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104th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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16th Legislative Day

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

The regular Session of the 104th 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 Pastor Marcia Funneman from the Parkway Christian Church, here in Springfield. Pastor.

PASTOR MARSHA FUNNEMAN: (Invocation)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Please remain standing for the Pledge. Senator Villanueva, will you please lead us?

SENATOR VILLANUEVA: (Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Tony Yuscious from Blueroomstream seeks leave to video today's proceedings. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, reading and approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, February 18th, 2025.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Glowiak Hilton.

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Resolution 121, offered by Senator Bryant and all Members. It's a celebration of life resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Cervantes, Chair of the Committee on Criminal Law, reports Senate Bills 42 and 108, Do Pass; Senator Loughran Cappel, Chair of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Bills 1231, 1583 and 1605 Do Pass and Senate Resolution 61, Be Adopted; Senator Simmons, Chair of the Committee on Public Health, reports Senate Bills 1420 and 1594 Do Pass; Senator Villa, Chair of the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports Senate Resolution 39 Be Adopted; Senator Collins, Chair of the Committee on Child Welfare, reports Senate Resolution 66 Be Adopted; Senator Morrison, Chair of the Committee on Insurance, reports Senate Bills 1289 and 1392 Do Pass; Senator Edly-Allen, Chair of the Committee on Higher Education, reports Senate Bills 1310 and 1331 Do Pass; and Senator Walker, Chair of the Committee on Financial Institutions, reports Senate Bill 169 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Leader Curran, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR CURRAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, for an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR CURRAN:

Mr. President, I'd like to introduce Rylee Monroe to the Illinois Senate. And she's here with her father, Loren. Rylee is

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a senior at Downers Grove South High School. I got the pleasure of watching Rylee play volleyball for many years. She was a teammate of my daughter's, both on Downers Grove South Mustangs, who won the Sectional this past year, as well as at Sports Performance Volleyball Club. She -- she and her father, Loren, are here on a very busy day, but I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce Rylee to the Senate. She plans on studying political science in college and is currently narrowing the list of where she's going to attend. So, if you could please join me in giving Rylee Monroe a very warm Senate welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Welcome to Springfield. Senator Edly-Allen, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

Thank you, Mr. President, for an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

Mr. President, today I rise on behalf of Senator Johnson, my seatmate, who is unfortunately unable to be here today. I'd like to welcome Pastor Deric Capels, Pastor Tiffany Peppers, Reverend Ciera Bates Chamberlain, Doctor Patiya Freely, Pastor Jessie Mack, Whitney Moore, Kirk Moses Artinese Myrick, and Doctor Rodney Walker and the rest of Live Free -- Live Free Illinois Team who have come down to Springfield today from Waukegan, Illinois. Please join me in giving them -- giving our friends a warm Senate welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Welcome to Springfield. Senator DeWitte, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

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SENATOR DEWITTE:

Thank you, Mr. President, for the purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR DEWITTE:

Thank you, Mr. President. It's always great when we can have district personnel down on the Floor with us here in Springfield. They only get to watch what we do typically on television. So, very happy to introduce Carolyn Schofield from my district office in West Dundee in St. Charles. Carolyn handles legislative issues for me in the -- in the office. Many of us -- many people know in this room that many of the best ideas come from our constituents. So, Carolyn has been, excellent at helping coordinate those efforts. She is very active in local politics. She served two terms on the McHenry County Board. She currently represents, McHenry County on the CMAP board in Chicago, and she's also a member of the McHenry County Mental Health Board. So, still a very active public servant. She actually lives in Senator Syverson's District. But we're not going to bring up map making. So, in any event, happy to have her on the Floor with us today. Please join me in giving her a warm welcome to Carolyn Schofield. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Welcome to Springfield. The Senate will stand at ease for a few minutes to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. The Members on the Committee Assignments will meet in the Senate front room immediately. The Senate will stand at ease. Senator Koehler, in the Chair.

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Senator Cunningham, in the Chair.

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Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Judiciary Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 83 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1383; refer to Local Government Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1424 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1447; refer to State Government Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1339. Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-8(b-1), the following amendments will remain in the Committee on Assignments. Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1590. Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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 on the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit: House Joint Resolution 7, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives, the 104th General Assembly of the State of Illinois. The Senate, concurring herein the two houses, shall convene the joint Session on Wednesday, February 19th, 2025, at the hour of 12:00 noon, for the purpose of hearing His Excellency Governor J.B. Pritzker, present to the General Assembly his budget -- budget message for the fiscal year 2026, as required by Chapter 15, Section 20/50-5 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes adopted by

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the House, February 6th, 2025. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.
PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

On the Order of Resolutions is House Joint Resolution No. 7.
Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution 7, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Lightford moves to suspend all rules for the immediate consideration of House Joint Resolution 7. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Lightford moves the adoption of House Joint Resolution 7. All those in favor say, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. The following Senators are appointed to the Committee of Escort to escort the Governor to the House of Representatives for the Joint Session. Senators Belt, Halpin, Villanueva, Balkema and Fowler. When the Senate adjourns, I would ask the committee and all other Senators to meet at the front of the House Chamber by 11:39 a.m., a bell may or may not ring at that time. There will be no further business to come before the Senate. The Senate stands adjourned until 10:30 a.m. on the 20th day of February, 2025. The Senate stands adjourned.