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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

The regular Session of the 103rd General Assembly will, I'm sorry, will come to order. Will the Members be at their desks? The invocation today will be given by Chaplain Carla Matrisch, a Civil Servant Ministries in Chatham.

PASTOR CARLA MATRISCH: (Invocation)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Will the Members remain standing. Senator Johnson, will you lead us in the pledge?

SENATOR JOHNSON: (Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Blueroomstream seeks leave -- seeks permission to video stream the proceedings. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, April 26th, 2023.

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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. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolutions 228 through 231, offered by Senator McClure and all Members. They are celebration of life resolutions,

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Madam President.

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Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 226, offered by Senator Sims and Senate Resolution 227, offered by Senator Stadelman. They are both congratulatory. And Senate Joint Resolution 34, offered by Senator Feigenholtz. It is substantive.

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Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Peters, Chair of the Committee on Labor, reports House Bills 1120, 1122, 1258, 1615, 2845, 3227, 3301, 3491, 3733 and 3792 Do Pass; and House Bills 1132, 3249, 3370, 3400, 3448 and 3516 Do Pass, as Amended. Senator Castro, Chair of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 689 Recommend Do Adopt; House Bills 780, 1540, 2531 and 2826 Do Pass; House Bills 1111, 2231, 3351, 3743, 3811 and 3817 Do Pass, as Amended. Senator Joyce, Chair of The Committee on State Government, reports House Bills 1187, 3405, 3744, 3856, 3857, 3902 and 3903 Do Pass; House Bills 3017 and 3768 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2372, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2475 and Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3563, Recommend Do Adopt. Senator Glowiak Hilton, Chair of the Committee on Licensed Activities, reports House Bills 1367 and 2145 Do Pass; House Bills 1612, 2207, 2296, 2395, 2450, 2473 and 2499 Do Pass, as Amended. Senator Sims, Chair of the Special Committee on Criminal Law and Public Safety, reports Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 333 Recommend Do Adopt; House Bills 1434, 2223, 2607, 3140, 3322, 3375

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and 3414 Do Pass; House Bill 3253 Do Pass, as Amended; and Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 2245 Recommend Do Adopt. Senator Holmes, Chair of The Committee on Local Government, reports Senate Amendment 2 to Senate -- Senate Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 895 Recommend Do Adopt; House Bills 475, 1067, 1236, 1465, 2079, 2154, 3424 and 3722 Do Pass; and House Bill 1131 Do Pass, as Amended. Senator Turner, Chair of The Committee on Agriculture, reports House Bills 2461 and 3849 Do Pass; and House Bills 3677 and 3710 Do Pass, as Amended. Senator Morrison, Chair of The Committee on Veterans Affairs, reports Senate Resolution 66 Be Adopted; House Bills 2500, 2856 and 3295 Do Pass; and House Bill 925 Do Pass, as Amended. Senator Simmons, Chair of the Committee on Human Rights, reports House Bill 1596 Do Pass; and House Bills 2297 and 3135 Do Pass, as Amended. Senator Stadelman, Chair of The Committee on Energy and Public Utilities, reports House Bills 1190, 3702 and 3808 Do Pass; and House Bill 2219 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 3940 Recommend Do Adopt. Senator Ellman, Chair the Committee on Environment and Conservation, reports Senate Amendment 6 to Senate Bill 1769 Recommend Do Adopt; House Bills 2301, 3095 and 3277 Do Pass; and House Bills 2487 and 2776 Do Pass, as Amended. Senator Martwick, Chair of the Committee -- The Special Committee on Pensions, reports House Bills 3161, 3162, 3646 and 3769 Do Pass.

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2570, offered by Senator Cunningham, an Act concerning local government. 1st Reading of the bill.

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Mr. Secretary, 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 passed bills of the following titles and the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit: House Bill 1097. We received liked Messages on House Bills 2317, 2911 and 3257. Passed the House, April 26th, 2023. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

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Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1097, offered by Senator Halpin, an Act concerning Education. House Bill 2317, offered by Senator Morrison, an Act concerning fish. House Bill 2911. 1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Ladies and Gentlemen, please come to the Senate Floor. We have House Bills on 2nd Readings, and we will then be going on to a select few bills on 3rd Reading. Please come to the Floor. Ladies and Gentlemen, please turn to page 19 of your printed Calendar. We are going to be on the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading. Starting with House Bill 342, Senator Lightford. Do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, she wishes to proceed. Please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 342, an Act concerning education. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. Moving on to House Bill 1015, Senator Sims.

