

STATE OF ILLINOIS
104th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

63rd Legislative Day

1/14/2026

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 Nicole Cox of Willow Hill United Methodist Church.

PASTOR NICOLE COX: (Invocation)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Porfirio, please lead us in the Pledge.

SENATOR PORFIRIO: (Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, January 13th, 2026.

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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. Lisa Yuscus of BlueRoomStream requests permission to video stream the proceedings. Seeing no objections, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Introduction and Reading of Senate Bills for the first time.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Bill 2846, offered by Senator Cervantes, an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2847, offered by Senator Collins, an Act concerning appropriations. Senate Bill 2848, offered by Senator Villivalam, an Act concerning appropriations. Senate Bill 2849, offered by Senator Porfirio, an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2850, offered by Senator Porfirio, an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 2851, offered by Senator Johnson, an Act concerning appropriations. Senate Bill 2852, offered by Senator Johnson, an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 2853, offered by Senator Jones, an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2854, offered by Senator Jones, an Act concerning revenue. 1st Reading of the bills.

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Mr. Secretary, Appointment Messages.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Appointment Message 1040358, Governor's salaried appointment, To be Assistant Secretary of Education and Care Services of the Illinois Department of Early Childhood; Antonia Whalen. Appointment Message 1040359, Governor salary -- non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Employment Security Advisory Board; Harish Patel. Appointment Message 1040360, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission; Mariel Hamer. Appointment Message 1040361, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Health Facilities and Services Review Board; Audrey Tanksley. Appointment Message 1040362, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Illinois Finance Authority; Douglas Eugene House. Appointment Message 1040363, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Illinois State Board

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of Investment; Peter Amaro. Appointment Message 1040364, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Illinois State Medical Board; Thomas Granatir. Appointment Message 1040365, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Quality Care Board; Nneka Onyezia. Appointment Message 1040366, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Quality Care Board; Nancy J. Sage. Appointment Message 1040367, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Tri-County River Valley Development Authority; Luke James Ogan. Appointment Message 1040368, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Will Kankakee Regional Development Authority; Hugo Manzo. Appointment Message 1040369, Governor's unsalaried appointment, To be a Member of the Illinois Health Benefits Exchange Advisory Committee; Patrick Besler. Appointment Message 1040370, Governor's unsalaried appointment, To be a Member of the Illinois Health Benefits Exchange Advisory Committee; Laura Beth Minzer. Appointment Message 1040371, Governor's unsalaried appointment, To be a Member of the Illinois State Museum Board; Michael Patrick Murphy. Appointment Message 1040372, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be Public Administrator and Public Guardian of McHenry County; Gregory J. Barry. Appointment Message 1040373, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be Public Administrator and Public Guardian of Fayette County; Madison Christine-Mullady Gray. Appointment Message 1040374, Governor's non-salaried appointment, to be Public Administrator and Public Guardian of Kane County; Diana M. Law.

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Capitol News requests leave to record and video the proceedings. Is there any objection? Seeing no objection, leave is

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granted. Ladies and Gentlemen, we have a couple of reminders here. Friday, January 16th is the LRB deadline for drafting bills. Friday, February 6th is the bill-filing deadline. Please adhere to those dates and get your stuff in sooner than later. Thank you. Senator Castro, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR CASTRO:

Purpose of an introduction or an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Your announcement.

SENATOR CASTRO:

Thank you, Madam President. You know, we come to times where there's, like, a lot of our staff have come through here and learned and grown. And, I have a moment of a bittersweetness to announce today as my legislative assistant, Lacey Stauffer, will be moving on to bigger and better things. I am greatly appreciated for all the things she had done over the last few years -- What is it, five years? She started, at I think, the week after or the week before COVID started, and we completely shut down as a State. What a great way to start. But at the end of the day has been a true friend and has worked very diligently to make sure I'm prepared and clerked Exec and has grown into the role and is now on to bigger and better things in her next endeavor. So, I would ask the Chamber to congratulate her and give her a round of applause.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Lacey, we wish you all the best. We will now proceed to the Order of Consent Calendar celebration of life resolutions. With leave of the Body, all those resolutions read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, have there been any

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objections filed to any resolution on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No objections filed, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted? All those in favor say, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries, and the resolutions are adopted. There being no further business to come before the Senate pursuant to House Joint Resolution 47, the Senate stands adjourned until Friday on the 3rd Day -- Ope! Stands adjourned until February on the 3rd Day, noon of 2028{sic}, (2026) till the call of the Senate. President, the Senate stands adjourned.