



# **SENATE JOURNAL**

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY**

**60TH LEGISLATIVE DAY**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023**

**12:00 O'CLOCK P.M.**

**SENATE**  
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The Senate met pursuant to the directive of the President.  
 The Honorable Don Harmon, President of the Senate, presiding.  
 Prayer by Pastor Andrew Pullen, Independent Bible Baptist Church, Paris, Illinois.  
 Senator Johnson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Thursday, January 12, 2023, was being read when on motion of Senator Hunter, further reading of same was dispensed with, and unless some Senator had corrections to offer, the Journal would stand approved. No corrections being offered, the Journal was ordered to stand approved.

The Journal of Friday, January 20, 2023, was being read when on motion of Senator Hunter, further reading of same was dispensed with, and unless some Senator had corrections to offer, the Journal would stand approved. No corrections being offered, the Journal was ordered to stand approved.

Senator Hunter moved that reading and approval of the Journals of Thursday, May 25, 2023, Wednesday, August 16, 2023 and Wednesday, October 18, 2023, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journals.

The motion prevailed.

### **REPORTS RECEIVED**

The Secretary placed before the Senate the following reports:

IDPH Maternal Morbidity and Mortality Report October 2023, submitted by the Department of Public Health.

ICC Transportation Regulatory Fund Annual Report FY23, submitted by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

ICC Development of Natural Gas Markets in Illinois Annual Report October 2023, submitted by the Office of Retail Market Development of the Illinois Commerce Commission.

SURS Certification of Required State Contribution to the State Universities Retirement System FY25, submitted by the State Universities Retirement System.

SURS Actuarial Valuation Report as of June 30, 2023, submitted by the State Universities Retirement System.

SURS Certification of Projected Contributions to the Community College Health Insurance Security Fund FY25, submitted by the State Universities Retirement System.

CDB Change Order Report FY24 Q1, submitted by the Capital Development Board.

The foregoing reports were ordered received and placed on file in the Secretary's Office.

### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES FILED**

The following Floor amendments to the Senate Bills listed below have been filed with the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Assignments:

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 382  
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**COMMUNICATION FROM THE MINORITY LEADER**

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ILLINOIS STATE SENATE  
**JOHN CURRAN**  
SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER  
41ST SENATE DISTRICT

October 24, 2023

Tim Anderson  
Secretary of the Senate  
058 State House  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 3-5(c), I hereby temporarily appoint **Senator John Curran** to replace **Senator Neil Anderson** as a member of the Senate Assignments Committee. This appointment is effective immediately and will automatically expire upon adjournment of the Senate on Tuesday, October 24, 2023.

Sincerely,  
s/John F. Curran  
John F. Curran  
Illinois Senate Republican Leader  
41st District

Cc: Senate President Don Harmon  
Assistant Secretary of the Senate Scott Kaiser

**PRESENTATION OF CELEBRATION OF LIFE RESOLUTIONS**

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 533**

Offered by Senator Anderson and all Senators:  
Mourns the passing of Robert R. "Dick" Aitken of Silvis.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 534**

Offered by Senator Anderson and all Senators:

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Mourns the death of Melvin Anton Hisey, formerly of Cuba.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 536**

Offered by Senator Johnson and all Senators:  
Mourns the passing of Wyonia Nix Coleman.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 537**

Offered by Senator Ventura and all Senators:  
Mourns the death of Paul Leroy Brumbaugh.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 542**

Offered by Senator Faraci and all Senators:  
Mourns the passing of Elder Charles O. Nash Sr. of Champaign.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 543**

Offered by Senator Anderson and all Senators:  
Mourns the passing of Martin William Allen of New Windsor.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 544**

Offered by Senator Anderson and all Senators:  
Mourns the death of Dennis Robert Downing of Aledo.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 545**

Offered by Senator Anderson and all Senators:  
Mourns the death of Harley E. DeVilder of East Moline.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 546**

Offered by Senator Anderson and all Senators:  
Mourns the death of Paul Clifford Parker of Rock Island.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 547**

Offered by Senator McClure and all Senators:  
Mourns the death of John Alan Woodruff.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 548**

Offered by Senator McClure and all Senators:  
Mourns the passing of Barry A. Huson of Springfield.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 549**

Offered by Senator McClure and all Senators:  
Mourns the death of James Edward "Jim" Ketchum, formerly of Auburn.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 550**

Offered by Senator McClure and all Senators:  
Mourns the passing of Reverend Monsignor David S. Lantz.

By unanimous consent, the foregoing resolutions were referred to the Resolutions Consent Calendar.

**PRESENTATION OF CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS**

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 538**

Offered by Senator Villanueva:  
Congratulates Mujeres Latinas en Acción on their 50 years of service throughout the State of Illinois.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 539**

Offered by Senators Villanueva and Collins:  
Congratulates William McNary on his retirement.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 540**

Offered by Senator Bryant:  
Congratulates Natalie Wellen on her retirement from United Way South Central Illinois (UWSC).  
Wishes her continued success in her future endeavors.

Under the Rules, the foregoing resolutions were referred to the Committee on Assignments.

