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REGULAR SESSION
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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

The regular session of the 103rd General Assembly will please come to order. Will all Members please be at their desk? The invocation today will be given by Rabbi Kagan, Lubavitch Chabad of Illinois.

RABBI AVROHOM KAGAN: (Invocation)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Johnson, lead us in the Pledge.

SENATOR JOHNSON: (Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Blueroomstream, Mr. President is seeking leave. Is there any objection? Seeing no objections, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, February 14th, 2023.

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Senator Glowiak Hilton.

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Senator Glowiak Hilton 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.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 80, offered by Senator Holmes. It is substantive.

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Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Martwick, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary, reports, Senate Bills 195 and 247 Do Pass. Senator Morrison, Chair of the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports Senate Bill 216 Do Pass.

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Mr. Secretary, Introduction and Reading of the Senate Bills for the first time.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2444, offered by Senator Plummer, an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2445, offered by Senator Hunter, an Act concerning business. 1st Reading of the bills.

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Mr. Secretary, Appointment Messages.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Appointment Message 1030054, Governor's salaried appointment, To be the Director of the Department of Professional Regulation, Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Cecilia Abundis; Appointment Message 1030055, Governor's salaried appointment, To be Assistant Director of the Illinois Department of Health Care and Family Services, Jenny M. Aguirre; Appointment Message 1030056, Governor's salaried appointment, To be the Director of the Illinois Department of Aging, Paula A. Basta; Appointment Message 1030057, Governor's salaried appointment, To be Director of the Illinois Department of Human Rights, James L. Bennett; Appointment Message 1030058, Governor's salaried appointment, To be the Director of the Illinois Department of

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Agriculture, Jerry F. Costello II; Appointment Message 1030059, Governor's salaried appointment, To be Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue, David Harris; Appointment Message 1030060, Governor's salaried appointment, To be the Director {Sic} Secretary of Illinois Department of Human Services, Grace B. Hou-Ovnik; Appointment Message 1030061, Governor's salaried appointment, To be Director of the Illinois State Police, Brendan F. Kelly; Appointment Message 1030062, Governor's salaried appointment, To be Director of Financial Institutions Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Francisco Menchaca; Appointment Message 1030063, Governor's salaried appointment, To be Director of Real Estate, Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Laurie Murphy; Appointment Message 1030064, Governor's salaried appointment, To be the Director of Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Natalie Phelps Finnie; Appointment Message 1030065, Governor's salaried appointment, To be a member of the Illinois State Board of Education, Patricia Marie Nugent; Appointment Message 1030066, Governor's salaried appointment, To be the Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Terry Prince; Appointment Message 1030067, Governor's salaried appointment, To be Assistant Director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, John D. Rogner; Appointment Message 1030068, Governor's salaried appointment, To be the Assistant Director of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Khama A. Sharp; Appointment Message 1030069, Governor's salaried appointment, To be the Director of the Emergency Management Agency, Alicia -- Alicia Tate-Nadeau; Appointment Message 1030070, Governor's salaried appointment, To be Assistant Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health,

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Amaal VE Tokars; Appointment Message 1030071, Governor's salaried appointment, To be Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Mario Treto Jr.; Appointment Message 1030072, Governor's salaried appointment, To be the Assistant Director of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, Anthony J. Vaughn; Appointment Message 1030073, Governor's salaried appointment, To be the Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, Sameer Vohra.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Senator Aquino, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR AQUINO:

Thank you, Madam President, for an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

State your announcement.

SENATOR AQUINO:

The Senate Democratic Caucus will caucus in the Senate President's Office at 10:45 for approximately an hour.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Senator DeWitte, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEWITTE:

Purpose of an announcement, Madam Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

State your purpose.

SENATOR DEWITTE:

Senate Republicans will caucus in Room 400 at 10:45.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Messages from the House by Mr. Hollman, Clerk. Mr. President

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- I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following Joint Resolution in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit: House Joint Resolution 9. Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the 103rd General Assembly of the State of Illinois, the Senate concurring herein, that the two Houses shall convene in Joint Session on Wednesday, February 15th, 2023 at the hour of 12:00 o'clock noon for the purpose of hearing his Excellency Governor JB Pritzker present to the General Assembly his Budget Message for the Fiscal Year 2024, as required by Chapter 15, Section 20/50-5 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes. Offered by Senator Sims, and adopted by the House, February 8th, 2023. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House. It is substantive, Madam President.
PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

On an Order of Resolutions, is House (Joint) Resolution No. 9. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House (Joint) Resolution 9, offered by Senator Sims.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Senator Sims moves to suspend all rules for the immediate consideration for House (Joint) Resolution No. 9. All those in favor, say Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules have been suspended. Senator Sims moves to adopt, for he moves the adoption of No. 5 (9). All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. The following Senators are appointed to the Committee of Escort, to escort the Governor to the House of Representatives for the Joint Session. Senator Sims, Senator Villanueva, Senator Faraci, Senator Harriss -- E. Harriss and Senator Lewis. I would like -- I would like to

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ask the Committee to meet at the rear of the Chamber. Senator Murphy, what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MURPHY:

The purpose of an announcement, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

State your announcement.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you, I'd like everyone to know that the American Heart Association is hosting hands only, CPR training, due to COVID to anyone who might be interested Thursday, tomorrow morning, 9 to 11 and Stratton -- in the Stratton Building, Room A-1. We encourage everybody to participate and attend. There'll be multiple trainers, so you won't have to wait.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Senator Villanueva, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

For the purpose of an announcement, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

State your announcement.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

Madam President. As you are well aware, our legislative assistants are, basically, our lifelines when we are here in Springfield and sometimes when we're in the district. And today, is my LA's last day. And I'm very, very sad to see him go, but I'm very, very happy for him because he's not going to be too far away. He's actually joining the Department of Natural Resources, which I know he's very excited about and developing further in his professional career. We've been working on this for a while, to make sure that he has all the opportunities possible. Kevin Romo

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actually joined, I think, Senate staff when he participated in the IL -- ILSIP program, a few years ago and a few years - about a year after that he actually joined me as my legislative assistant here in Springfield, and he's literally been my lifeline for making sure that, literally, all my bills get filed, of which I have a lot, and making sure that I eat because I tend to forget to do that when we're down here. He has served, not just our Springfield office, but he has served my district office and my constituents with so much heart and so much passion and so much dedication. And like I said, I'm very, very sad to see him go. But I know that he's going to be doing incredible things. And I just, I wanted to say that I'm very proud of him. So, thank you all. Help me in congratulating him as we see him off to his next position. But he's going to be back and bothering us, so, I'm just letting you all know this now. He will be talking to all of us about DNR. So, just letting you know, giving you a heads up, but help me in congratulating Kevin Romo, on his last day.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Congratulations Kevin. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 o'clock on the 16th day of February, 2023. The Senate stands adjourned.