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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The regular Session of the 103rd General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desk? The invocation today will be given by Pastor Curt Fleck, Civil Servant Ministries, Springfield, Illinois.

PASTOR CURT FLECK: (Invocation)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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

SENATOR HALPIN: (Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Lisa Yuscus seeking permission from Blueroomstream to video. Leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, November 8th, 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 approval of the printed transcripts.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. 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 Resolution 597, offered by Senator Doris Turner and

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all Members. Senate Resolutions 599 and 600, offered by President Harmon and all Members. They are all celebration of life resolutions, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Resolution Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 598, offered by Senator Plummer. It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator McClure, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MCCLURE:

For an introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your introduction, Senator.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Thank you, Madam President. I would like to take a moment to welcome my constituent, Kathleen Hazelwood, who is joining me in the Senate today. Kathleen has spent the last 36 years as an employee of the Illinois General Assembly, working at the Illinois Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation, the Legislative Research Unit, and now COGFA. It seems like she has done a little bit of everything in her time here, from coordinating foreign delegations to managing offices and conferences and even setting up tours of State buildings and historic sites. She is currently COGFA Federal Aid Tracking Coordinator, a very important position, especially with all the federal programs we've seen over the last few years. She has also been active in Illinois Women in Government, the Society of Government Meeting Planners, where she was named Meeting Planner of the year, girls on the run, as well

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as, numerous charitable efforts to help others. Unfortunately, for us, she will be retiring from COGFA at the end of the year, but we wish her well in the next chapters of her life, which I'm sure will be busy as well. She is accompanied by her husband Todd, who is outside the Chamber watching the live stream. Her daughter Caitlin, who's right here, and her coworker Pia. So, can the Chamber please congratulate Kathleen on a wonderful career and thank her for her service.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Congratulations and happy retirement. Senator Loughran Cappel, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LOUGHRAN CAPPEL:

For an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your announcement, Senator.

SENATOR LOUGHRAN CAPPEL:

The Senate Democrats will caucus in the President's Office at 10:45 for approximately 1 hour.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Senator McClure, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MCCLURE:

An announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

State your announcement, Senator.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Thank you, Madam President. The Senate Republicans will caucus at 10:45 in Room 400 of the Capitol for approximately 1 hour.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. The Senate Democrats will caucus at 10:45 in Senate President Harmon's Office. And the Senate Republicans will caucus for an hour beginning at 10:45 in Leader Currans Office. Executive Committee will convene in Room 212 following caucus. Executive Committee will convene in Room 212 immediately following both caucuses. The Senate will stand in recess after caucus and Executive committee. The Senate will return to the Floor for further Floor action. The Senate stands in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolutions 601 and 602, offered by Senator Anderson and all Members. Senate Resolution 603, offered by President Harmon and all Members. Senate Resolution 605 through 607, offered by Senator McClure and all Members. Their all celebration of life resolutions, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Resolution Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 604, offered by President Harmon. It is congratulatory.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, Clerk. Mr. President, I am directed to inform the Senate the House of Representatives

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has concurred with the Senate in the passage of the bill of the following entitled, to wit: Senate Bill 385, together with the following amendment, which is attached to the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit: House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 385. We have received like Messages on Senate Bill 805, with House Amendments 1 and 2 and Senate Bill 1699 with House Amendments 2 and 3. Passed the House, as amended, November 9th, 2023. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Mr. President, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your privilege point, Senator.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. If I could have your attention for a moment. We've just read in and placed on the Consent Calendar a resolution celebrating the life of Pat Giganti, one of our favorites here in the Senate, a part of our Senate family. I don't normally read from the retirement resolutions, but Pat was an especially colorful Member of our family, and I wanted to share with you some of these remarks. So, WHEREAS Pat Giganti technically retired from the Illinois Senate in December of 2004, but continued her service to the Illinois Senate Democratic Caucus for nearly two decades following her retirement, including as a legislative assistant to various Senators from nearly every region of the State; And WHEREAS, Pat Giganti's reputation as a staunch and sympathetic steward earned

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her the reputation of trainer of new Senators capable of assisting even the hardest of cases and making her both famous and infamous among Members of the Senate Democratic Caucus; And WHEREAS, Pat Giganti was known not to suffer fools lightly, and this made her a perfect gatekeeper for the entire Illinois Senate during the COVID 19 pandemic, when even the President of the Chamber was briefly turned away. However, her immovability came to epitomize her commitment to protecting both her colleagues in the Illinois Senate itself; And WHEREAS, Pat Giganti was known to many as firm but faithful and attentive yet affable, her character as a committed public servant and loyal ally earned her the trust and respect of all her friends and colleagues in the Illinois Senate, from the most senior Senator to the newest Member of the Illinois Senate staff. And she did it all with impeccable and unforgettable style; And WHEREAS, Pat Giganti truly loved the Illinois Senate and served faithfully until two days before her passing. So, we adopt this resolution to celebrate her life. We are joined here on the Senate Floor by her son, Robert Giganti, who drove her to and from the Capitol every day. Our own Miss Daisy, Pat Giganti is -- is fondly remembered and much beloved in the Senate. I'd ask you all to join me in a moment of silence.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please remain standing for a moment of silence. (Moment of Silence observed) Rest in peace, Pat. Mr. President, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President, another point of personal privilege. A slightly happier one, bittersweet in its own way. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I want to take a moment of