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House Bill 1283, Senator Castro. Mr. Secretary, she indicates she wishes to proceed, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1283, an Act concerning local government. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Going on to House Bill 1358, Senator Sims. House Bill 1496, Senator Peters. House Bill 1571, Senator Feigenholtz. House Bill 2039, Senator Villa. Senator Villa. She does wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2039, an Act concerning health. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senate (House) Bill 2040, Senator Johnson. She indicates she wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2040, an Act concerning transportation. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senator Koehler, on House Bill 2043. Oh, I skipped one, sorry. Let's go to House Bill 2041, Senator Villanueva. House Bill 2043, Senator Koehler, he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2043, an Act concerning regulations. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Financial Institutions adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. House Bill 2076, Senator Gillespie. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2076, an Act concerning regulations. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Going on to House Bill 2086, Senator Edly-Allen. She wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2086, an Act concerning health. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Environment and Conservation adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. House Bill 2091, Senator Villivalam. House Bill

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-- House Bill 2094, Senator Lewis. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2094, an Act concerning business. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Moving on, still on page 20 of the printed Calendar, we are now going to proceed to House Bill 2102, Senator Glowiak Hilton. Do you wish to proceed? House Bill 2130, Senator Napoleon Harris. How do you wish to... He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2130, an Act concerning regulations. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

House Bill 20, ope! 3rd Reading. House Bill 2131, Senator Simmons. Turning to page 21 of your printed Calendar on to House Bill 2156, Senator Syverson. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2156, an Act concerning education. 2nd Reading of the Bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senator Villivalam, on House Bill 2235. Mr. Secretary, he wishes to proceed. Please read the bill. With leave of the Body, we are going to go back to House Bill 2220, Senator Johnson. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2220, an Act concerning civil law. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Judiciary adopted Amendment No. 1.

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Have there been any Floor amendments for approval for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. House Bill 2267, Senator Cunningham. Senate (House) Bill 2325, Senator Ellman. Senator says she wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2325, an Act concerning regulation. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senator Lightford, on House Bill 2332. She indicates she wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2332, an Act concerning local government. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

House Bill 20, ope! 3rd Reading. House Bill 2394, Senator Glowiak Hilton. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2394, concerning regulations. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Judiciary adopted Amendment No.1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

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No further amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. House Bill 2471, Senator Ellman. Senator Ellman, on House Bill 2471. She indicates she wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2471, an Act concerning education. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Education adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Going on to House Bill 2562, Senator Simmons. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2562, an Act concerning civil law. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. House Bill 2624, Senator Villivalam. Do you wish to proceed? Senator Villivalam, He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2624, an Act concerning courts. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. House Bill 2717, Senator Villivalam. He

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indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2717, an Act concerning civil Law. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. House Bill 2719, Senator Peters. House Bill 2782, Senator Villivalam. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2782, an Act concerning finance. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. We will be going on to page 22, the top of the page of your printed Calendar. Looking at House Bill 2954, Senator Morrison. She indicates she wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2954, an Act concerning civil law. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3055. Senator Sims. House Bill 3133, Senator Villanueva. House Bill 3149, Senator Villivalam. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3149, an Act concerning transportation. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. On to House Bill 3202, Senator Lewis. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3202, an Act concerning regulations. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3230, Senator Fine. Do you wish to proceed? She indicates she does. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3230, an Act concerning mental health. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Behavioral and Mental Health adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senator Villa, on House Bill 3233. With leave of the Body, we will skip over the next couple of bills and go on to House Bill 34. Oh, 3425 Senator Feigenholtz. House Bill 3436, Senator Anderson. House Bill 3442, Senator Loughran Cappel. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3442, an Act concerning education. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. House Bill 3456, Senator Bryant. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3456, an Act concerning finance. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Judiciary adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. House Bill 3500, Senator Loughran Cappel. Senator Loughran Cappel, how would you like to proceed on House Bill 3500? Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3500, an Act concerning education. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3578, Senator Fowler. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3578, an Act concerning transportation. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. We are going to the top of page 23 on your printed Calendar. On to House Bill 3592. Senator Johnson, how would you like to proceed? She indicates she wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

