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**1:32 O'CLOCK P.M.**

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The Senate met pursuant to the directive of the President. Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-5(c)2, the Secretary of the Senate conducted the perfunctory session. Silent prayer was observed.

### **REPORTS RECEIVED**

The Secretary placed before the Senate the following reports:

LAC 2020 Annual Report, submitted by the Legislative Audit Commission.

Emotional Intelligence and Social Emotional Learning Task Force Final Report, submitted by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Overhear Report: March 2020 - February 2021, submitted by the Rock Island State's Attorney.

2020 FOID Annual Report, submitted by the Illinois State Police.

2021 Child Care Flex Time Biennial Report, submitted by the Department of Central Management Services.

2021 Flex Time Annual Report, submitted by the Department of Central Management Services.

CDB Child Care Flex Time Report 2021, submitted by the Capital Development Board.

Eavesdropping Exemption Report for Kane County, submitted by the Kane County State's Attorney.

FY20 Business Enterprise Program Annual Report, submitted by the Department of Central Management Services.

FY20 Veterans Business Program Annual Report, submitted by the Department of Central Management Services.

MBE/WBE Report from the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority, submitted by the Sports Facilities Authority.

Policy Statement on Flexible Work Requirements for Child Care, submitted by the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board.

SIU School of Medicine Notification of a Potential Data Security Incident, submitted by the Southern Illinois School of Medicine.

DHS Plan Designed to Reduce the Need for Child Care of Employees' Children Outside the Home, submitted by the Department of Human Services.

DJJ Annual Report FY2020, submitted by the Department of Juvenile Justice.

First Stop Business Information Center Annual Report 2020, submitted by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Quarterly Report - January 2021, submitted by the Department of Juvenile Justice.

FY20 Live Theater Statutory Annual Report, submitted by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

The foregoing reports were ordered received and placed on file with the Secretary's Office.

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**LEGISLATIVE MEASURE FILED**

The following Committee amendment to the Senate Bill listed below has been filed with the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Assignments:

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 104

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

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March 3, 2021

Mr. Tim Anderson  
Secretary of the Senate  
Room 401 State House  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 2-10, I am scheduling a Perfunctory Session to convene on Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

Sincerely,  
s/Don Harmon  
Don Harmon  
Senate President

cc: Senate Republican Leader Dan McConchie

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE MINORITY LEADER**

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March 1, 2021

Mr. Tim Anderson  
Secretary of the Senate  
Room 401 State House  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-2(a) and 3-5(c), please be advised that I have made the following appointments, to be effective immediately, to the 102nd General Assembly Senate Committees.

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**APPROPRIATIONS**

Senator Chapin Rose, (MS)  
Senator John Curran  
Senator Donald DeWitte  
Senator Brian Stewart  
Senator Craig Wilcox

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-3(a-5) and 3-2, please be advised that I have made the following appointments, to be effective immediately, to the following special subcommittees of the Senate Appropriations Committee:

**APPROPRIATIONS- AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT, AND ENERGY**

Senator Craig Wilcox, (MS)  
Senator Darren Bailey  
Senator John Curran

**APPROPRIATIONS- BUSINESS REGULATIONS AND LABOR**

Senator Craig Wilcox, (MS)  
Senator Chapin Rose

**APPROPRIATIONS- CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES**

Senator Brian Stewart, (MS)

**APPROPRIATIONS- CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Senator Steve McClure, (MS)  
Senator Chapin Rose

**APPROPRIATIONS- EDUCATION**

Senator Chapin Rose, (MS)  
Senator Sally Turner

**APPROPRIATIONS- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Senator Donald DeWitte, (MS)  
Senator Win Stoller

**APPROPRIATIONS- GENERAL SERVICES**

Senator Brian W. Stewart, (MS)

**APPROPRIATIONS- GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE**

Senator Donald DeWitte, (MS)  
Senator Craig Wilcox

**APPROPRIATIONS- HEALTH**

Senator John Curran, (MS)  
Senator Steve McClure  
Senator Win Stoller  
Senator Sally Turner

