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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

The regular Session of the 104th General Assembly will please come to order. Well, will the Members please be at their desks? Our guests in the in the galleries please rise. The invocation today will be given by Dr. Driss El-Akrich with the Islamic Society of Greater Springfield.

Dr. DRISS EL-AKRICH: (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)

Lisa Yuscius from Blueroomstream request permission to video stream the proceedings. Seeing no objections, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journals of Wednesday, February 5th. Thursday, February 6th. Friday, February 7th and Tuesday, February 11th, 2025.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Glowiak Hilton moves to approve the..

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Glowiak Hilton moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Mr. Secretary,

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Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 119, offered by Senator Johnson and all Members. Senate Resolution, 120 offered by Senator Murphy and all Members. They are both celebration of life resolutions, Madam President.

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Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolutions 116 and 117, offered by Senator Lightford. Senate Resolution 118, offered by Senator Ventura. Senate Joint Resolution 20, offered by Senator Plummer and Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 7, offered by Senator Chesney. They are all substantive.

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2520, offered by Senator Murphy, an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 2521, offered by Senator Doris Turner, an Act concerning appropriations. Senate Bill 2522, offered by Senator Balkema, an Act making appropriations. Senate Bill 2523, offered by Senator Glowiak Hilton, an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2524, offered by Senator Lightford, an Act concerning Transportation. 1st Reading of the bills.

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Mr. Secretary, Messages from the Governor. Executive Orders.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Executive Order 2025-01. Executive Order to reorganize the

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Department of Human Services and consolidate the divisions of mental health and substance use prevention and recovery, creating the new Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery.

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Mr. Secretary, Appointment Messages.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Appointment Message 1040046, Governor's salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Commission on Equity and Inclusion, Van P. Austin; Appointment Message 1040047, Governor's salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Commission on Equity and Inclusion, Cleric Richard Costes; Appointment Message 1040048, Governor's salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Commission on Equity and Inclusion, Nina Harris; Appointment Message 1040049, Governor's salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Commission on Equity and Inclusion Ennedy D. Rivera; Appointment Message 1040050, Governor's salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Employment Security Board of Review, Deborah Hagan; Appointment Message 1040051, Governor's salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Property Tax Appeal Board, Kevin L. Freeman; Appointment Message 1040052, Governor's salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Property Tax Appeal Board, Sarah Buckley; Appointment Message 1040053, Governor's salaried appointment, To be a Member of the State Mining Board, Robert Noren Eggerman; Appointment Message 1040054, Governor's salaried appointment, To be a Member of the State Mining Board, Stephen Ellsworth Willis; Appointment Message 1040055, Governor's unsalaried appointment, To be a Member of the Central Midwest Interstate low Level Radioactive Waste Commission, William Robert Roy; Appointment Message 1040056, Governor's salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Illinois

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Commerce Commission, Michael Terry Carrigan; Appointment Message 1040057, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Board of Higher Education, Pranav G. Kothari; Appointment Message 1040058, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Capital Development Board, Pamela McDonough; Appointment Message 1040059, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Chicago State University Board of Trustees, Andrea Zopp; Appointment Message 1040060, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Eastern Illinois University Board of Trustees, Timi James Ngoboh; Appointment Message 1040061, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Illinois Housing Development Authority, Brice Allen Hutchcraft; Appointment Message 1040062, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission, Naomi Andrea Johnson; Appointment Message 1040063, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission, Michael A. Strom; Appointment Message 1040064, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Illinois Valley Regional Port District Board, Janette Marie; Appointment Message 1040065, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Illinois Valley Regional Port District Board, William F. Zens; Appointment Message 1040066, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Northeastern Illinois University Board of Trustees, Ann P. Kalayil.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

The Senate will stand at ease for a few minutes to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. Members of the Committee on Assignments will meet in the Senate's Anteroom immediately. The Senate will stand at ease. (at ease) The Senate will come to order.

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Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Cunningham, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Appropriations Committee - Senate Bills 1689, 1771, 1851, and 1893; refer to Appropriations Education - Senate Bill 1878; refer to Appropriations Health and Human Services - Senate Bills 1465, 1652, 1653, 1678, 1690, 1751, 1755, 1765, 1804, 1845, 1857, 1860, and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1391; refer to Appropriations Public Safety and Infrastructure - Senate Bills 1658, 1759, 1761, 1762, 1843, and 1863; refer to Behavioral and Mental Health Committee - Senate Bill 1844; refer to Criminal Law Committee - Senate Bill 1773; refer to Education Committee - Senate Bill 1740, 1741, 1799, 1850 and Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 28; refer to Energy and Public Utilities Committee - Senate Bills 182, 1500, 1697, 1723 and 1816; refer to Environment and Conservation Committee - Senate Bill 1686; refer to Executive Committee - Senate Bills 1537, 1659, 1660, 1661, 1662, 1663, 1665, 1704, 1705, 1706, 1719, 1732, 1733, 1744, 1758, 1766, 1767, 1768, 1772, 1786, 1793, 1797, 1802, 1815, 1827, 1856, 1861, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1887, 1889, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 105, and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1326; refer to Financial Institutions Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 169; refer to Health and Human Services Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 206, and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1274; refer to Insurance Committee - Senate Bills 1746 and 1769; refer to Judiciary Committee - Senate Bills 1667, 1669, 1675, 1683, 1698, 1702, 1713, 1738, 1757, 1777, 1876, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 103, and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1348;

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refer to Labor Committee - Senate Bill 1701; refer to License Activities Committee - Senate Bills 1743 and 1756; refer to Pensions Committee - Senate Bills 1712 and 1894; refer to Public Health Committee - Senate Bills 25 and 1814; refer to Revenue Committee - Senate Bills 1673, 1694, 1695, 1709, 1718, 1730, 1739, 1745, 1749, 1750, 1807, 1813, 1821, 1830, 1833, 1888 and 1897; refer to State Government Committee - Senate Bill 1764 and 1884, and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1343; refer to Transportation Committee - Senate Bill 1800, and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 263; refer to Criminal Law Committee, then Appropriations and Health and Human Services Committee - Senate Bill 1882; refer to Judiciary Committee, then Appropriations Committee - Senate Bill 1820. Signed, Senator Bill Cunningham, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Cunningham, for what reason do you seek recognition?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Madam President, for an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Your announcement?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

The Senate Democrats will be caucusing at 1 o'clock in the Senate President's Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Bryant, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you, Madam President. The Republicans also request a caucus for one hour in Room 400.

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There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on the 19th day of February, 2025. The Senate stands adjourned.