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House Bill 3592, an Act concerning education. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3631, Senator Simmons. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3631, an Act concerning regulations. 2nd Reading of the bill. Committee on Insurance adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3680, Senator Faraci. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3680, an Act concerning education. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. 3601 Senator Belt, how would you like to proceed? On -- we are on page 23 of your printed Calendar, looking at House Bill 3801, Senator Belt. Did you wish to proceed? He does. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3801, an Act concerning education. 2nd Reading of the Bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senator Joyce, on House Bill 3809. How would

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you like to proceed? Senator Joyce. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3809, an Act concerning regulation. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3819, Senator Faraci. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3819, an Act concerning government. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Appropriations, Public Safety and Infrastructure {sic} (Behavioral and Mental Health) adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. House Bill 3876, Senator Porfirio. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3876, an Act concerning transportation. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senate -- House Bill 3890, Senator Morrison. She indicates she wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

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House Bill 3890, an Act concerning regulations. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. On to House Bill 3955, Senator Hunter. The Senate will stand at ease for a few minutes to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. The Members of the Committee on Assignments will meet in the Senate's front room immediately. The Senate will stand at ease. (at ease) Senator Fowler, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR FOWLER:

Thank you, Madam President. Point of an announcement, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Your announcement, Senator.

SENATOR FOWLER:

Madam President, this is very important. If I could have everyone's attention for just a couple of minutes, I would just really appreciate it. Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. In the latter part of February, I was contacted that a constituent of mine was going to be -- was going to be receiving the Governor's Volunteer Service Award, one of the Winners for -- Winners for the Outstanding AmeriCorps Seniors member at a Williamson County - lives in Carterville. When I received the email, my heart instantly sank because one week prior to receiving the email, he was tragically killed doing volunteer service work, which he did. His name was Jeffrey Gee. And so, I would just like to say a few words on. I was I was honored to be there for the lunch just a few minutes ago and in support of Jeffrey and to receive this award on his behalf. Jeffrey served his communities

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and numerous others other countless ways over the years. He -- he was pastoring to - for over 40 years- from volunteering with various ministries the area -- in the area that he served as a youth minister. Jeffrey was the founder and board member of Herrin House of Hope; which provides meals every day to the underprivileged. He was actually one of the co-founders and he volunteered and with Celebrate Recovery; he was a member of the Carterville Lions Club; founder of the Williamson County 4-H Hands of Help; volunteer with Lutheran Social Services and Marion Extensive -- Extension Center; and member of the Blue Heron Marina. What was - Jeffrey was probably best known for, and I was involved in this program too. I got to see it firsthand. Jeffrey was the founder of a ministry called Bicycle Resurrection, which provided a bicycle - it was a bicycle ministry to children and citizens who couldn't afford transportation or a bicycle. As of December 2022, over 2000 bicycles have been given away. Jeffrey is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Pamela Gee of Carterville; son, Joseph Duncan Gee of Carterville; daughter, Michelle Renee Stanley; granddaughters, Kaitlyn Stanley and Kailey Renee Gee; siblings Leanne Thompson and lleen Jarvis, and Tina Benefield, along with Terri Harrison, Tommie Gee and Nancy Smith, along with numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews and his beloved dog, Cooper, and a host of many friends, of course. Jeffrey Gee was nominated and ultimately received the Governor's Volunteer Service Award, of which, as I mentioned, I was honored to have accepted on his behalf, in his family's behalf, just minutes ago. Madam President, if I may, I would like to ask for a moment of silence to remember Jeffrey Gee.

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Let us stand for a moment of silence. (Moment of silence observed) Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Special Committee on Criminal Law and Public Safety - House Bill 3345 and Be Approved For Consideration - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1872. Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are moving to some final action. Starting on page 4 of your printed Calendar and going down to Senate Bill 689. Senator Simmons, would you like to proceed? Senator Simmons seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 689 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 689. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Simmons.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Simmons.

