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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 the Pastor Steven Lawrence of Exodus Church here in Springfield. Pastor.

PASTOR STEPHEN LAWRENCE: (Invocation)

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Johnson, would you please lead us?

SENATOR HUNTER: (Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Blueroomstream.com and the State Journal Register have requested permission to videotape and take still photos of the proceedings today. Seeing no objection, permission is granted. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, before we proceed with our business, just a note for your edification. The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules has delayed its start today, which contributed to our delay. They still have not met. So, we have convened to take care of our paperwork while they get their paperwork in order. We'll proceed with our business. And when -- when we adjourn, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules will be able to meet. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journals of February 3rd, 6th, and 7th 2023.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR BRYANT:

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

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of the Journal read by the Secretary, pending the arrival of the printed transcript.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Are you sure?

SENATOR HUNTER:

Correction.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

I move that the Journal's just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senators has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Hunter moves to approve the Journal's just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDENT HARMON:

I'm now. That was my mistake, Senator. Mr. Secretary, let's -- let's get back in the groove here, as we return to Session.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journals of Thursday, November 9th, 2023; Wednesday, January 10th, 2024; and Friday, January 12th, 2024.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal just read by the Secretary, pending the

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arrival of the 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. As we return to Springfield for the second semester, a reminder that due to renovations in the Capitol, the Senate will be meeting here in the temporary Senate Chamber in Springfield Howlett Building. While the temporary Chamber does not have a gallery, Members of the public can still view the Senate proceedings. There is a public viewing area in the Hall of Flags, also located on the first floor of the Howlett Building. And Session is available, as always, to view online at the Illinois GA website [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov). Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 707, offered by Senator Tracy and all Members. It is a celebration of life resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, Introduction and Reading of Senate Bills for the first time.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2747, offered by Senator Edly-Allen, an Act concerning conservation. Senate Bill 2748, offered by Senator Johnson, an Act concerning children. Senate Bill 2749, offered by Senator Murphy, an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 2750, offered by Senator Ventura, an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2751, offered by Senator McConchie, an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2752, offered by Senator McConchie, an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2753, offered by Senator DeWitte, an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2754, offered by

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Senator DeWitte, an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2755, offered by Senator DeWitte, an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2756, offered by Senator Villanueva, an Act concerning liquor. Senate Bill 20 -- 2157 -- 2757, offered by Senator Fine, an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 2758, offered by Senator Villa, an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 2759, offered by Senator Hunter, an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 2760, offered by Senator Hunter, an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2761, offered by Senator Halpin, an Act concerning courts. Senate Bill 2762, offered by Senator Stadelman, an Act concerning elections. Senate Bill 2763, offered by Senator Ellman, an Act concerning lighting. Senate Bill 2764, offered by Senator Doris Turner, an Act concerning business. Senate Bill 2765, offered by Senator Martwick, an Act concerning business. 1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Bryant, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BRYANT:

Believe, sir, that I was going to ask or tell? Ask that we be excused for caucus in Room 400. I was waiting, though, for the other side to ask first so I could be, you know, be a lady about it.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Thank you, Senator. Nothing is as it has normally been today, as we knock the rust off and return to Session, the Senate Democrats will also caucus in the President's Office at 1:00 or as soon, thereafter as the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules schedule allows. Please stay in touch with your legislative assistants for a final time. The Senate Republicans will caucus in

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Room 400. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of noon on the 17th day of January, 2024. The Senate stands adjourned.