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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Senator Bill Cunningham, Chicago, Illinois, presiding.
Prayer by Chaplain Carla Matrisch, Civil Servant Ministries, Chatham, Illinois.
Senator Faraci led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Thursday, February 26, 2026, was being read when on motion of Senator Glowiak Hilton, further reading of same was dispensed with, and unless some Senator had corrections to offer, the Journal would stand approved. No corrections being offered, the Journal was ordered to stand approved.

Senator Glowiak Hilton moved that reading and approval of the Journal of Tuesday, March 10, 2026, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.
The motion prevailed.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES FILED

The following Committee amendments to the Senate Bills listed below have been filed with the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Assignments:

Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 2829
Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3251
Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 3507
Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 3608

REPORTS RECEIVED

The Secretary placed before the Senate the following reports:

Reporting Requirement of 50 ILCS 707/15 (Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act), submitted by the Bolingbrook Police Department.

Reporting Requirement of 50 ILCS 707/20 (Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act), submitted by the Bolingbrook Police Department.

LAC Meeting Agenda - 3/24/26, submitted by the Legislative Audit Commission.

LAC Meeting Minutes - 2/24/26, submitted by the Legislative Audit Commission.

The foregoing reports were ordered received and placed on file in the Secretary's Office.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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March 11, 2026

Mr. Tim Anderson
Secretary of the Senate
Room 403 State House

[March 11, 2026]

Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 3-2(c), I hereby appoint Senator Laura Ellman to temporarily replace Senator Napoleon Harris III as a member of the Senate Pensions Committee. This appointment will expire upon adjournment of the Senate Pensions Committee on March 11, 2026.

Sincerely,
s/Don Harmon
Don Harmon
Senate President

cc: Senate Republican Leader John F. Curran

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Mr. Tim Anderson
Secretary of the Senate
Room 403 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 3-2(c), I hereby appoint Senator Chris Belt to temporarily replace Senator Laura Fine as a member of the Senate Behavioral and Mental Health Committee. This appointment will expire upon adjournment of the Senate Behavioral and Mental Health Committee on March 11, 2026.

Sincerely,
s/Don Harmon
Don Harmon
Senate President

cc: Senate Republican Leader John F. Curran

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Secretary of the Senate
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Springfield, IL 62706

[March 11, 2026]

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 3-2(c), I hereby appoint Senator Javier Cervantes to temporarily replace Senator Mike Simmons as a member of the Senate Behavioral and Mental Health Committee. This appointment will expire upon adjournment of the Senate Behavioral and Mental Health Committee on March 11, 2026.

Sincerely,
s/Don Harmon
Don Harmon
Senate President

cc: Senate Republican Leader John F. Curran

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Mr. Tim Anderson
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Room 403 State House
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 3-2(c), I hereby appoint Senator Elgie R. Sims, Jr. to temporarily replace Senator Napoleon Harris III as a member of the Senate Executive Committee. This appointment will expire upon adjournment of the Senate Executive Committee on March 11, 2026.

Sincerely,
s/Don Harmon
Don Harmon
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cc: Senate Republican Leader John F. Curran

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Secretary of the Senate
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[March 11, 2026]

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 3-2(c), I hereby appoint Senator Paul Faraci to temporarily replace Senator Willie Preston as a member of the Senate State Government Committee. This appointment will expire upon adjournment of the Senate State Government Committee on March 11, 2026.

Sincerely,
s/Don Harmon
Don Harmon
Senate President

cc: Senate Republican Leader John F. Curran

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 3-2(c), I hereby appoint Senator Omar Aquino to temporarily replace Senator Laura Fine as a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee. This appointment will expire upon adjournment of the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 11, 2026.

Sincerely,
s/Don Harmon
Don Harmon
Senate President

cc: Senate Republican Leader John F. Curran

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Secretary of the Senate
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[March 11, 2026]

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 3-2(c), I hereby appoint Senator Graciela Guzman to temporarily replace Senator Adriane Johnson as a member of the Senate Local Government Committee. This appointment will expire upon adjournment of the Senate Local Government Committee on March 11, 2026.

Sincerely,
s/Don Harmon
Don Harmon
Senate President

cc: Senate Republican Leader John F. Curran

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Mr. Tim Anderson
Secretary of the Senate
Room 403 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 3-2(c), I hereby appoint Senator Doris Turner to temporarily replace Senator Napoleon Harris III as a member of the Senate Local Government Committee. This appointment will expire upon adjournment of the Senate Local Government Committee on March 11, 2026.

Sincerely,
s/Don Harmon
Don Harmon
Senate President

cc: Senate Republican Leader John F. Curran

PRESENTATION OF CELEBRATION OF LIFE RESOLUTION

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 669

Offered by Senator Anderson and all Senators:
Mourns the death of John W. Schoon of Glasford.