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your time to ask that you join me in bidding farewell to an institution within the Illinois Senate. Over the past 32 years, anyone who has had to do anything of any importance in this August Body, has in some way or another, had to go through Selena Gorman. Selena started as a page working in the President's Office with President Phil Rock and Chief of Staff Bill Holland. She worked in the Communications Department with Lori Joyce, Senator Joyce's sister, and Cindy Davidsmeyer. She worked in the President's Office under three other Chiefs of Staff. Mike Hoffman, the original not the -- not the current, Courtney Nottage, and Jill Rock. And when the Senate staff was reorganized in 2009, she moved up to the newly created Senate Legal Review Staff to help us get up and running, and where she served as a fierce gatekeeper. When the House inevitably says they'll fix it in the Senate, that usually means a bunch of people are about to show up at Selena's desk asking to use the conference room. She has outlasted and undoubtedly outworked hundreds of lawmakers and probably thousands of staff. She has always been and remains dedicated to and supportive of her family and her Senate family. Selena recently informed us of her pending retirement, and so I rise to offer a personal and collective thank you to her for everything she's done for us. We all work with and around wonderful people who commit their lives to public service and the institution that is the Senate. So, we rely on them in more ways than we will likely ever recognize. But Selena, thank you for all of you -- all that you have done for us in your career. And on behalf of the Senate, I want to wish you the very best in your next adventure. Please join me in celebrating.

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Congratulations, Selena. Happy retirement. Mr. President, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

Okay. Thank you, Madam President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, if I could have your attention for just another moment and perhaps if Members could be at their seats. This is our last Session Day before we adjourn and go home to celebrate Veterans Day in our -- in our districts. It's been in the tradition in the Senate on a day close to Veterans Day, that we take a few moments to recognize all those who have served our country, protected us and our democracy, and to invite those Members of the Senate who have served in the military to share some reflections on -- on their service and on the meaning of Veterans Day. So, with that, Madam President, I'd ask that we turn to that Order of Business.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Wilcox, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR WILCOX:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR WILCOX:

Over the next few days, the nation will pause to observe Veterans Day. It is a day to honor those who have made the selfless decision to serve their country, and who have taken steps to defend the freedoms we enjoy. We also honor all service men and women who continue to defend the liberties proclaimed by our Founding Fathers in the Declaration of Independence and through the United States Constitution. For more than 200 years, America's Armed Forces have

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been our surest guarantee that Freedom will continue to be abundant in the United States. From the soldiers who fought bravely during the American Revolution to the men and women of today's Armed Forces, these heroes have responded bravely to the nation's call to duty. On the battlefield and in their assurance of readiness, they allow all of us to rest peacefully, brimming with eternal hope that life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are protected gifts for Americans. We honor moms and dads, sons and daughters, sisters, brothers, aunts and uncles, friends, co-workers and neighbors. So today, and hopefully every day, take a moment to pause and reflect on just what has been given on your behalf, so that freedom could ring across this great land. On our side, we have two staff members who have served, and I would like to recognize their service. Jonathan Wygant served 10 years in the U.S. Navy as a weather forecaster. He was deployed to the Middle East on two separate occasions, served during Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and Sea Dragon. He worked from three different aircraft carriers, and also from a frigate, where he was involved in counter drug interdiction in the South Pacific. And we have Chuks Osagu, who is just beginning his service in the Army National Guard. He's at basic training right now and we wish him the very best as he completes his training and goes on to many challenges and enjoyable days serving the country. So, we'd like to thank Jonathan, Chuks, and our own Senator Dan McConchie, who we hope you're feeling better, for their service and sacrifice and will have veterans everywhere on our minds as we observe Veterans Day. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Plummer. Please state your

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point, Senator.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Thank you. And I'd -- I'd like to thank President Harmon for -- for this opportunity. I've never taken this opportunity before, I've sat through several years of these, I was -- I was proud to serve. I didn't do anything exciting, I didn't do anything special, frankly, to me, it was just an honor to -- to wear our great nation's uniform. What do you say when you look at the history of this country Valley Forge, Gettysburg, the Argonne Forest, Normandy, the Bulge, the Chosin Reservoir. You look at Vietnam, you look at more recent things Panama, Iraq, Afghanistan, and many things in between. And you think about the men and women who -- who put their lives on the line and some sacrificed their -- their lives. What can you say in honor of them? What can you say in regard to that sacrifice? I spoke Tuesday morning, at Kaskaskia College for Veterans Day event. I was very fortunate to meet a gentleman there named Vince Rahlves. Vince is, I believe, 99 years old. He was wounded in Italy, in December of 1943, I learned all of this on Tuesday. After being wounded, he was captured by the Germans and was a POW for 18 months, he's the oldest living World War II POW, in the State of Illinois. Wounded in December of 1943 outside Sicily, I'm sorry, Naples. And my -- my grandfather -- my paternal grandfather was wounded outside Naples in January of 1944, in the same campaign and I -- I thought that was a pretty amazing experience. Again, what do you say to someone like Vince Rahlves? What do you say to people like that? So, why am I speaking today? Well, maybe it's timing, but I have a brief story that I want to relay to the Body, and I want to relay to the people of Illinois. Just two weeks ago, I was -- I was traveling for business, and I

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had a break in between some meetings, I had about a six-hour break, and I -- this was outside of Illinois, but I knew a farmer that was farming a beautiful property that I'm friends with. And I said, "Hey, come, -- come, I'd like to take a tour of the property. Show me all the work you're doing". He's doing some water work and fence work. So, we're touring the property and we're wrapping up the end, it's a very large piece of property where we're wrapping up at the end. He said, "Hey, do you want to see a cemetery I found?" And I said, "Sure, okay". What do you mean you found a cemetery? He was like, a cow got loose, I was on horseback and I was looking for the cow, I stumbled across the cemetery. And I said, "What kind of cemetery?" He says, "I think it's a military cemetery". So, we went and looked at it, this is just two weeks ago, and sure enough, we come upon some headstones from the 11th Kansas Cavalry, that it was overgrown, it was lost to history. This guy found it because a cow got loose. So, I did a bunch of research, I found out that these were 20 guys that were killed in a wagon train fight, the entire wagon train was massacred. And what do you say about that? I thought that was tragic, I thought it was sad. It really wore on me, though, because as a nation we've forgotten them. How do you forget people like that who've died for this country? What does that say about us today? We've got our air conditioning, we've got our cars, and our cell phones and here's a bunch of 16, 18, 20 year old's that were, you know, massacred on the plains and we've kind of forgotten about them. We live in this great country, we have the technology that we have, we have the health care advancement we have -- we have the opportunities that we have because of those men. And I think we can never forget the people who've served our country. We have the greatest

