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PRESIDENT HARMON:

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 for the invocation given today by Pastor Curt Fleck from Civil Ministries -- Civil Servant Ministries in Springfield, Illinois.

PASTOR CURT FLECK: (Invocation)

PRESIDENT HARMON:

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

SENATOR JOHNSON: (Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Welcome back everyone, to the spring Session. We have requests from WTAX to photograph the proceedings today and requests from BlueRoomStream to video stream our proceedings. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journals of October 14th, 15th, 28th and 29th, 2025.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Glowiak Hilton.

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the Journals just read by the Secretary, be approved unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Glowiak Hilton moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Mr. Senator -- Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Thursday, October 30th, 2025.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

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.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

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:

Senate Resolutions 507 through 511, offered by President Harmon and all Members. Senate Resolution 512, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members. Senate Resolution 513, offered by Senator Tracy and all Members. Senate Resolution 514, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members. Senate Resolutions 515 through 520, offered by Senator McClure and all Members. Senate Resolution 521, offered by Senator Jones and all Members. Senate Resolution 522, offered by Senator Doris Turner and all Members. Senate Resolution 523, offered by Senator Hastings and all Members. Senate Resolution 524, offered by Senator Tracy and all Members. Senate Resolutions 525 and 526, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members. Senate Resolution 527, offered by Senator Murphy and all Members. Senate Resolution 530, offered by Senator Doris Turner and all Members. Senate Resolution 532, offered by Senator Preston and all Members. Senate Resolutions 533 through 537, offered by Senator McClure and

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all Members. Senate Resolution 538, offered by Senator Tracy and all Members. Senate Resolutions 539 and 540, offered by Senator Anderson and all Members. Senate Resolution 541, offered by Senator Doris Turner and all Members. Senate Resolution 543, offered by Senator Preston and all Members. Senate Resolution 544, offered by Senator Johnson and all Members. Senate Resolution 545, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members. Senate Resolutions 547 through 549, offered by Senator McClure and all Members. Senate Resolution 550, offered by Senator Preston and all Members. Senate Resolutions 551 and 552, offered by Senator Tracy and all Members. Senate Resolutions 553 and 554, offered by Senator McClure and all Members. Senate Resolution 555, offered by Senator Tracy and all Members. Senate Resolution 556, offered by Senator Johnson and all Members. Senate Resolution 557, offered by Senator Preston and all Members. Senate Resolutions 561 through 563, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members. Senate Resolutions 564 through 566, offered by Senator McClure and all Members. Senate Resolution 568, offered by Senator Belt and all Members. They are all celebration of life resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 528, offered by Senator Stadelman and Syverson. Senate Resolution 529, offered by Senator Hills. Senate Resolution 531, offered by Senator Preston. Senate Resolutions 558 and 559, offered by Senator Lewis. Senate Resolution 567, offered by Senator Belt. They are all congratulatory. Senate Resolution 542, offered by Senator Doris Turner. Senate Resolution 546, offered by Senator Syverson. Senate Resolution 560, offered by

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Senator Lewis. Senate Joint Resolution 46, offered by Senator Bryant and Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 8, offered by Senator Curran. They are all substantive.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Cunningham, in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Mr. Secretary -- Mr. Secretary, Appointment Messages.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Appointment Message 1040314, Governor's unsalaried appointment, To be a Member of the Children and Family Services Advisory Council; Kim King. Appointment Message 1040315 Governor's unsalaried appointment, To be a Member of the Children and Family Services Advisory Council; Jennifer Ramirez. Appointment Message 1043016, Governor's unsalaried appointment, To be a Member of the Children and Family Services Advisory Council; Patricia Johnson Lord. Appointment Message 1043017, Governor's salaried appointment, To be a Member of the State Board of Health; Karen D. Phelan. Appointment Message 1040318, Governor's salaried appointment, To be a Member of the State Board of Health; Susan Swider. Appointment Message 1033 -- 1040319 Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum Board of Trustees; Margaret L. van Dijk. Appointment Message 1040320, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be Public Administrator and Public Guardian of Greene County; Eddie Carpenter. Appointment Message 1040321, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission; Robert Morgan. Appointment Message 1040322, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Health Facilities and Services Review Board; Monica

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Shete Hendrickson. Appointment Message 1040323, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Illinois Affordable Housing Advisory Commission; Veronica Gonzalez. Appointment Message 1040324, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Illinois Community College Board; Jeanne Marie McDonald. Appointment Message 1040325, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Illinois State Medical Board; Kari Wolf. Appointment Message 1040326, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Illinois Workforce Innovation Board; Sandeep Nain. Appointment Message 1040327, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission; Bradford Charles Kasberg. Appointment Message 1040328, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Teachers' Retirement System Board of Trustees; James K. Hagerman. Appointment Message 1040329, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Will County Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority; Robert Filotto. Appointment Message 1040330, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Workers Compensation Medical Fee Advisory Board; Amy Bilton. Appointment Message 1040331, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Workers Compensation Medical Fee Advisory Board; Robert Louis Gordon, Jr. Appointment Message 1040332, Governor's unsalaried appointment, To be a Member of the Children and Family Services Advisory Council; Dar'tavous Dorsey. Appointment Message 1040333, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Children and Family Services Advisory Council; Lakeshia Robinson. Appointment Message 1040334, Governor's salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Concealed Carry Licensing Review Board; Inger E. Burnett-Zeigler.

