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The regular Session of the 101st General Assembly will come -- 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 Rabbi Avraham Kagan, Director of Chabad-River North and Rabbi at the Lubavitch Chabad-Illinois, from Chicago. Rabbi.
RABBI AVRAHAM KAGAN:

(Prayer by Rabbi Avraham Kagan)
PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Please remain standing for the Pledge Allegiance. Senator Cunningham, please lead us in the Pledge.
SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Cunningham)
PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Lisa Yuscius from Blueroomstream.com would like to videotape. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journals.
SECRETARY ANDERSON:

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

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 MARTINEZ)

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

Senate Resolution 283, offered by Senator Villivalam and all Members.
Senate Resolutions 285 through 287, offered by Senator Anderson and all Members.
Senate Resolution 289, offered by Senator Brady and all Members.
Senate Resolution 290, offered by Senator McClure and all Members.
Senate Resolution 292, offered by Senator Martinez and all Members.
Senate Resolutions 293 and 294, offered by Senator Bertino-Tarrant and all Members.
Senate Resolution 295, offered by Senator Manar and all Members.
And Senate Resolutions 296 and 297, offered by Senator Hunter and all Members.
They are all death resolutions, Madam President.
PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Gabrielle Franklin, WCIA-TV, seeks permission to videotape the proceedings. If there's any objection? Seeing none, leave is granted. Resolutions Consent Calendar.
SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 282, to -- offered by Senator Muñoz.
Senate Resolution 284, offered by Senator Murphy.
Senate Resolution 288, offered by Senator Fine.
And Senate Resolution 291, offered by Senator Hunter.
They are all substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Mulroe, Chairperson of the Committee on Judiciary, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1007 and Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1041 Recommend Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Mr. Secretary, Introduction of Senate Bills.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2245, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Mr. Secretary, Messages.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Appointment Message 1010110
Governor's salaried appointment
To be a Member of the State Panel, Illinois Labor Relations Board, William Lowry

Appointment Message 1010111
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To be a Trustee at Western Illinois -- Western Illinois University Board of Trustees, Gregorio Aguilar

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To be a Member of the Illinois Employment Security Board of Review, Maria Perez  
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To be a Member of the Prisoner Review Board, Donald O'Connell  
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To be a Member of the Prisoner Review Board, Daniel Brink  
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To be a Member of the Prisoner Review Board, Oreal James  
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To be Member of the Illinois Medical Licensing Board, Nicholas Wilson  
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  To be a Member of the Workforce Investment Board, Shelley Stern Grach
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Governor's non-salaried (sic) appointment
To be a Member of the Illinois Commerce Commission, Maria Bocanegra

Appointment Message 1010144
Governor's salaried appointment
To be Director of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, Marc D. Smith

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)
Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:
A Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, 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 1.

We have received like Messages on House Bills 157, 160, 210, 253, 816, 831, 836, 889, 1494, 1552, 1553, 1557, 1639, 2124, 2174, 2189, 2215, 2239, 2265, 2275, 2276, 2293, 2473, 2488, 2502, 2505, 2577, 2578, 2582, 2777, 2837, 3053, 3320, 3363, 3369, 3437, 3481, 3511, 3531, 3536, 3554, 3576, and 3631.

A Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, 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 2154.
We have received like Messages on House Bills 2571, 2601, 2617, 2662, 2685, 2722, 2723, 2763, 2764, 2800, 2836, 2854, 2860, 2884, 2931, 2936, 2937, 2943, 2975 -- 2936, 2937, 2943, 2975, 2983, 2987, 2992, 2993, 3039, 3040, 3061, 3115, 3137, 3141, 3216, 3217, 3244, 3269, 3274, 3331, 3343, 3381, 3394, 3435, 3440, 3446, 3575, 3587, 3593 {sic}, 3597 {sic}, 3610, 3623, 3668, and 3677.

Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, 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 247.
We have received like Messages on House Bills 1455, 2045, 2060, 2209, 2399, 2594, 2643, 2841, 3065, 3404, and 3487.

Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, Clerk.
Mr. President – 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 7.
Offered by Senator Tom Cullerton, and adopted by the House, April 2nd, 2019.
We have received a like Message on House Joint Resolutions 33 and 36, offered by Senator Plummer, and adopted by the House, April
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2nd, 2019; House Joint Resolution 42, offered by Senator Barickman, and adopted by the House, April 2nd, 2019. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House. They are all substantive, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1, offered by Senator Collins.
  (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 160, offered by Senator Collins.
  (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 247, offered by Senator Hastings.
  (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 253, offered by Senator Fine.
  (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 816, offered by Senator Sims.
  (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 831, offered by Senator Holmes.
  (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 836, offered by Senator Villivalam.
  (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 889, offered by Senator Anderson.
  (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 1455, offered by Senator Manar.
  (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 1494, offered by Senator Rose.
  (Secretary reads title of bill)

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 1552, offered by Senator Link.
  (Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 1553, offered by Senator Castro.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 1639, offered by Senator Mulroe.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2045, offered by Senator Sims.
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(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2399, offered by Senator Castro.
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House Bill 2473, offered by Senator Holmes.
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House Bill 2502, offered by Senator Anderson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2505, offered by Senator Stadelman.