By unanimous consent, the foregoing resolution was referred to the Resolutions Consent Calendar.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

Senator Villanueva offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

[March 11, 2026]

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 668

WHEREAS, The future of our nation's productivity and competitiveness in the global marketplace depends on the success of all men and women; and

WHEREAS, Women have been discriminated against in education, the workplace, and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Equal Pay Day, started by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) in 1996, was created with the goal of raising awareness about the gender wage gap; this symbolic day further highlights and combats the impact of pay inequities through U.S. Census data, which has revealed that women working full-time and year-round are paid 83% of what men are paid, and all workers, including part-time and seasonal, are paid 75% of what men are paid; and

WHEREAS, In 2022, changes were made to the methodology, and The Equal Pay Day Calendar now encompasses a broader cross-section of women, including those who work part-time or seasonally, to represent a more accurate picture of how the gender pay gap impacts diverse communities; the COVID-19 pandemic pushed many women, especially women of color, into part-time or seasonal work or out of the workforce all together; because of this, past methods of calculating the wage gap fell short of accurately capturing the full picture; with the new inclusive methodology, we can advocate on behalf of all women in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, Because the pay gap varies significantly among different communities, other Equal Pay Days have been added to the calendar over the years to reflect the fact that many women must work far longer into the year to catch up to men; and

WHEREAS, Equal Pay Day, which represents all women, is to be celebrated on March 26 this year; and

WHEREAS, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Women's Equal Pay Day is April 9 this year; AANHPI women working full-time and year-round are paid 94 cents, and all earners, including part-time and seasonal, are paid 83 cents for every dollar paid to non-Hispanic white men; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ Equal Pay Awareness Day is June 17 this year; this day raises awareness about the wage gap experienced by the LGBTQIA+ community; and

WHEREAS, Black Women's Equal Pay Day is July 21 this year; Black women working full-time and year-round are paid 66 cents, and all earners, including part-time and seasonal, are paid 64 cents for every dollar paid to non-Hispanic white men; and

WHEREAS, Moms' Equal Pay Day is August 6 this year; mothers working full-time and year-round are paid 71 cents, and all earners, including part-time and seasonal, are paid 63 cents for every dollar paid to fathers; and

WHEREAS, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI) Women's Equal Pay Day is September 15 this year; NHPI women working full-time and year-round are paid 65 cents, and all earners, including part-time and seasonal, are paid 61 cents for every dollar paid to non-Hispanic white men; and

WHEREAS, Latina Equal Pay Day is October 8 this year; Latinas working full-time and year-round are paid 58 cents, and all earners, including part-time and seasonal, are paid 51 cents for every dollar paid to non-Hispanic white men; and

WHEREAS, Disabled Women's Equal Pay Day is October 20 this year; disabled women working full-time and year-round are paid 72 cents, and all earners, including part-time and seasonal, are paid 50 cents for every dollar paid to non-Hispanic white men; and

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WHEREAS, Native Women's Equal Pay Day is November 19 this year; Native women working full-time and year-round are paid 58 cents, and all earners, including part-time and seasonal, are paid 52 cents for every dollar paid to non-Hispanic white men; and

WHEREAS, The pay gap has been shown to start as soon as one year after college, and this inequality affects not only women but also their families and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, The pay gap between women and men has long-term effects on women's economic security, and such a gap affects women's Social Security earnings, their ability to save for retirement, and their children's education; and

WHEREAS, Pay equity is closely linked to the eradication of poverty and is essential to having a highly-motivated workforce; and

WHEREAS, Equal pay is a priority for all women and for our society at large; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare March 26, 2026 as Equal Pay Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage the citizens of this State to learn about the pay gap that women experience in society and to learn about these various dates that bring attention to the pay gap that specific groups experience.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Senator Cervantes, Chair of the Committee on Criminal Law, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 3333, 3506, 3510, 3697 and 3880**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bills do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Cervantes, Chair of the Committee on Criminal Law, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 2892, 3020, 3048 and 3636**, reported the same back with amendments having been adopted thereto, with the recommendation that the bills, as amended, do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Cervantes, Chair of the Committee on Criminal Law, to which was referred **Senate Bill No. 2991**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, do pass.

The bill was directed to the Committee on Education.

Senator Cervantes, Chair of the Committee on Criminal Law, to which was referred the following Senate floor amendment, reported that the Committee recommends do adopt:

Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2949

Under the rules, the foregoing floor amendment is eligible for consideration on second reading.

Senator Loughran Cappel, Chair of the Committee on Education, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 2773, 2914 and 3907**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bills do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Loughran Cappel, Chair of the Committee on Education, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 2837 and 2913**, reported the same back with amendments having been adopted thereto, with the recommendation that the bills, as amended, do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Loughran Cappel, Chair of the Committee on Education, to which was referred **Senate Resolution No. 611**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Under the rules, **Senate Resolution No. 611** was placed on the Secretary's Desk.

Senator Ventura, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Public Health, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 3926 and 3936**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bills do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Ventura, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Public Health, to which was referred **Senate Bill No. 3049**, reported the same back with amendments having been adopted thereto, with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, do pass.

Under the rules, the bill was ordered to a second reading.

Senator Ventura, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Public Health, to which was referred **Senate Resolution No. 609**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Under the rules, **Senate Resolution No. 609** was placed on the Secretary's Desk.

Senator Ventura, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Public Health, to which was referred **Senate Joint Resolution No. 52**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Under the rules, **Senate Joint Resolution No. 52** was placed on the Secretary's Desk.

Senator Morrison, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 3239 and 3322**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bills do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Morrison, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 3434, 3766 and 3798**, reported the same back with amendments having been adopted thereto, with the recommendation that the bills, as amended, do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Morrison, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred the following Senate floor amendments, reported that the Committee recommends do adopt:

Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2987

Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3103

Under the rules, the foregoing floor amendments are eligible for consideration on second reading.

Senator Villivalam, Chair of the Committee on Transportation, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 2824 and 3904**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bills do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Villivalam, Chair of the Committee on Transportation, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 2972, 3149, 3164, 3208, 3275 and 3290**, reported the same back with amendments having been adopted thereto, with the recommendation that the bills, as amended, do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Villivalam, Chair of the Committee on Transportation, to which was referred **Senate Resolution No. 603**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Under the rules, **Senate Resolution No. 603** was placed on the Secretary's Desk.