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Appointment Message 1040335, Governor's salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Concealed Carry Licensing Review Board; Nancy DePodesta. Appointment Message 1040336, Governor's salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Concealed Carry Licensing Review Board; Donald G. Wilkerson. Appointment Message 1040337, Governor's salaried appointment, To be Assistant Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture; Kristi L. Jones. Appointment Message 1040338, Governor's salaried appointment, To be Assistant Secretary of Project Management and Operational Excellence, Illinois Department of Early Childhood; Kathleen Carolyn Stralka. Appointment Message 1040339, Governor's salaried appointment, To be a Member of the State Panel, Illinois Labor Relations Board; Jeff Mears. Appointment Message 1040340, Governor's salaried appointment, To be a Member of the State Board of Health; Dawn S. Brown. Appointment Message 1040341, Governor's salaried appointment, To be Member of the State Board of Health; Brianne Hobbs. Appointment Message 1040342, Governor's salaried appointment, To be a Member of the State Board of Health; Julie Morita. Appointment Message 1040343, Governor's salaried appointment, To be a Member of the State Board of Health; Margarita Teran-Garcia. Appointment Message 1040344, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be Public Administrator of Cook County; Louis George Apostol. Appointment Message 1040345, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority; Ronda L. Sauget. Appointment Message 1040346, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Havana Regional Port District; Robert L. Martin. Appointment Message 1040347, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Havana Regional Port District; Robert L.

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Martin. Appointment Message 1040348, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Illinois Affordable Housing Advisory Commission; Camille Dorris. Appointment Message 1040349, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Illinois Board of Higher Education; Donn Mendoza. Appointment Message 1040350, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Illinois Community College Board; Hector Garcia. Appointment Message 1040351, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Illinois Community College Board; Larry Peterson. Appointment Message 1040352, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Illinois Finance Authority; Karen Caldwell. Appointment Message 1040353, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Illinois Forensic Science Commission; Peter St. Andre. Appointment Message 1040354, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Illinois Forensic Science Commission; Carrie Ward. Appointment Message 1040355, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be Public Administrator and Public Guardian of Iroquois County; Dawn M. Weekly. Appointment Message 1040356, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Joliet Regional Port District (Board); Caroline L. Portlock. Appointment Message 1040357, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be Member of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority; Terrance McGann.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2738, offered by Senator Hills, an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2739, offered by Senator Morrison, an

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Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2740, offered by Senator Holmes, an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2741, offered by Senator Holmes, an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2742, offered by Senator Jones, an Act concerning public aid. Senate Bill 2743, offered by Senator Murphy, an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 2744, offered by Senator Hills, an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2745, offered by Senator Hills, an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2746, offered by Senator Hills, an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2747, offered by Senator Holmes, an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2748, offered by Senator Martwick, an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 2749, offered by Senator Morrison, an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 2750, offered by Senator Morrison, an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2751, offered by Senator Morrison, an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2752, offered by Senator Morrison, an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 2753, offered by Senator Glowiak Hilton, an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 2754, offered by Senator Porfirio, an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2755, offered by Senator Murphy, an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 2756, offered by Senator Joyce, an Act concerning wildlife. Senate Bill 2757, offered by Senator Tracy, an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2758, offered by Senator Porfirio, an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2759, offered by Senator Porfirio, an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 2760, offered by Senator Joyce, an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 2761, offered by Senator Doris Turner, an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2762, offered by Senator Morrison, an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2763, offered by Senator Syverson, an Act concerning

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revenue. Senate Bill 2764, offered by Senator Ventura, an Act concerning elections. Senate Bill 2765, offered by Senator Morrison, an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2766, offered by Senator Morrison, an Act concerning appropriations. Senate Bill 2767, offered by Senator Morrison, an Act making appropriations. Senate Bill 2768, offered by Senator Arellano, an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 2769, offered by Senator Joyce, an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2770, offered by Senator Joyce, an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2771, offered by Senator Belt, an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 2772, offered by Senator Ventura, an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 2773, offered by Senator Loughran Cappel, an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2774, offered by Senator Ellman, an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 2775, offered by Senator Loughran Cappel, an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 2776, offered by Senator Joyce, an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2777, offered by Senator Collins, an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2778, offered by Senator Collins, an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 2779, offered by Senator Collins, an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2780, offered by Senator Collins, an Act concerning appropriation. Senate Bill 2781, offered by Senator Joyce, an Act concerning gaming. Senate Bill 2782, offered by Senator Anderson, an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2783, offered by Senator Joyce, an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 2784, offered by Senator Doris Turner, an Act concerning courts. Senate Bill 2785, offered by Senator Feigenholtz, an Act concerning local government.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 2786, offered by Senator Collins, an Act