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House Bill 2571, offered by Senator Steans.

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House Bill 2578, offered by Senator Fine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2582, offered by Senator Curran.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2601, offered by Senator Bush.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2617, offered by Senator Aquino.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2643, offered by Senator Bush.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2662, offered by Senator Aquino.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2685, offered by Senator Lightford.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2723, offered by Senator Peters.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2763, offered by Senator Cunningham.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2764, offered by Senator Koehler.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2800, offered by Senator Lightford.
House Bill 2836, offered by Senator Manar.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2837, offered by Senator Morrison.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2841, offered by Senator Tom Cullerton.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2854, offered by Senator Fine.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 26 -- excuse me, 2860, offered by Senator Harmon.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2896, offered by Senator Collins.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2931, offered by Senator Harris.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2936, offered by Senator Steans.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2937, offered by Senator Steans.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2943, offered by Senator Steans.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2975, offered by Senator Villivalam.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2987, offered by Senator Morrison.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2993, offered by Senator McClure.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 35 -- excuse me, 3053, offered by Senator Manar.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 3061, offered by Senator Sims.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 3065, offered by Senator Rezin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 3092, offered by Senator Bush.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 3137, offered by Senator Hutchinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 3216, offered by Senator Hastings.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 3217, offered by Senator Villivalam.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 3269, offered by Senator McGuire.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 3320, offered by Senator Ellman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 3331, offered by Senator Aquino.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 3343, offered by Senator Aquino.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 3363, offered by Senator Rose.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 3369, offered by Senator Wilcox.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 3381, offered by Senator Holmes.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 3394, offered by Senator Castro.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 3435, an -- by -- offered by Senator Morrison.
House Bill 3437, offered by Senator Morrison.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3440.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Offered by Senator Steans.

House Bill 3446, offered by Senator Aquino.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3481, offered by Senator Ellman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3511, offered by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3587, an -- offered by Senator Steans.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3610, offered by Senator Anderson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3631, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 3677, offered by Senator Crowe.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the House bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Ladies and Gentlemen, Committee on Assignments will meet behind the President's Anteroom. Committee on Assignments will please come behind the -- the podium to the Anteroom. Ladies and Gentlemen, can we please keep it down? Senator Aquino, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR AQUINO:

Thank you -- thank you, Madam President. Have a point of personal privilege.
Can we please have it a little bit more quiet in the Chamber, please? Senator Aquino.

Senator Aquino:

Thank you, Madam President. I just wanted to make an announcement and introduce two individuals that are with me today. I have two special guests from the 2nd District. They're business leaders from my district that are down here visiting Springfield. First is Mike Petryshyn, who is the Founder and President of the Riot Fest - and it's celebrating its fifteenth-year anniversary. And I have George Herrera, who is the Owner and President of the Cuban Fest, which actually takes part in the 2nd District, at Riis Park, and it is celebrating its ten-year anniversary. I was just -- would like everyone to give them a -- a -- a welcome to Springfield. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Thank you, Senator. And welcome to Springfield. Senator Morrison, for what purpose do you rise?

Senator Morrison:

I rise on the point of a personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Please state your business.

Senator Morrison:

Today many of you have met early childhood advocates who are working their way around the Capitol to visit with you. And today I'm joined by two on the Floor. Holly Krakow is the manager of early childhood curriculum and professional development for JCC Chicago. Susie Wexler is the director of BJBE Early Childhood Program at the Chava Center, providing early learning and love to
families on the north shore. I've known Susie twenty-five years. It's a special privilege to have a friend come and visit. Please help me in welcoming them.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Will the Committee on Assignments -- members of the Committee on Assignment {sic} please come to the President's Anteroom? Senator T. Cullerton, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Point of personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Please state your business. Please quiet it down a little bit. Please!

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

I'll talk louder now.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Keep the noise down.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Madam President, thank you very much. Today, as many of you know, and you probably have seen your constituents today, it's Township Day in the Illinois General Assembly, and I am lucky enough to have two members of two great townships in my district, Addison Township and Wayne Township, and both of their supervisors are here down with me. Some of you may remember their names or be familiar with them. In Addison Township, we have former Representative and Addison Township Supervisor Dennis Reboletti, and out of Wayne Township, we have former Representative and Wayne Township Supervisor Randy Ramey joining us today. I would please ask for a Senate welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)
Welcome to the Senate. Senator Ellman, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

State your -- please introduce your guests.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Thank you. I'd like to introduce my Page for a Day, Noah Fons. Noah is a senior at Glenwood High School in Chatham. We will offer his congratulations for getting into Rice University in Texas, but remember, Noah, there are great schools in Illinois. He's considering an -- major in Economics and then going to law school. He's interested in politics and policies. He's on Glenwood High School's Speech team, and he's going to Nationals in Dallas, Texas, this summer. He plays sax in his high school band and he's an Eagle Scout. He's also President of the National Honor Society for Glenwood High School. I bow to you. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Welcome and congratulations. Senator Fowler, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR FOWLER:

Thank you, Madam President. Point of personal privilege, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Please state your business.