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opportunities of any people on earth, and it's because of the men and women who've put on the uniform of our nation. It's not the sports stars, it's not the music stars, it's not the movie stars, it's not the politicians. It's those anonymous men and women who died, on anonymous battlefields, for the last 200 years ensuring our safety, ensuring our freedoms, and ensuring the opportunities of future generations that we now have. So, the people in this room are blessed to be stewards of what they've given us. It's a responsibility. It's an opportunity, but it's a responsibility, and it's a responsibility that I -- I carry very heavily and I'm sure everyone else in this room does. I would just ask this week, as we reflect on Veterans Day, that we think about what we have because of those people and you know, Veterans Day to me, it's not one day, it's 365 days a year. It's something you can't forget and it's something you can't take for granted. But I hope that we take this opportunity to redouble our efforts to honor those who have come before us, and frankly not mess up the gifts, that they've given us as a free, open, great society and the greatest country on this earth. So, thank you for the opportunity, Mr. President, and thank you to all of our veterans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. Those of you know my military background, I served 10 years. I've been to Iraq. I've been to Iran. I've been to Syria. And coincidentally, I find myself in Springfield. So, it's been quite the adventure. But I will say that as a combat officer in Iraq, there's one thing that I've learned. It's you may be the leader of soldiers, young

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men and women, old men and women in combat, but it's the soldiers that actually do the work. And today, I want to honor some of our soldiers that we have here today in the Illinois State Senate. Everyone knows our Sergeant at Arms, Joe Dominguez, Craig Miller, our photographer, we have Jim Mitchell, one of our doormen, Art Wilson, our doorman, Johnny Watts, our -- our doorman, Felix Canizares, Duane Malany, one of our legislative assistants. And one of our staff policy members, who is the cream of the crop, and I'm just going to brag, because he was the honor graduate at Drill Sergeant School when he went to that, Dillon Santoni. Where's Dillon at? Dillon is a hero, and I know that without our soldiers, the people who actually do the work here in the Senate and on a day-to-day basis, this machine wouldn't run as efficiently as it runs. And I was just hoping, Madam President, we could just give them a brief round of applause just to say thank you for their service as our staff members. Madam President, I just want to make some brief remarks on Veterans Day and it has to deal with what I consider to be the divisive -- or the decisive battle. A decisive battle is where two opposing forces meet face to face until defeat or surrender. Winning this type of battle requires amassing an extraordinary amount of resources, having sufficient amount of soldiers, sailors, airmen, or marines who are willing to stand their ground and fight with the unwavering support of their families, their communities, and their country. It requires a commitment, it requires loyalty by those that serve, those that serve alongside them, and each and every person who supports them. That commitment -- that commitment includes the possibility and understanding of the ultimate sacrifice may be necessary to provide for the overall good and the well-being of others. That commitment

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of sacrifice is like no other. It's special because it's selfless. It's selfless because there's a requirement of loyalty. A loyalty to a piece of paper, that being our Constitution, it's not a religion, it's not a dictator, but to the bedrock values and principles that apply to each and every citizen, and is their sole reason why those that serve are willing to fight. And as an aging combat veteran, I will tell you that loyalty goes a little bit deeper than just the Constitution. Loyalty. There is a loyalty to each service member who you fight alongside with. Similar to a lot of things we do here in this Chamber. Whether you're an Army soldier or a Devil Dog marine, when everything's on the line, when the rockets and the bullets are flying around you, and when you're tired or scared, or when you're hungry or homesick, we know that our fellow brother or sister-in-arms will be there right alongside us, we know that our brother and our sister will not waver. So, as we approach this Veterans Day, Madam President, I ask that we all reflect on these two principles. Commitment and loyalty. I hope that we all in this Chamber are able to reflect on that statement and that when everything is on the line, are you willing to go to battle or be ready to support your brother and your sister-in-arms in their time of need? That's why Veterans Day is very special. It's why we should thank a veteran for their service. Because when all the chips are down and everything is on the line, they were willing to serve selflessly with commitment and loyalty to each and every citizen and for our country. Madam President, thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Porfirio.

SENATOR PORFIRIO:

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Thank -- thank you, Madam President. And first, I want to thank and recognize my -- my respective colleagues for their service and wish them a Happy Veterans Day. I believe tomorrow is the day off and for I think Sergeant Joe might be happy because tomorrow's the Marine Corps birthday, which is before Veterans Day, eventually it'll be a State holiday, but they'll get to celebrate tomorrow with -- with the day off. You know, I've had the honor and the privilege to wear the uniform and serve the Navy for -- for 23.5 years, my entire adult life, four years as a midshipman, seven and a half years in active duty, 12 and counting the reserves. My time in service has brought me to the Iraqi oil platforms, Pakistani earthquake relief, operations in Egypt, humanitarian and security missions in Central and South America, including Haiti and Colombia. Time in Korea, and a tour in Afghanistan, as a police advisor, alongside the Afghan National Police. It shaped my perspective, but during these times, I've been witness to the bravery and sacrifice of our military service members, oftentimes in the most trying, challenging and austere of circumstances. Their heroic efforts and their sacrifice is amazing. We're going to adjourn and go back to our districts. I know there's going to be a lot of Veterans Day events. It's a great time, an opportunity to recognize veterans for their service and sacrifice. Take the time to listen to their stories. Show gratitude and appreciation for their decision to serve. But I'd be remiss if I didn't take this time and opportunity for a greater call to action for this Body. Veterans day events and shows of appreciation are great. They should be encouraged, but we have to do so much more to truly honor veterans and more specifically, to recognize their active service. We need to commit to real, substantive,