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Senator Morrison offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 532**

WHEREAS, Illinois residents may register to vote online, in person at the office of the election authority, at driver's license facilities, with deputy registers who are appointed in each jurisdiction, or through mail using the Illinois Voter Registration Application; and

WHEREAS, The Election Code provides that school principals or another qualified person designated by the principal may be appointed as a deputy registrar through their county clerk; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 103-0467 provided that a 16-year old may preregister to vote, with the registration held in abeyance by the Illinois State Board of Elections until that individual turns 18; and

WHEREAS, The Election Code provides that a county clerk may appoint an individual who is at least 17 years old and registered to vote in the State of Illinois to serve as a deputy registrar; and

WHEREAS, The Election Code specifically prevents a public high school from prohibiting nonpartisan voter registration activities on its premise; and

WHEREAS, A 2020 survey from the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement at Tufts University revealed that only 50% of young people, ages 18 - 29, were taught how to register to vote in high school; and

WHEREAS, A 2022 post-election survey conducted by the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement at Tufts University found that 16% of Latinx youth reported that they did not register to vote because they did not know how to register, compared to 6% of non-Latinx youth; and

WHEREAS, Research found that, during the 2008 elections, African Americans who preregistered to vote in Florida at 16 were 5.2% more likely to vote than those who registered after turning 18; and

WHEREAS, In its 2014 report to the General Assembly, the Illinois Task Force on Civic Engagement recommended that Illinois public schools should provide access for eligible students to register to vote and encourage students to vote on Election Day as one of the ways to substantially increase civic literacy and civically informed members of the public; and

WHEREAS, The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement at Tufts University found that teaching students about voting increased the likelihood of student voting when they turned 18 by 40%; and

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WHEREAS, Research published by the Sandra Day O'Connor Institute for American Democracy indicated that there is a positive correlation between a child voting in their first age-eligible election and the probability that their mother votes in the next presidential election, and the correlation is stronger for nonwhite children and children who qualified for free or reduced lunch, which suggests that registering young people to vote may improve civic outcomes not only for students but for their families as well; and

WHEREAS, Developmental psychologists found that early civic engagement, through voting, volunteering, and activism, is associated with positive health outcomes later in life, including improved mental health, greater educational attainment, and higher personal and household incomes; and

WHEREAS, When the State of Illinois expanded who may serve as an election judge in 2003 to include students, the American Political Science Association surveyed alumni of Loyola Academy in Wilmette after they served as election judges while in high school, and the findings confirmed that practical political experience in high school, if presented in tandem with classroom learning, can increase later political involvement; and

WHEREAS, Numerous nonpartisan organizations are eager to help facilitate voter registration drives on high school campuses; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize that public high schools in the State are uniquely positioned to reach all young people, that public schools have a civic purpose to prepare youth, regardless of college or career aspirations, to participate in our democracy, and that public schools fulfill that civic purpose when the school provides education on the registration process and the infrastructure to register qualified students to vote; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge election authorities in the State of Illinois to conduct outreach and trainings for high school principals to encourage principals to become deputy registrars; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge election authorities in the State of Illinois to conduct outreach and trainings for qualified students to serve as deputy registrars so that students appointed as deputy registrars may register qualified peers to vote on their school campuses; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage every public high school in the State of Illinois to conduct voter registration drives on its campus for all qualified students.

Senator Fine offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

#### **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 535**

WHEREAS, Epilepsy Awareness is a nationwide effort to raise awareness about and change the conversation around epilepsy, seizures, and side effects as well as to improve and save lives through care, advocacy, research, new therapies, public health, and education; and

WHEREAS, Epilepsy is a brain disorder characterized by recurrent and unprovoked seizures that can affect anyone at any age at any time; and

WHEREAS, Epilepsy is also a spectrum disease comprised of many diagnoses and experiences and includes a wide range of seizure types, comorbidities, control, severity, and outcomes that vary from person-to-person; and

WHEREAS, Epilepsy is the fourth most common neurological disorder; approximately 3.4 million people in the United States live with active epilepsy, including 137,000 people in the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, In the U.S., approximately more than 324,000 Hispanic Americans and more than 578,000 Black, non-Hispanic Americans live with epilepsy, with latter more likely to be diagnosed with epilepsy over their lifetime due to a variety of factors, such as strokes and head injuries; for some people with epilepsy, disparities in care exist that lead to worse outcomes; for instance, individuals often experience significant delays in obtaining an appropriate diagnosis if they are American Indian, Alaskan Native, Asian, Pacific Islander, Native Hawaiian, or a member of other indigenous groups; and

WHEREAS, An increasing number of people are diagnosed with rare epilepsies which are largely complex, severe, chronic, and even life-threatening; collectively, rare epilepsies account for a growing percentage of the epilepsy population; and

WHEREAS, People with epilepsy need access to affordable, comprehensive, physician-directed, and person-centered healthcare; delays in accessing effective treatments increase the likelihood of breakthrough seizures and related complications, including injury, disability, or even Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP); each year, it is thought that one in 1,000 people with epilepsy die from SUDEP, and this number increases drastically to one out of 150 for people whose epilepsy is not controlled by treatment; and

WHEREAS, Many treatments are approved to treat seizures, yet 30 to 40% of people with epilepsy still live with uncontrolled seizures, and epilepsy-related medical costs associated with uncontrolled epilepsy are two to ten times higher than those of controlled epilepsy; and

WHEREAS, In the last year, 21% of people with epilepsy have reported not being able to afford their prescription medications; and

WHEREAS, Non-medical drivers of health, such as social, economic, and environmental conditions including housing, employment, food security, transportation, and education, account for 80 to 90% of a person's health outcome; and

WHEREAS, Epilepsy and/or seizures impose an annual economic burden on healthcare of \$54 billion; and

WHEREAS, In the U.S., 470,000 children live with epilepsy and 336,000 kids have at least one seizure annually; on average, students with epilepsy aged 6 to 17 years old have missed 11 or more days of school during the past year; and

WHEREAS, Protections exist for those with epilepsy in the Americans with Disabilities Act and related civil rights laws; despite these protections, people with epilepsy still encounter discrimination in a number of areas, including employment, education, and housing; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare November 2023 as Epilepsy Awareness Month in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the Epilepsy Foundation of Chicago, the Epilepsy Foundation of Southern Illinois, the Danny Did Foundation, and CURE.