SENATOR FOWLER:

Thank you, Madam President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'm so honored today to have some of my Saline County CEO
students from my district -- of the 59th District with us today. They're actually on the front row of the gallery here. If I can have them stand up. Saline County's CEO - and CEO stands for Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunity {sic} (Opportunities) for our youth in Saline County - and these are incredible students that represent four different high schools within my district. And with us today is the Director, Amy Mings; from Galatia, Carly Steiner; from Eldorado, Larry Massry; from Galatia, Dalton Fitzpatrick; from Harrisburg, Callie Oxford; from Galatia, Kaylie Clarida; from Harrisburg, Abraham McClelland; and from Carrier Mills, Alex -- Peeb -- Peebels. So if we could recognize them and welcome 'em to the Illinois State Senate, I'd really appreciate it. Thank you so much.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Thank you. Will the guests in our -- please rise. Please give them a great hand. Thank you for visiting Springfield. Senator Rose, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSE:

Point of personal privilege, if I may, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Please state your business, sir.

SENATOR ROSE:

Ladies and Gentlemen, I need to call out T. Cullerton for something. He violated the right of first refusal on former seatmates' clause in our rules. I'm very excited that Dennis Reboletti is my former House seatmate and Representative Ramey, back here, is still wearing the same jacket he had in 2008 when he sat in front of me in the House. So, with that, I'm very happy to see my former seatmate back. He's promised me he'll take Neil
Anderson's position and immediately my -- my voting record will be doing much better. Thank...

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Thank you. Thank you for visiting us. Senator Aquino, for a second time, for what -- what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR AQUINO:

Thank you, Madam President. For a point of personal privilege, once again.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Please introduce your guests.

SENATOR AQUINO:

I -- I have some -- some more special guests here with us today. The National Association of Hispanic Nurses, the Illinois Chapter, their board members and members are here advocating for -- for nursing and also for getting Latinos and Latinas into -- into STEM, into nursing in particular. I want to give a special shout-out to their president, who has served for the last two years and will be ending her -- her presidency term in May; that is my wife, Dr. Elizabeth Aquino. I'd like for all of them to stand up and us give them a -- a round of applause. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Thank you for visiting us. There you are, up there, my nurses. Nice -- nice visiting us. Thank you. Senator Koehler, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Madam President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Introduce your guests.

SENATOR KOEHLER:
Up in the gallery, in front of -- in the President's Gallery, in front of the Republican side, we have people from Peoria from the Bright Futures...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Senator, can you hold on? Ladies and Gentlemen, please keep it down. We are trying to introduce some guests that are here.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Madam President. From Peoria, we have people here representing Bright Futures, which does a wonderful job in helping to educate our -- our children. Like to have the Senate give them a warm welcome to Springfield. They're up in the gallery behind -- in front of the Republican side.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Welcome to Springfield. Senator Weaver, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WEAVER:

Point of personal privilege, please, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Please introduce your guests.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Great. Thank you. First, thank you for being here from Bright Futures. It's a great group. You're welcome. But also, I have Caroline Curry with me. Her father's a sergeant with the Peoria Police Department - does a fantastic job and a good friend of mine. She's sixteen, goes to Metamora High School, is a sophomore. And I'm so proud of her because she writes for the local newspaper - not the school newspaper. And she's a history buff and, as a result, wants to be a history teacher. But the best thing she told me is, theater's her passion. She enjoys
speech, but were -- what she really likes is plays because you get to hang out with friends, and that's what it's all about. Would you folks please welcome her to Springfield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Thank you for visiting us. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Lightford, Chairperson of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Commerce and Economic Development Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1919 and Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2146; refer to Criminal Law Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1294 and Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 414; refer to Education Committee - Senate Resolution 265, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 448, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 451, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 453, and Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2025; refer to Environment and Conservation Committee - Floor Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 1256, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1310, and Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1392; refer to Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 481, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 637, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1848, and Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1970; refer to Financial Institutions Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1524; refer to Government Accountability and Pensions Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1223; refer to Insurance Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 162 and Senate Resolution 264; refer to Judiciary Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 168 and Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1007; refer to Labor Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 75 and Senate Resolution 250; refer to Licensed Activities
Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 653, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 656, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 657, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 658, and Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 659; refer to Public Health Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 182 and Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1726; refer to Revenue Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 119, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1042, and Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1346; refer to State Government Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Joint Resolution 26, Senate Resolution 251, Senate Resolution 277, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 726, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 727, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1981, and Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2062; refer to Transportation Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1473; refer to Veterans Affairs Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 122; Be Approved for Consideration - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1214. Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-8 (d), the following bills will be re-referred from the Executive Committee - Subcommittee on Governmental Operations to the Executive Committee: Senate Bills 1233 through 1235. Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-8 (b-1), the following amendments will remain in the Committee on Assignments: Floor Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 68, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 155, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 946, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1226, and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1730.

