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PRESIDENT HARMON:

The regular Session of the 101st General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Pastor Curt Fleck from Civil Servant Ministries, here in Springfield. Pastor.

PASTOR CURT FLECK:

(Prayer by Pastor Curt Fleck)

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Thank you, Pastor. Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Cunningham, would you lead us today?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Cunningham)

PRESIDENT HARMON:

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of February 27th, 2020.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDENT HARMON:

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

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1067, offered by Senator Fowler and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 1070, offered by Senator Van Pelt and all Members.

They are both death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1068, offered by Senator Villanueva.

Senate Resolution 1069, offered by Senator Bush.

Senate Resolution 1071, offered by Senator Stadelman.

And Senate Joint Resolution 63, offered by Senator Glowiak Hilton.

They are all substantive.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Mr. Secretary, Introduction of Senate Bills.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3983, offered by President Harmon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Mr. Secretary, Appointment Messages.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Appointment Message 1010492

Governor's salaried appointment

To be the Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture,  
Jerry Costello II

Appointment Message 1010493

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Governor's salaried appointment

To be a Member of the Illinois State Medical Disciplinary Board, Peter Hofmann

Appointment Message 1010494

Governor's non-salaried appointment

To be a Member of the Health Facilities and Services Review Board, Gary Kaatz

Appointment Message 1010495

Governor's non-salaried appointment

To be Public Administrator and Public Guardian of Adams County, Christopher Scholz

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Joyce, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR JOYCE:

Point of personal privilege, please.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Please state your point.

SENATOR JOYCE:

I'd like to introduce one of my constituents from the county. I've got Hayli Martenez with me, and her brother and mother are up in the gallery. Hayli is a young entrepreneur in -- in Kankakee County. And I'd like everybody to give her a warm welcome on the Senate Floor.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. The Senate will stand at ease for a few minutes to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. Will the members of the Committee on Assignments please come to the President's Anteroom immediately? Will the members of the Committee on Assignments please report immediately to the

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President's Anteroom? The Senate will stand at ease. Senator Joyce, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR JOYCE:

Just forgot one -- one item. She -- Hayli...

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Please state your point.

SENATOR JOYCE:

Hayli makes her own lemonade and there are free samples in the backroom.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Very important addition, Senator. Thank you much. Senator Bennett, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BENNETT:

A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Please state your point.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Thank you, Mr. President. Today, we recognize the 50th annual Illinois Agriculture Legislative Day. I have two related announcements. First, tomorrow at the Sangamo Club, at 8:15, there'll be an Illinois Agribusiness Breakfast and Legislative Update. Breakfast at 8:15, followed by discussion of stakeholders. Again, at Sangamo Club tomorrow at 8:15. And just as important, for decades, the FFA, the Future Farmers of America, has been fundamental to agricultural education in Illinois and across the country. Their primary activities center on agriculture education, including scholarships, leadership, and personal development. You will recognize and, I'm going to guess, have been visited by these students in their blue jackets and their

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basket of agricultural products in the State House today. So please join me - on both sides of the gallery, if you'll please stand, FFA members - please join me in -- in welcoming these FFA members and agricultural instructors to the State Senate.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Welcome, FFA, to the Illinois State Senate. Senator Hastings, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HASTINGS:

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

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Please state your point.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Mr. President, I'm very honored today to be joined by two special guests. UIC recently merged with John Marshall Law School in the City of Chicago, in which I think is the best law school in the entire State of Illinois. John Marshall produces some of the -- the most judges from any law school in the entire State and also trains young law students to be successful attorneys when they go into practice. So, today, I'm very honored to be joined by the Dean of the University of Illinois at Chicago John Marshall Law School, Dean Darby Dickerson. And I also am joined by Professor Megan Bess, who -- who coordinates the externship program at the law school. They're here today on a fact-finding mission. And you know how it is when lawyers go look for facts, there's generally an outcome and I'm looking forward to what they have to offer for the General Assembly. Mr. President, if we could, offer them a warm Springfield welcome. Thank you, Mr. President, for the time.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

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Thank you, Senator. Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Glad to have you here with us today. Senator Hunter in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Senator Syverson, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Madam President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

State your point, sir.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

If I could have everyone's attention, I'd like to introduce a -- a group of incredible people that hopefully none of you will ever have to meet on a professional basis, but you'll be happy to know that they are there to protect you and your families and those across the whole State, and that is we have with us members of the Illinois Association of Air and Critical Care Transport groups. And they're in the President's Gallery here. If you could all wave. These are flight nurses and -- and doctors and staff that man those -- both land and rotor-wing as well as fixed-wing transportation for patients across the State. They play a vital role for not only transporting patients from -- from rural hospitals to specialty hospitals, but they're there when there's critical accidents, where time is of -- of urgency. And so we appreciate their service throughout the State and their willingness to come down here to Springfield today and meet with their legislators. Thanks for your service and thank you for joining us today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Thank you, Senator Syverson. Senator Peters, what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR PETERS:

Madam President, point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

State your point.

