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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

The regular Session of the 104th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desk? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Pastor Jonathan Sharp from Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield, Illinois.

PASTOR JONATHAN SHARP: (Invocation)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Please remain standing. Senator Johnson, would you please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

SENATOR JOHNSON: (Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Mr. Secretary, the Reading and Approval of the Journal.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, February 18th, 2026.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

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 AQUINO)

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 Chess-Yuscius from BlueRoomStream seeks permission to video stream the proceedings. Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Resolution 622, offered by Senator McClure and all

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Members. Senate Resolution 623, offered by Senator Curran and all Members. Senate Resolution 624, offered by Senator Guzmán and all Members. They are celebration of life resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER

Resolution 625, offered by Senator Villanueva. It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

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

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 4060, offered by Senator Hunter, an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 4061, offered by Senator Feigenholtz, an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 4062, offered by Senator Castro, an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 4063, offered by Senator Ellman, an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 4064, offered by Senator Cervantes, an Act concerning local government.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senator Castro, Chair of the Committee on Executive reports - Senate Bill 2784 Do Pass and Senate Bills 2715 and 2749 Do Pass, as Amended. Senator Joyce, Chair of the Committee on State Government reports, Senate Bill 3006 and Senate Bill 3016 Do Pass. Senator Hastings, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary reports - Senate Bill 1573, 2850, 2886 Do Pass and Senate Bill 2870 and 3066

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Do Pass, as Amended. Senator Johnson, Chair of the Committee on Local Government reports - Senate Bill 2896 and Senate Bill 3111 Do Pass and Senate Bill 2836 Do Pass, as Amended. Senator Preston, Chairman of the Committee on Consumer Protection reports - Senate Bill 2737 Do Pass. Senator Ellman, Chair of the Committee on Environment and Conservation reports - Senate Bill 2980 and Senate Bill 3229 Do Pass.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Tracy, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of announcement, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR TRACY:

Today, I would like to welcome a group of Pike County High School students. They are part of the Pike County CEO Group. Pike County CEO was established in the fall of 2016 with the support of local business community partners and area schools. The purpose is to create practical learning opportunities for students. More than a business course, CEO allows students to learn from local business leaders and develop workforce skills and problem solving, teamwork, self-motivation, responsibility, communication and professionalism which are the heart of the student's development throughout the experience. So, please join me in welcoming the Pike County CEO.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator Murphy, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MURPHY:

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For an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Today, I too, want to welcome a class that's here from the Brickton Montessori School on Catalpa in Chicago. We have 13 middle school students visiting Springfield for the first time. They've just been studying their government classes this semester. They're accompanied by one of their teachers, Ann {sic} (Anna) Carter Goldsmith, and some other ones. So, I just like everyone to help me give them a warm Springfield welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator Cervantes, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR CERVANTES:

Thank you, Mr. President. A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Please make your point.

SENATOR CERVANTES:

So, we have another departure that's leaving our Senate family here. Natalie Bak has been with -- has been with the Senate for 4 years. She has been working with me communications have done an amazing job. And she is going to be leaving us after today. She was 4 years here with the Senate. She has -- she's a major in political science, peace and justice studies, double major at Villanova University. She has a cat named Lola. And also, she is here with her partner. Her partner Shelby is here. Stand up, Shelby. So just wanted to, you know, give a warm regard to Natalie

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and wish her the best. She is going to be going to her new job is going to be at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. So, if we could just give her a round of applause and thank you for all the work you've done with us.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Thank you for your service to the Illinois Senate. 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 objections filed to any resolution on the Consent Calendar?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No objections filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

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. We will now proceed to the Order of Consent Calendar congratulatory resolutions. Mr. Secretary, have there been any objections filed to any resolution on the Consent Calendar?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No resolutions {sic} (objections) have been filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

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. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

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ACTING SECRETARY SCOTT KAISER:

Senate Resolution 54, {sic} (Joint) offered by Senator Murphy.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

On the Order of Resolutions is Senate Joint Resolution 54.
Mr. Secretary, read the Resolution.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Joint Resolution 54, Resolved by the Senate of the 104th General Assembly of the State of Illinois. The House of Representatives concurring herein that when the two houses adjourn on Thursday, February 19th, 2026, the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 24th, 2026, or until the call of the President and the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 24th, 2026, or until the call of the Speaker.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Murphy moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of an immediate consideration and the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 54. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Murphy moves for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 54. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. There being no further business to come before the Senate pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 54, the Senate stands adjourned till noon on the 24th day of February 2026, or to the call of the Senate President. The Senate stands adjourned.