Signed, Senator Kimberly Lightford, Chairperson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Ladies and Gentlemen, please pay attention. I'm going to read off today's committees hearing -- committee meetings to hear Floor amendments this afternoon: Education at 2:05; Public Health
at 2:05; Veterans Affair (sic) (Affairs) at 2:05 in Room 409; Licensed Activity (sic) (Activities) at 3 o'clock in Room 400; State Government at 3 o'clock in Room 409; Executive at 3 o'clock in Room 212; Insurance at 4 o'clock in Room 212; Revenue at 4 o'clock in Room 400; Transportation at 8 p.m. -- I mean, I'm sorry, 5 p.m. in Room 212; Criminal Law at 5 p.m. in Room 400. Tomorrow morning, tomorrow morning: Agriculture will meet at 8:30 in Room 409; Commerce and Economic Development at 9 a.m. in Room 400; Energy at 11 o'clock in Room 212; Environment and Conservation 11 a.m. in Room 400; and Telecommunications and Information Technology at 11 a.m. in Room 400 (sic) (409). Those are the committees for today and for tomorrow. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 289 (sic) (298), offered by President Cullerton.

It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

I would like to ask Senator Rose to come to the podium to introduce a special guest here today.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you, Madam President. I'm very happy today to have with me Grace Khachaturian. She's the twenty-one-year-old daughter of Steve and Janet Khachaturian of Champaign, who is our Miss Illinois for 2018. She was selected in Marion last summer to represent us in the Miss America competition in Atlantic City. Grace is earning her Bachelor's degree in Journalism and Communication at the University of Illinois. She's completing a year of service for Miss Illinois, where she looks forward to finishing her degree and one day aspires to be a writer. She has
a special interest in writing material in (sic) adolescents who may feel alienated from their peers, family, and society. She travels the State discussing her personal platform of "YOU Matter: Promoting Positive Mental Health in Youth" (sic) ("YOU Matter: Mental Health Education for Our Youth") and serving as a goodwill ambassador for the Children’s Miracle Network, which is the official platform of Miss America Organization. Her family hails from Philo, Illinois, which many will recognize as "The Center of the Universe". And with that, we would like to welcome Miss Grace Khachaturian to the Illinois State Senate.

MISS ILLINOIS 2018 GRACE KHACHATURIAN:

(Remarks by Miss Illinois 2018 Grace Khachaturian)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENIOR MARTINEZ)

Ladies and Gentlemen, can I still have your attention? I want to introduce Senator Belt, who has a group of guests with him today that he would like to introduce.

SENATOR BELT:

All right. Thank you, Madam President. And to the Members of the Senate, I have my State Rep here, LaToya Greenwood, and it is an honor and a privilege -- it is an honor and a privilege for me to introduce the Illinois State Boys Basketball Team -- 4A, back-to-back, Basketball Champions, historic Belleville West Maroons. Now this only confirms what I've always known, that downstate basketball is by far the best basketball in Illinois. Lastly, I would be remiss if I didn't mention we have the back-to-back Mr. Basketball standing behind me. He's going to The Ohio State University, Mr. EJ Liddell. Belleville West Maroons, the Superintendent is Jeff Dosier. They have a phenomenal coaching staff led by Head Coach Joe -- Muniz, okay. So these are, once
again, Ladies and Gentlemen, the back-to-back 4A Basketball Champs, Belleville West Maroons. Madam… Madam President and Members of the Senate, again it's my honor -- you noticed I didn't go anywhere, so that -- that means I have another State Championship team to introduce. Historic in nature, the East St. Louis Flyers won their first-ever Boys Basketball Championship, Class 3A. Yeah. There you go. Again, the Flyers finished the season 30 and 6. They were number thirty-five in the country. They went 19 and 1 in their last twenty games, playing one of the toughest schedules in Illinois. The schedule prepared them to beat difficult teams on the playoff road. They beat Breese in Mater Dei {sic}. They beat Mascoutah in Mascoutah, Springfield Southeast in Springfield - Springfield Southeast in Springfield - Peoria Manual - there's the Senator from Peoria - in Peoria, and -- and they won the State Championship 3A. Can we give 'em another round of applause? They have a phenomenal coaching staff and is head -- led by their Head Coach Mark Chambers. And they're in District 189 and the Superintendent of that great district is none other than Arthur Culver. Again, before I leave the podium, if you really want to know what basketball is in the State of Illinois, mosey your way on down to the Southwest {sic} (Southwestern) Conference. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Senator McConchie.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

A point of personal...

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Please state your business, sir.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:
Madam President, it is with great sadness that I ask this Body to once again remember the life of an Illinois State Trooper...

Ladies and Gentlemen, can we have silence now? Please.

Thank you, Madam... 

