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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The regular Session of the 100th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desk? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Dr. Driss El-Akrich, Islamic Society of Greater Springfield, Springfield, Illinois.

DR. DRISS EL-AKRICH:

(Prayer by Dr. Driss El-Akrich)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you. Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Koehler)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Lisa Yuscius, Blueroomstream.com, requests permission to videotape. Leave is granted. Andrew Rutherford, WICS, requests permission to video. Leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, April 10th, 2018.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Hunter moves to approve the Journals {sic} just read by the Secretary. There being no

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objection, so ordered. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1591, offered by Senator Manar and all Members.

It's a death resolution, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Resolution Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1590, offered by Senator Connelly.

And Senate Resolution 1592, offered by Senator Tom Cullerton. They are both substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Muñoz, (Vice) Chairperson of the Committee on Veterans Affairs, reports Senate Bill 3547 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Bertino-Tarrant, Chairperson of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Bills 2542, 2850, 3190, 3466 Do Pass; Senate Bills 2428, 2527, 2892, 2998, 3183, 3220, 3507, 3514, and 3536 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2941, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3226, and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3249 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Mulroe, (Vice) Chairperson of the Committee on Public Health, reports Senate Bill -- Senate Bills 2827, 3062, and 3290 Do Pass; Senate Bills 2232, 2945, and 2996 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Raoul, Chairperson of the Committee on Judiciary, reports Senate Bills 2521, 2590, 2621, 3103, 3108, 3120, 3217, 3229, 3247, 3289, and 3398 Do Pass; Senate Bills 1246, 2289, 2485, 2556, 2560, 2642, 3138, and 3515 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate

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Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 35 and Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2579 Recommend Do Adopt; and Senate Joint Resolution 55 Be Adopted.

Senator McGuire, Chairperson of the Committee on Higher Education, reports Senate Bills 2927, 3288, and 3568 Do Pass; Senate Bills 2559, 2905, and 3047 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Morrison, Chairperson of the Committee on Human Services, reports Senate Bills 2834, 2951, 3023, 3049, 3076, 3077, 3112, 3115, 3237, 3239, 3508, 3511 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 1628, 2424, 2429, 2547, 2552, 2628, 2662, 3048, 3105, and 3179 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 293, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2765 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Sandoval, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation, reports Senate Bills 2225, 2518, 2610, 3001, 3028, 3029, 3107, 3128 Do Pass; Senate Bills 2267, 2482, 2558, 2918, 3027, and 3148 Do Pass, as Amended; and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1008 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Bennett, Chairperson of the Committee on Criminal Law, reports Senate Bills 2467, 2479, 3228, 3276, 3489 Do Pass; Senate Bills 2526, 2599, 3415, and 3500 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3263 and Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3404 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Stadelman, Chairperson of the Committee on Gaming, reports Senate Bills 3166, 3452, 3528 Do Pass; Senate Bills -- Senate Bill 3387 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 211, and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2327 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Silverstein, Chairperson of the Committee on Local Government, reports Senate Bill 3134 Do Pass; Senate Bills 2619,

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2817, and 3009 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Collins, Chairperson of the Committee on Financial Institution {sic} (Institutions), reports -- reports Senate Bills 2661, 2885, 3083, and 3182 Do Pass; Senate Bills 2433, 3035, 3060, and 3392 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Bush, Chairperson of the Committee on Government Reform, reports Senate Bill 2830 Do Pass; Senate Bills 2328 and 3139 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2459 and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2543 Recommend Do Adopt.

And Senator Biss, Chairperson of the Committee on Labor, reports Senate Bills 2213, 2480, and 2961 Do Pass; Senate Bill -- Senate Bills 2546 and 3096 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, will you please come to the Senate Floor for very important Floor action, Constitutional Amendments and additional 3rd Readings? Please come to the Senate Floor immediately. Senator Brady, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BRADY:

Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to -- point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

I'm sorry, Senator, I -- I didn't hear you.

SENATOR BRADY:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Yes, please state your point.

SENATOR BRADY:

Thank you. Members of the Senate, I'm proud today to announce guests from my district. They are members of the Washington

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Community High School system. They are this year's State Wrestling Champions. They are led by Head Coach Nick Miller, Assistant Coaches Brandon Rice, Doug McClister, Matt Webster, and Mike Carr. This exceptional team not only won this year's championship, but has had over nine championships in their recent history. They -- they're here today. They're joining us by standing in the President's Gallery. And as a former wrestler, I'd like to congratulate them and ask you to join me.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please rise. Congratulations and welcome to the Illinois Senate. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

A Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed bills of the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 751.