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concerning finance. Senate Bill 2787, offered by Senator Ventura, an Act concerning business. Senate Bill 2788, offered by Senator Hills, an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2789, offered by Senator Joyce, an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 2790, offered by Senator Murphy, an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 2791, offered by Senator Murphy, an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 2792, offered by Senator Murphy, an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2793, offered by Senator Glowiak Hilton, an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2794, offered by Senator Fine, an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 2795, offered by Senator Murphy, an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 2796, offered by Senator Halpin, an Act concerning mental health. Senate Bill 2797, offered by Senator Morrison, an Act concerning public aid. Senate Bill 2798, offered by Senator Murphy, an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2799, offered by Senator Morrison, an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 2800, offered by Senator Joyce, an Act concerning gaming. Senate Bill 2801, offered by Senator Villanueva, an Act concerning -- Senate Bill 2802, offered by Senator Holmes. Excuse me, I'm sorry, 2801 the previously read bill, 2801 offered by Senator Villanueva, an Act concerning firearms. Senate Bill 2802, offered by Senator Holmes, an Act concerning public employee benefits. Senate Bill 2803, offered by Senator Feigenholtz, an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2804, excuse me, 2804, offered by Senator Halpin, an Act concerning business. Senate Bill 2805, offered by Senator Villanueva, an Act concerning human rights. Senate Bill 2806, offered by Senator Lewis, an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2807, offered by Senator Lewis, an Act concerning appropriation. Senate Bill 2808, offered by Senator Porfirio, an

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Act concerning regulations. Senate Bill 2809, offered by Senator Simmons, an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2810, offered by Senator Simmons, an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2811, offered by Senator Simmons, an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 2812, offered by Senator Simmons, an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2813, offered by Senator Simmons, an Act concerning public aid. Senate Bill 2814, offered by Senator Simmons, an Act concerning appropriations. Senate Bill 2815, offered by Senator Edly-Allen, an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 2816, offered by Senator Halpin, an Act concerning business. Senate Bill 2817, offered by Senator Villivalam, an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2818, offered by Senator Holmes, an Act concerning public employee benefits. Senate Bill 2819, offered by Senator Bryant, an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2820, offered by Senator Fine, an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 2821, offered by Senator Balkema, an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2822, offered by Senator Stadelman, an Act concerning business. Senate Bill 2823, offered by Senator Stadelman, an Act concerning business. Senate Bill 2824, offered by Senator Stadelman, an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 2825, offered by Senator Stadelman, an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2826, offered by Senator Balkema, an Act concerning public employee benefits. Senate Bill 2827, offered by Senator Villanueva, an Act concerning children. Senate Bill 2828, offered by Senator Belt, an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2829, offered by Senator Doris Turner, an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2830, offered by Senator Preston, an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 2831, offered by Senator Collins, an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 2832, offered by

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Senator Collins, an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2833, offered by Senator Collins, an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2834, offered by Senator Collins, an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2835, offered by Senator Johnson, an Act concerning appropriations. Senate Bill 2836, offered by Senator Johnson, an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2837, offered by Senator Johnson, an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2838, offered by Senator Morrison, an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2839, offered by Senator Walker, an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2840, offered by Senator Preston, an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 2841, offered by Senator Halpin, an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 2842, offered by Senator Halpin, an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2843, offered by Senator Halpin, an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 2844, offered by Senator Halpin, an Act concerning finance. And Senate Bill 2845, offered by Senator Halpin, an Act concerning finance. 1st Reading of these Senate Bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Balkema, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BALKEMA:

Good afternoon, everybody. I wanted to introduce Abe Bauer. It'll be easy for you to remember his first name. Abe as in an Abraham. Abe Bauer is joining my group as strategy manager. He's from the area here. He majored at Illinois College in history, so he's got a lot of knowledge on the place but please join me in welcoming Abe Bauer to my group.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate, Abe. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, as a reminder, this Friday is the deadline to have any

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drafting requests into LRB. Please have them in this Friday. Leader Curran, for what purpose do you seek recognition.

SENATOR CURRAN:

For an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Please make your announcement.

SENATOR CURRAN:

I would like to take a moment to honor a treasured member of the Illinois Senate Republican family. Our Senior Advisor, Rachel Bold, who will be leaving us to expand her career in the private sector. Rachel came to us as a standout ILSIP intern in 2010, and for the last fifteen years has dedicated her time and talent to helping bridge the gap between legislator, constituent and the press. She has served in many capacities in the Senate Republican Organization, from Communication Specialist to our Director of Communications, and most recently as my Senior Advisor the last three years. Her work extended outside the building where her strategic mind and tireless efforts were instrumental in the successful election and re-election of several Members of our caucus. Rachel led relevant, innovative, messaging campaigns that helped inform Illinoisans and remind us all what we do here matters. Whether in the Capitol or in the field, Rachel has been a steady, insightful, and dedicated teammate. I am sad to see her go but I am happy to be sending her off into such a bright future full of opportunity. Rachel, I know you're watching at home. I want to thank you for all you have done for me, for our caucus, and most importantly, for the Great State of Illinois. We are proud of you and wish you joy, fulfillment and success in all you do in your future endeavors. Thank you, Mr. President.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on the 14th day of January 2026. The Senate stands adjourned.