Senator Morrison, Chair of the Committee on Insurance, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 1327, 3114 and 3258**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bills do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Morrison, Chair of the Committee on Insurance, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 2762, 2838, 3147, 3205, 3509 and 3517**, reported the same back with amendments having been adopted thereto, with the recommendation that the bills, as amended, do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Faraci, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Labor, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 2828 and 3800**, reported the same back with amendments having been adopted thereto, with the recommendation that the bills, as amended, do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Edly-Allen, Chair of the Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 3314 and 3467**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bills do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Martwick, Chair of the Committee on Pensions, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 2861, 2950 and 3404**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bills do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Loughran Cappel, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Behavioral and Mental Health, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 3138 and 3722**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bills do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Loughran Cappel, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Behavioral and Mental Health, to which was referred **Senate Bill No. 2771**, reported the same back with amendments having been adopted thereto, with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, do pass.

Under the rules, the bill was ordered to a second reading.

Senator Walker, Chair of the Committee on Financial Institutions, to which was referred **Senate Bill No. 3113**, reported the same back with amendments having been adopted thereto, with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, do pass.

Under the rules, the bill was ordered to a second reading.

At the hour of 12:25 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stands at ease.

AT EASE

At the hour of 12:30 o'clock p.m., the Senate resumed consideration of business.

Senator Cunningham, presiding.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON ASSIGNMENTS

Senator Cunningham, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Assignments, during its March 11, 2026 meeting, reported the following Legislative Measures have been assigned to the indicated Standing Committees of the Senate:

Appropriations: **Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2851.**

Appropriations- Public Safety and Infrastructure: **Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2754.**

Criminal Law: **Senate Bill No. 3597.**

Executive: **Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2726; Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 3608; Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3980.**

Licensed Activities: **Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 3507.**

Local Government: **Committee Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 2829.**

State Government: **Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3086.**

Senator Cunningham, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Assignments, during its March 11, 2026 meeting, reported that the following Legislative Measures have been approved for consideration:

Senate Resolutions Numbered 653, 664 and 668

The foregoing resolutions were placed on the Senate Calendar.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-8 (b-1), the following amendment will remain in the Committee on Assignments: **Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1327.**

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

SENATE BILL NO. 4176. Introduced by Senator Tracy, a bill for AN ACT concerning transportation.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

SENATE BILL NO. 4177. Introduced by Senator Tracy, a bill for AN ACT concerning revenue.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

READING BILLS OF THE SENATE A SECOND TIME

On motion of Senator Villanueva, **Senate Bill No. 2295** having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time.

The following amendment was offered in the Committee on State Government, adopted and ordered printed:

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO SENATE BILL 2295

AMENDMENT NO. 1 . Amend Senate Bill 2295 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the following:

[March 11, 2026]

"Section 5. The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by changing Section 605-1032 as follows:

(20 ILCS 605/605-1032)

Sec. 605-1032. Office of Economic Equity and Empowerment.

(a) As used in this Section:

"Eligible not-for-profit corporation" means a not-for-profit corporation, as defined in Section 101.80 of the General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986, that primarily serves minorities, women, veterans, or persons with a disability.

"Employment social enterprise" means a nonprofit or for-profit organization that:

(1) demonstrates a mission to provide employment and social supports with on-the-job and life skills training to individuals with a barrier to employment; and

(2) provides services or produces or assembles goods, or a combination of both.

"Office" means the Office of Economic Equity and Empowerment.

(b) The Office of Economic Equity and Empowerment is hereby created within the Department. The Office shall assist minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, employment social enterprises, eligible not-for-profit corporations, and other underserved communities and constituencies through targeted programs, resources, and outreach and promotional activities. The Office may engage in or conduct the following activities:

(1) promoting and conducting outreach efforts to ensure access to State and federal funding opportunities, and assisting minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, employment social enterprises, eligible not-for-profit corporations, and other underserved communities and constituencies in applying for and receiving loan funds in the State;

(2) providing and hosting workshops and public forums and engaging in outreach efforts for minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, employment social enterprises, and other underserved communities and constituencies to encourage participation in programs under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act, and assisting those businesses in becoming designated under that Act and under similar certification programs;

(3) providing and hosting workshops and public forums and engaging in outreach efforts that assist and educate minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, employment social enterprises, eligible not-for-profit corporations, and other underserved communities and constituencies on the process of applying for and becoming certified to apply for State grant funds under the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act;

(4) providing and hosting workshops and public forums and engaging in outreach efforts that assist and educate aspiring and existing minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, employment social enterprises, eligible not-for-profit corporations, and other underserved communities and constituencies with understanding concepts including, but not limited to, business formation and not-for-profit incorporation, business planning, capital access, and marketing a business or not-for-profit corporation;

(5) administering programs established by the Department or the General Assembly to provide grants to minority-owned businesses, woman-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, employment social enterprises, eligible not-for-profit corporations, and other underserved communities and constituencies;

(6) coordinating assistance for minority-owned businesses, woman-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, employment social enterprises, eligible not-for-profit corporations, and other underserved communities and constituencies with other State agencies;

(7) providing staff, administration, and related support required to administer this Section; and

(8) establishing applications, notifications, contracts, and other forms and procedures, and adopting rules deemed necessary and appropriate.

(c) The Office may use vendors or enter into contracts to carry out the purposes of this Section, including, but not limited to, engaging employment social enterprises as service providers for workforce development, business training, and economic empowerment programs.

(Source: P.A. 103-889, eff. 1-1-25.)".

There being no further amendments, the foregoing Amendment No. 1 was ordered engrossed, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Holmes, **Senate Bill No. 2802** having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Lewis, **Senate Bill No. 2806** having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time.