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serious and tangible legislation and policies for veterans. Support for veterans can't just be gestures, tokens of appreciation can't end when there's a real price tag. Here in Illinois, we need to recruit and retain veterans. We want military service members who leave Illinois to serve, to come back home when their service ends. We want military service members who come here to Illinois to serve at various duty locations: Scott Air Force Base - home of US Transportation Command, Rock Island Arsenal, Naval Station Great Lakes to stay here in Illinois when their service ends. We need to continue to make real investments in breakthrough therapies for innovative treatments that have shown efficacy in combating veteran suicide. It's a national emergency. I'm proud that Illinois is leading in and being a national leader in this important front. We need to continue programs and policies and incentivize more veterans to get their education here in Illinois. In one of our many fine academic institutions, we need to hire more veterans. We need to support veteran owned businesses, and we need to get more veterans involved in all levels of local government. Veterans serve for a variety of reasons, but oftentimes it's for the ability and opportunity for economic mobility and education. Veterans don't just deserve this, they've earned it. We have a moral obligation to help them achieve the American dream for which they have fought and served. Illinois is doing a lot of great things for veterans, but we should strive for Illinois to have the reputation as the number one, most pro-veteran, veteran-friendly State, in the union. It's a competitive advantage that will grow our economy, and I know that return on investment will be realized in spades. I look forward to working with my colleagues and across the aisle in a bipartisan way on real, substantive, serious and tangible

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legislation for veterans and military families. Finally, as Veterans Day and the holidays approach, let's take time to remember all of our military service members and their families alongside them who sacrifice, especially those who are deployed overseas and serving away from home from their loved ones and families to protect freedom across the globe. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you. Thank you all for your service. Happy Veterans Day. Senator Hastings, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Madam President, just another point of personal privilege, if I may.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Yes, Senator, state your privileged point, sir.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

I don't know if it was shell shock or old age, but I may have forgotten, Mr. Holmes, Lawrence Holmes, who's another member of our staff who was a veteran here. And Madam President, I was just hoping that we can add him to the list of the honorable people who served in our Chambers. Thank you very much, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Absolutely Senator, sir. And thank him for his service, as well. Senator Doris Turner, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR D. TURNER:

I have an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your announcement, Senator.

SENATOR D. TURNER:

I would like to take a few minutes to talk about Lisa

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Stanley, who was the Decatur Township -- Decatur Township Board of Supervisors. Lisa was very active in her community and actually worked on a number of campaigns for Senators in this -- in this Body. She tragically passed away on {sic} December (November) the 4th after a rather long illness. Lisa was a remarkable woman who worked diligently to leave her place in the world better than she found it. She was a woman of strong faith, and I will say it was her faith that sustained her throughout her illness and, I believe, gave her the strength to continue her community and Christ led work longer than anyone dreamed possible. I met Lisa when she came to the Illinois Department of Public Health as -- as a legislative liaison during the Rod Blagojevich Administration. Although, I was just meeting Lisa during our conversations, I learned that she was married to a childhood friend's brother whose family had moved to Decatur where we were in middle school. So, Lisa led me to reconnect with the Stanley family. After Lisa left State government and resumed her community service in Decatur, we had the opportunity to work together on Deputy Governor Andy Manar's successful Senate campaign. Lisa was a remarkable people person who was willing to go the extra mile to help anyone. She was also a trailblazer. She was appointed to the Decatur Township Board of Supervisors in 2011 and elected supervisor in 2013, the first black woman to hold that position. Her community service also includes serving on the boards of the Decatur Boys and Girls Club of Decatur and Youth with a positive direction. Lisa will be remembered as a role model, a source of inspiration, a pillar of strength, and a true servant leader. Deputy Governor Manar posted on his social media, "You fought for justice, for equality, for what's right and against what's wrong. You spoke up for those without voices and

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demanded that those with voices listen. You have fought the good fight. You have finished this race and you have kept the faith. On this day, you deserve our thanks and peaceful rest". Which is a very fitting tribute -- tribute to her. So, I would -- as I ask for a moment of silence for Lisa Stanley, I would just like to end with enjoy your rest, my friend.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please rise for a moment of silence. (Moment of silence observed) Senator Chapin Rose, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSE:

Well, first of all, Madam President, it's always nice to see you, but I would very much like the record to reflect my intent to vote Yes on House Bill 2394. And my intent to vote No on Senate Bill 508. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Pleasure to see you, too, Senator. And the record will reflect your intentions. Ladies and Gentlemen, please turn your attention to the Calendar on the Order of Secretary's Desk Concurrences page 3, the middle of page 3, please. Senate Bill 1629, Senator Martwick. Mr. Secretary, please read the gentleman's motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House, in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1629. Signed by, Senator Martwick.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Senator Martwick, on your amendment.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you, Madam President. I move to concur with House

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Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1629. The amendment creates a -- what we were originally seeking when we passed the bill out of the House, which was parity with this provision as it relates to downstate and suburban firefighters. This gives Chicago firefighters that parity that was promised to them when we passed the consolidation back in 2019. I know of no opposition to this bill. It appears the Illinois Municipal League is opposed. But my understanding is, is that the City of Chicago is not opposed to this bill. Be happy to answer any questions and I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1629. All those in -- 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 46 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1629, having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1629, and the bill is declared passed. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Messages from the House by Mr. Hollman, Clerk. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of the bill of the following title, to wit: Senate Bill 584, together with the following amendment, which is attached in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit: House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 584. We've received like Messages on

