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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 Pastor Curt Fleck of Civil Servant Ministries.

PASTOR KURT FLECK: (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)

Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journals of Thursday, March 6th -- 6th, 2025 and Wednesday, March 12th, 2025.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Martwick.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Martwick moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Lisa Yuscus with Blueroomstream requests permission to video stream the proceedings. Seeing no objections, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 173, offered by Senator Halpin and all

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Members. And Senate Resolution 174, offered by Senator Lewis and all Members. They are both celebration of life resolutions, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2638, offered by Senator Koehler, an Act concerning appropriations. 1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Mr. Secretary, Appointment Messages.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Appointment Message 1040095, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Governor's State University Board of Trustees, Frances Pao-Han Koa. Appointment Message 1040096, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of Governor State University Board of Trustees, Judith Lynn Mitchell. Appointment Message 1040097, Executive Ethics Commissions, salaried appointment, To be Director of the Illinois Power Agency, Brian P. Granahan. Appointment 1040098, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Eastern Illinois University Board of Trustees, Charles Christopher Hicks. Appointment Message 1040099, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Employment Security Advisory Board, Rick Steven Terven. Appointment Message 1040100, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees, Edward E. Hightower.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are going to 2nd Readings. So, if

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you have a bill you'd like to move, please be on the Floor. On -- starting on page 2 of the printed Calendar, we're going to start with Senate Bill 58. That is Senator Belt. Do you wish to proceed? We're moving on then to Senate Bill 67, Senator Peters. Moving on to Senate Bill 69. Senator Murphy, would you like to proceed? Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 69, an Act concerning regulation. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Insurance adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 83, Senator Doris Turner. Senate Bill 103, Senator Feigenholtz. Senate Bill 1-7-5, Senator Fine. Senate Bill 188, Senator Halpin. Senate Bill 246, Senator Johnson. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 246, an Act concerning State government. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1230, Senator Joyce. Senate Bill 1231, Senator Cappel. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1231, an Act concerning education. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1241, Senator McClure. Senate Bill 1295, Senator Doris Turner. Senate Bill 1343, Senator Doris Turner. Senate Bill 1417, Senator McClure. Senate Bill 1422, Senator Halpin. Senate Bill 1441, Senator Peters. Senate Bill 1467, Senator Villivalam. Senate Bill 1504, Senator Collins. Senate Bill 1524, Senator Johnson. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1524, an Act concerning criminal law. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1563, Senator Collins. Senate Bill 1584, Senator Feigenholtz. Senate Bill 1607, Senator Koehler. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1607, an Act concerning State government. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1616, Senator Villivalam. Senate Bill 1667, Senator Martwick. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1667, an Act concerning civil law. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1738, Senator Martwick. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1738, an Act concerning civil law. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. Excuse me -- Senate Bill 1764, Senator Morrison. Senate Bill 1774, Senator Fine. Senate Bill 1799, Senator Villivalam. Senate Bill 1844, Senator Feigenholtz. Senate Bill 1922, Senator Morrison. Senate Bill 1941, Senator Murphy. I'm sorry, we're going to go back to Senator Morrison's bill, which is Senate Bill 17 -- 1922, Senator Morrison. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1922, an Act concerning transportation. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Transportation adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senator Murphy, 1941. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1941, an Act concerning transportation. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1967, Senator Castro. Senate Bill 1989, Senator Koehler. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1989, an Act concerning local government. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1994, Senator Koehler. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1994, an Act concerning regulation. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Financial Institutions adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1999, Senator Porfirio. Senate Bill 2008, Senator Cervantes. Senate Bill 2019, Senator Morrison. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2019.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Mr. Secretary, please read Senate Bill 2019.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2019, an Act concerning transportation. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2039, Senator Villivalam. Oh, I'm sorry -- Senator Villanueva on Senate Bill 2040. Senate Bill 2057, Senator Hastings. Senate Bill 2102, Senator Erica Harriss. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2102, an Act concerning revenue. 2nd Reading of