SENATOR PETERS:

So I have here Alice Dowd from my district and she's from Hyde Park. She goes to Chicago Free School and she's here on behalf of Chicago Jobs Council and she's a sixth grader. She loves the cafeteria at the Lutheran School of Theology. I also love the cafeteria at LSTC, so we share something in common here. And I just, you know, want everyone to give her a warm Senate -- Senate welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Welcome to the Senate. Senate will come to order. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Lightford, Chairperson of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Appropriations I Committee - Senate Bill 3610; refer to Appropriations II Committee - Senate Bills 3577 and 3739; refer to Commerce and Economic Development Committee - Senate Bills 3614, 3623, and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3457; refer to Criminal Law Committee - Senate Bills 3550, 3551, 3570, 3579, 3581, 3617, 3738, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2482, and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3166; refer to Education Committee - Senate Bills 3597, 3598, 3601, 3605, 3606, 3640, 3692, 3752, 3763, and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2281; refer to Energy and Public Utilities Committee - Senate Bill 3696; refer to Executive Committee - Senate Bills 3620, 3428, 3467, 3468, 3489,



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3494, 3506, 3532, 3536, 3572, 3573, 3582, 3602, 3608, 3609, 3615, 3636, 3686, 3690, 3699, 3715, 3717, 3746, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3384, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3487, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3488, and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3530; refer to Financial Institutions Committee - Senate Bill 3719 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2968; refer to Higher Education Committee - Senate Bill 3571, 3644, 3727, 3728, and 3755; refer to Human Services Committee - Senate Bills 3604, 3638, 3718, 3737, 3758, 3760, 3762, and Committee Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2328; refer to Insurance Committee - Senate Bills 3714, 3732, 2286, 3543, 3611, 3639, 3670, 3678, 3721, 3733, 3734, 3740, 3741, and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2781; refer to Judiciary Committee - Senate Bills 2480, 3430, 3552, 3560, 3561, 3565, 3566, 3568, 3591, 3592, 3593, 3596, 3619, 3626, 3689, 3698, 3700, 3729, 3731, and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2489; refer to Labor Committee - Senate Bill 3736; refer to Licensed Activities Committee - Senate Bills 3576 and 3720; refer to Local Government Committee - Senate Bills 3562, 3564, and 3622; refer to Public Health Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3107; refer to Revenue Committee - Senate Bills 3429, 2542, 2543, 3590, 3616, 3681, 3685, 3695, and 3745; refer to State Government Committee - Senate Bills 3574, 3642, 3643, and 3683; refer to Telecommunications and Information Technology Committee - Senate Bill 3754; refer to Transportation Committee - Senate Bills 3709, 3726, 3751, 3759, and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3090; Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Bills 530, 1369, 1966, and Senate Resolution 1071. Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-8 (b-1), the following amendments will remain in the Committee on Assignments: Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2762.

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Signed, Senator Kimberly Lightford, Chairperson.

Senator Lightford, Chairperson of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 530; refer to Judiciary Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 through 3 to Senate Bill 1966.

Signed, Senator Kimberly Lightford, Chairperson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

At this time, Members, we'd like to welcome a special guest to the podium. He is Gage Miller. His is the State Future Farmers of America President and today is Ag Legislative Day. Let's welcome Gabe {sic} Miller to the podium.

2019-2020 ILLINOIS FFA STATE PRESIDENT GAGE MILLER:

(Remarks by 2019-2020 IL FFA State President Gage Miller)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

At this point, we will -- we will recognize and -- and invite Senator Righter to join us at the podium to introduce a special guest.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Madam President, and hello, Members of the Senate. It is my pleasure to introduce to you this year's Illinois County Fair Queen. Her name is Kelsi Kessler. I have the honor of representing her and her family. They are residents of Carmi, in White County, in the 55th Senate District. She is a student at the University of Illinois Champaign, majoring in accounting. And with no further ado, I'd like to present to you this year's County Fair Queen, Kelsi Kessler.

2020 MISS ILLINOIS COUNTY FAIR QUEEN KELSI KESSLER:

(Remarks by 2020 Miss IL County Fair Queen Kelsi Kessler)

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Thank you for that. Senator Collins, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. -- Miss President. The Senate Democrats will caucus for approximately thirty minutes in the Senate President's Office, immediately upon adjournment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Senator Righter, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Madam President. The Senate Republicans would request a caucus in Senator -- Leader Brady's Office when the Senate Democrats caucus. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Will be so noted. Thank you. Due to caucuses, we have moved some committees around. Education, Room 400, 1:30 p.m. All of these three are 1:30: Education, Room 400; Public Health, 212; Veterans Affairs, 409. 3:30: Higher Ed is in Room 212; Judiciary's in Room 400; Human Services, Room 409; Transportation, Room 212. 5:30 -- I'm sorry, Transportation is at 5:30 in Room 212 and Criminal Law's in Room 400. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until 1:30 tomorrow afternoon, March 4th, 220 {sic}. The Senate stands adjourned.