The following amendment was offered in the Committee on Licensed Activities, adopted and ordered printed:

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO SENATE BILL 2806

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Amend Senate Bill 2806 on page 1, line 23, by replacing "5 years" with "3 years" ~~5 years~~".

Floor Amendment No. 2 was held in the Committee on Licensed Activities.

There being no further amendments, the foregoing Amendment No. 1 was ordered engrossed, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Holmes, **Senate Bill No. 2818** having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Faraci, **Senate Bill No. 3008** having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Harmon, **Senate Bill No. 3107** having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator McClure, **Senate Bill No. 3213** having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time.

Committee Amendment No. 1 was postponed in the Committee on Licensed Activities.

Senator McClure offered the following amendment and moved its adoption:

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO SENATE BILL 3213

AMENDMENT NO. 2. Amend Senate Bill 3213 by deleting line 1 on page 4 through line 12 on page 8.

The motion prevailed.

And the amendment was adopted and ordered printed.

There being no further amendments, the foregoing Amendment No. 2 was ordered engrossed, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Loughran Cappel, **Senate Bill No. 3321** having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time.

The following amendment was offered in the Committee on Local Government, adopted and ordered printed:

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO SENATE BILL 3321

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Amend Senate Bill 3321 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the following:

"Section 5. The Local Governmental Acceptance of Credit Cards Act is amended by changing Section 20 as follows:

[March 11, 2026]

(50 ILCS 345/20)

Sec. 20. Election by local governmental entities to accept credit cards.

(a) The decision whether to accept credit card payments for any particular type of obligation shall be made by the governing body of the local governmental entity that has general discretionary authority over the manner of acceptance of payments. The governing body may adopt reasonable rules governing the manner of acceptance of payments by credit card. Except as provided in subsection (b) of Section 20-25 of the Property Tax Code, no decision to accept credit card payments under this Act shall be made until the governing body has determined, following a public hearing held not sooner than 10 nor later than 30 days following public notice of the hearing, that the acceptance of credit card payments for the types of authorized obligations specified in the public notice is in the best interests of the citizens and governmental administration of the local governmental entity or community college and of the students and taxpayers thereof.

(b) The governing body of the entity accepting payment by credit card may enter into agreements with one or more financial institutions or other service providers to facilitate the acceptance and processing of credit card payments. Such agreements shall identify the specific services to be provided, an itemized list of the fees charged, and the means by which each such fee shall be paid. Such agreements may include a discount fee to cover the costs of interchange, assessments and authorizations, a per item processing fee for the service provider, and any other fee, including a payment of a surcharge or convenience fee, that may be applicable to specific circumstances. Any agreement for acceptance of payments by credit cards may be canceled by the governmental entity upon giving reasonable notice of intent to cancel. No agreement or contract with a local governmental entity may prohibit or discriminate against the use of the State Treasurer's E-Pay program under the State Treasurer Act or any other payment processing system that the local governmental entity has procured.

(c) An entity accepting payments by credit card may pay amounts due a financial institution or other service provider by (i) paying the financial institution or other service provider upon presentation of an invoice or (ii) allowing the financial institution or other service provider to withhold the amount of the fees from the credit card payment. A discount or processing fee may be authorized whenever the governing body of the entity determines that any reduction of revenue resulting from the discount or processing fee will be in the best interest of the entity. Items that may be considered in making a determination to authorize the payment of fees or the acceptance of a discount include, but are not limited to, improved governmental cash flows, reduction of governmental overhead, improved governmental financial security, a combination of these items, and the benefit of increased public convenience. No payment to or withheld by a financial institution or other service provider may exceed the amounts authorized under subsection (b) of Section 25.

(d) Unless specifically prohibited by an ordinance or rule adopted by the governing body of the local governmental entity, a person may pay multiple tax bills in a single transaction.
(Source: P.A. 96-1248, eff. 7-23-10.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law."

There being no further amendments, the foregoing Amendment No. 1 was ordered engrossed, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Hunter, **Senate Bill No. 3365** having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Porfirio, **Senate Bill No. 3374** having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Hastings, **Senate Bill No. 3393** having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Martwick, **Senate Bill No. 3398** having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time.

The following amendment was offered in the Committee on Judiciary, adopted and ordered printed:

[March 11, 2026]

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO SENATE BILL 3398

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Amend Senate Bill 3398 as follows:

on page 1, line 13, by deleting "to be"; and

on page 2, line 2, by deleting "and"; and

by replacing lines 14 through 18 on page 2 with the following:

"or any claim related to the lands or tenements; and

(3) the requirements of subsection (b) are satisfied and no objection is made by a person or persons with a bona fide ownership interest in the subject lands or tenements as tenants in common as set forth under subsection (c)."

There being no further amendments, the foregoing Amendment No. 1 was ordered engrossed, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Martwick, **Senate Bill No. 3415** having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time.

The following amendment was offered in the Committee on Judiciary, adopted and ordered printed:

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO SENATE BILL 3415

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Amend Senate Bill 3415 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the following:"

Section 5. The Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act is amended by changing Sections 15-102 and 15-1302 as follows:

(765 ILCS 1026/15-102)

Sec. 15-102. Definitions. In this Act:

(1) "Administrator" means the State Treasurer.

(2) "Administrator's agent" means a person with which the administrator contracts to conduct an examination under Article 10 on behalf of the administrator. The term includes an independent contractor of the person and each individual participating in the examination on behalf of the person or contractor.

(2.5) (Blank).

(3) "Apparent owner" means a person whose name appears on the records of a holder as the owner of property held, issued, or owing by the holder.