SENATOR SIMMONS:

Thank you very much, Madam President. I'd like to adopt the amendment and explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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No further amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Bill 689, an Act concerning local government. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Simmons.

SENATOR SIMMONS:

Thank you very much, Madam President. SB 689, as amended, makes changes to the Illinois Local Library Act, Library System ACT, Public District Act of 1991, Village Library Act and the School Code to prohibit library systems, school districts, and Board of Trustees of a library or village library from limiting access to or prohibiting the purchase of books or materials related to autobiographies, biographies, memoir, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, sexual and reproductive health, gender identity, religion, human rights activism, or any other subject. The bill does not restrict imposing limitations on access to books or materials in libraries for safety reasons or based upon the age and developmental level of persons who will have access to those books or materials. This legislation is in response to six other states that have already, just in the last school year, have banned 2500 books that are related to each of those protected categories I just mentioned. This is an effort to make sure that Illinois is on the right side of history and does not ban books in our classrooms, does not ban books in our libraries, does not ban books in our community centers or any facilities that are funded by the State. As the first openly gay member of the Illinois Senate, this

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is especially important legislation to me and to my community because I want the next generation of young people to have access to the same books in their classrooms and libraries as I did growing up. I will take any questions that my colleagues would have at this time. And I thank you so much for your time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? The question is, shall Senate Bill 689 pass? All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 35 Ayes, 17 Nays. Senate Bill 689, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Pacione-Zayas, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR PACIIONE-ZAYAS:

Thank you, Madam Chair. For the purpose of correcting the record, I wanted to be affirmative on Senate Bill 689 as a chief co-sponsor, I am.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Your intentions will reflect that. We are going on to page 9 of the printed Calendar. In the middle of your page, you will see we have Senate Bill 1352. Senator Lightford, do you wish to proceed? Senator Lightford seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1352 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1352. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Lightford.

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SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you -- Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Floor Amendment No. 1, I like to have it adopted and debated on 3rd, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1352, the Senator wants to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1352, an Act concerning education. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Madam President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Senate Bill 1352, as amended, amends the School Code to clarify the process of resigning from licensed professional educator's positions. What that means is that prior to the school term, educators must submit resignation letters 30 days prior to the student's first day of attendance and during the school term, the board must approve their resignation. It applies to both tenured and non-tenured teachers. It provides timeframes for notification when a district chooses to submit referrals to the State Superintendent and when Board refuses to accept resignation

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of licensed professional educators. Four items to that piece first, the district notifies the state superintendent within ten business days of refusal to accept resignation and desires a hearing. Secondly, the district notifies the professional educators within five business days of notification of that information being submitted to the State Superintendent. And then the State Superintendent provides written notice to professional educator or designee with the outcome within 14 business days upon completion of the hearing, what we're doing is actually setting up a structure that's very clear and detailed Statewide for the teacher profession, and we spend some time negotiating this bill. I wish I could have gotten us much further in negotiations, but I do believe this is a good bill and I'd be happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? The question is, shall Senate Bill 1352 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 50 Ayes, 2 Nays and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1352, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. On your Calendars, we're going to the top of page 10, Senate Bill 1872. Senator Lightford, do you wish to proceed? She indicates she does. Senator Lightford seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1872 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1872. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

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Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Madam President. I move for its adoption and would love to discuss on 3rd please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Madam President. I move for its adoption. I'd be happy to debate it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON

Senate Bill 1872, an Act concerning education. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

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Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 1872, as amended, specifies probationary periods for educators who hold a Professional Educator License and were first employed on or after July 1 of 2023. It sets the deadline for notification of non-renewal for {sic} Riff (removal) or dismissal as - before April 15th for all professional educators. It makes changes in the probationary period from 4 years to 3 years for educators with at least a proficient rating in both the second and the third years of service. And it makes changes in probationary periods from 3 to 2 years for educators with an overall rating of "Excellent" rating in both of those years. The reason we're bringing this bill before you is there's 31 states that currently grant tenure upon the third or less years of service. The April 15th date would allow more time for administrators to finalize evaluations, and it also provides administrators more consistency with staffing and budgeting a year earlier. I really want to note here that tenure is not a guarantee for a lifelong employment. It is simply affording educator's due process. This shows the education profession respects and it honors our teachers. This is definitely a way to attract and retain educators during the teacher shortage in our State and beyond. I spent considerable amount of time, we held about 7 meetings. Again, this was one I was hoping to really bring the -- both sides of the education coin much closer. I think there is some language in here that did that. Some clarifying language in both Amendments No. 1 and 2, and I'd be happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The question is shall Senate Bill 1872 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed,