Senator Villivalam offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

#### **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 541**

WHEREAS, State law forces contractors who do construction for government agencies to lend money back to their government clients at a zero percent interest rate pursuant to retention laws; and

WHEREAS, Under retention laws, for every pay period after the project bill is approved, the government agency pays only 90% of the bill; and

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WHEREAS, The government agency keeps 10% of the bill, which is known as the retention or retainage; and

WHEREAS, The government agency will pay back this forced loan months or even years after the contractor has performed the work and paid for all the supplies and labor required; and

WHEREAS, The forced loan of retainage has an enormous impact on contractors' ability to grow; and

WHEREAS, Instead of improving access to capital, the retention law drains capital from employers; and

WHEREAS, Defenders of retention laws argue that without the leverage of keeping the contractors in debt from the costs they have incurred for doing the approved work for agencies, the agencies wouldn't be able to require contractors to perform to the agencies' satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, Agencies have many other tools to manage contractors, including, but not limited to, their existing vigorous approval and verification process for every pay period or invoice, liquidated damages clauses if a contractor doesn't perform, warranties on all work performed by contractors, and a more nuanced contract for those few circumstances where the quality of the work needs to be verified later; and

WHEREAS, Retention takes 10% of the contract value from all contractors as a forced loan from everyone, whether the subcontractor simply delivered materials or the prime contractor is working on a complicated project that needs some later examination; and

WHEREAS, Under State law, this forced loan drops to 5% of the contract value halfway through the project until close out, a paperwork exercise that can take months after the work is performed; and

WHEREAS, Sometimes, government agencies are understaffed and aren't able to close out a project in a reasonable period of time, or some required paperwork isn't from one vendor, leading all the contractors to suffer with a forced loan until the agency is satisfied; and

WHEREAS, Retention is a punishing, blunt, and expensive policy; and

WHEREAS, Subcontractors will regularly and successfully complete major work, fronting all the money for supplies and labor, only to be caught waiting for the prime contractor to pay out while they muddle through a retention dispute with a government agency, putting the subcontractor in debt; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge all stakeholders and policymakers to collaborate and consider how to best upgrade public works law in 2024 from the across-the-board, capital-draining policy of retention that takes money from all contractors on all projects to a more efficient, nuanced, and tailored approach that protects government agencies without forcing cash-strapped contractors to go into debt by providing no interest loans to their government clients.

**COMMUNICATION**

**CRISTINA H. PACIONE-ZAYAS, PhD**  
STATE SENATOR - 20TH DISTRICT

June 11, 2023

Illinois State Senate  
Office of the Secretary of the Senate

[October 24, 2023]

Secretary Tim Anderson  
058 State Capitol  
Springfield, IL 62706

RE: Resignation of  
Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas  
State Senator, 20th Legislative District

Dear Secretary Anderson,

I submit this document to serve as my letter of resignation as an Illinois State Senator. I remain grateful for the opportunity to represent the constituents of the 20th Senate district and deeply humbled to have served with a body of capable and compassionate Illinois leaders in inclusive of elected officials and the dedicated staff who helped to facilitate our legislative and constituent duties with excellence.

I, Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas, so hereby resign the Office of State Senator, 20th Legislative District, effective June 11, 2023 at 11:59 PM.

Sincerely,  
s/Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas  
Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas, PhD  
State Senator, 20th Legislative District

CC: Don Harmon, President of the Senate  
John Curran, Senate Minority Leader  
Secretary of State, Index Department  
State Board of Elections  
Office of the Comptroller

**MESSAGES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
ALEXI GIANNOULIAS • Secretary of State

July 11, 2023

Honorable Tim Anderson  
Secretary of the Senate  
Room 401  
Capitol Building  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Anderson:

This office is forwarding herewith a copy of a Certificate of Appointment To Fill Vacancy In The Office Of Senator In The General Assembly from the Democratic Legislative Committee of the 20th Legislative District, declaring the existence of a vacancy in the Office of State Senator for the 20th Legislative District, due to the resignation of **Senator Cristina Pacione-Zayas**.

Also enclosed is a Certificate of Appointment To Fill Vacancy In The Office of Senator In the General Assembly for **Natalie Toro, 2935 N. Dawson Ave., Apt. 1S, Chicago, Illinois**, who was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Office of State Senator in the 20th Legislative District.

Yours truly,

[October 24, 2023]

s/Alexi Giannoulis  
ALEXI GIANNOULIAS  
Secretary of State

NOTICE

Changes in the 103rd General Assembly

SENATE

Appointment

Natalie Toro  
2935 N. Dawson Ave., Apt. 1S  
Chicago, IL  
20th Legislative District  
Appointed: July 10, 2023  
Filed: July 11, 2023

Vacancy

Cristina Pacione-Zayas  
20th Legislative District  
Resigned-Effective: June 11, 2023  
Filed: June 12, 2023

Secretary Tim Anderson  
Secretary of the Senate  
Room 401 Capitol Building  
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Secretary of State  
Index Division  
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State Board of Elections  
2329 S. MacArthur Blvd.  
Springfield, IL 62704

Pursuant to Section 25-6 of the Illinois Election Code, please be advised that the attached is a duly executed Certificate of Appointment to fill the vacancy in the office of Senator in the 20th Legislative District for the 103rd General Assembly which certifies the appointment of Natalie Toro, who resides at 2935 N. Dawson Ave., Apt. 1S, Chicago, IL to fill the vacancy in the office of Senator in the 103rd Illinois General Assembly for the 20th Legislative District created due to the resignation of Senator Cristina Pacione-Zayas who was duly elected to the office at the 2022 General Election.