Senator McConchie.

Thank you, Madam President. It's with great sadness that I ask this Body to, once again, remember the life of yet another Illinois State Trooper who was recklessly killed in a crash. Trooper Gerald Ellis died Saturday morning when his squad car was struck head-on by someone driving in the wrong direction on I-94 east of Libertyville. To be honest, I'm at a loss of words, as Trooper Ellis is the third trooper to be killed in a crash this year. We can't even begin to imagine the extent of the anger and sadness his family must be feeling, but we can honor and remember his service and the sacrifice he made. I'm sure everyone has heard about Trooper Ellis' heroic story now, but for those who haven't, allow me to do my best to explain how courageous he was. On the morning of Saturday, March 30th, Trooper Ellis was on his way home on I-94 when he noticed a car driving in the wrong direction toward oncoming traffic. According to an unconfirmed eyewitness account, Trooper Ellis selflessly veered into the path of the wrong-way driver, saving the lives of the people behind him. This isn't the first time that Trooper Ellis made a swift, in-the-moment decision to save someone's life. Just a week before he died, he went out of his way to save the life of an overdose victim. Even though it
wasn't his call to respond, Trooper Ellis went to the incident site anyway, used Naloxone and a defibrillator to help bring an overdose victim back to life. His actions are the true definition of heroism. Trooper Ellis put his life on the line every day to save others, and because of him, so many families get to hold their loved ones again, but his family never will. So today I'm asking that you keep his wife, two young daughters, and the rest of his family in your prayers as they endure what no one should have to endure. Trooper Ellis will likely be remembered among others who have been killed so far this year, but let us do our very best to remember each one of these troopers individually and not just a number that makes up this year's puzzling statistic. I would ask that we have a brief moment of silence in Trooper Ellis' honor.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Will everyone please rise for a moment of silence for this courageous Trooper? And please keep his family in your prayers. (Moment of silence observed) Senator Bennett, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BENNETT:

Point of personal privilege. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, if you would attempt -- direct your attention to the Republican side of the rear gallery. I have three of my -- my interns from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign that have come to see the Capitol today. They are - and if they'll please stand - Mallory Wentworth, Ben Escobar, and Alice Zheng. They have worked very hard all semester, and -- and hopefully will continue, for the good people of the 52nd District. We love having them and we're glad to have 'em here. Please give 'em a warm welcome.
PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 299, offered by Senator Weaver.
It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

A Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, 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 595.

We have received like Messages on House Bills 925, 1482, 2123, 2237, 2243, 2264, 2444, 2830, 2838, 3101, 3198, 3249, 3263, 3509, 3628, 3652, and 3659. Passed the House, April 3rd, 2019. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 1474.

Together with the following amendment... Together with the following amendment which is attached, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1474.
PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Senator Link, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Madam President. Today I'm being honored to be with a gentleman that -- if I could have everybody's attention here, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Can -- I'm sorry, Mr. -- Senator. Can we please have everyone's attention?

SENATOR LINK:

I'm -- I'm joined here by a distinguished guest here that I have today. And that -- I know we usually don't do this, but we're going to read a Proclamation today for a friend. And this Proclamation is introduced by President John J. Cullerton and myself, Senator Terry Link, and it's presenting to Ron E. Powell. Ron E. Powell served as the President of Local 881 United Food and Commercial Workers International Union and retired December 1st, 2018, after more than fifty-seven years of dedicated service to the working men and women of Illinois. He served currently in the honor of the United States Army and studied at Northern Illinois University. He led the first recognition strike of Jewel Tea Company in DeKalb before joining the staff in Local 881, serving the union as a field representative and director of field operations, vice president and -- executive board, the secretary-treasurer. In 1983, he was elected president of 881 in 1983 and became the longest-serving constitutional officer of the union's history. He was elected vice president of the Illinois A.F. of L-CIO Executive Board in 1986 and served under five different board presidents. And he has a dedicated career of
protecting the rights of union members, workers throughout Illinois, northwest Indiana, and helping countless workers find their voices in jobs. He also served his community as a Village of Mundelein Trustee and as a philanthropical {sic} (philanthropist) who was raised thousands of -- raised thousands of dollars for Better Boys Foundation and United Way and Leukemia -- Society; therefore, be it resolved by the Senate of the One Hundred and First General Assembly of the State of Illinois, that we congratulations {sic} to Ron Powell on his retirement and thank him for the service to working men and women of Illinois; and be -- further that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Ron E. Powell as a symbol of our esteem -- respect. I will turn over to President Cullerton, who said he's going to rebut anything I just said.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

President Cullerton, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. I -- I just wanted to highlight the fact that Ron has served the working men and women in this State for so long, after fifty-seven years of service. I find it to be very interesting, if you look at his record, that he served as a staff assistant to the Speaker of the House from '71 to '75 and was the Parliamentarian of the House in '73 to '75, a little -- a few years before I -- I got here. But during all these years we've been interacting -- the fact is that he also knows what we do and what we do down here and that's really, really very important. He also, himself, was a -- a -- serving as a trustee in his own village. And if you look at his record, he has raised so much money for charity and has been so
dedicated his whole life. So I'm very, very happy to have him down here in Springfield. I'm honored that he's here and I know that he's going to finally take a little -- few days off and spend time with his great family. And congratulations on a great career. Thank you, Ron.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Thank -- thank you, Mr. Powell, for all your services all these years and enjoy your retirement. Senator Fowler, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR FOWLER:

Thank you, Madam President. Point of personal privilege, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Please introduce your guests.

