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PRESIDENT HARMON:

The regular Session of the 103rd General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? The invocation today will be given by Pastor Andrew Pullan of Independent Bible Baptist Church in Paris, Illinois. Pastor
PASTOR ANDREW PULLAN: (Invocation)

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Johnson, on this, your very Happy birthday. Would you do the honor of leading us in the Pledge?

SENATOR JOHNSON: (Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Due to renovations in the Capitol, the Senate will be meeting in the temporary Senate Chamber here in Springfield's Howlett Building. While the temporary Chamber does not have a gallery, members of the public can still view the Senate's proceedings. There is a public viewing area in the Hall of Flags, also located on the first floor of the Howlett Building. Session will also be available to view online at www.ilga.gov. We appreciate all the work done to make this temporary Chamber possible. Please bear with us as we work through this very unique situation. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Journals of January 12th and 20th, 2023.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Mr. President, I move to postpone the reading and approval

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of the Journal, just read by the Secretary.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. Let me return to, Senator Hunter to revise her motion.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Hunter moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Mr. Secretary, still on the Order of Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journals of Thursday, May 25th, 2023. Wednesday, August 16th, 2023, and Wednesday, October 18th, 2023.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Mr. President, I move to postpone the reading and approval of the Journals just read by the Secretary, pending the arrival of printed transcripts.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Blueroomstream request permission to video stream the proceedings today, and the State Journal Register requests permission to take

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still photographs today. Seeing no objection, permission is granted. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolutions 533 and 534, offered by Senator Anderson and all Members. Senate Resolution 536, offered by Senator Johnson and all Members. Senate Resolution 537, offered by Senator Ventura and all Members. Senate Resolution 542, offered by Senator Faraci and all Members. Senate Resolutions 543 through 546, offered by Senator Anderson and all Members. Senate Resolutions 547 through 550, offered by Senator McClure and all Members. They are all celebration of life resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolutions 538 and 539, offered by Senator Villanueva. Senate Resolution 540, offered by Senator Bryant. They're congratulatory. And Senate Resolution 532, offered by Senator Morrison. Senate Resolution 535, offered by Senator Fine, and Senate Resolution 541, offered by Senator Villivalam. They are substantive.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Mr. Secretary, Communications from the Secretary of State.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Letter dated July 11th, 2023. Dear Mr. Anderson - This office is forwarding herewith a copy of a Certificate of Appointment to Fill a 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

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resignation of Senator Christina Pacione-Zayas. Also enclosed is a Certificate of Appointment to Fill Vacancy in the Office of Senator in the General Assembly for Natalie Toro, who was appointed to Fill a Vacancy in the Office of State Senator in the 20th Legislative District. Yours truly, Alexi Giannoulis, Secretary of State. Letter dated August 17th, 2023. 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, who was appointed to Fill a Vacancy in the Office of State Senator in the 5th Legislative District. Yours truly, Alexi Giannoulis, Secretary of State. Letter dated October 24th, 2023. To the Honorable President of the Senate: In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I'm forwarding herewith the enclosed Senate Bills from this 103rd General Assembly as vetoed by the Governor, together with his objections: Senate Bills 76 and 1515. Respectfully, Alexi Giannoulis, Secretary of State. In a Letter dated October 24th, 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 250, Public Act 103-6. Respectfully, Alexi Giannoulis, Secretary of State.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

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Senator Edly-Allen, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise for a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

I have a very important announcement. Today is a very special day for my Senate district neighbor, my parking spot mate, my suitemate, and my seatmate Senator Adriane Johnson's birthday today. Members, can we please say Happy birthday to Senator Adriane Johnson?

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Thank you, Senator. The Chair did not hear any of that singing, happy birthday. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we did just read into the record the official paperwork from the Secretary of State journalizing the appointment of our two newest Members, if we could all join Senator Lakesia Collins and Senator Natalie Toro to the Senate Floor. Mr. Secretary, Introduction of Senate Bills.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2615, offered by Senator Fine, an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2616, offered by Senator Toro, an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 2617, offered by Senator Plummer, an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 2618, offered by Senator Rose, an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 2619, offered by Senator Toro, an Act making appropriate -- an Act concerning appropriations. Senate Bill 2620, offered by Senator Ventura, an

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Act concerning business. Senate Bill 2621, offered by Senator Fowler, an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 2622, offered by Senator Doris Turner, an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2623, offered by Senator Toro, an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2624, offered by Senator Toro, an Act concerning revenue. And Senate Bill 2625, offered by Senator Lightford, an Act concerning liquor. 1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Mr. Secretary, Appointment Messages.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Appointment Message 1030355, Governor's salaried appointment, to be a Member of the Commission on Equity and Inclusion, Ovelia Smith-Barton; Appointment Message 1030356, Governor's salaried appointment, to be a Member of the Illinois Racing Board, Marc Laino; Appointment Message 1030357, Governor's non-salaried appointment, to be a Member of the Governor's State University Board of Trustees, Stacy Crook; and Appointment Message 1030358, Governor's salaried appointment, to be a Member of the State Board of Health, Dawn Brown.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Murphy, Chair of the Committee on Executive Appointments, reports Appointment Messages 1020390, 1020391, 1020392, 1020393, 1020394, 1020395, 1020396, 1020397, 1020398, 1020399, 1020400, 1020401, 1020402, 1020403, 1020404, 1020406, 1020407, 1020408, 1020409, 1020410, 1020411, 1020412, 1020413, 1020415, 1020416, 1020417, 1020418, 1020419, 1020421, 1020422, 1020423, 1020424, 1020425, 1020428, 1020429, 1020433, 1020436,