(3.5) "Asset purchaser" means a business association that has purchased property from a large business association as defined in subsection (j) of Section 15-1302 of this Act.

(4) "Business association" means a corporation, joint stock company, investment company, unincorporated association, joint venture, limited liability company, business trust, trust company, land bank, safe deposit company, safekeeping depository, financial organization, insurance company, federally chartered entity, utility, sole proprietorship, or other business entity, whether or not for profit.

(5) "Confidential information" means information that is "personal information" under the Personal Information Protection Act, "private information" under the Freedom of Information Act or personal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information as provided in the Freedom of Information Act.

(6) "Domicile" means:

(A) for a corporation, the state of its incorporation;

(B) for a business association whose formation requires a filing with a state, other than a corporation, the state of its filing;

(C) for a federally chartered entity or an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, the state of its home office; and

(D) for any other holder, the state of its principal place of business.

(7) "Electronic" means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities.

(8) "Electronic mail" means a communication by electronic means which is automatically retained and stored and may be readily accessed or retrieved.

(8.5) "Escheat fee" means any charge imposed solely by virtue of property being reported as presumed abandoned.

(9) "Financial organization" means a bank, savings bank, foreign bank, corporate fiduciary, currency exchange, money transmitter, or credit union.

(9.5) "Finder" means (i) a person engaged in the location, recovery, purchase, or assignment of property held by the administrator for a fee, compensation, commission, or other remuneration paid by the owner of the property or (ii) a person engaged in assisting in the location, recovery, purchase, or assignment of property held by the administrator for a fee, compensation, commission, or other remuneration paid by the owner of the property.

(10) "Game-related digital content" means digital content that exists only in an electronic game or electronic-game platform. The term:

(A) includes:

(i) game-play currency such as a virtual wallet, even if denominated in United States currency; and

(ii) the following if for use or redemption only within the game or platform or another electronic game or electronic-game platform:

(I) points sometimes referred to as gems, tokens, gold, and similar names; and

(II) digital codes; and

(B) does not include an item that the issuer:

(i) permits to be redeemed for use outside a game or platform for:

(I) money; or

(II) goods or services that have more than minimal value; or

(ii) otherwise monetizes for use outside a game or platform.

(11) "Gift card" means a record evidencing a promise made for consideration by the seller or issuer of the record that goods, services, or money will be provided to the owner of the record to the value or amount shown in the record that is either:

(A) a record:

(i) issued on a prepaid basis primarily for personal, family, or household purposes to a consumer in a specified amount;

(ii) the value of which does not expire;

(iii) that is not subject to a dormancy, inactivity, or post-sale service fee;

(iv) that is redeemable upon presentation for goods or services; and

(v) that, unless required by law, may not be redeemed for or converted into money or otherwise monetized by the issuer; or

(B) a prepaid commercial mobile radio service, as defined in 47 CFR 20.3, as amended.

(12) "Holder" means a person obligated to hold for the account of, or to deliver or pay to, the owner, property subject to this Act.

(13) "Insurance company" means an association, corporation, or fraternal or mutual-benefit organization, whether or not for profit, engaged in the business of providing life endowments, annuities, or insurance, including accident, burial, casualty, credit-life, contract-performance, dental, disability, fidelity, fire, health, hospitalization, illness, life, malpractice, marine, mortgage, surety, wage-protection, and worker-compensation insurance.

(14) "Loyalty card" means a record given without direct monetary consideration under an award, reward, benefit, loyalty, incentive, rebate, or promotional program which may be used or redeemed only to obtain goods or services or a discount on goods or services. The term does not include a record that may be redeemed for money or otherwise monetized by the issuer.

(15) "Mineral" means gas, oil, coal, oil shale, other gaseous liquid or solid hydrocarbon, cement material, sand and gravel, road material, building stone, chemical raw material, gemstone, fissionable and nonfissionable ores, colloidal and other clay, steam and other geothermal resources, and any other substance defined as a mineral by law of this State other than this Act.

(16) "Mineral proceeds" means an amount payable for extraction, production, or sale of minerals, or, on the abandonment of the amount, an amount that becomes payable after abandonment. The term includes an amount payable:

(A) for the acquisition and retention of a mineral lease, including a bonus, royalty, compensatory royalty, shut-in royalty, minimum royalty, and delay rental;

(B) for the extraction, production, or sale of minerals, including a net revenue interest, royalty, overriding royalty, extraction payment, and production payment; and

(C) under an agreement or option, including a joint-operating agreement, unit agreement, pooling agreement, and farm-out agreement.

(17) "Money order" means a payment order for a specified amount of money. The term includes an express money order and a personal money order on which the remitter is the purchaser.

(18) "Municipal bond" means a bond or evidence of indebtedness issued by a municipality or other political subdivision of a state.

(19) "Net card value" means the original purchase price or original issued value of a stored-value card, plus amounts added to the original price or value, minus amounts used and any service charge, fee, or dormancy charge permitted by law.

(20) "Non-freely transferable security" means a security that cannot be delivered to the administrator by the Depository Trust Clearing Corporation or similar custodian of securities providing post-trade clearing and settlement services to financial markets or cannot be delivered because there is no agent to effect transfer. The term includes a worthless security.

(21) "Owner", unless the context otherwise requires, means a person that has a legal, beneficial, or equitable interest in property subject to this Act or the person's legal representative when acting on behalf of the owner. The term includes:

(A) a depositor, for a deposit;

(B) a beneficiary, for a trust other than a deposit in trust;

(C) a creditor, claimant, or payee, for other property; and

(D) the lawful bearer of a record that may be used to obtain money, a reward, or a thing of value.