We have received a like Message on House Bill 4576. Passed the House, April 10th, 2018. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 751, offered by Senator Holmes.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

...Secretary, Appointment Messages.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Appointment Message 1000379

Governor's non-salaried appointment

To be a Trustee of the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees, Thomas C. Britton

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hunter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HUNTER:

Point of personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your privilege, Senator.

SENATOR HUNTER:

I would like to introduce my Page for today, Miss Sima Hussein. Sima is a student at Amos Alonzo Stagg High School, where she is in the eleventh grade. Sima is here today to expand her knowledge on politics and represent the community of Bridgeview. Out of her love for kids, Sima plans to attend Benedictine College to major in biology and to become a pediatrician. Please welcome Sima Hussein to the Illinois Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. I hope you have a great experience here. Senator Curran, for what purpose do you rise? Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR CURRAN:

I have -- from my hometown of Downers Grove, I have four -- I'd like to recognize four village council members and a plan commission member in the gallery, down here to visit on local government. So, would the Senate please give a welcome to members of the Downers Grove Village Council?

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Please rise and be welcomed to the Illinois Senate. Senator Collins, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. -- Madam President. Good to see you in the Chair. Today -- a personal privilege, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your privilege point.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Today we celebrate the tenth annual Illinois Muslim Action Day and many of my colleagues have been joined by their Pages for today. My Page today is Zarifah Shahid. And Zarifah is a sixteen-year-old with a love for information, food, and politics and social activism. Outside of politics, she enjoys math and chemistry, basketball, music, and a good book. She also takes photos. She's a writer. She plays the violin and viola, and participates in the Model United Nations club. In the future, she hopes to pursue a study in neuropsychology and law and go into the field of forensics. She is joined today in the balcony by her siblings, her brother, her sister, a cousin, and her parents. So, would you please welcome Zarifah Shahid to the Senate?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate and hope that you have a wonderful day. Senator Weaver, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WEAVER:

Privilege -- point of personal privilege, Madam Chair {sic}.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

State your point, Senator.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you. I have with me my Page for a Day, Olivia Streeter,



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who is from Peoria High School in Peoria. She's involved in the speech team. She is the yearbook editor - man, we all wish we could have done that - acts as a school ambassador. She enjoys photography and reading. After high school, she wants to continue in speech. Would like to study communication, journalism and English. I'm telling her that will be at Bradley, but she's looking at ISU, and she wants a college that's strong in student ministry. Please welcome Olivia Streeter to the Illinois State Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator Martinez, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

For the purpose of personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your privilege, Senator.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Today -- today I have the honor of having -- being shadowed by a amazing young lady. Her name is Ammara Ashraf. She is a senior in high school. When she graduates in June, she -- she intends to pursue law. She -- her experience in leadership in her high school is including being vice president of student council, treasurer of speech, and service leader officer of the National Honor Society. She's developed a passion to pursue law through a club at her school, called the Mock Trial. I would like to believe she's a -- she says she's very studious, but I can see she is, because she has a grade point average of 4.0 all through her high school years. So she's an amazing lady. I think we're going to see her in politics. I think that's where she belongs. But I'm

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very happy and honored to be shadowed by a beautiful young lady and a smart individual. Please help me welcome her to the State Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator Castro, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CASTRO:

Point of personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

State your point, Senator.

SENATOR CASTRO:

I'd like to introduce my two Pages for the Day, Hamza Husein -- Husein and Fatima Rasheed. Hamza is a eleventh grade student at Islamic Foundation School. He's not only interested in sports and school clubs, but he's eager to learn more about politics and political topics. Fatima is -- volunteers and enjoys volunteering and she's also here, part of the State Senate, learning more about politics and the process of getting bills passed. Please welcome to the Illinois -- welcome them both to the Illinois State Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator Harris, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARRIS:

Point of personal privilege, Madam Chair {sic}.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Thank you, Madam President. Today I have two Pages with me. The first is Mr. Michael Hartman, who's a recent graduate of

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Northwestern University. He's currently searching for work in the line of business, market and finance, non-profits, and he plans on returning to Northwestern to earn his degree in law. He's definitely a fine young man, who's interested in political science and wants to learn about the process here and how State government works. Also with us today is Miss Zahirrah Elamin, who's a constituent. She's a junior at Homewood-Flossmoor High School. She loves reading good books about the -- about history. She enjoys civic engagement, because she believes it improves the rights of others and the rights of others in countries. She recently marched in the Black Lives Matter march. She enjoys creative writing and she loves giving back. She has no interest in politics, but she's here to learn about the experience, because she feels that her -- her talents allows her to do more greater things in business and to help with the lives to improve others. Give my -- I would like for the Senate to give my two Pages a warm welcome to Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator McCarter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR McCARTER:

