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PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HUNTER)

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

PASTOR CURT FLECK: (Invocation)

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HUNTER)

Please remain standing. Senator Johnson, please lead us in the Pledge.

SENATOR JOHNSON: (Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HUNTER)

We will have Lisa Yuscus from Blueroomstream.com who seeks leave to photograph the proceedings -- videotape the proceedings. Is there any objection? Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, January 16th, 2024.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HUNTER)

Senator Glowiak Hilton, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HUNTER)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Bill 2766, offered by Senator Joyce, an Act concerning conservation. Senate Bill 2767, offered by Senator Joyce, an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2768, offered by Senator Belt, an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2769, offered by Senator Hastings, an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2770, offered by Senator Hastings, an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 2771, offered by Senator Anderson, an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2772, offered by Senator Anderson, an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2773, offered by Senator Napoleon Harris, an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2774, offered by Senator Cunningham, an Act concerning gaming. Senate Bill 2775, offered by Senator Stadelman, an Act concerning public employee benefits. Senate Bill 2776, offered by Senator Toro, an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2777, offered by Senator Toro, an Act concerning property. Senate Bill 2778, offered by Senator Holmes, an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2779, offered by Senator Doris Turner, an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2780, offered by Senator Ventura, an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2781, offered by Senator Ventura, an Act concerning conservation. Senate Bill 2782, offered by Senator Ventura, an Act concerning appropriations. Senate Bill 2783, offered by Senator Ventura, an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2784, offered by Senator Ventura, an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2785, offered by Senator Castro, an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2786, offered by Senator Edly-Allen, an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 2787, offered by Senator Edly-Allen, an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2788, offered by Senator Edly-Allen, an Act concerning children. Senate Bill 2789, offered by Senator Murphy, an Act

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concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2790, offered by Senator Murphy, an Act concerning public aid. Senate Bill 2791, offered by Senator Murphy, an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2792, offered by Senator Halpin, an Act concerning public aid. Senate Bill 2793, offered by Senator Halpin, an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 2794, offered by Senator Halpin, an Act concerning wildlife. Senate Bill 2795, offered by Senator Halpin, an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 2796, offered by Senator Fine, an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2797, offered by Senator Anderson, an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2798, offered by Senator Holmes, an Act concerning property. Senate Bill 2799, offered by Senator Fine, an Act concerning aging. Senate Bill 2800, offered by Senator Villivalam, an Act concerning public aid. Senate Bill 2801, offered by Senator Villivalam, an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2802, offered by Senator Stoller, an Act concerning public employee benefits. Senate Bill 2803, offered by Senator Belt, an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2804, offered by Senator Cunningham, an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2805, offered by Senator Tracy, an Act concerning protective orders. Senate Bill 2806, offered by Senator Tracy, an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 2807, offered by Senator Tracy, an Act concerning courts. Senate Bill 2808, offered by Senator Tracy, an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2809, offered by Senator Tracy, an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2810, offered by Senator Ellman, an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2811, offered by Senator Holmes, an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2812, offered by Senator Gillespie, an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 2813, offered by Senator Ventura, an Act concerning local government.

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Senate Bill 2814, offered by Senator Joyce, an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2815, offered by Senator Joyce, an Act concerning elections. Senate Bill 2816, offered by Senator Johnson, an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 2817, offered by Senator Tracy, an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2818, offered by Senator Ventura, an Act concerning civil Law. 1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HUNTER)

Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 709, offered by Senator Murphy and all Members. It is a celebration of life resolution, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HUNTER)

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 708, offered by Senator Joyce, and Senate Resolution 710, offered by Senator Ellman. They are both substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HUNTER)

As a reminder, this Friday, January 19th is the bill request deadline. Repeat this Friday, January 19th is the bill request deadline. You have until 5:00 p.m. on Friday to get your pre-draft bill request into the Legislative Reference Bureau. Thank you, Members. Senator McClure, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MCCLURE:

For an introduction?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HUNTER)

State your introduction, sir.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

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Thank you, Madam President. Today I have the distinct honor of recognizing the members of the Taylorville High School FFA Chapter. We all know the importance of agricultural education in our State and the opportunities it can bring to participants later in life. These students have taken their studies and their work to the next level. The Taylorville Chapter won the National Chapter Award: National Premier Chapter, in the Strengthening Agriculture Division. This award was the result of the program identifying the need for adult role models and establishing a program called "My Mentor." Representing this amazing group at the Capitol today are Taylorville High School Principal, Matt Hutchinson. Excuse me, Matt Hutchinson, Taylorville FFA Chapter Co-Presidents: Drew Mickey and Abby Norris, and members Tucker Winans, Steven Franklin, Audrey Curtin, Liam Steward, Jake Whetsell, Waylon Paulek, Chloe Grant, Abby Erlenbush, and Jay Bliler. In addition to their recognition as a Chapter, several members won national awards, as well. These include: Jay Bliler, a National Proficiency Award Winner in Agricultural Research, Drew Mickey and Jay Bliler, who finished 2nd in National FFA Agriscience Fair Animal Systems, Abby Norris and Abby Erlenbush, 4th in National FFA Agriscience Fair Social Systems. So, we have the group, they can't come on the Floor because of our -- the size of the group, but they are in the Flag of -- the Hall of -- the Hall of Flags, right now. Unfortunately, not able to be here were the FFA Advisor, Sue Schafer, Tanner Mickey, and Lizzie Schafer. But I would appreciate if the Senate could give a warm welcome to the Taylorville High School FFA Chapter as we welcome them to the Senate, and hopefully now they will appear on our screen so we can give them a warm round of -- a warm round of applause.