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Senate Bill 696, with House Amendment 3, Senate Bill 1559, with House Amendment 4, Senate Bill 1956, with House Amendments 2 and 3, Senate Bill 2315, with House Amendment 1, and Senate Bill 2324, with the House Amendments 1 and 2. Passed the House, as amended, November 9th, 2023, John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Committee of {sic} (on) Assignments, please come to the front room. Committee on Assignments, please come to the front room. Senator Hunter, in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Executive Committee - Senate Bill 85, Be Approved for Consideration - House Bill 1015, Senate Resolutions 332, 334, 335, 336, 345, 346, 382, 415, 424, 471, 531, 538, 539, 540, 553, 563, 565, 569, 571, 578, 579, 595, 604, House Amendment 3 to House Bill 2233, Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 385, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 584, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 696, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 1559, Motion to Concur with House Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 1699, Motion to Concur with House Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 1956. Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

The Senate will come to order. Supplemental Calendar 1 has been printed and been distributed to the Members. We're going to start at the top of the Supplemental Calendar with Senate Bill

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385, Senator Belt. Do you wish to proceed? He indicates he does.
Mr. Secretary, read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their
Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 385. Signed by, Senator Belt.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Oh. I'm sorry. Senator Belt.

SENATOR BELT:

Thank you -- thank you, Madam President, I -- I move to
concur with the House Floor Amendments and explain on 3rd. Senate
Bill 385 does two things. The first thing that it does, is it
authorizes IDOT to give a piece of land to the City of Venice for
a dollar. I've grown up in this area, this tract of land is -- is
unused, it's always been there. And the -- the purpose for the --
the land is for community revitalization. This land will be used
to do a comprehensive health care facility, this land will be used
for a community recreation center, and this land will be used for
a mortuary and chapel to be built there and hopefully future
developments. Again, it's for Venice, but it will also be used for
the Venice Township, which includes the City of Madison and also
the City of Brooklyn. As it currently stands, there is a health
care desert, there is a food desert, this area is -- this would
really, really have a positive impact on this community. The second
thing that this bill does, this bill will prohibit any new local
units of government from creating ordinances that will look to
inhibit or prohibit the development of property for recreational
purposes.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Senator DeWitte, for what purpose

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do you rise?

SENATOR DEWITTE:

Thank you, Madam President. Question of sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

He indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR DEWITTE:

Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Senator, for your legislation. Inserted into this bill, within this amendment, is the language that talks about local -- local ordinances being exempted from any development with regards to inoperable State property being conveyed or transferred over to a unit of local government for specific purposes. Can you walk us through a little bit about why that legislation or why that amendment was added into this bill, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Belt.

SENATOR BELT:

Sure -- sure, Senator. It is my understanding, it is my contention that, that piece of language was put in there to make sure that what we come here and pass is actually carried out. We want integrity, we want fidelity in our language, in our bills. And so, that's what this language was inserted for, to make sure that subsequently down the road, that the -- the piece of property can't be used for anything other than what we've stood here for and debated it and -- and pushed for.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator DeWitt.

SENATOR DEWITTE:

Thank you, Madam President. To the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

To the bill.

SENATOR DEWITTE:

Thank you, Madam President. I had a chance to talk to a couple of your Members on the other side about this piece of legislation, this particular amendment that's being added. And I guess in the end, I revert back to my days in local government as a mayor, and wondering how I would feel if the local authority that my community had over development within its community were to be exempted or taken away from them with the remediation and redevelopment or improvement of any piece of property being worked on within my particular municipality. I think this is an issue that really remains, or should remain at the local level, and based on that opinion, I would urge a No vote, on this piece of legislation. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

Seeing no further discussion. Senator Belt, would you like to close?

SENATOR BELT:

Madam President, I would again ask for Aye votes for this legislation. This legislation has the ability to transform communities, and it also has the ability to turn blights into brights. So, I just ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 385. 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 36 Ayes, 14 Nays, and 0 voting Present.

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The -- having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 385, and the bill is declared passed. Senator Rose, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR ROSE:

A quick point of personal privilege, if I may.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

Your point.

SENATOR ROSE:

Ladies and Gentlemen, one of the -- one of the resolutions that's on the Consent Calendar that's going to be passed today, honors an individual, one of my constituents, a man named Mike Bass. And Mike worked for the Senate Republican Caucus for an awfully long time, long before I was here. In fact, I think the only sitting Senator here, that was here when he worked here, was probably Senator Syverson. But our Floor director, Miss Bessi here, just reminded me that Mike actually had hired her. But Mike was my constituent. Great. Great guy. But many of you, if you're a child of the 80s, if you're a child of the 80s and followed the great Illini sports teams as the 80s, many of you may remember Mike Bass as the barefoot kicker for the Fighting Illini football team. Mike was actually one of the leading point scorers in the history of Illini athletics at the University of Illinois in those early great Illini teams. After receiving a bachelor's in political science, he went on to a distinguished career in State government. He worked 15 years in the Bureau of the Budget. He was on the Senate Minority Appropriations staff before becoming the Budget Director of the Department of Public Aid. He spent 10 years as appropriations director for our staff and anybody who knows how hard the

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appropriations people work on both sides of the aisle. It says something that Mike Bass spent 10 years as the budget director for the majority at that point in time. After leaving State government, he went to work for the University of Illinois, his alma mater, his beloved Fighting Illini. Mike quickly rose through the ranks he became a critical -- critical piece of the administration of the University of Illinois. The entire campus, not just the Urbana campus, but the entire system. He started the Office of Business and Financial Services, where he also had an MBA, I failed to mention that. Anyway, he rose pretty high through the ranks, becoming vice president, a number of vice presidential titles. Ultimately, became pretty much in my opinion, the one guy at the University of Illinois, could get things done, at one point in time. In fact, the Board of Trustees so trusted Mike Bass that anytime a difficult task arrived, they put it on his desk. Mike was funny. He was smart. Incredibly smart guy. So, anyway, given the fact that we often take time to honor those who work here in the Capitol with us, working for the people of the State of Illinois. As Mike left a service, he -- he never got a day like this. He and his wife, Mona, who was also a former staffer and a friend, have -- in their job -- Tucker, reside in Mahomet. And so, I want to take this moment as Mike is now retired from the University of Illinois, really to recognize a distinguished career in public service and that -- that is something. People come and go, people serve for a while, people leave for a while, people come staff for a while, people leave for staff. A career in public service of honor, integrity, decency, Mike Bass. And so, I -- I - - I really thank everyone and appreciate everyone taking the time to let me share these comments on behalf of Mike. Thank you, Mr.