(22) "Payroll card" means a record that evidences a payroll-card account as defined in Regulation E, 12 CFR Part 1005, as amended.

(23) "Person" means an individual, estate, business association, public corporation, government or governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, or other legal entity, whether or not for profit.

(24) "Property" means tangible property described in Section 15-205 or a fixed and certain interest in intangible property held, issued, or owed in the course of a holder's business or by a government, governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality. The term:

(A) includes all income from or increments to the property;

(B) includes property referred to as or evidenced by:

(i) money, virtual currency, interest, or a dividend, check, draft, deposit, or payroll card;

(ii) a credit balance, customer's overpayment, stored-value card, security deposit, refund, credit memorandum, unpaid wage, unused ticket for which the issuer has an obligation to provide a refund, mineral proceeds, or unidentified remittance;

(iii) a security except for:

(I) a worthless security; or

(II) a security that is subject to a lien, legal hold, or restriction evidenced on the records of the holder or imposed by operation of law, if the lien, legal hold, or restriction restricts the holder's or owner's ability to receive, transfer, sell, or otherwise negotiate the security;

(iv) a bond, debenture, note, or other evidence of indebtedness;

(v) money deposited to redeem a security, make a distribution, or pay a dividend;

(vi) an amount due and payable under an annuity contract or insurance policy;

(vii) an amount distributable from a trust or custodial fund established under a plan to provide health, welfare, pension, vacation, severance, retirement, death, stock purchase, profit-sharing, employee-savings, supplemental-unemployment insurance, or a similar benefit; and

(viii) any instrument on which a financial organization or business association is directly liable; ~~and~~

(C) does not include:

- (i) game-related digital content;
- (ii) a loyalty card;
- (iii) a gift card; or
- (iv) funds on deposit or held in trust pursuant to Section 16 of the Illinois Pre-Need Cemetery Sales Act; and

(D) includes any overpayment made by any person to a government, governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, a payment for any tax, license, or fee that was made in excess of the amount ultimately required of the payor. The changes made by this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly is a restatement and clarification of existing law.

(25) "Putative holder" means a person believed by the administrator to be a holder, until the person pays or delivers to the administrator property subject to this Act or the administrator or a court makes a final determination that the person is or is not a holder.

(26) "Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form. The phrase "records of the holder" includes records maintained by a third party that has contracted with the holder.

(27) "Security" means:

(A) a security as defined in Article 8 of the Uniform Commercial Code;

(B) a security entitlement as defined in Article 8 of the Uniform Commercial Code, including a customer security account held by a registered broker-dealer, to the extent the financial assets held in the security account are not:

- (i) registered on the books of the issuer in the name of the person for which the broker-dealer holds the assets;
- (ii) payable to the order of the person; or
- (iii) specifically indorsed to the person; or

(C) an equity interest in a business association not included in subparagraph (A) or (B).

(28) "Sign" means, with present intent to authenticate or adopt a record:

(A) to execute or adopt a tangible symbol; or

(B) to attach to or logically associate with the record an electronic symbol, sound, or process.

(29) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(30) "Stored-value card" means a card, code, or other device that is:

(A) issued on a prepaid basis primarily for personal, family, or household purposes to a consumer in a specified amount, whether or not that amount may be increased or reloaded in exchange for payment; and

(B) redeemable upon presentation at multiple unaffiliated merchants for goods or services or usable at automated teller machines; and

"Stored-value card" does not include a gift card, payroll card, loyalty card, or game-related digital content.

(31) "Utility" means a person that owns or operates for public use a plant, equipment, real property, franchise, or license for the following public services:

(A) transmission of communications or information;

(B) production, storage, transmission, sale, delivery, or furnishing of electricity, water, steam, or gas; or

(C) provision of sewage or septic services, or trash, garbage, or recycling disposal.

(32) "Virtual currency" means any type of digital unit, including cryptocurrency, used as a medium of exchange, unit of account, or a form of digitally stored value, which does not have legal tender status recognized by the United States. The term does not include:

(A) the software or protocols governing the transfer of the digital representation of value;

(B) game-related digital content; or

(C) a loyalty card or gift card.

(33) "Worthless security" means a security whose cost of liquidation and delivery to the administrator would exceed the value of the security on the date a report is due under this Act.

(Source: P.A. 104-116, eff. 1-1-26.)

(765 ILCS 1026/15-1302)

Sec. 15-1302. When agreement to locate property void.

(a) Time period. Subject to subsection (b), an agreement under Section 15-1301 is void if it is entered into during the period beginning on the date the property was presumed abandoned under this Act and ending 24 months after the payment or delivery of the property to the administrator.

(b) Prohibition on future assignments. If a provision in an agreement described in Section 15-1301 applies to an obligation that did not exist or was not owed to the assignor at the time of execution of the agreement, the provision is void regardless of when the agreement was entered into.

(c) Limit on fees. An agreement under this Article 13 that provides for a fee, compensation, commission, or other remuneration in an amount that is more than 10% of the amount collected is unenforceable except by the apparent owner. The purchase, assignment, or other conveyance of unclaimed property to a finder, resulting in a net fee, compensation, commission, remuneration, or other profit to the finder in excess of 10% of the amount collected is prohibited.

(d) Other grounds for being void. An apparent owner or the administrator may assert that an agreement described in this Article 13 is void on a ground other than it provides for payment of compensation in excess of the amount authorized by paragraph (c) of this Section.

(e) License required. On or after January 1, 2026, a person attempting or seeking to act as a finder must be licensed as a finder by the administrator pursuant to Section 15-1303 ~~15-1503~~.