SENATOR FOWLER:

Thank you, Madam President. Today I -- I'm -- I'm honored to introduce Senator Schimpf's Pages for a Day. He had to leave for a meeting, but it gives me great honor to do so. With us today is Ashlynn Jackson from DuQuoin High School. She is a senior at DuQuoin and going to be attending SIU Carbondale this next year. And also with us is Keith Norris from DuQuoin High School, as well, and he's going to be attending John A. Logan Junior College in Carterville. So it's an honor to have them today and I'd just like to welcome them to the Illinois State Senate. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Enjoy your day here in Springfield. Ladies and Gentlemen, let's turn to page 47, House Bills 3rd Reading. It's House Bill 2988. Senator Cunningham. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:
House Bill 2988.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Madam President. We had a -- a debate in -- during a subject matter hearing in the Energy Committee a couple of weeks ago on this bill, House Bill 2988. It amends the County {sic} (Counties) Code to clarify that only counties may establish standards for wind farms in unincorporated areas outside the zoning jurisdiction of municipalities. Be happy to answer any questions and I'd appreciate the Chamber's support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Senator Rose, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you, Madam President. I have two parliamentary inquiries and then I have questions of the sponsor, whichever order you'd like.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Please proceed.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you. As to the first parliamentary inquiry, when was the committee vote taken on this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

It was subject matter only, but the Committee of {sic} (on) Assignments brought it right to the Floor.

SENATOR ROSE:

So there was no committee vote on this bill?
PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

There was a Committee on Assignments vote, yes.

SENATOR ROSE:

Committee on Assignments vote, but there was no substantive committee vote of the Energy Committee?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

No, just the Committee on Assignments vote.

SENATOR ROSE:

Second question. Was the Energy subject matter only hearing before or after this bill had passed the House of Representatives?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Let me get back to you on that.

SENATOR ROSE:

Okay.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

And is there something else, Senator?

SENATOR ROSE:

I have a question of the sponsor, if I may.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Please proceed.

SENATOR ROSE:

Okay. Senator Cunningham, thank you for allowing me to ask you a few questions here. They will be mainly technical in nature. But we're -- who brought you this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

I was approached by various representatives of the renewable energy -- renewable energy businesses in our State.
SENATOR ROSE:

Is this bill designed to tell the Douglas County Circuit Court how to rule in its pending case with EDP against the local townships in Douglas County?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

No, it is not. This bill is designed to clarify a long-standing State law that established county governments would set the rules for the siting of windmills in the State of Illinois. There was a debate had by this Body, I believe about a dozen years ago, where it was considered -- the -- the Body considered how we would -- what sort of rules would be set up and how windmills would -- would be sited. Some states have kept that decision-making power to themselves and it sets statewide regulations. Illinois decided to give this -- the rulemaking authority to county governments. In this particular instance, the county government set up rules for the county and this particular company has followed those rules for placing the windmills. As you alluded to, there is a dispute going on regarding this right now in court. This bill is designed to clarify what the intent of the General Assembly was in the bill that we passed some twelve years ago.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Any further questions? Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

And that clarification would essentially tell the judge how to rule in that case.
Senator Cullerton -- I mean, I'm sorry, Senator Cunningham.

Senator Cunningham:

No.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Senator Rose.

Senator Rose:

Yes, thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

You have to -- you have to press the button if you want to keep on...

Senator Rose:

Okay.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Okay. The debate.

Senator Rose:

Thank you...

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Thank you.

Senator Rose:

Madam Chair. I'm...

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Senator Rose.

Senator Rose:

Still got that House chip implanted in my shoulder.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

You need to get rid of that chip.

Senator Rose:

I know. So the -- the -- Senator Cunningham, the EDP was the
only company that testified in favor of this bill at the hearing in your committee, was that not the case?

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

   Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

   I don't recall if we took testimony from -- from anyone else, but obviously, yes, they testified in favor of it.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

   Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

   And the subject matter of EDP's testimony was that the intent was to essentially overrule the court case in Douglas County Circuit Court.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

   Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

   I don't believe that was their specific testimony. I think what they pointed out, and what renewable companies throughout this State have pointed out, is that they have made multimillion-dollar investments in our State - hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of investments in our State. They have employed thousands of workers in our State and will continue to do that going forward. They made those decisions, they decided to invest in Illinois based on an existing law, based on a law that this Body passed. A -- a unit of local government has sought, and I believe in an unjust way, to undermine that. That is putting this project and dozens of other projects, dozens of other investments in the State of Illinois in jeopardy. So the belief is, we need to clarify that law. That's to ensure this investment continues. That is why
this bill is before us today.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Senator Cunningham, what township or townships is it you're referring to?

