

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
103rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

87th Legislative Day

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MURPHY)

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 offered by Reverend Jim Sporleder, Hillside Church of Faith, Effingham, Illinois. Reverend.

REVEREND JIM SPORLEDER: (Invocation)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MURPHY)

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

SENATOR JOHNSON: (Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MURPHY)

Today we just have blues -- blueroom {sic}service -- stream seeking leave to photograph, videotape the proceedings. Is there any objection? Seeing none, objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, March 5th, 2024.

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Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Madam Chair, you look awfully good up there running things today. I move the post -- move to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal just read by the Secretary, pending arrival of the printed transcripts.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MURPHY)

Senator Hunter 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. Mr. Secretary, are there any Committee Reports?

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Yes, Madam President. Senator Martwick, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary, reports Senate Bills 2758, 3284, 3285, 3314, 3343, 3351, 3367, 3479, 3669, 3680, 3696, and 3713 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 2644, 2930, 3182, 3421, 3460 and 3513 Do Pass, as Amended. Senator Johnson, Chair of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Bills 2920, 3156, 3348, 3349, 3473 and 3553 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 2824 and 2987 Do Pass, as Amended. Senator Villa, Chair of the Committee on Public Health, reports Senate Bills 2931, 3239, 3378, 3548, 3763, and 3784 Do Pass; and Senate Resolution 708 Be Adopted. Senator Morrison, Chair of the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports Senate Bills 2536, 3115, 3268, 3297 and 3430 Do Pass. Senator Villivalam, Chair of the Committee on Transportation, reports Senate Bills 3175, 3202, 3406, 3451 and 3471 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 2667 Do Pass, as Amended. Senator Feigenholtz, Chair of the Committee on Financial Institutions, reports Senate Bill 3133 Do Pass. Senator Harris, Chair of the Committee on Insurance, reports Senate Bills 3130 and 3599 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 5625, {sic}(56), (2573) 7326, {sic} (2672) 72 - 3203, and 3318 Do Pass, as Amended. Senator Halpin, Chair of the Committee on Higher Education, reports Senate Bills 3132, 3581, and 3771 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 3594 Do Pass, as Amended. Senator Peters, Chair of the Committee on Labor, reports Senate Bill 30 - - Senate Bills 3558 and 3649 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 2770 and 3650 Do Pass, as Amended. And Senator Fine, Chair of the Committee on Behavioral and Mental Health, reports Senate Bills 3316 and 3432 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 3137 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MURPHY)

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SENATOR JOHNSON:

Thank you -- thank you, Madam President, for an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MURPHY)

Please make your announcement.

SENATOR JOHNSON:

Thank you, Madam President. Women in Government, they are here today, for a woman of the Illinois Legislature, and they want us to join them for a grab and go networking lunch. And it is in the Stratton Building, Room 200-6S, which is M-1 and is from 1:00 o'clock until 3:00 o'clock p.m. Our very own leader, Mattie Hunter, she's the Midwestern Regional Director and then you'll get a chance to meet the Women in Government Executive Director, Meredith Martino. Women in Government empowers Women State Legislators and I invite all of the women and men to join them for the grab and go lunch today. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MURPHY)

Thank you, Senator. Mr. Secretary, are there any resolutions?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 824, offered by Senator Bennett. It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MURPHY)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the Senate will stand at ease for a few minutes to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. Members of the Committee {sic}(on) Assignment, please meet in the Senate back room immediately. Thank you. The Senate will stand at ease. (at ease) The Senate will come to order. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Executive Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3679; and refer to Labor Committee - Senate Bill 3646. Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MURPHY)

Thank you. With leave of the Body, we are -- turn your Calendars to page 6, we have Resolution 726 -- Senate Resolution 726. Senator Johnson, do you wish to proceed? The lady indicates she would like to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 726, offered by Senator Johnson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MURPHY)

Senator Johnson, would you like to introduce your resolution - explain it?

SENATOR JOHNSON:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Resolution 729 {sic} (726) highlights the need for research and funding to support the discovery and development of therapies for rare diseases and declares March 6th, 2024 as Rare Disease Day. Senate Resolution 726 is an initiative of iBIO, iBIO is the state trade association representing the life sciences industry in Illinois. Their membership ranges from global corporations to startup companies to -- in biopharma, medical devices and nutrition industries. According to the National Institute of Health, nearly 7000 diseases and conditions affect fewer than 200,000 Americans annually, categorizing them as rare diseases. As a group, rare diseases

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affect nearly 30 million Americans, half of whom are children. The Food and Drug Administration has approved drugs and biologicals for more than a thousand rare diseases. However, millions of Americans have rare diseases for which no approved treatments exist. Individuals and families who are affected by rare diseases often experience problems such as diagnosis, delays, and difficulties finding medical experts, and a lack of access to treatments or ancillary services. While the public is aware of some rare diseases like muscular dystrophy or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or ALS as we know it, there are lesser-known rare diseases that bear a large share of the burden on funding research and raising public awareness to support a search -- a search for a treatment. In 2017, 1 in 10 Americans diagnosed with rare diseases were given a voice by establishing the Rare Disease Advisory Commission and the Orphan Drug Act, which encouraged and promoted the discovery and development of biopharmaceuticals designed to treat and potentially cure rare diseases. Many of the world's leading academic institutions, medical centers, biotech companies, and pharmaceutical companies conducting research and seeking cures for rare diseases are doing so in the State. And I would like to congratulate Maria Pollack and -- and thank her and the Illinois Rare Disease Commission for the work that they're doing in this space. And they were here, yesterday, for a reception and this morning for a breakfast, to again, continue to shine light, on rare diseases, in Illinois. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MURPHY)

Thank you. Any discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall Senate Resolution 726 pass. All those in favor say, Aye. Opposed, No. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted.

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Ladies and Gentlemen, there being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until noon on the 7th day of March, 2024. The Senate stands adjourned.