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-- Madam President, excuse me.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

Leader Lightford, in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Continuing on with concurrences. Senate Bill 584, Leader Cunningham. Mr. Secretary, please read the gentleman's motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 584. Signed by, Senator Cunningham.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Cunningham on Amendment 2, please.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Madam President. The first week of Veto Session where we passed a gaming bill, Senate Bill 584, the Senate, or excuse me, the House is attached an amendment that makes a couple of minor changes. What we have before us now is a bill that does three things. It makes some technical corrections to make it easier to transfer funds between accounts for the lottery and for some of their charity scratch off games. It ensures that the Waukegan Casino will be able to petition the gaming board to extend the length of their temporary facility license, if need be, and it also takes care of a measure related to the City of Des Plaines. It allows them to recover money from a State account, something that they've been promised for several years now. I know of no opposition to the bill as is, and I move that the Senate concur with the House's amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment

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No. 2 to Senate Bill 584. 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 41 voting Yea, 9 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 584, having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 584, and the bill is declared passed. Senate Bill 696, Senator Aquino. Mr. Secretary, please read the gentleman's amendment, Amendment No. 3.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House, in the adoption of their Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 696. Signed by, Senator Aquino.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Aquino, on your amendment.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Motion to Concur on House Amendment No. 3. And -- Oh that's fine. There you go. So, the amendment simply just adds the Village of Crete to a list of a few other municipalities, including the City of Chicago, Village of Bourbonnais, City of Geneva, Village of Downers Grove, Village of Fox, River Grove, Village of Ohio, and now finally adding a Village of Crete for a TIF extension. I asked for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 696. 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 46 voting Yea, 1 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required

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constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 696, and the bill is declared passed. Senate Bill 1699, Leader Cunningham -- 1699. Mr. Secretary, please read the gentleman's motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House and the adoption of their Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 1699. Signed by, Senator Cunningham.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Madam President. Back during the spring Session, we passed House Bill 3445 that was known as the Energy Omnibus Bill. It included a number of measures, one of those measures was amendatory vetoed by the Governor, that was the right of first refusal language that would apply to the construction of transmission in downstate Illinois. What this bill seeks to do is restore the other provisions of that bill to law. Those that were not amendatory vetoed by the Governor. Among those provisions are efforts to expand the solar on public schools' effort that was in CEJA, authorization for the Illinois Power Agency to do three studies related to offshore wind energy storage, and a high voltage underground transmission line. There is also language that was requested by the Farm Bureau to address a problem related to the renewable siting bill we did last year, and there is language that will direct the ICC to host workshops regarding the development of thermal energy. All these provisions are essentially uncontroversial. I know of no opposition. I'd be happy to answer any questions. Thank you.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Senator Sally Turner, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR S. TURNER:

Question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The sponsor indicates he'll yield. Senator Turner.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Senator. I just have a few questions after I read this over coming from our farmers. So, there's some things I wanted to ask. I see one of the new additions is that it provides that a facility shall file a farmland drainage plan with the county and impacted drainage districts and specify the requirements of the plan. Who tracks that and enforces that part of it?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you for that question. So, that would be that the property owner would enforce that if -- if they saw a problem occur.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Turner.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

Okay, so to follow that up, when you said the property owner would. So, would they have to file some type of civil lawsuit in order to get something done if there's damage or something of that nature?

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Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

I would say that they would have to file a lawsuit if the company was not responsive to their request that the damage be repaired. But this is expected to be self-executing if they do not -- if the company damages drainage tile, for instance, and the landowner alerts them that they've done this, the expectation is, is they will fix that. If they don't, then the remedy would be for the landowner to take them to court.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Turner.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

Okay, so if that indeed happened and we have these requirements, they need to do all these things and -- and fix damages. But if that individual had to file a lawsuit, then they're out money to file the lawsuit. Is there any help for that individual?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

No there's not. And obviously that would be unfortunate. But I think this happens a lot in -- in civil procedures. We put requirements on companies and others and expect them to follow the law if they don't oftentimes the -- the only way to enforce it is to go to court.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Turner.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

I think that's all it just there's a -- we have a lot of

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wind and solar in my district and they're disappointed with some of the things. But I appreciate you fixing a lot of the things that needed to be added to this. So, that's all I have, Madam President. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Further discussion? Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. I appreciate the input from the Senator. I do want to thank Senator Joyce, who did a lot of work on this matter, along with the Farm Bureau addressing these issues we just talked about. They came up when we passed the siting bill. We promised at the time we would come back and address those problems. I think we've done it the best we can. You know, I would also point out that these companies, when they're operating on private land, if they create some of the problems that Senator Turner has alluded to, that's going to reputational damage to those companies and I think that landowners would be much less likely to -- to enter into contracts with them if they do that. With that, I want again, want to thank everyone who's done work on this bill. There are several elements that were pulled together. Senator Stadelman also did quite a bit of work on this bill. I thank them for their work, and I ask for your Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments No. 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 1699. 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 51 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the