Dated: July 10, 2023

s/Scott Waguespack  
Scott Waguespack  
Chairperson of the Democratic Legislative  
Committee of the 20th Legislative District

s/Paul Rosenfeld  
Paul Rosenfeld  
Secretary of the Democratic Legislative  
Committee of the 20th Legislative District

State of Illinois            )  
  )     ss.  
County of Cook            )

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this  
10 day of July, 2023.  
s/Giovanni Ray Randazzo  
Notary Public

**CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY IN  
THE OFFICE OF SENATOR IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

WHEREAS, a vacancy currently exists in the office of Senator in the General Assembly for the 20th Legislative District due to the resignation of Senator Cristina Pacione-Zayas, who was duly elected and certified as Senator from the 20th Legislative District, as a candidate of the Democratic Party, in the General Election held on November 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Legislative Committee of the 20th Legislative District has declared the existence of the vacancy in said office and has voted to fill the vacancy in accordance with Section 25-6 of the Election Code; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Democratic Legislative Committee of the 20th Legislative District on July 10, 2023, Natalie Toro, who resides at 2935 N. Dawson Ave., Apt. 1S, Chicago, IL, in the 20th Legislative District of the State of Illinois, received the required votes for appointment to fill the vacancy in said office, pursuant to Section 25-6 of the Election Code; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Legislative Committee of the 20th Legislative District of the State of Illinois hereby appoints Natalie Toro, a member of the Democratic Party, to the office of Senator in the General Assembly from the 20th Legislative District of Illinois for the 103rd General Assembly.

Dated: July 10, 2023

s/ Scott Waguespack  
Scott Waguespack  
Chairperson of the Democratic Legislative  
Committee of the 20th Legislative District

s/Paul Rosenfeld  
Paul Rosenfeld  
Secretary of the Democratic Legislative  
Committee of the 20th Legislative District

State of Illinois            )  
  )     ss.  
County of Cook                )

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this  
10th day of July, 2023.  
s/Giovanni Ray Randazzo  
Notary Public

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**            )  
  )     ss.  
**COUNTY OF COOK**                )

**OATH OF OFFICE**

ILLINOIS STATE SENATOR FOR THE 20TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

I, Natalie Toro, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Senator for the 103rd General Assembly for the 20th Legislative District of the State of Illinois to the best of my ability.

s/Natalie Toro

[October 24, 2023]

(Signature of Senator)  
Natalie Toro  
(Print Name)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of July, 2023.

s/Stephen A. Swedlow  
(Signature of Judge)  
Stephen A. Swedlow  
(Print name of Judge)  
Circuit Court Judge - Cook County  
(Print title of Judge)

### COMMUNICATION

**Patricia Van Pelt**  
SENATOR • 5th SENATE DISTRICT  
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July 25, 2023

Illinois State Senate  
Office of the Secretary of the Senate  
Secretary Tim Anderson  
058 State Capitol  
Springfield, IL 62706

RE: Resignation of  
Patricia Van Pelt  
State Senator, 5th Legislative District

Dear Secretary Anderson:

This document shall serve as my letter of resignation as an Illinois State Senator.

I, Patricia Van Pelt, do hereby resign the Office of State Senator, 5th Legislative District, effective August 1, 2023 at 5 pm.

Thank you to the people of the 5th District for giving me the opportunity to serve you over the years. I thank my colleagues and staff for all their friendship and assistance.

Sincerely,  
s/Patricia Van Pelt  
Patricia Van Pelt  
State Senator | 5th District

### MESSAGES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
ALEXI GIANNOULIAS • Secretary of State

[October 24, 2023]

August 17, 2023

Honorable Tim Anderson  
Secretary of the Senate  
Room 401  
Capitol Building  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Anderson:

This office is forwarding herewith a copy of a Certificate of Appointment To Fill Vacancy In The Office Of Senator In The General Assembly from the Democratic Legislative Committee of the 5th Legislative District, declaring the existence of a vacancy in the Office of State Senator for the 5th Legislative District, due to the resignation of **Senator Patricia Van Pelt**.

Also enclosed is a Certificate of Appointment To Fill Vacancy In The Office of Senator In the General Assembly for **Lakesia Collins, 1501 N. Clybourn, Unit D, Chicago, Illinois 60610**, who was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Office of State Senator in the 5th Legislative District.

Yours truly,  
s/Alexi Giannoulis  
ALEXI GIANNOULIAS  
Secretary of State

**NOTICE**

Changes in the **103rd** General Assembly

**SENATE**

**Appointment**  
Lakesia Collins  
1501 N. Clybourn, Unit D  
Chicago, IL 60610  
5th Legislative District  
Appointed: August 15, 2023  
Filed: August 16, 2023

**Vacancy**  
Patricia Van Pelt  
5th Legislative District  
Resigned-Effective: August 1, 2023  
Filed: August 1, 2023

**CERTIFICATE OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION**

5TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF COOK

This is to certify that, in accordance with 10 ILCS 5/8-5, the Legislative Committee for the Democratic Party of the 5th Legislative District met on August 15, 2023, in the 5th Legislative District and organized by electing the following officers in conformity with the Election Code of the State of Illinois.

**CHAIRPERSON:** Walter Burnett

**SECRETARY:** Daniel La Spata

**SIGNED:** s/Walter Burnett

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Chairperson, Democratic Legislative Committee of  
the for the 5th District

ATTEST: s/Daniel F. La Spata  
Secretary, Democratic Legislative Committee of the  
for the 5th Legislative District

State of Illinois            )  
  )     ss.  
County of Cook            )

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this  
15 day of August, 2023.  
s/Giovanni Ray Randazzo  
Notary Public

Secretary Tim Anderson  
Secretary of the Senate  
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Springfield, IL 62706

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Springfield, IL 62704  
111 East Monroe St.  
Springfield, IL 62701

Pursuant to Section 25-6 of the Illinois Election Code, please be advised that the attached is a duly executed Certificate of Appointment to fill the vacancy in the office of Senator in the 5th Legislative District for the 103rd General Assembly which certifies the appointment of Lakesia Collins, who resides at 1501 N. Clybourn, Unit D, Chicago, IL 60610 to fill the vacancy in the office of Senator in the 103rd Illinois General Assembly for the 5th Legislative District created due to the resignation of Senator Patricia Van Pelt who was duly elected to the office at the 2022 General Election.

