napoleon Harris. Napoleon Harris votes Yes. Erica Harriss. Erica Harriss votes No. Hastings. Hastings votes Yes. Holmes. Holmes votes Yes. Hunter. Hunter votes Yes. Johnson. Johnson votes Yes. Jones. Jones votes

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Yes. Joyce. Joyce votes Yes. Koehler. Koehler votes Yes. Lewis. Lewis votes No. Lightford. Lightford votes Yes. Loughran Cappel. Loughran Cappel votes Yes. Martwick. Martwick votes Yes. McClure. McClure votes No. McConchie. Morrison. Morrison votes Yes. Murphy. Murphy votes Yes. Peters. Peters votes Yes. Plummer. Porfirio. Porfirio votes Yes. Preston. Preston votes Yes. Rezin. Rezin votes No. Rose. Rose votes No. Simmons. Simmons votes Yes. Sims. Sims votes Yes. Stadelman. Stadelman votes Yes. Syverson. Tracy. Doris Turner. Doris Turner votes Yes. Sally Turner. Sally Turner votes No. Ventura. Ventura votes Yes. Villa. Villa votes Yes. Villanueva. Villanueva votes Yes. Villivalam. Villivalam votes Yes. Walker. Walker votes Yes. Wilcox. Wilcox votes No. Mr. President. Mr. President votes Yes.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Take the record. On that question, there are 40 voting Aye, 14 voting No, none voting Present. The question having received the required constitutional majority, the resolution is declared adopted. Senator Rose, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR ROSE:

Parliamentary procedure is somewhat confused, but how do we motion to make the font size bigger on that board? Because I had a very hard time understanding who voted what, where, when, and why.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

We'll take your request under advisement. The parliamentarian was making a similar point. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution 1, offered by Senator Guzmán.

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PRESIDENT HARMON:

On the Order of Resolutions, is Senate Joint Resolution No. 1. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution 1, Resolved by the Senate of the 104th General Assembly of the State of Illinois. The House of Representatives, concurring herein, that when the two Houses adjourn on Thursday, January 9th, 2025, the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, January 28th, 2025, or until the call of the President and the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Tuesday, January 28th, 2025, or the call of the Speaker.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Guzmán moves to suspend the rules for the immediate -- for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution No. 1. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Guzmán moves for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution No. 1. 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, the Senate stands adjourned until noon on the 28th day of January 2025. The Senate stands adjourned.