Introduction, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Ladies and Gentlemen, I have a number of the young emerging leaders from my district here today. First, in the President's Gallery, we've got two of the FFA groups from Sandoval and South Central. I'd like you to recognize them, if they'd please stand.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please rise and be welcomed by the Illinois Senate.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Okay. And as well, I have five young people behind me with -- as well, with their teacher from their government class, Mr. Kurt Peters, to my left here. I have Olivia Wesselmann, who's a senior. Have Stella Yaunches, who's a senior; Danelia Dust, who is a junior; Austyn Shumard, from -- who's a junior; and Alex Huegen, who is a junior as well. I've told them that any of them can have my job if they would like it at some future time, 'cause I believe that they're capable, and if you care about the people you represent, you'll do a great job. Welcome them, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator McGuire, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR McGUIRE:

Point of personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

...your point, Senator.

SENATOR McGUIRE:

Thank you. To my left is my Page for the Day, Humera Khaleel. Humera is eighteen years old. She's a senior at Warren Township High School. She's involved in three clubs, the International Club, the Muslim Student Association, and the United and Informed Club. I think she is interested in politics, as evidenced by her membership in those three organizations. And after graduating from Warren Township High School, Humera will matriculate to the College of Lake County. Please give Humera Khaleel a warm Senate welcome.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator Koehler, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Madam President. Personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

I want to introduce to you Burhan Nizamuddin. He's a freshman and honors student at Glenwood High School. He's involved in various civic engagement activities, such as participating in a water drive for the people of Flint Michigan, clothing drive for Syrian refugees, and volunteering in community outreach and interfaith projects. After high school, he plans on attending Northwestern University to become a lawyer. So please give him a warm round of applause.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator Tracy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR TRACY:

...you -- thank you, Madam Chairman {sic}. Point of personal -- personal -- I have an introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

State your point, Senator.

SENATOR TRACY:

May I have the attention of Members of this Body? I have a royal row going here today. Today I'm privileged to have visiting with me and helping me throughout the day is Taylor Hardy, who is the Miss Quincy and former Hancock County Fair Queen. She is from

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Carthage, Hancock County. She is a graduate of University of Illinois in the Agricultural Leadership Education program.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Excuse me, excuse me, Senator Tracy. Can you please lower your voices so that all of our guests can be properly introduced? Thank you.

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you, Madam Chair {sic}.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you. As I said, Taylor is a graduate of U of I Agricultural Leadership Education program. Currently, she's serving as Miss Quincy and will compete in the Miss Illinois pageant in June. Her platform is agriculture in the classroom, so I'm very happy that she got to visit today when we are so graced with the -- the visitors from FFA and Farm Bureau. And she's actually employed by Farm Bureau. So it was a happenstance that she happened to be here this day. But would you all join me in giving Miss Quincy a warm welcome?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Congratulations, Miss Quincy, and welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator Clayborne, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Point of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

State your announcement, Senator.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Behind me on the last row, I have a delegation from the

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Parliament of Uganda. Their leader is Jacob -- Oulanya and I would hope that we would recognize and give them a warm welcome for coming all the way to {sic} Uganda to spend the day with us.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Welcome to the U.S. from Uganda. I hope your experience goes very well. Thank you, Senator Clayborne. Senator Steans, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR STEANS:

For purpose of an introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your introduction, Senator.

SENATOR STEANS:

I have a Page for the Day here - I know a number of us have for Muslim Action Day - Isra Rehman, who is a sophomore, a sixteen-year-old. Today is her birthday, folks, also and she's choosing to spend her birthday here with us in Springfield. It's very impressive. So she turned sweet sixteen today. She's a sophomore at the Islamic Foundation School in Villa Park. She lives in Addison. She's on the National Honor Society, is a baton twirler and a volleyballer. We're delighted to have her on her birthday. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you. Happy birthday and welcome to the Illinois General Assembly. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, may I please have your attention? I'm sure you're wondering who is this great group that's standing behind me. But, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is the Richwoods Ladies Knight {sic} (Lady Knights) winning State Championships {sic} of the 2018 Illinois High School Basketball Class 3A from Peoria. Give them a round of applause. So I wanted

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you guys to know that it's Senator Weaver's district and Senator Koehler's district in Peoria. So what do I have to do with it, right? Well, they're a beautiful group of ladies to start with. They're academia on their way to bound success, but their captain of the team is my niece, and it was important that the Illinois Senate recognize this wonderful team. I'd like to have Senators Koehler and Weaver say a few words and then we'll invite the coach up to tell you how impressive his team really is. Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Madam President. This is a championship team and we're very, very proud of them in Peoria. The Peoria Public School System just produces great individuals. I know, all my daughters went to Peoria Public Schools. This team represents the best of the best, and I think that we ought to give them a big round of applause. Thank you.

