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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

The regular Session of the 104th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Would our guests be in the galleries, please rise? The invocation today will be given by Reverend Joel Jackie{sic} (Jackle)-Hugh, First Presbyterian Church of Virden.

REVEREND JOEL JACKLE-HUGH: (Invocation)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

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

SENATOR JOHNSON: (Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

BlueRoomStream is seeking permission to video stream Paul Elders, so granted. Is there any objection? Seeing no objections, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journals of February 4th, 5th, 6th and 10th, 2026.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Senator Glowiak Hilton.

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

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

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Thursday, February 19th, 2026.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Senator Glowiak Hilton.

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

Thank you, 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 HUNTER)

Senator Glowiak Hilton moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objections, so ordered. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 627 and 628, offered by Senator Belt and all Members. Senate Resolution 629, offered by Senator Hastings and all Members. Senate Resolution 630 and 631, offered by Senator Rose and all Members. They are all celebration of life resolutions, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 626, offered by Senator Lightford. It is congratulatory.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 4065, offered by Senator Lightford, an Act

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concerning local government. Senate Bill 4066, offered by Senator Preston, an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 4067, offered by Senator Feigenholtz, an Act concerning appropriations. Senate Bill 4068, offered by Senator Feigenholtz, an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 4069, offered by Senator Hunter, an Act concerning appropriations. Senate Bill 4070, offered by Senator Preston, an Act concerning local government. 1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Mr. Secretary, Appointment Messages.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Appointment Message 1040429, Governor's salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission; Cynthia Berg. Appointment Message 1040430, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum Board of Trustees; Jacob Kane Friefeld. Appointment Message 1040431, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be a Public Administrator and Public Guardian of Kendall County; Diana M. Law. Appointment Message 1040432, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be Public Administrator and Public Guardian of Marshall County; Andrew Russell.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution 55, offered by Senator Rose. It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Senator Loughran Cappel, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LOUGHRAN CAPPEL:

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Purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

State your announcement.

SENATOR LOUGHRAN CAPPEL:

So, today, I have two constituents that are here from the 49th District. I have Teri Talarico and Christine Boland, they are here just to see what the Senate does and to take in all the tourism and all the great things that the -- Springfield has to offer. But I also want to make a side note of that, is that, I have known these constituents since I was five years old, and I wanted to give them a welcome to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Welcome to the Senate, please rise to be recognized. There you go. Welcome to the Senate. The Senate will stand at ease for a few minutes to allow Committee on Assignments to meet. The Members of the Committee on Assignments will please come to the President's Anteroom immediately. The Senate will stand at ease.(at ease) Senate please come to order. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Cunningham, Chair of the Committee on Assignments reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Agriculture Committee - Senate Bill 4047, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2756 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3152; refer to Appropriations Committee - Senate Bills 3768, 3835, 3924, 3955, 3957, 3971, 3972, 4021, 4025, 4032, 4044, and 4050; refer to the Appropriations Education - Senate Bills 3752, 3805, 3806, 3855, and 4001; refer to Appropriations Health and Human Services - Senate Bills 3335, 3740, 3741, 3751, 3754, 3755,

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3756, 3797, 3813, 3832, 3833, 3867, 3881, 3900, 3916, 3954, 4000, 4012, and 4023; refer to Appropriations Public Safety and Infrastructure - Senate Bills 3025 -- 3825, 4041 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3316; refer to Behavioral and Mental Health Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2771 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2971; refer to Child Welfare Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2895; refer to Criminal Law Committee - Senate Bills 3545, 3942, 4009, and 4043; refer to Education Committee - Senate Bills 3757, 3774, 3913, 3928, 4026, 4033, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2909, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3051 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3226; refer to Energy and Public Utilities Committee - Senate Bills 3794, 3838, 3889, 3974, 4028 and 4039; refer to Environment and Conservation Committee - Senate Bill 3917; refer to Executive Committee - Senate Bills 3491, 3558, 3608, 3631, 3662, 3733, 3735, 3736, 3753, 3761, 3762, 3772, 3801, 3803, 3809, 3810, 3811, 3814, 3816, 3817, 3820, 3821, 3830, 3837, 3870, 3879, 3890, 3898, 3901, 3909, 3919, 3923, 3935, 3945, 3948, 3968, 3975, 3977, 3983, 3984, 4004, 4015, 4016, 4019, 4027, 4035, 4040, 4042, 4046, 4048, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3195 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3690; refer to Financial Institutions Committee - Senate Bill 3903; refer to Health and Human Services Committee - Senate Bill 3930 -- 37 excuse me; refer to Health and Human Services Committee - Senate Bill 3739, 3766, 3798, 3950, and 3967; refer to Higher Education Committee Senate Bills 3698, 3737, 3912, and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3720; refer to Insurance Committee - Senate Bills 3815, 3824, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1327 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3147; refer to Judiciary Committee - Senate Bills 3750, 3777, 3812, 3902,