Dated: August 15, 2023

s/Walter Burnett  
Walter Burnett  
Chairperson of the Democratic Legislative  
Committee of the 20th Legislative District

s/Daniel F. La Spata  
Daniel La Spata  
Secretary of the Democratic Legislative  
Committee of the 20th Legislative District

State of Illinois            )  
  )     ss.  
County of Cook            )

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this  
15 day of August, 2023.  
s/Giovanni Ray Randazzo  
Notary Public

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**            )  
  )     ss.  
**COUNTY OF COOK**            )

**OATH OF OFFICE**

ILLINOIS STATE SENATOR FOR THE 5TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

I, Lakesia Collins, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Senator in the 103rd General Assembly for the 5th Legislative District of the State of Illinois to the best of my ability.

s/Lakesia Collins  
(Signature of Senator)  
Lakesia Collins  
(Print Name)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 15 day of August, 2023.

s/Giovanni Ray Randazzo  
(Signature of Judge)  
Giovanni Ray Randazzo  
(Print name of Judge)  
Notary Public  
(Print title of Judge)

**MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
ALEXI GIANNOULIAS • Secretary of State

October 24, 2023

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I am forwarding herewith the enclosed Senate Bills from the 103rd General Assembly as vetoed by the Governor together with his objections.

SENATE BILLS

0076  
1515

Respectfully,  
s/Alexi Giannoulias  
ALEXI GIANNOULIAS  
Secretary of State

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**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
207 STATE HOUSE  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62706**

**JB PRITZKER**  
GOVERNOR

August 11, 2023

To the Honorable Members of  
The Illinois Senate,  
103rd General Assembly:

Today, at the request of the leadership team of the Speaker of the House and advocates, I will veto Senate Bill 76 from the 103rd General Assembly. The bill removes the moratorium on new construction of nuclear power plants to allow for the construction of both advanced and traditional large-scale nuclear reactors in Illinois.

There appears to be real potential for Small Modular Reactors (SMRs), which could, in the future, safely provide power for large energy consuming businesses in areas where their energy needs cannot currently be met. However, this bill provides no regulatory protections for the health and safety of Illinois residents who would live and work around these new reactors. My hope is that future legislation in Illinois regarding SMRs would address this regulation gap, and that Illinois will adopt standards that will have been reviewed by experts in the field along with the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission or another similar review panel.

Unfortunately, the vague definitions in the bill, including the overly broad definition of advanced reactors, will open the door to proliferation of large scale nuclear reactors that are so costly to build that they will cause exorbitant ratepayer-funded bailouts, such as the recent one totaling over \$3 billion for Constellation Energy Corp., a part of Exelon's former power generation and competitive energy business.

My administration appreciates the hard work of the sponsors in the House and Senate. I look forward to working together to promote energy solutions that will not require additional rate-payer funded bailouts and will not allow under-regulated energy sources.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 9(b) of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return Senate Bill 76, entitled "UTILITY-MODULAR NUCLEAR REACT," with the foregoing objections, vetoed in its entirety.

Sincerely,  
s/JB Pritzker  
Governor

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
207 STATE HOUSE  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62706**

**JB PRITZKER**  
GOVERNOR

[October 24, 2023]

August 4, 2023

To the Honorable Members of  
The Illinois Senate,  
103rd General Assembly:

Today, at the request of the sponsors and advocates, I will veto Senate Bill 1515 from the 103rd General Assembly. The bill is intended to increase protections for workers. However, due to irreconcilable drafting errors, the bill will have an adverse effect on the workers it seeks to protect.

My administration appreciates the hard work of the sponsors in the House and Senate and the workers' rights advocates who worked to get this bill passed. I look forward to working together with sponsors and advocates to craft legislation to increase worker protections.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 9(b) of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return Senate Bill 1515, entitled "AN ACT concerning employment," with the foregoing objections, vetoed in its entirety.

Sincerely,  
s/JB Pritzker  
Governor

Pursuant to the rules, the foregoing Senate Bills, which were returned by the Governor, were placed on the Senate Calendar for October 25, 2023.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
ALEXI GIANNOULIAS • Secretary of State

October 24, 2023

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I am forwarding herewith the enclosed Senate Bill that has been reduced in part (Line Items Reduced) by the Governor.

SENATE BILL	PUBLIC ACT
0250	103 - 0006

Respectfully,  
s/Alexi Giannoulis  
ALEXI GIANNOULIAS  
Secretary of State

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
207 STATE HOUSE  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62706**

**JB PRITZKER**

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GOVERNOR

June 7, 2023

To the Honorable Members of  
The Illinois State Senate,  
103rd General Assembly:

Today, I return Senate Bill 250, entitled “AN ACT concerning appropriations,” with reductions in the amount of \$192,700.

This bill, among other things, appropriates funds for the salaries of the State’s Constitutional Officers (Article 33, Section 35), Appointed Officers of the Executive Branch (Article 33, Section 40), and General Assembly members (Article 33, Section 45). In Public Act 102-1115, effective January 9, 2023, the salaries for the Constitutional Officers (Article 30), Appointed Officers of the Executive Branch (Article 15), and the General Assembly members (Article 35) were set before their terms of office began, as required by the Illinois Constitution of 1970. See Ill. Const. 1970, art. V, §21; art. IV, §11. However, the appropriations to the State Comptroller in this bill exceed the amounts necessary to compensate the State’s Constitutional Officers, Appointed Officers of the Executive Branch and members of the General Assembly in accordance with Public Act 102-1115 and the members of the State’s boards and commissions in accordance with the levels currently authorized by Illinois law. See, e.g., Public Act 102-1115, Article 30, Section 30-5 (providing that the Constitutional Officers shall receive a specified annual salary or as set by the Compensation Review Board, whichever is greater, resulting in a maximum salary for Fiscal Year 2024 of \$168,945 for the Lieutenant Governor, Comptroller and Treasurer and \$192,465 for the Attorney General and Secretary of State); Article 35, Section 35-5 (providing that General Assembly members shall receive an annual salary of \$85,000 or as set by the Compensation Review Board, whichever is greater, setting a maximum salary of \$89,250 for Fiscal Year 2024); Article 15, Sections 15-5 through 15-40 (providing that Agency Directors shall receive a specified annual salary and an annual increase in salary based on a cost of living adjustment as authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 192 of the 86th General Assembly).