**APPROPRIATIONS- HIGHER EDUCATION**

Senator Chapin Rose, (MS)  
Senator Darren Bailey

**APPROPRIATIONS- HUMAN SERVICES**

Senator John Curran, (MS)  
Senator Darren Bailey  
Senator Brian W. Stewart

**APPROPRIATIONS- JUDICIARY**

Senator Brian Stewart, (MS)  
Senator Sally Turner

**APPROPRIATIONS- PERSONNEL AND PROCUREMENT**

Senator Donald DeWitte, (MS)  
Senator Darren Bailey

**APPROPRIATIONS- REVENUE AND FINANCE**

Senator Donald DeWitte, (MS)  
Senator Win Stoller

**APPROPRIATIONS- STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Senator Win Stoller, (MS)  
Senator Sally Turner

**APPROPRIATIONS- VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Senator Craig Wilcox, (MS)  
If you have any questions, please contact my Chief of Staff, Dale Righter, at 217-782-0051.

Sincerely,  
s/Dan McConchie  
Dan McConchie  
Illinois Senate Republican Leader  
44th District

cc: Senate President Don Harmon

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 115**

Offered by Senator Bennett and all Senators:  
Mourns the passing of Thomas Frederick "Tom" Stone Jr.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 116**

Offered by Senator Bennett and all Senators:  
Mourns the death of Barton Wills.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 117**

Offered by Senator Bennett and all Senators:  
Mourns the passing of Charles D. "Chuck" Mockbee III.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 118**

Offered by Senator Barickman and all Senators:  
Mourns the passing of Charles D. "Chuck" Mockbee III.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 119**

Offered by Senator D. Turner and all Senators:  
Mourns the death of Ivan Miller.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 120**

Offered by Senator D. Turner and all Senators:  
Mourns the passing of Peter Greg Visintin Sr.

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**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 121**

Offered by Senator McClure and all Senators:  
Mourns the death of Louis Smarjesse.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 122**

Offered by Senator McClure and all Senators:  
Mourns the passing of Mary Ella Works Freiburg, Ph.D.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 124**

Offered by Senator Van Pelt and all Senators:  
Mourns the passing of Essie Mae "Dear" Clear.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 125**

Offered by Senator Morrison and all Senators:  
Mourns the death of Sam G. "Sonny" Argiris of Niles.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 126**

Offered by Senator Anderson and all Senators:  
Mourns the death of Ora Aten.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 127**

Offered by Senator Anderson and all Senators:  
Mourns the death of Donald Jacobs.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 128**

Offered by Senator Harmon and all Senators:  
Mourns the death of James B. Burns.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 129**

Offered by Senator Anderson and all Senators:  
Mourns the death of Frank L. Bridge.

By direction of the Secretary, the foregoing resolutions were referred to the Resolutions Consent Calendar.

Senator Bryant offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 112**

WHEREAS, The Brazinski Pork Farm of Coulterville received the 2021 Illinois Pork Producers Association Family of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, The Brazinski Pork Farm produces 34,000 market hogs per year and runs a row crop farming operation that includes 2,200 acres of corn, soybeans, and wheat; and

WHEREAS, The Brazinski Pork Farm is a family farm and is led by Jim Brazinski; he is president of the pig production companies Grand View Farm and Grand Tower Farm and a service agency Corn Silk LLC and owns Brazinski Pork Farm; and

WHEREAS, Jim Brazinski's family has an extensive farming background; the maternal side of his family arrived in the U.S. in the 1850s; his paternal family fled Lithuania due to political tensions; his grandfather established the family farm in Coulterville in the 1920s; and

WHEREAS, Jim Brazinski's parents raised their children along with many animals on their farm; his brother began raising hogs for a 4-H project in 1966; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Brazinski graduated from SIU Carbondale in 1984 and started constructing more hog buildings on their family farm with the family doing most of the construction to keep costs down; they still build a lot of equipment in their shop today; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, upon the suggestion of Dr. Bill Hollis, the Brazinski Family Farm joined a sow farm to improve the consistency of their pig flows and to be able to raise larger groups of pigs all the same age; and

WHEREAS, Family has always been a huge part of the Brazinski Pork Farm values; Jim Brazinski and his siblings continue to make sure that their mother, who has Alzheimer's disease, is taken care of along with their father; and