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Senate does concur in House Amendment No. 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 1699, and the bill is declared passed. Senate Bill 1956, Senator Martwick. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 1956, Signed by Senator Martwick.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Martwick.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you, Madam President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I move to concur with House Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 1956. House Amendment No. 3 guts and replaces the bill, and it becomes the bill that removes one of the most obscure provisions in Illinois pension law related to the Chicago Police Pension Code. The provision is what's referred to as the birth date restriction, and it applies to Tier 1 Chicago police officers. It creates a bifurcated COLA and one COLA that is quite austere compared to the other police officers in the State of 3 percent simple COLA. And their other COLA is a one and a half simple with a 20-year cap on benefits, which would be the most austere COLA in Illinois. The interesting thing if you're wondering why, it is that Chicago Police officers might have given the challenge of their responsibilities, might have the most austere cost of living adjustment of any pension in Illinois. The answer is, is that they've never actually received that, yet the law reflects a lower benefit amount, but at retirement, the General Assembly has typically moved the date forward to allow every police officer to get a higher COLA, but without having the employer pay for it. This is the definition of creating unfunded liability, and it's in

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large part the reason that the Chicago Police Fund is so poorly funded. This measure, by removing this and making it transparent, will create a pension law that mirrors that which we did already in this Body for Chicago firefighters, the same provision making the actual cost of this fund more real, more transparent. It allows the employer, the City of Chicago, to manage the debt that they owe and pay it back responsibly to both ensure that our valued first responders get the pensions that they've earned and that they deserve, and that the taxpayers are protected against an enormous future shock, which is exactly what happens if you allow backloading of the cost to continue. It is a good government measure, and I am proud to say that despite the opposition from the prior administration in the City of Chicago, this administration under Mayor Johnson has recognized the importance of protecting and preserving these retirement benefits for our valued police officers. I know of no opposition to the bill. I'm happy to answer any questions, and I respectfully request an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Discussion? Senator McClure, for what purpose do you rise.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Thank you, Madam President. Senator Martwick, this is a very important bill, particularly right now, because I believe this is a valuable recruiting tool for our Chicago Police officers. For those of you that are aware, I think many probably are, the non-

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response rate to 911 calls was 30 percent in 2020, and that was - that was an extreme high during the pandemic. And then after the Safety Act passed, 52 percent of high priority 911 calls in 2021 did not receive a response from police. Sixty percent of calls in 2022 this year up, up through this year in July, 52 percent of high priority 911 calls had no immediate response from police, including 8,600 persons with gun cases, 5,159 shots fired cases, 546 cases where someone calls 911 because a person has been shot. There have not been enough police to respond to that. 463 people got stabbed with no immediate response from police because they didn't have enough officers and 226 robberies, in progress. So, since the Safety Act, we have had a severe shortage of law enforcement in Chicago. This bill will be a valuable recruiting tool to try to bring more folks on board for the safety of the citizens of Chicago and of our State. So, I strongly support this bill, and I look forward to voting Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

No further discussion. Seeing none. The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No's. 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 1956. 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 47 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1956, having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 2 and 3, and the bill is declared passed. Senator Holmes, in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

In the middle of Supplemental Calendar No. 1 is Senate Bill 1559. And Senator Lightford, do you wish to proceed? She indicates

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she does. Mr. Secretary, read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 1559. Signed by, Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HUNTER)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Madam President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 1559 is an initiative of the Department of Agriculture. They requested a moratorium on issuing cannabis transporter applications be backdated to January 1st of '23, because they did not open an application window until 2023, which is currently required by statute. The advocates are all in support of this initiative. It does a couple of things. It prohibits the Department of Agriculture from issuing the Cannabis Transporter License applications from January 1 of '23 through January of '27. It waives all fees associated with cannabis transporter licenses, and the department shall make the application for cannabis transporter licenses available beginning January 7th of each year and shall close the application window no later than March 15th. It passed the House unanimously. I know of no opposition. I'd be happy to take questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 1559? 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 47 Ayes, 2 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Having received the required

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constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 1559, and the bill is declared passed. Leader Lightford, in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, please turn your Calendars to the Order of page 3, House Bills 3rd Reading. House Bill 2233. President Harmon seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 2233 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 2233. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by President Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Mr. President.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. I move for the adoption of the amendment. Oh, I beg your pardon. I'd like to withdraw this amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Amendment No. 1 is withdrawn. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by President Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Mr. President.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. I would withdraw Amendment No. 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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Amendment No. 2 is withdrawn. Any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Mr. President.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. I move for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 3.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

On the Order of 2nd -- Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none. 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 LIGHTFORD)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 2233. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2223, an Act concerning education. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Mr. President, on House Bill 2233.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 2233 reflects the culmination of a more than decade long effort to bring an elected representative school board to the Chicago Public School District. Despite all the toing and froing, the back and forth we've seen

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over the last many years, this, I believe, represents the best and most comprehensive proposal to date to bring an elected school board to Chicago, allowing it to join all the other school districts in the State of Illinois, in having a school board elected by the people it serves. I will share the broad-brush strokes of the proposal and happy to answer any questions after that. First, the bill would divide the Chicago Public School District, the City of Chicago, into 20 substantially equal, compact and contiguous districts that reflect the diversity of the City of Chicago. From there, it would provide for an election in 2024 of 20 elected representatives school board members each to serve a two year term, as well as the appointment by the Mayor of the City of Chicago of a Board President, also to serve for a two year term beginning in 2026, we would begin the implementation of staggered terms and by 2032, following the next census and redistricting, the elected members of the school board would be on what we will call the Senate model three classes of elected board representatives to serve patterns of two, four, and four year terms over the decade. We would begin a primary election not in the 2024 election, but in the 2026 election, to ensure that those elected to longer terms have achieved the support of more than 50 percent of the voters that are participating in the election. And perhaps most importantly, most importantly, we are expressly extending the ethical guidelines that govern all other school districts in the State of Illinois and the Public Officials Prohibited Activities Act to the Chicago Board of Election of Education Representatives. So, we -- we also create the Black Student Achievement Committee within the Board, following feedback from education advocates, parents and community members, and have authorized the Board to