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

I'm sorry, I don't know the name of the township.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Would those be in Douglas County, Illinois?

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

That's my understanding, yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you -- thank you. To the bill, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

To the bill.

SENATOR ROSE:

Ladies and Gentlemen, I -- I know how this is going to go, exactly how it went in the House, but just for the record, there used to be sort of a gentleman's rule here that we didn't go retroactive on bills and we didn't run to Springfield when there
was active litigation pending in -- in counties. And -- and frankly, I think that the windmill, which is EDP, has a very good chance of winning that court case in -- in Douglas County. But instead of allowing citizens to have their day in court on both sides -- and by the way, I have constituents on both sides of this debate, very good friend, constituents I've known for almost twenty years on both sides of this debate. But instead of allowing those folks to have their day in court, we're going to statutorily tell -- legislate an outcome for that court case. And, you know, it's one thing to have a set of rules going forward; it's another set of rules -- thing to have rules that are retroactive and are going to affect what I appreciate Senator Cunningham has admitted, is this Douglas County court case. EDP was there. They were the ones testifying in committee, and they said that they simply didn't have the time to wait for the courts to get their ruling. Didn't have the time - and that's what this is all about. This is special legislation affecting a court case in Douglas County that, frankly, EDP itself probably wins. I don't know. I'm not their attorney. I'm not the attorney on the other side. But that's why we have a judicial system, that's why we have judges, to interrupt the laws that we made ten years ago. It's one thing to go forward; it's another thing to go retroactive. You know, I have, over the course of several years here, tried fervently to avoid taking positions on bills that would overrule a court case or tell a judge how to decide. And it's -- you know, our job is to legislate going forward; it's the court's job to interrupt what we've legislated. And with that, I -- you know, I'm going to vote No. I'm not sure how anyone else will vote. I'm fairly -- I've got a good hunch, but I'm going to vote No. This is special legislation for one
entity and -- tell a judge how to rule in a court case and it's just not appropriate for us to be involved, especially when the citizens should be allowed their day in court on either side, on either side. That's why the courts are there. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Mark Maxwell from WCIA leaves -- seeks leave to videorecord. Seeing no objections, leave granted. There was an inquiry made earlier about the subject matter hearing on this bill. It was -- it was held on March 21st after House Bill 2988 was on 2nd Reading but before it passed the House. Senator Cunningham, to close.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Madam President. I appreciate the concerns voiced by the Senator. I understand he has a situation in his district that he's trying to take care of. All of us would do the same. I would suggest to the residents of his district and the residents of any district in the State of Illinois, if they have a problem with the siting of windmills in their community, to do what the law says, and that's go to their county board. There is a venue -- there is a place that our law has contemplated for local citizens to go to debate and -- and influence the way windmills are sited. I think that's the proper venue for their dispute. Secondly, I'd like to address the notion of this being special legislation. That is not the case. As I mentioned at the outset, there are dozens of renewable companies who are looking at Illinois, who are going to make multimillion-dollar investments in our State, employ hundreds, maybe thousands of workers, and pay millions of dollars in property taxes to our local school districts. They have to make decisions about whether or not their
investment here in Illinois will be able to move forward. We, as a Body, need to -- to send them a signal that they can, they can make those investments and it will -- and -- and that local groups will not be able to shut them down; that they will have to go to their county board in order to make any sort of adjustments to the siting of those windmills. We can't -- Illinois can't afford to let this happen. We can't drive businesses out of the -- out of our State with needless government regulation. I'd support an Aye -- I -- I would appreciate an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Question is, shall House Bill 2988 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The -- the -- the voting is now open. ...who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 43 Members voting Aye, 7 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. House Bill 2988, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, let's go to page 48, Senate Resolution 83. Senator Hutchinson. Do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill -- the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 83, offered by Senator Hutchinson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Madam President. It's so wonderful to see you in the Chair, especially on today. Regarding this particular Senate Resolution 83, declares April 2nd, 2019, as Pay Equity Day in the State of Illinois in order to raise awareness about this endemic inequity. We pass this every single year to identify how -- what
day in the year women must work to earn the same amount as our male counterparts. We have made a lot of information known about the fact that it is eighty cents on the dollar for women in general; however, black women must work until August 22nd to make the same wages and Latino women must work until November 20th to make the same wages. So on this day, the day after the actual Pay Equity Day, I just would ask everyone to acknowledge the fact that there are things we can do to change this. And I'm really proud to serve in a Body where we keep working to do that. Thank you, everybody.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Resolution 83 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. On the bottom of page 48, we will go to Senate Resolution 199. Senator Koehler, are you -- Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 199, offered by Senator Koehler.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Senator Koehler, on your resolution.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Madam President. It's a distinct honor to be able to present this resolution. This recognizes one-hundred-year anniversary of Easterseals. For a hundred years, Easterseals has been the leading advocate and service provider for children and adults with disabilities, veterans, older adults, caregivers, and their families. In 1919, following the sudden death of his son, Edgar Allen founded the organization. In 1931, the organization authorized a "Bill of Rights" for children with disabilities, which
led to government-funded disability services. In 1945, Easterseals expanded its children-focused mission by opening programs and services to include adults. Easterseals has become the leading national network of more than seventy community-based non-for-profit organizations that deliver high quality, local services and support. Illinois is well served by four Easterseals organizations with twenty-two locations across the State. Easterseals is a strong partner with local, state, federal government, corporations, foundations, and other sectors to provide or connect individuals and families to early intervention and childhood education services, autism spectrum disorder services, employment services and placement, mental health services, respite, camping and recreation, and caregiving and aging supports. Madam President, after the resolution is adopted I would like to introduce some of my guests.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