It is evident that the errors in the amounts to compensate all of these officers were inadvertent and that the General Assembly intended for the amounts set forth in Senate Bill 250 simply to implement the salaries provided by law.

Therefore, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(d) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby reduce the appropriation items listed below and approve each item in the amount set forth in the “Reduced Amount” column below:

<u>Article</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Amount Enacted</u>	<u>Reduced Amount</u>
33	35	205	19	217,100	216,000
33	35	205	20	169,800	169,000
33	35	205	21	193,400	192,500
33	35	205	22	193,400	192,500
33	35	206	1	169,800	169,000
33	35	206	2	169,800	169,000
33	35	206	3	1,113,300	1,108,000
33	40	206	11	174,100	173,300
33	40	206	16	205,800	204,800
33	40	206	17	349,800	348,100
33	40	206	21	211,000	210,000
33	40	206	22	179,400	178,500
33	40	206	24	205,800	204,800
33	40	207	1	349,800	348,100

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33	40	207	3	189,900	189,000
33	40	207	4	189,900	189,000
33	40	207	11	211,000	210,000
33	40	207	12	538,100	535,500
33	40	207	16	174,100	173,300
33	40	207	18	189,900	189,000
33	40	207	19	165,300	164,500
33	40	207	20	59,200	58,900
33	40	207	22	65,100	64,800
33	40	207	24	211,000	210,000
33	40	207	25	147,500	146,800
33	40	208	2	174,100	173,300
33	40	208	4	296,000	294,600
33	40	208	10	106,500	106,100
33	40	208	13	118,400	117,900
33	40	208	15	426,000	424,000
33	40	208	17	213,000	212,000
33	40	208	18	106,500	106,100
33	40	208	20	205,800	204,800
33	40	208	21	174,900	174,100
33	40	208	23	211,000	210,000
33	40	208	24	179,400	178,500
33	40	209	1	205,800	204,800
33	40	209	2	174,900	174,100
33	40	209	4	73,400	73,100
33	40	209	5	236,700	235,700
33	40	209	7	211,000	210,000
33	40	209	8	179,400	178,500
33	40	209	10	34,500	34,400
33	40	209	11	114,900	114,400
33	40	209	13	152,000	151,400
33	40	209	14	530,900	528,400
33	40	209	16	73,700	73,300
33	40	209	17	407,700	405,800
33	40	209	19	141,800	141,100
33	40	209	20	809,600	805,800
33	40	209	22	66,300	66,100
33	40	209	23	54,500	54,200
33	40	209	24	255,600	254,500
33	40	210	4	174,100	173,300
33	40	210	6	141,800	141,200
33	40	210	7	809,600	805,800
33	40	210	12	44,200	44,000
33	40	210	13	231,700	230,600
33	40	210	14	42,600	42,400
33	40	210	20	383,400	381,700
33	40	210	24	137,300	136,700
33	40	210	25	530,900	528,400
33	40	211	2	108,800	108,300
33	40	211	4	1,363,400	1,357,000
33	40	211	7	58,600	58,300
33	40	211	9	118,400	117,900
33	40	211	10	426,000	424,000
33	40	211	16	187,600	186,700
33	40	211	18	298,200	297,000
33	40	211	24	14,862,600	14,738,800

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33	45	212	7	194,100	193,200
33	45	212	8	279,400	278,100
33	45	212	9	473,500	471,300
33	45	213	1	18,825,800	18,736,700
33	50	213	19	189,900	189,000
33	50	213	21	165,300	164,500
33	50	214	1	211,000	210,000
33	50	214	5	189,900	189,000
33	50	214	7	165,300	164,500
33	50	214	11	205,800	204,800
33	50	214	12	189,900	189,000
33	50	214	13	189,900	189,000
33	50	214	19	189,900	189,000
33	50	214	20	165,300	164,500
33	50	214	23	189,900	189,000
33	50	215	1	189,900	189,000
33	50	215	2	165,300	164,500
33	50	215	8	211,000	210,000
33	50	215	9	179,400	178,500
33	50	215	13	173,100	172,400
33	50	215	14	1,483,700	1,476,700
33	50	215	17	174,100	173,300
33	50	215	22	156,300	155,600
33	50	216	1	205,800	204,800
33	50	216	7	211,000	210,000
33	50	216	8	179,400	178,500
33	50	216	12	189,900	189,000
33	50	216	15	189,900	189,000

In addition to these specific item reductions, I hereby approve all other appropriation items in Senate Bill 250.

Sincerely,  
s/JB Pritzker  
JB Pritzker  
Governor

Pursuant to the rules, the foregoing Senate Bill, which was returned by the Governor, was placed on the Senate Calendar for October 25, 2023.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

**SENATE BILL NO. 2615.** Introduced by Senator Fine, a bill for AN ACT concerning regulation.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

**SENATE BILL NO. 2616.** Introduced by Senator Toro, a bill for AN ACT concerning civil law.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

**SENATE BILL NO. 2617.** Introduced by Senator Plummer, a bill for AN ACT concerning health.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

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**SENATE BILL NO. 2618.** Introduced by Senator Rose, a bill for AN ACT concerning transportation.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

**SENATE BILL NO. 2619.** Introduced by Senator Toro, a bill for AN ACT concerning appropriations.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

**SENATE BILL NO. 2620.** Introduced by Senator Ventura, a bill for AN ACT concerning business.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

**SENATE BILL NO. 2621.** Introduced by Senator Fowler, a bill for AN ACT concerning employment.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

**SENATE BILL NO. 2622.** Introduced by Senator D. Turner, a bill for AN ACT concerning local government.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

**SENATE BILL NO. 2623.** Introduced by Senator Toro, a bill for AN ACT concerning regulation.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

**SENATE BILL NO. 2624.** Introduced by Senator Toro, a bill for AN ACT concerning revenue.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

