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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The regular Session of the 102nd General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? In place of our invocation, the Senate will observe a moment of silence in respect for all those lost during this pandemic. (Moment of silence observed) Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Bennett, please lead us in the Pledge.

SENATOR BENNETT:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Bennett)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

WCIA and Blueroomstream seek permission to videotape proceedings. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Journals of Monday, May 17th, 2021.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Resolution 306, offered by Senator Fine.

And Senate Resolution 307, offered by Senator Bailey.

They are substantive.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. {sic} Mr. Secretary,
Committee Reports.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

I have a committee report {sic} correction. On Monday, May 17th, 2021, Senate Resolution 306 was read in to the record. This, however, should have been read in to the record on -- as Senate Joint Resolution 31, offered by President Harmon. It is a substantive resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Mr. Secretary, Introduction of Senate Bills.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 2900, offered by Senator Bailey.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Holmes, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you so much, Mr. President. Pursuant to Senate Rule 4-1(e), I move that Senators Ellman, Harris, Plummer, and Wilcox be allowed to participate and vote remotely for today's Session.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senators Ellman, Harris, Plummer, and Wilcox be allowed to participate and vote remotely for the May 18th, 2021 Session Day pursuant to Senate Rule 4-1(e). All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. In the opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it, and the motion carries. And Senators Ellman, Harris, Plummer, and Wilcox are allowed to participate and vote remotely for the May -

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- 18th day of May 2021 Session Day. Senator McClure, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR McCLURE:

A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Please state your point.

SENATOR McCLURE:

It has come to my attention that one of our very hardworking Pages, Brennan Redman, who's right next to me, is having a very special birthday today. I do have to remind him that there is no alcohol allowed on the Senate Floor, because it's his twenty-first birthday. So I'd like for -- if we can, to wish Brennan a happy birthday.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Happy birthday. Senator Doris Turner, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR D. TURNER:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Please state your point.

SENATOR D. TURNER:

I would like to acknowledge the extraordinary public service of Judith Johnson to the Springfield community through her twenty years on the Springfield District 186 School Board. Many of you may know her, as she retired from the Illinois State Senate just a few years ago. Ms. Johnson was a fierce advocate for the students, parents, teachers, and administrators in the district and was not afraid to ask the hard, difficult questions and demand answers and, more importantly, action. She represented a district

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that included a large majority of African American and low-income students, and I will tell you that her -- that their educational experience was definitely enhanced because she was at the table. This year, the Springfield Chapter of the ACLU presented Ms. Johnson with the 2021 Larry Golden Civil Libertarian Award for her advocacy for students and parents while serving on the District 186 School Board. So, congratulations to Ms. Judith Johnson for a job well done.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Our congratulations to her. If everyone would turn to the Calendar, to page 24, we're going to go through House Bills 2nd Reading. We're going to start with -- at the bottom of the page with House Bill 9. Senator Fine. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 9.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. House Bill 11. President Harmon. House Bill 227. Senator Rezin. Turning the page to the top of page 25. We'll go to House Bill 806. Senator Jones. House Bill 832. Senator Morrison. House Bill 1291. President Harmon. House Bill 1710. Senator Fine. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1710.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments

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reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. House Bill 1836. Senator Fine. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1836.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Will the Committee on Assignments please meet in the Well of the Chamber? Committee on Assignments. The Daily Line is seeking leave of the Body to do still photographs. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Agriculture Committee - House Bill 3260; refer to Behavioral and Mental Health Committee - House Joint Resolution 1, Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 3911; refer to Criminal Law Committee - House Bills 3445 and 3934, and Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 766; refer to Education Committee - House Bills 26 and 3573, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 15, and Committee Amendment 2 to House Bill 3223; refer to Ethics Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1350; refer to Executive Committee - House Bills 17, 1738, 1839, 1855, 1950, 1953, 1954, 1976, 2431, 2620, 2621, 2755, 2770, 2789, 2878, 2947, 3138, 3205, 3416, 3443, 3490, House Joint Resolution 8, House Joint Resolution 16, Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 192, Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 3437, and

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Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 52; refer to Health Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 452; refer to Healthcare Access and Availability Committee - Committee Amendment 2 to Senate Resolution 58; refer to Higher Education Committee - Senate Joint Resolution 11; refer to Judiciary Committee - House Bill 3582; refer to Licensed Activities Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 3355; refer to Local Government Committee - House Bill 1931, Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 2806, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1794; refer to Pensions Committee - House Bill 2766; refer to State Government Committee - House Bills 640 and 1879, House Joint Resolution 5, and Senate Joint Resolution 29; refer to Transportation Committee - House Bill 2863 and 3882, and House Joint Resolution 6; re-referred -- excuse me, referred from Executive Appointments Committee to Assignments Committee - Appointment Messages 1010214, 1010216, 1010217, 1010218, 1010220, 1010223, and 1010229.

Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - Appointment Messages 1010214, 1010216, 1010217, 1010218, 1010220, 1010223, and 1010229.

Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To fulfill our responsibilities under Article V, Section 9 of the Constitution, we will now proceed to the Order of Advise and Consent. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

I move that the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of acting on appointments set forth in Appointment

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Message 214, 216, 217, 218, 220, 223, 229, and 344 of the 101st General Assembly.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy moves that the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of acting on the Appointment Messages just read. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries. The Senate is now resolved into Executive Session. Mr. Secretary, please read -- If Members will turn to their Supplemental Calendar No. 1. Mr. Secretary, please read Appointment Message 1010214.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate Consent -- oh, I'm sorry. Excuse me. Mr. President, the Committee on Assignments Approved for Consideration the following salaried appointment: To be an Arbitrator for the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, Paul Cellini.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

...President, I move that the Senate consent to the nomination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate consent to the nomination just made. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? We will now go to the remote voters. Senator Ellman. Senator Harris. Senator Plummer. Senator Wilcox.

SENATOR WILCOX:

Wilcox votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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Senator Wilcox votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And -- whoops! A majority of the Senators elected concurring by the record vote, the Senate does consent to the nomination just read. Mr. Secretary, please read Appointment Message 1010216.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Assignments Approved for Consideration the following salaried appointment: To be an Arbitrator for the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, Gerald Granada.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Mr. President, I move the Senate consent to the nomination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? The question is, does the Senate consent to the nomination just made. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Wilcox.

SENATOR WILCOX:

Wilcox votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Wilcox votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected by -- concurring by record vote, the Senate does consent to the nomination. Mr. Secretary, please read Appointment Message No. 1010217.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Assignments -- Assignments Approved for Consideration the following salaried appointment: To be an Arbitrator for the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, Jessica Hegarty.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

...President, I move the Senate consent to the nomination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? The question is, does the Senate consent to the nomination just made. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Wilcox.

SENATOR WILCOX:

Wilcox votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Wilcox votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And a majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does consent to the nomination. Mr. Secretary, please read Appointment Message No. 1010218.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Assignments Approved for Consideration the following salaried appointment: To be an Arbitrator for the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, Jeffrey -- Huebsch.

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Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Mr. President, I move the Senate consent to the nomination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

There any discussion? The question is, does the Senate consent to the nomination just made. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Wilcox.

SENATOR WILCOX:

Wilcox votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Wilcox votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected by -- concurring by record vote, the Senate does consent to the nomination. Mr. Secretary, please read Appointment Message No. 1010220.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Assignments Approved for Consideration the following salaried appointment: To be an Arbitrator for the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, Maureen Pulia.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Mr. President, I move the Senate consent to the nomination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? The question is, does the Senate consent to the nomination just made. All those in favor, vote

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Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?
Senator Wilcox.

SENATOR WILCOX:

Wilcox votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Wilcox votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And the Senators -- a majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does hereby consent to the nomination. Mr. Secretary, please read Appointment Message No. 1010223.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Assignments Approved for Consideration the following non-salaried appointment: To be a Member of the Illinois Community College Board, Paige Ponder.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate consent to the nomination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? The question is, does the Senate consent to the nomination just made. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?
Senator Wilcox.

SENATOR WILCOX:

Wilcox votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Wilcox votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all

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voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And a majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does hereby consent to the nomination. Mr. Secretary, please read Appointment Message No. 1010229.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Assignments Approved for Consideration the following non-salaried appointment: To be an Advocate as the Public Administrator and Public Guardian for Champaign County, John Brown.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate consent to the nomination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? The question is, does the Senate consent to the nomination just made. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Wilcox.

SENATOR WILCOX:

Wilcox votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Wilcox votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And a majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does hereby consent to the nomination. Senator Barickman, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

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SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I have a inquiry of the Chair, if I may.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Go ahead.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Mr. President, I notice that on the list of appointees -- are missing a number of the Governor's appointees, some of which have been pending - appointed by the Governor - well beyond the sixty days required -- sixty Session days required under the Constitution. I question whether the intent is for those appointees, some of which are very controversial - they're making decisions on behalf of the Governor on some of their board appointments - and I'm curious whether the intent is for those appointees to be heard in committee and taken up on the Floor yet before the end of the May 31st adjournment?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

We'll certainly look into that, Senator, and get back to you. To close, Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I move that the Senate arise from Executive Session.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy moves that the Senate arise from Executive Session. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries. The Senate has arisen from Executive Session. Will the Committee on Assignments please meet in the Well of the Chamber? Committee on Assignments. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Public Safety Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2170.

Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Just remind all the Members that we have committee meetings starting, so please go to your committees. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until 12 p.m. on the 19th day of May 2021. The Senate stands adjourned.