SENATOR WEAVER:

I gotta tell you, it's pretty cool to stand behind these women and I can't see you-all 'cause they are so tall, but that is great. What a great group of young women. I'm not going to say much, 'cause you have some personal relationships here. But the main thing -- can I mention the coaches? Okay. Todd Hursey, Head Coach, down here. Awesome. And you know what? I'll let you name the rest of the coaches. The only thing I wanted to say is I had a chance to visit with these young ladies briefly and I know the team captain has a grade point of 3.9 and these girls all have really great grade points, and maybe you can mention more about that if Senator Lightford doesn't get to. But just so proud to have you all from Peoria and congratulations. You all have great futures ahead of you. All my best.



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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Yes, the winning coach. The coach, you guys. Please welcome the coach.

COACH TODD HURSEY:

(Remarks and Introductions by Coach Todd Hursey)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

So, in addition to being beautiful and really good on the -- the court, I had some time to spend with these ladies and they're -- they have wonderful personalities and I know that they're going to go far, and it was important that the Illinois Senate honored them on today. So, thank you all, Members, for joining me in this moment in honoring the Richwoods Ladies {sic} (Lady) Knights from Peoria. Senator Link is in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Muñoz, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I have with me some guests here. I'd like to acknowledge Chief of Police from the Phoenix Police Department, George Bowman; also, his Deputy Chief of Police, Ruperto Samuels; and everyone knows Bishop Ronald White. If we can give 'em a warm welcome, I'd appreciate it. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Schimpf and Senator Barickman, for an introduction.

SENATOR SCHIMPF:

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Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. It's my pleasure, Senators, to introduce somebody that is not only the President of the State FFA, he also happens to be my neighbor. He lives about half a mile from the house and he sees me -- he sees me out running. I see him driving by. Joe Birrittier is a graduate of Waterloo High School. He is planning on going to the University of Illinois next year. And without further ado, I'd like to introduce Joe.

2017-2018 ILLINOIS FFA STATE PRESIDENT JOSEPH BIRRITTIER:

(Remarks by 2017-2018 Illinois FFA State President Joe Birrittier)

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Great job, Joe. Thanks for all you're doing on behalf of future farmers across our great State and for the agriculture industry. It's great to hear from you today on Illinois' Ag Day. Ladies and Gentlemen, I have a terrific pleasure of introducing a young constituent of mine, Miss Samantha Hasselbring. Samantha is our reigning Miss Illinois County Fair Queen. She reigns from Cissna Park, where she grew up on her family farm. And joining her today in the gallery behind the President's Podium here are a couple of people that I want to introduce on her -- on -- on her behalf. Her mom and dad are here, Lynn and Troy - and I'd ask them to rise. Her grandmother, Judith Hudgens, is here. And their family friend and a family friend of mine, Donna Crow, is with us as well. If they could stand and be recognized, I'd appreciate it. Samantha has the distinguished honor of being the first Miss Iroquois County Fair Queen to win the State crown. And, interestingly, here to cheer her on are current members of her former FFA Chapter of Cissna Park. They're accompanied by their advisor, my friend. I'd ask them to rise. On the Democrat side

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of the aisle here in the gallery, would the Cissna Park FFA and their advisor, Jeff Clifton, please rise and be recognized? Okay, Samantha will be -- she's already started and she will continue to travel to countless county fairs throughout the State. She'll be spending lots of time in our county fairs this summer. She'll be the official host of both -- both State fairs. In her life, she is currently attending Parkland College in Champaign. She plans to then complete a master's degree in Elementary Education at Millikin University with a concentration in English as a Second Language and in Special Ed. So I'd ask that you'd all -- my friends here in the Illinois Senate would join me in welcoming and giving an Illinois Senate welcome to Miss Illinois County Fair Queen, Miss Samantha Hasselbring.

2018 MISS ILLINOIS COUNTY FAIR QUEEN SAMANTHA HASSELBRING:

(Remarks by 2018 Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Samantha Hasselbring)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Morrison, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MORRISON:

For the purpose of two introductions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your introductions.

SENATOR MORRISON:

I have two Pages with me today. The first is Amina Farooqi, who is here with Islam {sic} (Muslim) Action Day. She's in National Honor Society and hopes to study law and political science in college, which will help her attain her dream of helping her community's needs on a political level. Welcome, Amina. I am also delighted to have a young lady that I met when her family

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adopted me through the Adopt a Legislator Program through the Illinois Farm Bureau. Lana Schutz is currently a sophomore at North Greene High School in White Hall in Greene County. She's a member of the cheerleading squad and she plans on pursuing a nursing degree when she attends college. But first, this summer, she's going to go abroad to Ireland and Scotland. Delighted to have both of these young ladies with me. Thank you in welcoming them with me.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Biss, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BISS:

For the purposes of three introductions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your introductions.