**SENATE BILL NO. 2625.** Introduced by Senator Lightford, a bill for AN ACT concerning liquor.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

## **APPOINTMENT MESSAGES**

### **Appointment Message No. 1030355**

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, One Hundred Third General Assembly:

I, JB Pritzker, Governor, am nominating and, having sought the advice of the Senate and by and with the consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Commission on Equity and Inclusion

Start Date: November 13, 2023

End Date: January 18, 2027

Name: Ovelia Smith-Barton

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Residence: 1933 Holly Dr., Springfield, IL 62703

Annual Compensation: \$134,288

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Doris Turner

Most Recent Holder of Office: New Position

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

**Appointment Message No. 1030356**

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, One Hundred Third General Assembly:

I, JB Pritzker, Governor, am nominating and, having sought the advice of the Senate and by and with the consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Racing Board

Start Date: October 20, 2023

End Date: July 1, 2026

Name: Marc Laino

Residence: 1103 N. Winchester Ave., Chicago, IL 60622

Annual Compensation:

Per diem: \$300, not to exceed \$14,135 per annum

Nominee's Senator: Senator Omar Aquino

Most Recent Holder of Office: John Stephan

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

**Appointment Message No. 1030357**

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, One Hundred Third General Assembly:

I, JB Pritzker, Governor, am nominating and, having sought the advice of the Senate and by and with the consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Governors State University Board of Trustees

Start Date: October 20, 2023

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End Date: January 20, 2025

Name: Stacy Crook

Residence: 136 N. Pine Ln., Glenwood, IL 60425

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Napoleon Harris, III

Most Recent Holder of Office: Lisa Harrell

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

**Appointment Message No. 1030358**

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, One Hundred Third General Assembly:

I, JB Pritzker, Governor, am nominating and, having sought the advice of the Senate and by and with the consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: State Board of Health

Start Date: October 23, 2023

End Date: November 1, 2025

Name: Dawn Brown

Residence: 13635 Lamon Ave., Unit A23, Crestwood, IL 60418

Annual Compensation: Expenses

Per diem: \$150 not to exceed \$10,000 per year

Nominee's Senator: Senator Emil Jones, III

Most Recent Holder of Office: Babette Sanders

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Under the rules, the foregoing Appointment Messages were referred to the Committee on Executive Appointments.

**REPORT FROM STANDING COMMITTEE**

Senator Murphy, Chair of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred **Appointment Messages Numbered 1020390, 1020391, 1020392, 1020393, 1020394, 1020395, 1020396, 1020397, 1020398, 1020399, 1020400, 1020401, 1020402, 1020403, 1020404, 1020406, 1020407,**

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1020408, 1020409, 1020410, 1020411, 1020412, 1020413, 1020415, 1020416, 1020417, 1020418, 1020419, 1020421, 1020422, 1020423, 1020424, 1020425, 1020428, 1020429, 1020433, 1020436, 1020438, 1020443, 1020444, 1020446, 1020449, 1020456, 1020461, 1020462, 1020463, 1020464, 1020465, 1020466, 1020467, 1020471, 1020473, 1020474, 1020496, 1020521 and 1020523, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate do consent.

Under the rules, the foregoing appointment messages are eligible for consideration by the Senate.

At the hour of 12:27 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stands at ease.

#### AT EASE

At the hour of 12:33 o'clock p.m., the Senate resumed consideration of business.  
President Harmon, presiding.

#### REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON ASSIGNMENTS

Senator Cunningham, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Assignments, during its October 24, 2023 meeting, reported the following Legislative Measures have been assigned to the indicated Standing Committees of the Senate:

Executive: **Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 382; Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 384; Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 385; Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 508; Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 584.**

Revenue: **Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 690; Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 696.**

State Government: **Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 767; Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 769; Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 853; Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 854; Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 856.**

Senator Cunningham, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Assignments, during its October 24, 2023 meeting, to which was referred **Senate Bill No. 371** on March 31, 2023, pursuant to Rule 3-9(a), reported that the Committee recommends that the bill be approved for consideration and returned to the calendar in its former position.

The report of the Committee was concurred in.

And **Senate Bill No. 371** was returned to the order of third reading.

Senator Cunningham, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Assignments, during its October 24, 2023 meeting, to which was referred **House Bill No. 351** on June 26, 2023, pursuant to Rule 3-9(b), reported that the Committee recommends that the bill be approved for consideration and returned to the calendar in its former position.

The report of the Committee was concurred in.

And **House Bill No. 351** was returned to the order of third reading.

#### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES FILED

The following Floor amendment to the House Bill listed below has been filed with the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Assignments:

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 351

The following Floor amendment to the Senate Bill listed below has been filed with the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Assignments:

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 371

**REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON ASSIGNMENTS**

Senator Cunningham, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Assignments, during its October 24, 2023 meeting, reported the following Legislative Measures have been assigned to the indicated Standing Committees of the Senate:

Executive: **Floor Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 351.**

State Government: **Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 371.**

Senator Aquino asked and obtained unanimous consent for a Democrat caucus to meet immediately upon adjournment.

Senator McClure asked and obtained unanimous consent for a Republican caucus to meet immediately upon adjournment.

At the hour of 12:36 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stands adjourned until Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 12:00 o'clock p.m.

