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103rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
REGULAR SESSION  
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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The regular Session of the 103rd General Assembly will please come to order. Will Members please be at their desks? The invocation today will be given by Reverend Jessica Baldyga of United Methodist Church in Pana, Illinois.

REVEREND BALDYGA: (Invocation)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Johnson, please lead us in the Pledge.

SENATOR JOHNSON: (Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Due to renovations in the State - in the Senate Chambers, the Senate will be meeting in temporary Senate Chamber here in Springfield Howlett Building. While the temporary Chamber does not have a gallery, members of the public can still view the Senate's proceedings. There's a public viewing area in the Hall of Flags, also located on the first floor of the Howlett building. Session will also be available online at [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov). Blueroomstream seeks leave of the Body to be able to video stream. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, February 20th, 2024.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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Senator Hunter moves the postponement and reading of the approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 778 and 779, offered by Senator Murphy and all Members. Senate Resolution 781 through 783, offered by Senator Anderson and all Members. They are all celebration of life resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Mr. Secretary, Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 780, offered by Senator Tracy. Senate Resolution 784, offered by Senator Fine. They are both congratulatory. And Senate Resolution 785, offered by Senator Joyce, it is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Johnson, Chair of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Bills 3110, 3164, 3166, and 3237 Do Pass. Senator Martwick, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary, reports Senate Bills 2919, 3091, and 3232 Do Pass. Senator Villa, Chair of the Committee on Public Health, reports Senate Bill 2637 Do Pass; and Senate Resolutions 699, 703, 726, 727, 735, and 738 Be Adopted. Senator Morrison, Chair of the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports Senate Bills 2655, 2980, 3111, 3112, and 3207 Do Pass. Senator Halpin, Chair of the Committee on Higher Education, reports Senate Bills 2690 and 2862 Do Pass. Senator Peters, Chair on the

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Committee on Labor, reports Senate Bill 2918 Do Pass and Senate Bill 2568 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Johnson, do you have a special guest you'd like to introduce?

SENATOR JOHNSON:

I do, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Please introduce your guest.

SENATOR JOHNSON:

Sure. Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I am so happy that we have, Miss USOA, Illinois, Shanale Mason. Now, she may look familiar to many of you because she worked here in Springfield, in the Capitol for -- for many years. At first, she was Senator Simmons, LA, then she transitioned to the Communications department, and she was my Communication liaison, as well as, she supported Leader Harris and former Senator Van Pelt, and I believe, Senator Jones. And currently, she is the Communications and Outreach Director for my district office team. So, I'm happy that she's here. And I want to say that in November of 2023, Shanale Mason competed in the United States of American pageants, and she took home the winning title, making history becoming the first black USOA Miss Illinois. Since her reign this year, Shanale has worked diligently, traveling throughout the State of Illinois to support organizations and to help inspire and uplift youth. Her platform focuses on adolescent grief and loss, health, and homelessness. Shanale will represent the State of Illinois at Nationals this year in July in Texas, to compete for the United States of America's Miss category. This Black History

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Month, we recognize Shanale and applaud her for inspiring the next generation of girls and boys, young leaders to be great and never, ever give up on their dreams. Please join me in welcoming -- giving her a warm welcome to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Yes, congratulations and welcome to the Senate. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

A 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 52, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, when the two houses shall convene in Joint Session on Wednesday, February 21st, 2024, at the hour of 12:00 noon for the purpose of hearing His Excellency Governor JB Pritzker present to the General Assembly his Budget Message for the Fiscal Year 2025, as required by Chapter 15, Section 20/50-5 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes. Adopted by the House, February 20th, 2024. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

On the Order of Resolutions, is House Joint Resolution 52. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution 52, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Lightford moves to suspend the rules for the

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immediate consideration of House Joint Resolution 52. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Lightford moves the adoption of House Joint Resolution 52. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. The following Senators are appointed to the Committee of Escort to escort the Governor to the House of Representatives for the Joint Session: Senator Lightford, Senator Castro, Senator Holmes, Senator Stoller, Senator Tom Bennett. The Committee will meet in the front of the House Chambers prior to the Joint Session. The Senate will now stand in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolutions 788 through 792, offered by Senator Anderson and all Members. And Senate Resolution 793, offered by Senator Murphy and all Members. They're celebration of life resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Resolution Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 786 and 787, offered by Senator Stadelman. They are congratulatory.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Castro, Chair of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Bill 2665, Senate Bills 3000 through 3018, 3000 {sic} (3030)

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through 3069, 3216 and 3238 Do Pass; and Senate Resolution 532 Be Adopted, as Amended. Senator Glowiak Hilton, Chair, of the Committee on Licensed Activities, reports Senate Bill 2819 Do Pass. Senator Joyce, Chair of the Committee on State Government, reports Senate Bills 2682, 3174, and 3241 Do Pass. Senator Holmes, Chair, the Committee on Local Government, reports Senate Bill 2938 Do Pass. Senator Villanueva, Chair of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Bills 2703, 2832, 2859, 2906, 2936 and 3155 Do Pass.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 10 a.m. on the 22nd day of February 2024. The Senate stands adjourned.