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create additional committees of special purpose. So, with that, I appreciate the effort of so many people. Senator Rob Martwick, who has carried the original bill to provide for the elected representative school board, would -- was the necessary precursor to this, where we are implementing that the will of the General Assembly. So many of you have worked so hard for so many years on this, and especially to all of the advocates, to all of the parents, to all of the community representatives who've made their voices heard. It is finally coming to fruition today with a fully elected representative school board. Be happy to try to answer any questions you may have.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Senator Lewis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LEWIS:

Thank you, Madam President. Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS:

Just one point for clarification, Mr. President. Can CPS teachers, run for the Chicago School Board?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Senator. May they run for the school board or run the school board?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Lewis. President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

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Thank you, Madam President. I did hear the question. No. Just like in any other school district in the State, active teachers would be prohibited from running for the school board. There is a possibility that a substitute teacher working in a very limited basis or retired teacher could run, but not a teacher who's in the classroom every day.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS:

Thank you very much. To -- to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR LEWIS:

Mr. President, I want to thank you first for your efforts for having the Senate lead this discussion. Compared to our Chamber, our fellow, the House, I think we've done the best that we could. But at the same time, this process has afforded us the opportunity to not have a committee meeting vetting these amendments. The advocates have not had the time to review and weigh in. We are two and a half years after this bill has been signed, and we are passing something on the last day that will change the governance of how we affect the future of 300,000 plus students. The next generation of Chicago schoolchildren are going to be affected by the decision we make today. Maps should be drawn by independent commissions. Not politicians. It's that simple. The proposal is another map drawn by politicians with neither adequate time or opportunity for the public to be involved. This is not how democracy works. We're having a primary election is what we suggest. If you are a parent that is passionate about your child's

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education, you now have to go through two elections. So, I ask us, take the time to get this right. I understand the pressures that we put ourselves under by waiting two and a half years. But remember, the next generation of Chicago school children are going to be affected by this bill. Many of us may not care what happens in Chicago. I do. It affects our State. It affects everything we do in this building, the City of Chicago. Let's take the time, get this right. I encourage a No vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Seeing no further discussion. President Harmon, to close.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. And Senator, thank you for your question and your commentary. I do want the record to reflect a correction or two. I appreciate that you would like us to take more time, although you also said we were doing it on the last day. I have to emphasize this April 1st is our deadline. By Senate standards, we are years ahead of schedule, by being months ahead of schedule, we also could not act until the census was completed and we had the numbers. So, this was that -- we didn't delay for two and a half years. We weren't able to achieve this in the spring. We're back in the fall at our first opportunity to pass this. Now, that being said, this is not a perfect bill. This is not a perfect map. We will never pass a perfect bill. And I had some trepidation about calling this. I know there's some angst in our caucus about the particulars here, but in the end, I fell back to some advice I got from a former Senate President, a mentor of mine who, when confronted with a difficult decision, would say, when in doubt, do what is right. This is the right thing to do. This is a damn good map. This is a damn good way to implement a

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long deferred effort to reach democracy in the City of Chicago. Everybody in the Senate should be proud of the work we've done, and proud of the product on the board. This is a way to enfranchise voters across the City of Chicago. And I am very hopeful that when all is said and done, this will be the law in Illinois. And we'll have a fully elected school board after November of 2024. I ask for your help in achieving that objective by voting Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The question is, shall House Bill 2233 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 38 voting Yeas, 0 vote -- 12 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 2233, having received the required constitutional majority is declared passed. Mr. Secretary, Appointment Messages.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Appointment Message 1030367, Governor's salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Illinois Gaming Board, Dionne Hayden; Appointment Message 1030368, Treasurers salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Treasurer's Personnel Review Board, Susan Georgelos; Appointment Message 1030369, Treasures salaried appointment, To be a Member of the Treasurer's Personnel Review Board, Jo Johnson; and Appointment Message 1030370, Comptroller salaried appointment, To be the Director of Human Resources, Rebecca Schuster.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No objections filed, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, the motion carries and the resolutions are adopted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

We will now proceed to the Order of Celebration of Life Resolutions Consent Calendar. With the 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 resolutions on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No objections filed, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, the motion carries, and the resolutions are adopted. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

A Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, Clerk. Mr. President, I would direct you to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit: House Joint Resolution 45, resolved by the House of Representatives of the 103rd General Assembly of the State of Illinois. The Senate concurring here in that when the House of

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Representatives adjourns on Thursday, November 9th, 2023, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, January 16th, 2024, or to the call of the Speaker. And when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, November 9th, 2023, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, January 16th, 2024 or until the call of the President. Adopted by the House, November 9th, 2023. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution 45, offered by Senator Cunningham.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

On the Order of Resolution is House Joint Resolution 45. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution 45, offered by Senator Cunningham.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Cunningham moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of House Joint Resolution 45. 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 45. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. President Harmon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. A point of personal privilege here at the end of the Session.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your privileged point, sir.

SENATOR HARMON:

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Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Thank you very much for your participation here this week and this year. It's been a good 2023. As always, I am proud to be a Senator. I am proud to be in service with you all. And I want to thank you for the work that you have all done and we have done collectively this year. The House was able to adjourn earlier today, but they were not able to finalize their House Calendar in time. So, the Senate Calendar is on its way over to -- to the Floor for the -- for the 2024 spring Session. If you are -- choose to depart before it arrives, we will make sure that Leader Curran's office and mine emailed it out to you, but we will see you here in the middle of January to return to business for the -- for the full spring Session. But thank you all. Wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, a happy holiday. I'm sure I'll see some of you along the way back in the districts we all represent, but once and always good to be a Senator. Thank you all very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Mr. President. I would echo Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and wish all of you a happy New Year. There being no further business to come before the Senate pursuant to House Joint Resolution 45. The Senate stands adjourned until noon on the 16th day of January, 2024, or to the call of the Senate President. The Senate stands adjourned.