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PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HUNTER)

Welcome to the Senate, Taylorville. Yay! Leader Curran, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CURRAN:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HUNTER)

State your point, Leader Curran.

SENATOR CURRAN:

Madam President, I would like to and Members in the Chamber, I would like to take a moment to honor one of our Senate staffers, who is going to be leaving us at the end of the month to further his career outside the General Assembly. I have, I'm joined on the Floor today with Jonathan Wygant. John came to us as an ILSIP intern in 2015 after serving nearly 11 years in the United States Navy. John has been an integral part of the Senate Republican organization, and we are grateful for his many years on our Senate Republican staff, where he has focused on a variety of subjects guiding us in the areas of gaming and transportation, as well as, Veteran's affairs. He's a proud husband and father and a very Active member of his local community. From the world's finest navy to the Illinois Senate. John is a true patriot and public servant who has dedicated his life and career to improving our State, our country, and our world. John, I want to thank you for your many years of public service, and I want to wish you and your family the best going forward as you further your career. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HUNTER)

Thank you for your service, John. Senator Sims, what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR SIMS:

Point of personal privilege, Madam.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HUNTER)

State your point.

SENATOR SIMS:

Madam President. Continuing with the theme of graduations, and commencements, we too have a member of our tremendous team who is leaving us, Alfred Joseph Burse. Affectionately known as AJ, on our side of the aisle and on -- on the other side of the aisle is going to go on and further his career. This is a bittersweet, bittersweet moment because we know our staffs, they -- they are the unsung, unsung heroes of this Chamber. They are the individuals who do not get the recognition that they deserve. They put in countless hours on behalf of the people of the State of Illinois. We are the ones who in front of the cameras, but they are the ones who make us look good. And AJ embodies all of those qualities, starting in local government, where he worked tirelessly after being a graduate of Millikin University. He then went to work in my -- in my district office, starting as an intern. He eventually rose to district office director, where he was... He took on the task of managing me, which nobody everybody knows it's not an easy task, but he took that step. He took on that task with a with a zeal and a fervor that he then continued when he came here and he came here to Springfield to serve in multiple capacities, serving on the Financial Institutions Committee, serving on Local Government Committee, but also doing the Appropriations, Associated Appropriations work for both. We are going to miss AJ tremendously. He is going to go -- he's going to take his talents to the administration and work for and work in the Legislative

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Affairs for Lieutenant Governor Stratton. Lieutenant Governors gain is certainly our loss. But, AJ, we want you to know how much we appreciate you. We wish you well in your future endeavors. And we look forward to you not being that far away because we -- we know you can't, you can never leave the Senate, you can only graduate. Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, AJ, for everything.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HUNTER)

Thank you for your service, AJ. We'll miss you. We will now proceed to the Order of Celebration of Life - Resolutions Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all those resolutions read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, have there been any objections filed to any resolutions on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No objections filed, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HUNTER)

Is there any discussions? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor say Aye. The Ayes, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carry and the resolutions are adopted. Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, Clerk. Mr. President - I am directed 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 49, RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two houses



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adjourned on Wednesday, January 17th, 2024, the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 6th, 2024, or to the call of the Speaker. The Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 6th, 2024, or to the call of the President. Adopted by the House, January 17th, 2024. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HUNTER)

Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution 49, offered by Senator Johnson.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HUNTER)

On the Order of Resolution is House Joint Resolution 49. Mr. Secretary, read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution 49, offered by Senator Johnson.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HUNTER)

Senator Johnson moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of House Joint Resolution 49. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Johnson moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 49. All those in favor say, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR HUNTER)

Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading. Correction, Senate Bill 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2819, offered by Senator Aquino, an Act concerning regulation. 1st Reading of the bill.

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This is a reminder you have until Friday, this Friday, to get your pre-draft request into the Legislative Reference Bureau. Let me repeat, because you all are talking, you have until 5 p.m. on Friday to get your pre-draft bill request into the Legislative Reference Bureau. There being no further business to come before the Senate. Pursuant to House Resolution -- House Joint Resolution 49, the Senate stands adjourned until noon on the 6th of February 2024, or the call of the Senate President. The Senate stands adjourned.