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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

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 Reverend Jessica Baldyga of Pana, First United Methodist Church.

REVEREND JESSICA BALDYGA: (Invocation)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Leader Cunningham, will you please lead us in the Pledge?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: (Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Lisa Yuscus of Blueroomstream requests permission to video stream the proceedings. Is there any objection? Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Journal of Thursday, February 27th, 2025.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Glowiak Hilton.

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

Madam 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 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, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Resolution 139, offered by Senator Anderson and all Members. Senate Resolution 140, offered by Senator Doris Turner and all Members. Senate Resolutions 141 and 142, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members. Senate Resolution 146, offered by Senator Johnson and all Members. Senate Resolution 148, offered by Senator Hunter and all Members. And Senate Resolution 151, offered by Senator Martwick and all Members. They are all celebration of life resolutions, Madam President.

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Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolutions 143 and 144, offered by Senator Lewis. Senate Resolution 147, offered by Senator Porfirio. Senate Resolution 150, offered by Senator Belt. They're all congratulatory. Senate Resolution 145, offered by Senator Johnson. Senate Resolution 149, offered by Senator Hunter and Senate Joint Resolution 24, offered by Senator Balkema. They are all substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2623, offered by Senator Murphy, an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 2624, offered by Senator Doris Turner an Act concerning appropriations. Senate Bill 2625, offered by Senator Ellman, an Act concerning appropriations. Senate Bill 2626, offered by Senator Tracy, an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 2627, offered by Senator Tracy, an Act concerning civil law. 1st Reading of the bills.

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Mr. Secretary, Appointment Messages.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Appointment Message 1040088, Governor's salaried appointment, To be a Member of the State Mining Board, Raymond Hood. Appointment Message 1040089, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Employment Security Advisory Board, Kelli Marie Harrison. Appointment Message 1040090, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Employment Security Advisory Board, Robert Karr. And Appointment Message 1040091, Governor's unsalaried appointment, To be a Member of the Labor Advisory Board, Cherita Ellens.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Mr. Secretary, Communications from the Secretary of State.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I have a letter dated March 3rd, 2025. Dear Mr. Anderson, This office is forwarding herewith a copy of a Certificate of Appointment To Fill Vacancy In The Office of Senator In The General Assembly from the Republican Legislative Committee of the 26th Legislative District, declaring the existence of a vacancy in the Office of State Senator for the 26th Legislative District, due to the resignation of Senator Dan McConchie. The Republican Legislative Committee's Certificate of Appointment to Fill a Vacancy in the Office of Senator in the General Assembly of the 26th Legislative District appoints Darby A. Hills, Barrington Hills, Illinois to fill the vacancy in the Office of Senator in the General Assembly for the 26th Legislative District of the State of Illinois, effective February 28th, 2025, for the 104th General Assembly. Sincerely yours, or excuse me... Yours truly, Alexi

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Giannoulas, Secretary of State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Glowiak Hilton, for what reason do you seek recognition?

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

Thank you, Madam President, for an introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Go ahead with your introduction.

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

Thank you, Madam President. With me today is the Hancock County Farm Bureau group that has adopted me as their legislator. And they came down to see me. I've gone to see them a couple of times and they've come up to see me. So, we've had a lot of sharing. And I'm happy to introduce Matthew and Brian and Lane and Ted. And also up in the gallery is Richland from the Farm Bureau. Thank you. Oh yes. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Welcome to the Senate. Senator Edly-Allen, for what reason do you seek recognition?

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

Thank you, Madam President, for an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

State your announcement.

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome Yvonne Gaiden. She's a freshman at Northeastern University in Boston and a constituent of my district. She's here today to observe the legislative process. Yvonne is a first-year student studying public health and law with a minor in global health. She's an active member of the

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Boston Health Initiative and Women in the Enterprise of Science and Technology, also called WEST. She also recently spent a semester studying in Madrid, so she's passionate about tackling health disparities, and she plans to pursue a master's in public health and law school. So, I have to tell a story about Yvonne really quick. She reached out to my office, in her last year in AP government and advocated for Social Host Ordinance legislation. And I get contacted a lot by students, and I try to return all of the calls or emails. And Evie was one of the only students that ever responded to me. So, I said to her, if you ever want to see the process, please contact my office. And here she is today. So, with young people like Yvonne, our future is very bright. If we can just give her a warm welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

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

SENATOR LOUGHRAN CAPPEL:

For the purpose of an introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

State your introduction.

SENATOR LOUGHRAN CAPPEL:

So, today I have with me, up in the gallery, my Youth Advisory Board. I have Esha Rathod, Eseena Hamm, Jimena Ortiz, Teliyah Butler, Amelia Grisius, Sarah Zabella, Alyssa Beach, Allie Beintum and my intern Seth Williams and Mikaela Gray and I also have my Chief of Staff. They're all in the gallery over there. I wanted to introduce them and welcome them to the Senate. We do lots of talks about what's important to our youth, like mental health, safety in schools and the environment, and I wanted to

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welcome them to Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Welcome. Senator Curran, for what reason do you seek recognition?