(f) Attorneys. This Section does not apply to an agreement between an owner and an attorney to pursue a claim for recovery of specifically identified property held by the administrator or to contest the administrator's denial of a claim for recovery of the property where the attorney has an attorney-client relationship with the owner.

(g) CPA firms. This Section does not apply to an apparent owner's agreement with a CPA firm licensed under the Illinois Public Accounting Act, or with an affiliate of such firm, if all of the following apply:

(1) the CPA firm has registered with the administrator and is in good standing with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation;

(2) the apparent owner is not a natural person; and

(3) the CPA firm, or with an affiliate of such firm, also provides the apparent owner professional services to assist with the apparent owner's compliance with the reporting requirements of this Act. The administrator shall adopt rules to implement and administer the registration of CPA firms and the claims process under this paragraph (g).

(h) Enforcement. The administrator may use all the powers under Section 15-1002 to determine compliance with this Article.

(i) Bankrupt and dissolved business associations. Article 13 does not apply to asset purchase agreements involving the assets of a business association arising out of a bankruptcy proceeding under Title 11 of the United States Code or corporate dissolution or similar proceeding under applicable State law such as receiverships and assignments for the benefit of creditors. Claimants for property acquired under the provisions of this subsection are not required to be licensed as finders.

(j) Asset purchasers. Article 13 does not apply to asset purchase agreements between an asset purchaser and sellers who comprise a large business association. For the purposes of this subsection, a large business association is a business association or group of business associations that:

(1) generates \$100 million or more in annual gross receipts or sales;

(2) employs 100 or more full-time employees in the United States; or

(3) has equity securities publicly traded on an exchange regulated by the federal Securities and Exchange Commission.

Annual gross receipts or sales shall be determined at the level of the unitary business group as that term is defined in the Illinois Income Tax Act. The administrator may change by administrative rule the annual gross receipts or sales threshold to an amount less than \$100 million.

Claims filed by an asset purchaser under this subsection must include:

(1) a complete and unredacted copy of the asset purchase agreement or similar contract between the asset purchaser and the seller; and

(2) an attestation by the seller in the asset purchase agreement or in a separate written affirmation from the owner that the owner meets one or more of the above characteristics that qualify it as a large business association and is aware that it is selling unclaimed property that may be recovered from the administrator without paying a fee.

If the seller is a publicly traded entity, the asset purchaser may provide a copy, or a link to an online copy, of the most recently filed 10K with the Securities and Exchange Commission in lieu of the affirmation that the owner meets one or more of the characteristics that qualify as a large business association.

Asset purchase agreements that include future interests in property held by the administrator must provide sellers with a right to receive notice of amounts received by the asset purchaser on claims for that property. Asset purchase agreements that include future interests in property held by the administrator may provide for a share, purchase price adjustment, or deferred payment to the seller upon receipt of amounts on claims for that property.

The asset purchase agreement and the written affirmation provided under this subsection are exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

Nothing in this subsection limits the ability of the administrator to request or receive additional evidence sufficient to establish to the satisfaction of the administrator that the claimant is the owner of the property under Article 9.

Asset purchasers must register with the administrator. The administrator must adopt rules to implement and administer the registration of asset purchasers and the claims process under this subsection.

This subsection applies retroactively to any claim filed by an asset purchaser between January 1, 2026 and the effective date of this Act. Claims filed by an asset purchaser after January 1, 2026 based on an asset purchase agreement executed before January 1, 2026 must be accompanied by a complete and unredacted copy of the asset purchase agreement or similar contract between the asset purchaser and the seller but otherwise comply with Article 13 as it existed before January 1, 2026.

(Source: P.A. 103-977, eff. 1-1-25; 104-116, eff. 1-1-26.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law."

There being no further amendments, the foregoing Amendment No. 1 was ordered engrossed, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Ventura, **Senate Bill No. 3422** having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Morrison, **Senate Bill No. 3508** having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Morrison, **Senate Bill No. 3641** having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Feigenholtz, **Senate Bill No. 3706** having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time.

The following amendment was offered in the Committee on Judiciary, adopted and ordered printed:

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO SENATE BILL 3706

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Amend Senate Bill 3706 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the following:

"Section 5. The Adoption Act is amended by changing Section 18.3a as follows:

(750 ILCS 50/18.3a) (from Ch. 40, par. 1522.3a)

Sec. 18.3a. Confidential intermediary.

(a) General purposes. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,

(1) any adopted or surrendered person 21 years of age or over; or

(2) any adoptive parent or legal guardian of an adopted or surrendered person under the age of

21; or

(3) any birth parent of an adopted or surrendered person who is 21 years of age or over; or

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- (4) any adult child or adult grandchild of a deceased adopted or surrendered person; or
- (5) any adoptive parent or surviving spouse of a deceased adopted or surrendered person; or
- (6) any adult birth sibling of the adult adopted or surrendered person unless the birth parent has checked Option E on the Birth Parent Preference Form or has filed a Denial of Information Exchange with the Registry and is not deceased; or
- (7) any adult adopted birth sibling of an adult adopted or surrendered person; or
- (8) any adult birth sibling of the birth parent if the birth parent is deceased; or
- (9) any birth grandparent

may petition the court in any county in the State of Illinois for appointment of a confidential intermediary as provided in this Section for the purpose of exchanging medical information with one or more mutually consenting biological relatives, obtaining identifying information about one or more mutually consenting biological relatives, or arranging contact with one or more mutually consenting biological relatives. The petitioner shall be required to accompany his or her petition with proof of registration with the Illinois Adoption Registry and Medical Information Exchange.