SENATOR BISS:

I have three Pages with me today as a part of Illinois Muslim Action Day, a day that I think is especially important in this era of tragic and growing Islamophobia. First of all, we have Rabab Mohammed, who's a junior from Orland Park; then we have Zakiyah El-Amin, who is a sixteen-year-old African female, a junior in high school, someone who has been involved in planning Black Lives Matter marches and marches for -- with Teachers for Social Justice; and finally, Nour Longi, a Pakistani American, a freshman at Lemont High School, with a passion for art and painting and drawing and someone who's been involved in The March for Our Lives and the Women's March. They give me a lot of optimism for our future. Please join me in welcoming my three Pages this afternoon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Van Pelt, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR VAN PELT:

Thank you, Mr. President. For a purpose of two introductions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your introductions.

SENATOR VAN PELT:

I have two pages with me today from The -- The Council on {sic} (of) Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago. And I would like to introduce first, Zuhair Saeed. He's an eighth grader and he's here interested in participating in politics and he has a curiosity about how the world is changing and looking forward to work in Springfield. And then I have Amatullah Mir, who is standing. She's a -- she's a junior at Aqsa School here -- I mean, in Chicago. She's interested in political affairs, and what I like about what she wrote, she said she finds her voice by being engaged civically. Civic engagement gives her a opportunity to find her voice and fight for the justice that her family and friends and community deserve. So let's give them a great handclap. Happy that they're here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

Mr. President, Members of the Chamber, with many other guests here today, I have Joliet Township students, not as Pages, but as shadowers today. Joliet Township requires their students, their sophomores, to visit the -- the career choice for a couple hours

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during their school year, so this is part of their responsibility, but I'm very excited that my daughter is here with her -- coincidentally, with her three friends as well, who apparently all want to be Senators. But today I'm here with Daisy Collazo, Tania Ortega, and Brissa Vega-Rojas, along with my daughter, Elise. They're all honors students. They're all sophomores and they're all on the student council. Daisy also plays badminton and her favorite subject is English. Tania also is a badminton player and her favorite subjects are English and history. And then Brissa's favorite subjects are math and European history, and she also plays soccer. And finally, Elise, whose favorite subject is Spanish, is also a -- a tennis player. I'm very excited to have them here today. I think we've picked a good day to show them exactly how busy Springfield can be and hopefully they will -- they are learning a lot. I want a thanks to Samantha Marcum, my district director, who performed her other duties as assigned and drove them down here today. And then finally, in my role as Education Chair, I am announcing -- just reminding that the School Improvement roundup group is having their annual dinner at the State House Inn tonight at 6 p.m. and hope you can join us. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rezin, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR REZIN:

...Mr. President. For purposes of an introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your introduction.

SENATOR REZIN:

I, too -- there's another association down here besides the

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Future Farmers of America, so welcome. I -- I see we have Senator Barickman's replacement in a couple years with Joe here, so you did a great job. We also have the Illinois Association of Court Clerks. Behind me, I have standing with me, Sandi Cianci, Corri Trotter, Angie Barrett, and Ami Shaw. I would like a warm Springfield welcome for the Court of Clerks that are here today. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hastings, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

I have two great guests here today with me: Chuck Nalon, out of Wheaton, who lives in Senator Connelly's district, is the President of Miniati meat packing in South Holland; and one of my constituents, Jordan Lauzze, who's out of Mokena. He's the head of Operations, a great company that provides meat packing for nationally recognized food chains, food chains like Chipotle. They do the packing and provide the meat for them. They employ over eight hundred great people of the State of Illinois. And I'm just so happy they're here and they take care of our people in our neighborhood. Just want to give 'em a warm Springfield welcome. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Murphy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you, Mr. President. A point of introduction.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your introduction.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Today, I, too, am thrilled to have a member of The Council for {sic} (of) Islamic Organizations with me. And I have had the pleasure - and it's been a total pleasure - to have Mohammad Ahmed with me. He's a junior at the Islamic Foundation School. He serves on the executive board of the school's National Honor Society, Service Hour Coordinator. He's been on the student council for three years. He plays volleyball and soccer. He's currently a member of the Muslim Youth of North America and he's served in multiple committees on that. He's also planning to attend U of I, where's he's already scored a thirty-three on his ACT, so I'm glad that we're able to keep our best and brightest in Illinois schools. He has an interest in law and politics and he's had a wonderful opportunity to ask all kinds of questions today. So please join me in welcoming Mohammad to Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Sims, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SIMS:

Thank you, Mr. President. For purpose of an introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your introduction.