SENATOR CURRAN:

For a -- for an announcement, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Your announcement.

SENATOR CURRAN:

Members of the Senate. Madam President, I would like to draw everyone's attention to introduce you to our newest colleague in the Illinois Senate. Newest addition to the Senate Republican caucus, Senator Darby Hills. Darby and her husband, Tom, and their three children reside in Barrington Hills. Looking -- looking forward to everyone getting to know Senator Hills. And if you wouldn't mind, please join me in giving her in a warm welcome to the Illinois Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bills 2628, offered by Senator Johnson, an Act concerning appropriations. 1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

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's front room immediately. The Senate will stand at ease. (at ease) The Senate will please come to order. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Cunningham, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: refer to Agriculture Committee - Senate Bills 2372, 2422, 2455 and 2459; refer to Appropriations Committee - Senate Bills 1918, 2309, 2312, 2315, 2386, 2387, 2435, 2439, and 2467; refer to Appropriations Education - Senate Bills 2329, 2349, 2350, 2433, 2441, 2485 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1657; refer to Appropriations Health and Human -- Appropriations Health and Human Services - Senate Bills 2261, 2268, 2327, 2374, 2388, 2392, 2403, 2471 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 120; refer to Appropriations, Public Safety and Infrastructure - Senate Bills 2252 and 2461; refer to Behavioral and Mental Health Committee - Senate Bill 2420; refer to Child Welfare Committee - Senate Bill 1913 and 2260; refer to Criminal Law Committee - Senate Bills 2201, 2323, 2418, 2426 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1773; refer to Education Committee - Senate Bills 1983, 2270, 2423, 2427, 2438, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 123, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1329, and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1584; refer to Energy and Public Utilities Committee - Senate Bills 2258, 2269, 2289, 2310, 2395, 2424, 2425, 2456, 2473, 2478, 2491, 2497, and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 75; refer to Environment and Conservation Committee - Senate Bills 2266, 2311, 2314 and 2466; refer to Executive Committee - Senate Bills 1557, 1988, 2000, 2145, 2165, 2272, 2297, 2299, 2306, 2317, 2319, 2322, 2325, 2328, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2338, 2383, 2393, 2398, 2399, 2404, 2411, 2428, 2436, 2483, 2484, 2502, and 2504; refer to Financial Institutions Committee - Senate Bills 2283, 2318, 2457 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1994; refer to Health and

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Human Services Committee - Senate Bills 2421, 2437, 2475, 2500  
Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 32 and Committee Amendment 1  
to Senate Bill 84; refer to Higher Education Committee - Senate  
Bill 2448; refer to the Insurance Committee - Senate Bills 126,  
268, 2405, 2415, 2505, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 69 and  
Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1418; refer to Judiciary  
Committee - Senate Bills 104, 2253, 2265, 2351, 2401, 2451, 2463,  
2487, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 103 and Committee Amendment  
1 to Senate Bill 1504; refer to Labor Committee - Senate Bill 2339;  
refer to License Activities Committee - Senate Bills 2154, 2347,  
2348, 2431, 2434, 2452, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, and 2503;  
refer to Local Government Committee - Senate Bill 2326 and  
Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1742; refer to Pensions  
Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 242; refer to  
Public Health Committee - Senate Bills 189, 2215, 2409 and  
Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 73; refer to Revenue Committee  
- Senate Bills 2263, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2281, 2290, 2313, 2344,  
2382, 2390, 2430, 2458, 2476, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill  
1309 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2027; refer to State  
Government Committee - Senate Bills 2280, 2394, 2408, 2481, 2506,  
Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1230, Committee Amendment 1  
to Senate Bill 1295, and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1575;  
refer to Transportation Committee - Senate Bill 5, Senate Bill  
1883, 1938, 2285, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1247,  
Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1467, Committee Amendment 1  
to Senate Bill 1922 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2179;  
refer to Criminal Law Committee - then Appropriations Public Safety  
and Infrastructure Committee - Senate Bill 2330 Be Approved for  
consideration. Senate Resolution 131. Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-8

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(b-1), the following amendments will remain in the Committee on Assignments: Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1300 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1413. Signed, Bill Cunningham, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Ventura, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR VENTURA:

For announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

State your announcement please.

SENATOR VENTURA:

I would like to welcome my Chief of Staff, Jessica Wimbley, to the Senate Floor. She is a graduate of Aurora University, where she studied poli sci and political policy. She interned in my office about a year and a half ago, and then this last year, elevated to my chief of staff and she's down here helping me as my legislative assistant this week. So, please welcome her.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Welcome to the Senate. Leader Cunningham, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Madam President, for an announcement please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Your announcement please.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you. The Senate Democrats will be caucusing in the Senate President's Office at 1 o'clock for approximately a half hour.

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Senator Bryant, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BRYANT:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

State your announcement.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Republicans request a caucus in Room 400 for an hour -- at 1 o'clock.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until noon on the fourth day of March, 2025. Oh. Sorry, that will be the fifth day of March, 2025. The Senate stands adjourned.