WHEREAS, After several failed attempts to use caregiving agencies, the Brazinski family decided to form a small LLC called Corn Silk and hire their own caregivers; they formed Corn Silk with the belief that care needed to be compassionate, reliable, and the best possible for their parents; and

WHEREAS, The farm currently employs six full-time employees and two part-time employees and has a total of four farms that contract finish hogs for the Brazinski family; and

WHEREAS, The Brazinski family continues to strive to produce the best possible pork; and

WHEREAS, A 13-year member of the Marissa School Board, Jim Brazinski is an avid volunteer and is a member of St. Anthony's Lively Grove Catholic Church; he remains grateful, especially when reminded of the hardships that his family has had to endure; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare November 2, 2021 as Brazinski Family Farm Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Brazinski family as a sign of our respect and esteem.

Senator Bryant offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

#### **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 113**

WHEREAS, On May 15, 2020, several members of the General Assembly received panicked phone calls and emails concerning private personal identification information, such as social security numbers, addresses, and birth dates, being published publicly on the Illinois Department of Employment Security's (IDES) website; and

WHEREAS, The private information being published by IDES pertained to tens of thousands of individuals who had applied for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits as a result of the government shut down of businesses in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Governor Pritzker and IDES entered into two no-bid contracts with private sector companies totaling \$22 million of taxpayer money to help assist in upgrading IDES's antiquated website and claims systems; and

WHEREAS, Prior to May 11, 2020, the day the new IDES became operational, the general public and members of the General Assembly were assured that upon completion of the upgrades to the system then IDES would be able to handle the large number of applications more efficiently, and the application process for unemployment benefits would be easier and more secure; and

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WHEREAS, Since the beginning of the government shut down of businesses on March 16, 2020, a record number of over one million Illinoisans have filed for unemployment benefits, with many having to repeatedly call IDES while waiting for weeks without income; and

WHEREAS, Upon learning about the publication of the private personal information on IDES's website, then-Representative Terri Bryant immediately notified members of the Governor's staff and the IDES staff and asked them to resolve the data breach; and

WHEREAS, The day following the data breach, having not received sufficient answers as to how the breach happened and who was affected, then-Representative Terri Bryant submitted a letter to the Governor's office requesting those answers; and

WHEREAS, On May 21, 2020, five days after the request for answers from the Governor's office and still not having received an adequate response, a subsequent letter was sent from several members of the House Republican Caucus asking that the Governor respond; and

WHEREAS, Every day that goes by without knowing whose information was published, how long the information was available, and who was able to access the information leaves thousands of Illinoisans, who are already suffering from job loss, vulnerable to identity theft; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Auditor General is directed to conduct an audit of the Illinois Department of Employment Security and the unemployment benefits application system; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the audit include, but not be limited to, the following determinations:

- (1) For what period of time the personal information of unemployment applicants was available for access by other applicants and the public;
- (2) Whether or not the data breach has been fully resolved;
- (3) The possibility of another data breach;
- (4) The number of applicants whose information was published;
- (5) The vulnerability to identity theft or other security issues of those whose information was published;
- (6) Any other vulnerabilities regarding the information of the millions of Illinoisans who have applied for unemployment benefits; and
- (7) A review of the contracts awarded to Deloitte Consulting for assisting IDES in the upgrading of its IT services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That IDES and any other State agency or entity having information relevant to the audit shall cooperate fully and promptly in the conduct of the audit; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Auditor General commence this audit as soon as possible and report his findings and recommendations upon completion in accordance with the provisions of Section 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislative Audit Commission is urged to review the findings of this audit in a public meeting, and the General Assembly is urged to take any actions that it deems necessary or desirable to implement the recommendations made by the audit and to remedy any problems or dysfunctions uncovered by the audit; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to Governor JB Pritzker, Department of Employment Security Acting Director Kristin Richards, Auditor General Frank J. Mautino, and Legislative Audit Commission Executive Director Jane Stricklin.