SENATOR SIMS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I have been joined today for Muslim Action Day by a fantastic young student. She's my Page for the Day. Her name's Fatina Faizal. She's from here in Springfield. She's an honors student at Springfield High School. She enjoys drawing, writing, photography, and listening to music. She hopes



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to go to an outstanding Illinois school, one of my alma maters, Loyola University in Chicago, where she plans to major in foreign language and communications, and hopes to one day work for the FBI. Hope -- help -- join me in welcoming Fatina to here in Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cunningham, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

To join the cavalcade of introductions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your introduction.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'm pleased to be joined by Salma Kami today. She is also participating in the Illinois Muslim Action Day. She's a constituent of mine, a resident of Palos Hills, and she's also a student at Amos Alonzo Stagg High School. Salma's interested in both politics and computer science. I have strongly encouraged her to pursue a career in computer science, but she has enjoyed her day learning about the political process here in Springfield. Please welcome her.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Schimpf, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SCHIMPF:

Thank you for your indulgence, Mr. President. Just one more introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

I thought it was a rebuttal you were trying to do. State your introduction.

SENATOR SCHIMPF:

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Thank you. I would like to draw everybody's attention to -- to the gallery, both sides, and extend a warm welcome, if the ladies from the Southern Illinois University Paul -- Paul Simon Public Policy Institute could please stand up right now. These are -- these ladies have spent the day in workshops and with women elected officials and policymakers to learn more about the legislative process and current issues that affect us in their everyday lives. So I'd like to ask that we all give a warm -- warm welcome to these ladies from the Public Policy Institute.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

WICS seeks permission to video. Seeing no objection, permission granted. Illinois Times seeks permission to photograph. Seeing no objection, permission granted. With leave of the Body, we'll turn to page 25 of the printed Calendar, Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 4. Senator Steans. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Steans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Steans, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR STEANS:

The amendment is a technical amendment that corrects some typos in the original resolution and then I'll speak to this on -- on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the -- the amendment is adopted. Now with the amendment is Senate Joint

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Resolution Constitutional Amendment No. 4. Mr. Secretary, please read the -- resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 4, offered by Senator Steans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Steans, on your resolution.

SENATOR STEANS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. This constitutional amendment resolution is the Equal Rights Amendment, is how we all refer to it. It does three very basic things, includes just -- it would help us have Illinois be the thirty-seventh state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment that includes just three provisions. One, equality of rights under law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of sex; two, the Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, these provisions of the article; and third, the amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification. You know, as we've been seeing, women, you know, around the country have been marching, demonstrating, expressing their concerns of -- sort of pushing back on concerns that laws and policies may undermine our rights. I think voting to ratify the ERA helps give voice to these women and say that we're with you, we hear you, and we agree. Illinois is also a place where the Equal Rights died back in the late seventies and early eighties. We're rectifying a wrong, I think then, that we did not ratify here in Illinois. It's high time we do it. Antonin Scalia in 2010 himself acknowledged that women did not have the same protection under the law by the Constitution. We need to be able

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to have the same scrutiny to the same recourse under the same standards of scrutiny that everyone -- that others do. I very much encourage your Aye votes on this. Look forward to answering any questions you may have. It's high time we provide equal rights for women across the country and look forward to your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, a three-fifths vote is required for passage. The question is, shall Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 4 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 43 Ayes, 12 Nays, none voting Present. Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 4, having received the required constitutional majority, is adopted and declared ratified. With leave of the Body, we'll turn to page 16 of the printed Calendar, Senate Bill 2223, for 3rd Reading. Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2223.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Nybo, on your bill.

SENATOR NYBO:

...President, I would -- I would love to have the opportunity

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to have the same level of discourse that we had on the prior measure for this one. This is a measure to amend the Election Code with respect to audits of political committees so that the audit period is consistent with the disclosure reporting period. Having been through one of these randomly selected audits myself, I just think it's an -- an easier, cleaner way for both the Board and the committee that's responding to the audit to -- to have it conducted. Happy to answer any questions, but I would appreciate your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2223 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2223, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2252. Senator Muñoz. Senator Muñoz. Senate Bill 2254. Senator Manar. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2254.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Manar, on your bill.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. Could I ask for order in the Chamber, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Can we please keep the conversations down? Or -- this is 3rd Reading, final action. Thank you.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. Today, I present -- present this legislation that was approved a few weeks ago in committee that came from a family that I represent in my hometown and in the area of Macoupin County and Madison County, actually. But Senate Bill 2254, the most important part about it is that it would designate May 17th each year as - and I want to say this right - it's DIPG, which is the acronym, Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma, Day in Illinois, which is a rare, but aggressive form of cancer. I'm going to tell you a little bit about it. It was around this time three years ago, in April of 2015, that the Skief family from my hometown received the kind of heartbreaking news that no parents would ever want to hear about their children. Their eleven-year-old daughter, Grace, had been diagnosed with a very rare brain cancer that is also a very aggressive type of cancer. The Skiefs were also informed at the time of the diagnosis that there is no known cure or treatment for this particular form of cancer and they were facing that challenge that very day. DIPG affects the part of the brain that controls the heartbeat. It controls breathing, swallowing, sight and eye movement, as well as balance. It targets children almost exclusively, young children, about three hundred each year in the United States. It is inoperable and the survival rate is less than one percent. So as you could imagine, the Skief family was stunned and devastated by what they had learned from their medical team and they returned home to the small town of Bunker Hill with their daughter, Grace, determined to do everything that they could in their power to make her