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3947, and 4022; refer to Labor Committee - Senate Bill 3800; refer to License Activities Committee - Senate Bills 3764, 3769, 3807, 3895, 3896, 3897, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2806, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2846, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2879, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3213, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3223; refer to Local Government Committee - Senate Bills 3925, 3949, 3951, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2769, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2770, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3565; refer to Pensions Committee - Senate Bill 4010; refer to Public Health -- excuse me, refer to Revenue Committee - Senate Bills 3738, 3765, 3783, 3785, 3786, 3788, 3790, 3791, 3799, 3802, 3828, 3843, 3848, 3849, 3851, 3852, 3853, 3865, 3868, 3869, 3894, 3908, 3918, 3934, 3939, 3940, 3944, 3946, 3959, 4007, 4017, 4018, 4029, and 4030; refer to State Government Committee - Senate Bills 3731, 3964 and Committee Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3643; refer to Transportation Committee - Senate Bill 3904 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2857; refer to Veterans Affairs Committee - Senate Bill 3818. And Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Joint Resolution 55. Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-8 (b-1), the following amendments will remain in the Committee on Assignments - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate -- Senate Bill 39 -- 2984, Committee Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 3208 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3643. Signed, Senator Bill Cunningham, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Senator Aquino, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR AQUINO:

Thank you, Madam President, for an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

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State your announcement.

SENATOR AQUINO:

The Senate Democrats will caucus in the President's Office at 1:15 for about 45 minutes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Thank you, Senator Aquino. And Senator McClure, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MCCLURE:

For an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

State your announcement.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Thank you, Madam President. The Senate Republicans will caucus at 1 o'clock in Room 400 in the Capitol.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Thank you, Senator. The Senate stands in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senate will come to order. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 632 and 633, offered by Senator McClure and all Members. And Senate Resolution 634, offered by Senator Hunter and all Members. They are all celebration of life resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senator -- Senator Cervantes, Chair of the Committee on Criminal Law, reports Senate Bills 2949, 3044 and 3593 Do Pass. Senate Bill 2185 is directed to the Appropriations Public Safety and Infrastructure Committee Do Pass, as Amended. Senator Loughran Cappel, Chair of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Bills 2953, 2984 and 3320 Do Pass. Senator Simmons, Chair of the Committee on Public Health, reports Senate Bills 3087 and 3383 Do Pass. Senator Villivalam, Chair of the Committee on Transportation, reports Senate Bills 2945 and 3385 Do Pass and Senate Bill 2857 Do Pass, as Amended. Senator Faraci, Chair of the Committee on Labor, reports Senate Bill 3465 Do Pass.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Mr. Secretary, Introduction of Senate Bills.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 4071, offered by Senator Martwick, an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 4072, offered by Senator Bryant, an Act concerning appropriations. Senate Bill 4073, offered by Senator Tracy, an Act concerning transportation. 1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Mr. Secretary, Appointment Messages.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Appointment Message 1040433, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To the Public Administrator and Public Guardian of Cass County; Eddie Carpenter. Appointment Message 1040434, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be the public administrator and Public Guardian of Morgan County; Eddie Carpenter. Appointment Message 1040435, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be Public Administrator and Public Guardian of

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Pike County; Eddie Carpenter. Appointment Message 1040436, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be Public Administrator and Public Guardian of Scott County; Eddie Carpenter. Appointment Message 1040437, Governor's non-salaried appointment, To be Public Administrator and Public Guardian of LaSalle County; Jerry J. Justice.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Mr. Secretary, any messages from the House?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

A Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, Clerk. Mr. President, I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed a bill of the following title in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit: House Bill 598. Passed the House February 24th, 2026. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 598, offered by President Harmon, an Act concerning government. 1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

There being no further business the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 11 o' clock on Wednesday, February 25th, 2026. The Senate stands adjourned.