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1020438, 1020443, 1020444, 1020446, 1020449, 1020456, 1020461,
1020462, 1020463, 1020464, 1020465, 1020466, 1020467, 1020471,
1020473, 1020474, 1020496, 1020521 and 1020523 Do Recommend
Consent.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we are waiting just a few moments so that the Committee on Assignments can meet. If you are entertaining guests on the Senate Floor today, this would be a wonderful time to introduce them to the Senate. Senator Faraci, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR FARACI:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to make an announcement.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR FARACI:

So, my pride and joy, Alyssa Faraci is here with her friend Nessa Bleyle. They're seniors at Champaign Central High School, and they are here to see how we do things here on the Senate Floor. I'd like to welcome them and hopefully if you have a chance to come to say hello, we'd love to have you. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Glad to have you here. Senator Morrison, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MORRISON:

For the purpose of an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR MORRISON:

I'd like to remind the Members that tomorrow morning at 8:30,

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the Children's Health Caucus will be meeting in Stratton in Room A-1. We'll be discussing Universal Newborn Screening and other health care issues related to newborns. Everyone is invited, it will be only one hour. Look forward to seeing you there. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Thank you, Senator, for your announcement. Senator Tracy, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR TRACY:

Point of introduction, please.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Please state your introduction.

SENATOR TRACY:

I would like to introduce a special guest today of the Chambers, Marin Thompson. Marin is from Rushville. She was part of Lieutenant Governor Juliet Stratton's Summer Program to have youth in the high schools come to legislator's offices to see what they do. I have a big district, and Marin lived an hour away and didn't drive, so it became a little cumbersome to figure out a time. But I thought, what better time for her to come see the actual legislature, meet some of the Senators and the House Representatives and really see the process. So, Marin is a junior at Rushville High School, and we're very glad to have her today. Please give her a warm welcome.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Marin, welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Glad to have you here. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, the Senate will stand at ease for a few moments to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet in the Senate front room. Will all Members of the Committee

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on Assignments please report immediately to the Senate front room.
(at ease) Senator Morrison, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MORRISON:

For the purpose of an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR MORRISON:

I'd like to remind Members of the Senate, that tomorrow we will all be wearing pink to raise awareness for breast cancer. That includes all the gentlemen, as well as, all of the ladies. So, please remember tomorrow, to wear pink.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Thank you, Senator, for that reminder. It appears some folks are ahead of schedule today but wear your pink again, tomorrow. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Cunningham, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 382; Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 384; Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 508; Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 584, and Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 385; refer to State Government Committee - Floor -- excuse me, refer to Revenue Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 690, and Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 696; refer to State Government Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 769; Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 767; Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 856; Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 853, and Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 854. Be Approved for Consideration - House Bills -- House Bill 351 and Senate Bill 371. Signed, Senator

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Bill Cunningham, Chair. Senator Cunningham, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Executive Committee -Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 351; refer to State Government Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 371. Signed, Senator Bill Cunningham, Chair.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Aquino, for what purpose do you rise? Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Thank you, Mr. President. For an announcement.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR AQUINO:

The Senate Democrats will caucus in the Senate President's Office at 1:15 for approximately forty-five minutes.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Thank you, Senator Aquino. I understand the Senate Republicans are caucusing as well. Senator McClure, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MCCLURE:

For an announcement?

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

The Senate Republicans are going to caucus in the Capitol in Room 400.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Also, at 1:15, Senator?

SENATOR MCCLURE:

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Yes, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Thank you, Senator. Both caucuses will caucus respectively, at 1:15 to 2 p.m. followed by committees. Please report to your committees promptly at 2 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of noon on the 25th day of October, 2023. The Senate stands adjourned.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Pursuant to the directive of the Senate President, the regular Session of the Senate is now in perfunctory Session. Communication from the President. Letter dated October 24th, 2023. Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-10, I am scheduling a perfunctory Session to convene on Tuesday, October 24th, 2023. Signed, Don Harmon, Senate President. Resolutions. Senate Resolutions 551 and 552, offered by Senator Aquino. They are both substantive. Committee Reports. Senator Joyce, Chair of the Committee on State Government, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 767; Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 769; Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 853; Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 854, and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 856 Recommend Do Adopt. Senator Castro, Chair of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Amendments -- Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 382, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 384, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 385, Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 508, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 584, and Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 351 Recommend Do Adopt. And Senator Villanueva, Chair of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 690; and Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 696 Recommend Do Adopt. Appointment

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Messages. Appointment Message 1030359, Treasurer's unsalaried appointment, To be a Member of the Charitable Trust Stabilization Committee, Ronald Budzinski. Committee Reports. Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Education Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 457 and Be Approved for Consideration - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 584, and Senate Bills 857, 858, and 950. Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair. There being no further business to come before this perfunctory Session. Pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 42, Senate stands adjourned to the hour of noon on October 25th, 2023. The Senate stands adjourned.