That request is in order. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall -- shall Senate Resolution 199 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Madam President. And, again, I'll -- have some guests here representing Easterseals. I want to introduce Steve Thompson, who is the President and CEO of the Easterseals organization in Central Illinois; Jim Runyon, who's the Executive Vice President of Easterseals in Central Illinois; Tim Muri, who is President and CEO of Easterseals in the Metropolitan Chicago area. Would the Senate please give our guests a warm welcome?

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)
Thank you very much for all the great work you do in our communities. Thank you very much. Ladies and Gentlemen, the deadline for filing Floor amendments is this Friday, April 5th, at 3 p.m. The deadline for filing Floor amendments is this Friday, April 5th, at 3 p.m. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to page 2. We're going to 2nd Readings, Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Please, we're asking that you move your bills. At -- the -- the deadline is this Friday, so please make sure that you pass the bills in the next -- in the next two days. We're going to -- we're going to begin with Senate Bill 18. Senator Cunningham. Senator Harmon, on Senate Bill 54. Senator Villivalam, on Senate Bill 75. Senator Sandoval, on Senate Bill 102. Senator Sandoval, on Senate Bill 104. Senator Villivalam, on Senate Bill 245. Moving to page 4. Senator Link, on Senate Bill 1124. Senator Harmon, on Senate Bill 1134. On page 4, Senator Holmes, on Senate Bill 1189. Senator Murphy, on Senate Bill 1224 -- 23, I'm sorry. 1223. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1223.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

3rd Reading. Senator Holmes, on Senate Bill 1226. Senator Hunter, on Senate Bill 1281. Senator Tracy, on Senate Bill 1285. Senator Bush, on Senate Bill -- I'm sorry, Senator Harmon, on Senate Bill -- 1317. Senator Sandoval. Senate Bill 1343. Senator Rose. Senate Bill 1371. Senator Hastings, on Senate Bill 1472. Senator Hunter, on Senate Bill 1473. Senator Collins, on Senate
Bill 1510. Senator Hutchinson. Senate Bill 1515. Mr....(microphone
cutoff)....please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1515.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Revenue adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Has there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Hutchinson.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Madam President. Floor Amendment No. 3 becomes the bill and I can explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Is there any other discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

3rd Reading. Senator Jones, on Senate Bill 1519. Mr....(microphone
cutoff)....read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1519.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
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2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Out of the record. Take the bill out of the record. Thank you. Senator Harmon. Senate Bill 1522. On page 6, Senator Rezin, on Senate Bill 1570. Senator Collins. Senate Bill 1583. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1583.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

3rd Reading. Senator Sims, on Senate Bill 1591. Senator Sims. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1591.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

3rd Reading. Senator Sims, on Senate Bill 1595. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1595.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Revenue adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)
Has there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

3rd Reading. Senator Sims, on Senate Bill 1597. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1597.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Sims.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Senator Sims, on the amendment.

SENATOR SIMS:

Thank -- thank you, Madam President. Like to adopt the amendment and can -- and then debate it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

3rd Reading. Senator Sims, on Senate Bill 1601. Senate Bill
1602. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1602.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Transportation adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

Are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER:  (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

3rd Reading. Senator Glowiak, on Senate Bill 1624. Senator Glowiak. Senator Villivalam, on Senate Bill 1628. Senator Schimpf, on Senate Bill 1660. Mr. Secretary, House Bill 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 595, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bills (sic) 925, offered by Senator Bush.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2123, offered by Senator Peters.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2237, offered by Senator McGuire.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2243, offered by Senator Aquino.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2444, offered by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2338 (sic) (2838), offered by Senator Fine.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2983, offered by Senator Glowiak.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 3101, offered by Senator Glowiak.

(Secretary reads title of bill)
1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)
Ladies and Gentlemen, I please ask everybody please go to your committees. They will start at exactly 2 o'clock. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 12 noon on the 4th day of April 2019. The Senate stands adjourned.