Senator Castro offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

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**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 114**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 created unprecedented circumstances that changed the lives of all Illinoisans; and

WHEREAS, Changes in consumer behavior are likely to continue after the virus has run its course; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic made many Illinoisans wary of leaving their homes for nonessential activities and forced many casinos to close their doors for the safety of their patrons and employees; and

WHEREAS, Internet gaming is partially immune to pandemics due to the remote nature of this type of gaming; and

WHEREAS, States with legal and available internet gaming, such as New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, were able to generate revenue during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Nationwide, in the few states that offer it, internet gaming earned approximately \$402.7 million in gross gaming revenue during the second quarter of 2020, a more productive quarter than national sports betting operations have had to date, according to the American Gaming Association; and

WHEREAS, An internet gaming law in Illinois that permits online table games, slots, and poker with consumer safeguards, a privilege tax on the adjusted gross gaming revenue wagered on internet gaming platforms, and licensing fees has the potential to increase revenue to the State during the COVID-19 pandemic; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that on or before May 1, 2021 the Illinois Gaming Board is urged to deliver a report to the Illinois Senate that includes, at a minimum, detailed estimates of the revenue that could have been generated through a privilege tax if Illinois had implemented internet gaming beginning February 28, 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED, The report should include, at a minimum, estimates of revenue that could be generated with a privilege tax imposed on the adjusted gross gaming revenue wagered on internet gaming platforms at the following rates:

(a) 12%;

(b) 15%;

(c) 16%;

(d) 15% of the adjusted gross revenue up to and including \$25 million and 20% of the adjusted gross revenue in excess of \$25 million; and

(e) Any other rate the Illinois Gaming Board deems appropriate to consider; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to the Illinois Gaming Board.

Senator Holmes offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 123**

WHEREAS, The people of ancient Greece developed the concept of democracy, in which the supreme power to govern was vested in the people; and

WHEREAS, The Founding Fathers of the United States, many of whom read Greek political philosophy in the original Greek language, drew heavily on the political experience and philosophy of ancient Greece in forming the representative democracy of the United States; and

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WHEREAS, Petros Mavromichalis, the former commander-in-chief of Greece and a founder of the modern Greek state, said to the citizens of the United States in 1821, "It is in your land that liberty has fixed her abode, and ... in imitating you, we shall imitate our ancestors and be thought worthy of them if we succeed in resembling you."; and

WHEREAS, The Greek national anthem, the Hymn to Liberty, includes the words, "most heartily was gladdened George Washington's brave land"; and

WHEREAS, Few brave American Philhellenes took an active part in the Greek Revolution and became heroes of the Greek liberation struggle; and

WHEREAS, The people of the United States generously offered humanitarian assistance to the people of Greece during their struggle for independence; and

WHEREAS, Greece heroically resisted the Axis Powers at a crucial moment in World War II, forcing Adolf Hitler to change his timeline and delaying the attack on Russia; and

WHEREAS, Winston Churchill said that "if there had not been the virtue and courage of the Greeks, we do not know which the outcome of World War II would have been" and "no longer will we say that Greeks fight like heroes, but that heroes fight like Greeks"; and

WHEREAS, Hundreds of thousands of the people of Greece were killed during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Greece consistently allied with the United States in major international conflicts throughout the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, Greece is a strategic partner and ally of the United States in bringing political stability and economic development to the volatile Balkan region, having invested billions of dollars in the countries of the region and having contributed more than \$750,000,000 in development aid for the region; and

WHEREAS, The government and people of Greece actively participate in peacekeeping and peace-building operations conducted by international organizations, including the United Nations, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the European Union, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe; and

WHEREAS, Greece received worldwide praise for its extraordinary handling during the 2004 Olympic Games of more than 14,000 athletes and more than 2,000,000 spectators and journalists, a feat the government and people of Greece handled efficiently, securely, and with hospitality; and

WHEREAS, Greece, located in a region where Christianity meets Islam and Judaism, maintains excellent relations with Muslim countries and Israel; and

WHEREAS, Greece remains an integral part of the European Union; and

WHEREAS, The government of Greece has taken important steps in recent years to further cross-cultural understanding, rapprochement, and cooperation in various fields with Turkey and has also improved its relations with other countries in the region, including Israel, thus enhancing the stability of the wider region; and

WHEREAS, The governments and people of Greece and the United States are at the forefront of efforts to advance freedom, democracy, peace, stability, and human rights; and

WHEREAS, Those efforts and similar ideals have forged a close bond between the people of Greece and the United States; and

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WHEREAS, It is proper and desirable for the United States to celebrate March 25, 2021, Greek Independence Day and the bicentennial anniversary of the Greek Revolution against the Ottoman Turks, with the people of Greece and to reaffirm the democratic principles from which these two great countries were founded; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we extend our warm congratulations and best wishes to the people of Greece as they celebrate the 200th anniversary of the independence of Greece; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we express our support for the principles of democratic governance to which the people of Greece are committed; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we recognize the important role that Greece has played in the wider European region and in the community of nations since gaining its independence 200 years ago; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we declare 2021 as the Year of Friendship between Greece and the State of Illinois.