**PERFUNCTORY SESSION  
5:13 O'CLOCK P.M.**

The Senate met in perfunctory session pursuant to the directive of the President. Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-5(c)2, the Secretary of the Senate conducted the perfunctory session.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES FILED**

The following Floor amendments to the Senate Bills listed below have been filed with the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Assignments:

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 457

Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 584

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT  
DON HARMON  
STATE OF ILLINOIS**

327 STATE CAPITOL  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62706  
217-782-2728

160 N. LASALLE ST., STE. 720  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60601  
312-814-2075

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Mr. Tim Anderson  
Secretary of the Senate  
Room 058, State House  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-10, I am scheduling a Perfunctory Session to convene on Tuesday, October 24, 2023.

s/Don Harmon  
Don Harmon  
Senate President

cc: Senate Republican Leader John F. Curran

### **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Senator Aquino offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

#### **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 551**

WHEREAS, Since 2012, tax incentives have been provided to investors, primarily mainland Americans, allowing them to pay no taxes on interest, dividends, or capital gains upon relocating to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, These tax incentives were initially intended to promote economic growth and investment in Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, Despite the influx of investors, there is limited evidence of trickle-down benefits for the broader Puerto Rican economy, as reported by the Washington Post; and

WHEREAS, After a decade of these tax incentives, evidence from an Internal Revenue Service investigation indicates misuse of these incentives, leading to growing frustrations among Puerto Ricans due to the apparent favoritism; and

WHEREAS, Such misuse undermines the intent of the tax incentives, potentially displacing local residents and causing significant economic disparities; and

WHEREAS, Tax incentives and the right to return to land should only benefit Puerto Ricans in the diaspora and those who reside in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the United States Congress to take immediate action to clarify and amend the U.S. tax code to prevent the misuse of Puerto Rican tax incentives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge any amendments to the tax code to preserve the original intent of promoting economic growth in Puerto Rico while preventing potential misuse and addressing the negative economic impacts on the local population; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage collaboration between federal, state, and local governments, as well as with Puerto Rican authorities, to ensure that tax policies are fair, transparent, and effective; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That we recommend the implementation of educational campaigns to inform the public about the proper use of tax incentives and the potential consequences of misuse in Puerto Rico; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the President of the United States, the U.S. Senate Majority Leader, the U.S. Senate Minority Leader, the U.S. Speaker of the House, the U.S. House of Representatives Minority Leader, all members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation, and the Governor of Puerto Rico.

Senator Aquino offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 552**

WHEREAS, The United States of America, as a nation, should be committed to the welfare, prosperity, and resilience of all of its territories, including Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, Puerto Rico currently imports approximately 85% of its food, leaving it vulnerable to global market fluctuations and potential supply chain disruptions; and

WHEREAS, Strengthening Puerto Rico's local agricultural sector by reprogramming United States Department of Agriculture funds toward purchasing locally grown items will significantly enhance food sovereignty and resilience on the island; and

WHEREAS, Supporting local agriculture in Puerto Rico has the potential to stimulate economic growth, creating jobs and encouraging entrepreneurship within the agricultural sector, including increasing commerce between the island and the more than 200,000-strong Illinois Puerto Rican diaspora; and

WHEREAS, The initiative will promote sustainable agricultural practices and reduce the carbon footprint associated with long-distance food transportation, thereby contributing to global climate change mitigation efforts; and

WHEREAS, Food sovereignty can bolster Puerto Rico's ability to recover from natural disasters, reducing the reliance on federal aid and demonstrating a model for resilience that could be replicated across the country; and

WHEREAS, Encouraging the production and consumption of locally grown produce can foster the preservation of Puerto Rico's rich culinary traditions, promote healthier eating habits, and enrich our national cultural heritage; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we express our strong support for the initiative to reprogram USDA funds allocated to Puerto Rico toward purchasing locally grown items in Puerto Rico; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the United States Congress to endorse and implement this initiative in recognition of its potential to foster economic growth, promote sustainability, enhance resilience, and enrich cultural heritage; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the President of the United States, the U.S. Senate Majority Leader, the U.S. Senate Minority Leader, the U.S. Speaker of the House, the U.S. House of Representatives Minority Leader, all members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation, and the Governor of Puerto Rico.

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**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

Senator Joyce, Chair of the Committee on State Government, to which was referred the following Senate floor amendments, reported that the Committee recommends do adopt:

- Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 767
- Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 769
- Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 853
- Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 854
- Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 856

Under the rules, the foregoing floor amendments are eligible for consideration on second reading.

Senator Castro, Chair of the Committee on Executive, to which was referred the following Senate floor amendments, reported that the Committee recommends do adopt:

- Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 382
- Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 384
- Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 385
- Senate Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 508
- Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 584
- Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 351

Under the rules, the foregoing floor amendments are eligible for consideration on second reading.

Senator Villanueva, Chair of the Committee on Revenue, to which was referred the following Senate floor amendments, reported that the Committee recommends do adopt:

- Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 690
- Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 696

Under the rules, the foregoing floor amendments are eligible for consideration on second reading.

**APPOINTMENT MESSAGE**

**Appointment Message No. 1030359**

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, One Hundred Third General Assembly:

I, Michael Frerichs, Treasurer, am nominating and, having sought the advice of the Senate and by and with the consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Member

Agency or Other Body: Charitable Trust Stabilization Committee

Start Date: October 26, 2023

End Date: October 26, 2029

Name: Ronald Budzinski

[October 24, 2023]

Residence: 346 E. High Point Rd., Peoria, IL 61614

Annual Compensation: Unsalariated

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator David Koehler

Most Recent Holder of Office: Dale Morrissey

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Under the rules, the foregoing Appointment Message was referred to the Committee on Executive Appointments.

### REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON ASSIGNMENTS

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, during its October 24, 2023 meeting, reported the following Legislative Measure has been assigned to the indicated Standing Committee of the Senate:

Education: **Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 457.**

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, during its October 24, 2023 meeting, reported that the following Legislative Measure has been approved for consideration:

**Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 584**

The foregoing floor amendment was placed on the Secretary's Desk.

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, during its October 24, 2023 meeting, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 857, 858 and 950** on March 31, 2023, pursuant to Rule 3-9(a), reported that the Committee recommends that the bills be approved for consideration and returned to the calendar in their former position.

The report of the Committee was concurred in.

And **Senate Bills Numbered 857, 858 and 950** were returned to the order of third reading.

At the hour of 5:16 o'clock p.m., pursuant to **Senate Joint Resolution No. 42**, the Chair announced that the Senate stands adjourned until Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 12:00 o'clock p.m.

[October 24, 2023]