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Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 44 Ayes, 7 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1872, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, we are still using our printed Calendar on page 24, midway down the page, is Senate Resolution 95. Senator Koehler, do you wish to proceed? He indicates he does. Mr. Secretary, read the resolution, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 95, offered by Senator Koehler.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Madam President and Members of the Senate. This resolution declares April of 2023 as Prescribed Burning Awareness Month. Prescribed fire is one of the most important management practices in maintaining and restoring healthy landscapes. But only approximately 6 percent of conservation lands in Illinois are currently being managed with Prescribed fire. Prescribed fire is used to restore and maintain fire dependent ecosystems and to manage wildlife habitat for many species. It also isn't -- is done by the Illinois Prescribed Fire Council, which is an organization both public and private partners, with a mission to promote safe and continued use of Prescribed fire on the Illinois landscape. I think this would be a fitting for us to do this today while we're still in April. And so, I'd ask for support on this. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Thank -- Thank you, Senator. The question -- Is there any discussion? The question is, shall Senate Resolution 95 pass. All



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those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Still on page 24, Senate Resolution 108, Senator Villa. Do you wish to proceed? She indicates she does. Mr. Secretary, read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Resolution 108, offered by Senator Villa.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Resolution 108 declares April 2023 Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month. Approximately 2.1 million Americans are living with a limb loss and limb difference, and over 500 Americans lose a limb every day. The physical, emotional, and financial stress that comes with losing a limb weighs heavily on those impacted. And it is important that those living with limb loss have their health care needs met. With a number of those living with limb loss expected to rise to 3.6 million by 2050, it is necessary that more conversations are had to better meet the needs of those dealing with limb loss. This resolution is especially important to me, as many of my friends have been impacted by this. Craig Ressler, Saeed Mazhar Ali, Ruby Garcia, Vidal Lopez and my late grandfather, Jose Villa. I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? The question is, shall Senate Resolution 108 pass? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senate Resolution 2-2-5, Senator Villivalam. He -- He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the resolution.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Resolution 2-2-5, offered by Senator Villivalam.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill -- Senate Resolution 2225 [sic] 225 recognizes the importance of the Sikh religion. Sikhism is the world's fifth-largest religion, with nearly 30,000 adherents, roughly one million of whom call the United States home. Senate Resolution 225 reaffirms the importance of those in the Sikh community for their role in supporting and enriching the social fabric of the State with the Sikhs religion, religious central principles of truth, living, service to humanity, and inspiring its believers to create inclusive communities where all are respected. Senate Resolution 225, declares the month of April as "Sikh Heritage Month" to acknowledge the culture, history, achievements and contributions of Sikhs in Illinois and across the nation during the month of Vaisakhi and the Sikh calendar, also known as Baisakhi, which typically falls on April 14th. I would ask for its adoption. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? The question is, shall Senate Resolution 225 pass. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

A Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, Clerk. Mr. President - I'm directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, in the

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adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit: House Joint Resolution 32, RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses adjourned on Thursday, April 27th, 2023, the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023, or the call of the Speaker; and the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023, or to the call of the President. Adopted by the House, April 27th, 2023. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

On the Order of Resolutions is House... Oh, Mr. Secretary, resolutions. Okay. On the Order of Resolutions is House Joint Resolution 32. Mr. Secretary, read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution 32, offered by Senator Cunningham.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Cunningham moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of House Joint Resolution 32. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Cunningham moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 32. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 232, offered by Senator Johnson. It is congratulatory.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

We will now proceed to the Order of Consent Calendar,

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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?

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... We -- we are now going to proceed again 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?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Madam President, I have had an objection to Senate Resolution 217.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Please remove that resolution from the Consent Calendar. 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 32, the Senate stands adjourned until noon on the second day of May 2023, or the call of the Senate President. The Senate stands adjourned.