Senator Villivalam offered the following Senate Joint Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

#### **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20**

WHEREAS, Education Support Professionals (ESPs) are the backbone of Pre-K through 12 public education and also work in higher education institutions; more than half a million Education Support Professional members across the country take care of our children every day; they ensure all students have the tools they need to succeed in our schools, classrooms, and higher education institutions; ESPs are comprised of nine career families working in clerical services, custodial and maintenance services, food services, health and student services, security services, skilled trades, technical services, and transportation services and as paraeducators; ESPs are not treated, respected, nor valued the same as teachers; and

WHEREAS, ESPs interact daily with students, parents, and staff; responsibilities include, but are not limited to, processing and maintaining vital, confidential data and student records; and

WHEREAS, ESPs keep schools open, operational, safe, accessible, and clean for students, staff, and the community at all times; they are responsible for ensuring proper indoor air quality and for complying with ROE state regulations and federal OSHA standards for safety operations in the school buildings; and

WHEREAS, ESPs ensure that students have access to safe and nutritious meals and ensure that school districts are complying with the federal free and reduced meal guidelines; and

WHEREAS, ESPs perform a wide variety of health assistance that improves and protects student health and welfare; their responsibilities include, but are not limited to, traditional tasks of providing first aid, monitoring immunizations, conducting health screenings, and assisting sick and injured children; ESPs also provide education that encourages students to maintain good health independently; and

WHEREAS, ESPs perform professional responsibilities that contribute directly to student achievement by providing direct services to students and their families, including academic, social emotional, behavioral, English as a second language, special education, and medical and life skills support for general education to ensure all students receive fair and equitable educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, ESPs have a clear understanding of not only security techniques but also the unique nature of the school population with whom they work; on a broader level, they are active in designing and implementing security policies and crisis response plans; and

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WHEREAS, ESPs maintain and improve the physical quality of school buildings, offices, and facilities; they work behind the scenes to repair, maintain, and operate machinery that is essential to the smooth functioning of the school; and

WHEREAS, ESPs lead the effort to maintain high standards of technology and communication in our schools; they install, repair, and upgrade computers and networks that enable the timely communication of essential information between parents, school district employees, and students; and

WHEREAS, ESPs transport students to and from school safely, and an ESP is the first people to greet each student in the morning and last to say goodbye as they return home; ESPs operate and maintain all of a school system's vehicles; in addition to driving, often in bad weather or heavy traffic, they are responsible for first aid and emergency evacuation procedures, student conduct and discipline, and the safe transportation of students with special needs; all employees in a district's transportation department stay up-to-date on new safety requirements, regulations, and policies; and

WHEREAS, The starting salaries of ESPs begin at \$10.00 per hour for the 2020-2021 school year in the state of Illinois according to the ISBE Non-certified Salary Study; ESPs also often do not qualify for health benefits or use most or all of their wages to pay for health benefits; some ESPs earn at or near poverty level and qualify for government assistance; many ESPs must work more than one job to provide for their families; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that Education Support Professionals in public schools should be treated with the same respect, recognition, value, and standards as teachers and should no longer be second class citizens within the ranks of public education; these professionals provide invaluable services to school communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the General Assembly to seek solutions via study and legislation that include, but are not limited to, legislated salary parity, quality professional development and training, and mandated access to health benefits for all education support professionals.