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the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2105, Senator Morrison. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2105, an Act concerning regulations. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2129, Senator Morrison. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2129, an Act concerning State government. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2153, Senator Castro. Senate Bill 2164, Senator Halpin. Senate Bill 2175, Senator Porfirio. Senate Bill 2179, Senator Morrison. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2179, an Act concerning transportation. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Transportation adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2220, Senator Martwick. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2220, an Act concerning civil law. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2247, Senator Villivalam. Senator Martwick, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you, Madam President. I rise on a point of introduction and actually, if you would be so kind, if the Chair would be so kind, I actually have two introductions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Martwick, go ahead with your introductions.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you, Madam President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, if I could have your attention briefly. I have two important groups that are here visiting the Capitol today, and I wanted to take just a moment to introduce them to the Senate. Directly behind me here on the south gallery is a group of 18 students from my district. They are high school students, Juniors and Seniors, and they have been participating in a fellowship program in my office learning about the legislative process, they set up a system of democracy where they elected weekly speakers for their meetings. They have -- they have worked on legislation, and they're here to not only learn about the process, but to advocate and they will be visiting with several Members. They're all standing in the gallery behind me. If you guys would all please stand up and please give them a warm Springfield welcome and welcome to the Capitol.

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Welcome to the Senate.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

And they will be visiting. So please, if you see them, please take time and say hello to them and welcome them. My second introduction, Madam President in the north gallery, I believe, if I get my directions right, if you folks would please stand up. And this is both of these introductions are a matter of personal pride for me. I love to interest young students to be engaged in the process, but this is a matter of accomplishment that I take pride in. Ladies and Gentlemen, in the north gallery, we have the newly elected and appointed members of the Chicago Public School -- School Board. With me here today are Anusha Thotakura, Frank Niles (Thomas), Debby Pope, Karen Zaccor, Jitu Brown, Norma Rios-Sierra, and from my own district, Ed Bannon, and they are here advocating for educational resources for the students of the Chicago Public Schools and the students of every school district in the State. They're here doing the work that is necessary as a part of our process. They are newly elected joining this process of democracy, and I'm so proud to have them down here. Please give them a warm welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Welcome to Springfield. 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 back to order. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Cunningham, Chair of the Committee on Assignments,

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reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Agriculture Committee - Senate Resolution 124, Senate Joint Resolution 24 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2372; refer to Appropriations Committee - Senate Bill 1975; refer to Appropriations Education Committee - Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1912; refer to Appropriations-Public Safety and Infrastructure - Senate Bill 199; refer to Child Welfare Committee - Senate Bill 2446, Senate Resolution 128; refer to Commerce Committee - Senate Resolution 83 and Senate Joint Resolution 16; refer to Consumer Protection Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1288; refer to Criminal Law Committee - Senate Bill -- Senate Bills 267, 283, 2381, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1195, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1395, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2156 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2201; refer to Education Committee - Senate Bills -- Senate Bill 1560, Senate Resolution 125, Committee Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 71, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1519, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1672, Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 1740, Committee Amendment 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1920, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1947, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1983, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2423 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2427; refer to Energy and Public Utilities Committee - Senate Bill 1527, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1380, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1723, and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2258; refer to Environment and Conservation Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1531, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1859, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1872, and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2266; refer to Executive Committee - Senate Bills 52, 57, 1251, 1489,

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1905 and 2044, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 49, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 51, Committee Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 105, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 213, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1507, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1513, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1719, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1758, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1793, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1797, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1911, Committee Amendment -- Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2006, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2064, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2157, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2187, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2240, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2241, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2259, Committee Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2322, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2338 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2383; refer to Financial Institutions Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2457; refer to Health and Human Services Committee - Committee Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1274, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1602; refer to Higher Education Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1928 and Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2039; refer to Human Rights Committee - Senate Resolution 118; refer to Insurance Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 126, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1238, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1390, Committee Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1418; refer to Judiciary Committee - Committee Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1181, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1411, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1486, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1698, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1777, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2221, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2265,