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comfortable after that diagnosis. She died just three months later on July 31st of 2015. She was eleven years old. She was in fifth grade and my son -- my son, Will, is in fifth grade today, so I think of this in those terms. So I did not have the pleasure of knowing Grace, but I do have the pleasure of knowing her family and I want to tell you a little bit about her and what they have told me about her. She was a fierce young lady. She was kindhearted to those around her and she was determined. She was an absolute joy to her family and friends and her neighbors and she was full of life and full of potential. She laughed often and she enjoyed telling jokes and playing with her older brothers. She also loved to bake. She was always right there during other people's times of need and she offered them gifts of comfort. My children today, as I said, my -- my son, Will, as many of you have met, is in fifth grade and they are around the age of when Grace was both diagnosed and passed away. And her story, I think, is a simple reminder that medical cures and care, sadly, are not guaranteed to all of us. That's why I'm working with Grace's mother, Kim, to help raise awareness about DIPG. Although it's rare, when it strikes, it is painful and unfortunately it is quick. Senate Bill 2254 would designate, as I said, May 17th of each year as DIPG Awareness Day in Illinois, permanently. Twenty other states have set aside this day to raise awareness of this heartbreaking childhood cancer that lacks a cure today. So I think it's our hope, with the Skief family, as a Body in the Senate, by passing this bill that medical researchers will make progress in developing a treatment for this rare cancer, but I also want the Skiefs and other families that not just are going through the pains of DIPG, but all rare medical conditions for children, that they

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are not alone and that we stand with them and that they are not forgotten and that they do have a voice. I want to thank the family for bringing this issue to me, actually about a year ago. Governor Rauner designated the same day last year as DIPG Awareness Day. We thought it would be a good idea to make that a permanent designation moving forward. Know of no opposition to the bill, but I'd be happy to take any questions, Mr. President. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2254 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2254, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise for a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR MANAR:

I would like to direct my colleagues' attention to the President's -- Gallery behind the President and I want to introduce members of the Skief family. Grace's brother, James, is with us today. James, if you would stand. Thank you. Grace's grandmother, Carol, is also with us. And the individual who brought this issue to me, Grace's mother, Kim, is with us. So on behalf of the State Senate, I would like to offer you our thanks for bringing this to our attention and offer our support for you



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and your family, as you've gone through a difficult time. And in closing, any number of things could happen after tragedy strikes a family. Oftentimes we have families visit us, and at the lowest point, they -- they somehow muster the strength and courage to move on and make something positive out of what undoubtedly is probably the most difficult situation anybody could go through. So on behalf of that, we thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senate Bill 2260. Senator Tracy. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2260.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Tracy, on your bill.

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill -- SB 2260 amends the State Revenue Sharing Act and it provides that, in the fiscal year 2018, each school district having Personal Property Tax Replacement funds totaling thirteen percent or more of its -- total revenues in fiscal year 2016 shall receive an additional amount equal to eleven percent of the total amount distributed to the school district from the Personal Property Tax Replacement tax fund during fiscal year. And it requires that the State Board of Education identify those school districts to the Department of Revenue and provides that the total amount of additional distributions shall not exceed four million three hundred fifty-

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three thousand and what -- four hundred and thirty-five -- it's a lot, but it's -- it's four million dollars, but it's not so much. And -- and the problem is, what has happened is that the school districts that have become most reliant on P -- CPRT {sic} are getting hit again. Several years ago, we did a supplemental to address this problem. There's twenty-two school districts. One, Monticello School District, will lose 1.8 million dollars if we don't correct this and that's a tremendous blow. Another district will - my Havana School District - will lose four hundred thousand dollars. So I'm asking that we correct this and I would welcome any questions. I -- I would appreciate your support on this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Senator Rezin, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR REZIN:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. I rise in support of this bill. I mean, I think that there are numerous schools - and I -- and I commend the sponsor for bringing this issue up - that heavily rely on this particular grant. And it's a bipartisan issue throughout the State, so I would ask for everyone's support. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any other discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2260 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record.