Senator Villivalam offered the following Senate Joint Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

#### **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21**

WHEREAS, Assyrians, an ethnic minority group, are the indigenous people of Mesopotamia and have lived in the Middle East since ancient times, including in what is today Turkey, Iraq, Iran, and Syria; and

WHEREAS, Today, Assyrians, also known as Chaldeans and Syriacs, live around the world, including over 600,000 who live in the United States and over 80,000 who live in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Between 1914 and 1923, the Assyrian Genocide occurred; during this time, the Ottoman Empire murdered over 300,000 Assyrian men, women, and children by methods that included mass executions, death marches, torture, and starvation; and

WHEREAS, During the Assyrian Genocide, also known as the Seyfo Genocide, the Ottoman Turks and their Kurdish allies also systematically raped and enslaved Assyrian women and girls, forced the Assyrians from their ancestral lands, and pillaged and destroyed their communities; and

WHEREAS, The killings of over two million Armenians, Assyrians, Greeks, Christians, and other religious minority populations represented the culmination of a series of violent persecutions dating back to the late 1800s; and

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WHEREAS, The year 2021 marks the 106th anniversary of the Armenian, Assyrian, and Greek genocides of 1915; these genocides were part of the planned eradication of those indigenous communities by the Ottoman Turkish Empire; yet, to this day, Turkey has still not recognized these genocides; and

WHEREAS, August 7, 1933 is recognized by the International Association of Genocide Scholars as the date on which as many as 6,000 Assyrians were killed at the orders of the Iraqi government in an event known as the Simele Massacre; this massacre continued the legacy of persecution exemplified by the 1915 Assyrian Genocide; and

WHEREAS, August 7th, globally observed by the Assyrian community as Assyrian Remembrance Day, is in remembrance of the Simele Massacre and of all persecution the Assyrian people have faced as a result of their distinct and ancient ethnic and religious identity; and

WHEREAS, The persecution against Assyrians continues until this day in their ancestral homeland, where they are continually targeted for persecution by state and non-state actors such as the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Iraq, the Kurdistan Regional Government, and the so called Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant or ISIL; and

WHEREAS, ISIL has persistently destroyed culturally and historically significant locations and items, including UNESCO world heritage sites such as the ancient Assyrian city of Nimrud; and

WHEREAS, The United States House of Representatives and United States Senate concurrently resolved that "the atrocities perpetrated by ISIL against Christians, Yezidis, and other religious and ethnic minorities in Iraq and Syria constitute war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide"; and

WHEREAS, The denial of genocide is widely recognized as the final stage of genocide; this denial maintains impunity for the perpetrators of these atrocities and demonstrably paves the way for future genocides; and

WHEREAS, The resilience and endurance of the Assyrian people, despite being victims of a genocide that the Islamic State continues to perpetuate to this day, is commendable and praiseworthy; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that RESOLVED, That we recognize the Assyrian Genocide of 1915 as a genocide and as a reprehensible crime against humanity, and we honor the memory of the hundreds of thousands of Assyrians who were murdered; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State of Illinois recognizes the Simele Massacre of 1933 as a genocide and reprehensible crime against humanity and honors the memory of the thousands of Assyrians who were murdered during the Simele Massacre of 1933; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State of Illinois deplores the persistent, ongoing efforts by any person, in this country or abroad, to deny the historical fact of the Assyrian Genocide or any other genocide; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State of Illinois respectfully calls upon the President of the United States to formally and consistently reaffirm the historical truth that the atrocities committed against the Assyrian, Armenian, and Greek populations of the Ottoman Empire between 1914 and 1923 constituted genocide; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State of Illinois encourages education and public understanding of the facts of the Assyrian Genocide, including the United States' role in humanitarian relief effort and the relevance of the Assyrian Genocide to modern day crimes against humanity; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That we declare August 7, 2021 as "Assyrian Remembrance Day" in the State of Illinois.

Senator Bailey offered the following Senate Joint Resolution, which was ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments:

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 6**

SC0006

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to add Section 2.5 to Article IV and amend Section 2 of Article V of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE IV  
THE LEGISLATURE

(ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 2.5 new)

**SECTION 2.5. TERM LIMITS**

A person may not hold the office of State Senator or State Representative for more than 10 years in each office. Service before the second Wednesday in January 2021 shall not be considered in the calculation of a person's service.