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and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2351; refer to Labor Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 141, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2339; refer to License Activities Committee - Senate Bill 2469, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 271, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1463, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2154 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2431; refer to Local Government Committee - Senate Resolution 104 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 224; refer to Pensions Committee - Senate Resolution 112; refer to Public Health Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 25, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 93, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 291, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1420, and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1950; refer to Revenue Committee - Senate Bill 253 and 1633, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1745, and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2281; refer to State Government Committee - Senate Resolution 96, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 106, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1417, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1607, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1884 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2108; refer to Transportation -- Transportation Committee - Senate Bill 1256, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1559, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2040; refer to Veterans Affairs Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1368. And Be Approved for Consideration: Senate Resolution 158. Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-8 (b-1), the following amendments will remain in the Committee on Assignments - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1181 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1603. Signed, Senator Bill Cunningham, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Edly-Allen, for what purpose do you seek

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recognition?

SENATRO EDLY-ALLEN:

Thank you Madam Chair, for an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

State your announcement.

SENATRO EDLY-ALLEN:

I'd like to announce that the COWL, the Conference for Women Legislators, will be holding their annual meeting tomorrow morning in F Section. So, on behalf of Senator Erica Harriss and Senator Johnson and myself, we would like to invite everyone to come to F Section tomorrow at 11 a.m. for membership drive. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Halpin, for what reason do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HALPIN:

Thank you, Madam President, for an announcement, introduction, and memorial.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Okay, we'll take those one at a time. Senator Halpin, go ahead.

SENATOR HALPIN:

Thank you -- Madam President, I just want to introduce the Chamber to the friends and family of the late Jay Pearce, who are joining us in the gallery today. Jay was a -- a -- a past constituent of mine, but born in Michigan, raised in Winnetka here in Illinois, and received his bachelor's degree at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. He was someone who had a -- a dedicated career in TV and radio for 40 years, spending half of that time working in public broadcasting, including work in Southern Illinois, WCIL in Carbondale, WDDD in Marion, and then of

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course, WSIU on campus in Carbondale. He -- he was the news director for the Illinois Radio Network and was part of WEBX, which was an Urbana-Champaign FM station that was one of the first broadcasters to actually stream programming online. He served as a radio program director and station manager for WILL which was a nonprofit, not-for-profit public media service at University of Illinois, and that began in 1998 and then he moved to the district I represent up in the Quad Cities and in 2012, serving as the CEO and general manager of WVIK in the Quad Cities. He was also the local -- local morning edition host. So a voice familiar to so many in our listening area. He was most recently the director of the Illinois Public Broadcasting Council, who I believe is represented here today, as well. And also, was a co-host of the pancreatic cancer cast with his brother Gary. He served on several boards of directors NPR, Quad Cities Illinois Rotary Club, the Illinois News Broadcasters Association Foundation, the Associated Press Broadcasters Association and One Foundation, in Bettendorf. He had a long -- long career and was very much looking forward to his retirement. He retired in in 2022, but unfortunately not long after was diagnosed with cancer that he ultimately succumbed to in August of 2024. I absolutely regret not being able to have the long relationship with him, as some of the folks gathered here today have had, but I can tell you that the moments that I got to spend with him, whether it was working with WVIK or whether it was just knocking on his door during -- during my door knocking phases. He was someone that I think had a lot of knowledge, experience, and just an absolute love of life. and I do sincerely wish he was given more of it. But he made a difference during that time and rather than ask for a moment of silence knowing -- knowing him

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even for as short a time as I did, I feel like he would appreciate more a celebration and a thank you to him wherever he's listening from now for a life well lived, and please welcome and -- and give thanks to his family and friends here to support him today. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Castro, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR CASTRO:

The purpose as an announcement, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

State your announcement.

SENATOR CASTRO:

Senate Democrats will caucus at 1:15 in the Senate President's Office for 30 Minutes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator McClure, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MCCLURE:

For an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

State your announcement.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

The Senate Republicans will caucus at 1:00 in Room 400 in the Capitol for approximately 1 hour.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until noon on the 19th day of March, 2025. The Senate stands adjourned.