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On that question, there are 55 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2260, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Koehler, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

I'd like to make an introduction - a friend of mine, who is police chief in Bartonville, Illinois, Brian Fengel. And I'd like to ask the Senate to welcome him to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Harmon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. For purposes of two introductions, if I might.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your introductions.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. First, I'm pleased to be joined here on the Floor by my Page for a Day, Maleeha Rasheed. She's eighteen, from Glen Ellyn. She's part of Muslim Action Day as well. She is a senior in high school, a champion speech participant, and works in the Mock Trial group, and has been a delight to -- to be here with me today in the Senate. So please join me in giving her a warm Senate welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Your second introduction.

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SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I also understand that today is Lobby Day for the Association of Clerks of the Court, and I don't know if they're still here with us in the Chamber, but I wanted to make sure we acknowledge them and welcome them to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senate Bill 2274. Senator Tracy. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2274.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Tracy, on your bill.

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you, Mr. President. What this bill does, it -- well, first of all, it amends the Property Tax Code by providing that a transfer between spouses does not qualify {sic} for wooded acreage from the provisions of the assessment of untransferred wooded acreage. Short explanation, I had a constituent that did a land deed, putting land in trust, and -- that triggered a -- the reclassification of the property because of the transfer. So this is just a transfer between spouses. I would appreciate an Aye vote and I'll answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2274 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that

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question, there are 58 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2274, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2281. Senator Righter. Senator Righter. Senate Bill 2294. Senator McConchie. 91. 229... Senator... Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2291.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McConchie, on your bill.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill amends the Toll Highway Authority {sic} Act. Requires that any agenda items for board meetings has to be two business days, instead of just two days, in advance and says that there has to be published details in -- in detail in -- regarding any projects that are over one hundred thousand dollars that are going to be awarded. I know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2291 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2291, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate -- Senate Bill 2292. Senator Bivins. Senate Bill 2293. Senator McConchie. Senate Bill 2299. Senator Syverson. Senate Bill 2304. Senator Tracy. Senator Tracy. Mr.

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Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2304.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Tracy, on your bill.

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you. What this bill does is extend the life of a TIF district. The City of Monmouth has been very successful in renovating their downtown area, their square area, around their courthouse. And this is a very heavily relied on economic development tool in downstate and specifically in the City of Monmouth and so I would ask for an Aye vote to extend the -- the -- its date.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2304 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Ayes, 2 Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2304, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2306. Senator Murphy. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2306.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Senator Murphy, on your bill.

SENATOR MURPHY:

..President, Senate Bill 2306 amends the Property Tax Code by providing that disabled veterans, their homestead exemption, it will be prorated to the date that they moved in, rather than having to lose that opportunity and wait until the next year. So, currently, if the disabled veteran does not occupy the residence as of January 1st of the applicable tax year, they're not eligible. So I know of no opposition. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2306 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2306, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill -- Senator McGuire, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MCGUIRE:

Thank you. My intention was to vote Yes on that last bill, Senate Bill 2306, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The record will indicate your intention. Senate Bill 2332. Senator Morrison. Senator Morrison. Senate Bill 2337. Senator Muñoz. Senator Muñoz. Senate Bill 2437. Senator Weaver. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2437.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senator Weaver, on your bill.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President. This deals with nonmarital life insurance policies. It was negotiated by the State Bar as well as the insurance industry. What this bill basically does, it ensures that a person going through a divorce isn't penalized for forgetting about an old insurance policy stuck in a drawer and thereby reduces litigation and clarifies who should be the -- the beneficiary. There are no opponents and I'd ask for an Aye vote on this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2437 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2437, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Will the Committee on Assignments please meet in the President's Anteroom immediately? The Committee on Assignments, please meet in the President's Anteroom immediately. (at ease) Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Agriculture Committee - Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2380; refer to Appropriations II Committee - Senate Bill 3602; refer to Executive -- Executive Committee Subcommittee on Election



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Law - Senate Bill 834; refer to Insurance Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 3223; re-refer from Licensed Activities and Pensions Committee to Local Government Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2299; refer to Revenue Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2375; refer to State Government Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2533; and Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Bill 1064.

Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bush, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BUSH:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR BUSH:

It's -- it's not often you get to announce someone that's down that's actually a personal friend and someone you've known for a while, but today I have Hal Sloan from Grayslake. I grew up actually with his wife, Patty Sloan. I believe we used to sing Carole -- Carole King songs in the hallway. But, anyway, I just would like you to welcome Hal Sloan to the Senate. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 12:30 p.m. on the 12th day of April 2018. The Senate stands adjourned.