ARTICLE V  
THE EXECUTIVE

(ILCON Art. V, Sec. 2)

**SECTION 2. TERMS**

These elected officers of the Executive Branch shall hold office for four years beginning on the second Monday of January after their election and, except in the case of the Lieutenant Governor, until their successors are qualified. They shall be elected at the general election in 1978 and every four years thereafter. No elected officer of the Executive Branch may hold office for more than 10 years in each Executive Branch office. Service before the second Monday in January of 2019 shall not be considered in the calculation of a person's service.

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

Senator Fowler offered the following Senate Joint Resolution, which was ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments:

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 7**

SC0007

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to add Section 22.1 to Article I of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE I

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## BILL OF RIGHTS

(ILCON Art. I, Sec. 22.1 new)

SECTION 22.1. RIGHT TO HUNT, FISH, AND HARVEST WILDLIFE(a) The people have a right, which includes the right to use traditional methods, to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife, subject only to the laws enacted to:(1) promote wildlife conservation and management; and(2) preserve the future of hunting and fishing.(c) Hunting and fishing shall be a preferred means of managing and controlling wildlife.(d) This Section shall not be construed to limit the application of any provision of law relating to trespass or property rights.

## SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

**SENATE BILL NO. 2781.** Introduced by Senator Harmon, a bill for AN ACT concerning appropriations.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

**SENATE BILL NO. 2782.** Introduced by Senator Feigenholtz, a bill for AN ACT concerning education.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

## REPORT FROM STANDING COMMITTEE

Senator Crowe, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 46, 72, 84, 107 and 116**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bills do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE ON ASSIGNMENTS

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, during its March 3, 2021 meeting, reported the following Legislative Measures have been assigned to the indicated Standing Committees of the Senate:

Agriculture: **Senate Bill No. 629.**

Behavioral and Mental Health: **Senate Bills Numbered 331, 347, 348, 599 and 601.**

Commerce: **Senate Bills Numbered 252 and 632.**

Criminal Law: **Senate Bills Numbered 481, 522, 552, 553, 575 and 626.**

Education: **Senate Bills Numbered 496, 497, 498, 517, 531, 559, 564, 569, 577, 605, 633 and 634.**

Energy and Public Utilities: **Senate Bills Numbered 311, 486, 513, 515, 529, 530 and 570.**

Environment and Conservation: **Senate Bills Numbered 561 and 562.**

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Executive: **Senate Bills Numbered 309, 312, 350, 482, 507, 523, 525, 526, 532, 536, 546, 556, 563, 565, 571, 580, 583, 611, 614, 620 and 635.**

Health: **Senate Bills Numbered 315, 341, 346, 455, 478, 545, 579, 582, 598 and 621.**

Healthcare Access and Availability: **Senate Bills Numbered 336 and 363.**

Human Rights: **Senate Bills Numbered 506, 544 and 593.**

Insurance: **Senate Bills Numbered 332, 471, 493 and 499.**

Judiciary: **Senate Bills Numbered 337, 338, 458, 485, 500, 520, 538, 586, 595, 602, 607, 622 and 636.**

Licensed Activities: **Senate Bills Numbered 335, 567 and 592.**

Local Government: **Senate Bills Numbered 321, 501, 524 and 590.**

Pensions: **Senate Bills Numbered 459, 460 and 603.**

Revenue: **Senate Bills Numbered 330, 340, 472, 483, 490, 491, 492, 509 and 511.**

State Government: **Senate Bills Numbered 345 and 539.**

Tourism and Hospitality: **Senate Bill No. 317; Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 104.**

Transportation: **Senate Bills Numbered 533, 534 and 597.**

Veterans Affairs: **Senate Bill No. 505.**

Appropriations- Health: **Senate Bills Numbered 186, 254, 272 and 374.**

Appropriations- Higher Education: **Senate Bills Numbered 92 and 587.**

Appropriations- Human Services: **Senate Bills Numbered 143, 206, 339, 349, 476 and 477.**

Appropriations- Revenue and Finance: **Senate Bills Numbered 503 and 589.**

Behavioral and Mental Health then to Appropriations- Health: **Senate Bill No. 270.**

At the hour of 1:39 o'clock p.m., pursuant to **Senate Joint Resolution No. 1**, the Chair announced that the Senate stands adjourned until the call of the President.