(a-4) The adoptive parent or legal guardian of an adopted or surrendered person under the age of 21 may also petition the court for the appointment of a confidential intermediary for purposes of obtaining identifying information or arranging contact with a mutually consenting adoptive parent or legal guardian of a birth sibling of the petitioner's adopted or surrendered child under the age of 21.

(a-5) In addition, any former youth in care as defined in Section 4d of the Children and Family Services Act who was adopted or surrendered may petition the court in any county in the State for appointment of a confidential intermediary as provided in this Section for the purposes of obtaining identifying information or arranging contact with (i) siblings or birth relatives if the former youth in care is between the ages of 18 and 21 or (ii) former foster parents or foster siblings if the former youth in care is over the age of 18. A petitioner under this subsection is not required to register with the Illinois Adoption Registry and Medical Information Exchange.

(b) Petition. Upon petition, the court shall appoint a confidential intermediary. The petition shall indicate if the petitioner wants to do any one or more of the following as to the sought-after relative or relatives: exchange medical information with the biological relative or relatives, obtain identifying information from the biological relative or relatives, or to arrange contact with the biological relative.

(c) Order. The order appointing the confidential intermediary shall allow that intermediary to conduct a search for the sought-after relative by accessing those records described in subsection (g) of this Section.

(d) Fees and expenses. The court shall not condition the appointment of the confidential intermediary on the payment of the intermediary's fees and expenses in advance of the commencement of the work of the confidential intermediary. No fee shall be charged to any petitioner.

(e) Eligibility of intermediary. The court may appoint as confidential intermediary any person certified by the Department of Children and Family Services as qualified to serve as a confidential intermediary. Certification shall be dependent upon the confidential intermediary completing a course of training including, but not limited to, applicable federal and State privacy laws.

(f) (Blank).

(g) Confidential intermediary access to information. Subject to the limitations of subsection (i) of this Section, the confidential intermediary shall have access to vital records maintained by the Department of Public Health and its local designees for the maintenance of vital records, or a comparable public entity that maintains vital records in another state in accordance with that state's laws, and all records of the court or any adoption agency, public or private, as limited in this Section, which relate to the adoption or the identity and location of an adopted or surrendered person, of an adult child or surviving spouse of a deceased adopted or surrendered person, or of a birth parent, birth sibling, or the sibling of a deceased birth parent. The confidential intermediary shall not have access to any personal health information protected by the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information adopted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 unless the confidential intermediary has obtained written consent from the person whose information is being sought by an adult adopted or surrendered person or, if that person is a minor child, that person's parent or guardian. Confidential intermediaries shall be authorized to inspect confidential relinquishment and adoption records. The confidential intermediary shall not be authorized to access medical records, financial records, credit records, banking records, home studies, attorney file records, or other personal records. In cases where a birth parent is being sought, an adoption agency shall inform the confidential intermediary of any statement filed pursuant to Section 18.3, hereinafter referred to as "the 18.3 statement", indicating a

desire of the surrendering birth parent to have identifying information shared or to not have identifying information shared. Information provided to the confidential intermediary by an adoption agency shall be restricted to the full name, date of birth, place of birth, last known address, last known telephone number of the sought-after relative or, if applicable, of the children or siblings of the sought-after relative, and the 18.3 statement. If the petitioner is an adult adopted or surrendered person or the adoptive parent of a minor and if the petitioner has signed a written authorization to disclose personal medical information, an adoption agency disclosing information to a confidential intermediary shall disclose available medical information about the adopted or surrendered person from birth through adoption.

(h) ~~Disclosure of information Missing or lost original birth certificate; remedy.~~ Disclosure of information by the confidential intermediary shall be consistent with the public policy and intent of laws granting original birth certificate access as expressed in Section 18.04 of this Act. The confidential intermediary shall comply with the following procedures in disclosing information to the petitioners:

(1) If the petitioner is an adult adopted or surrendered person, or the adult child, adult grandchild, or surviving spouse of a deceased adopted or surrendered person, the confidential intermediary shall disclose:

(A) ~~Missing or lost original birth certificate; remedy.~~ Identifying ~~identifying~~ information about the birth parent of the adopted person and about the adult adopted or surrendered person, which, in the ordinary course of business, would have been reflected on the original filed certificate of birth, as of the date of birth, only if:

(i) the adopted person was born before January 1, 1946 and the petitioner has requested a non-certified copy of the adopted person's original birth certificate under Section 18.1 of this Act, and the Illinois Department of Public Health has issued a certification that the original birth certificate was not found, or the petitioner has presented the confidential intermediary with the non-certified copy of the original birth certificate which omits the name of the birth parent;

(ii) the adopted person was born after January 1, 1946, and the petitioner has requested a non-certified copy of the adopted person's original birth certificate under Section 18.1 of this Act and the Illinois Department of Public Health has issued a certification that the original birth certificate was not found.

In providing information pursuant to this subdivision (h)(1)(A), the confidential intermediary shall expressly inform the petitioner in writing that since the identifying information is not from an official original certificate of birth filed pursuant to the Vital Records Act, the confidential intermediary cannot attest to the complete accuracy of the information and the confidential intermediary shall not be liable if the information disclosed is not accurate. Only information from the court files shall be provided to the petitioner in this Section. If the identifying information concerning a birth father is sought by the petitioner, the confidential intermediary shall disclose only the identifying information of the birth father as defined in Section 18.06 of this Act;

(B) the name of the child welfare agency which had legal custody of the surrendered person or responsibility for placing, or assisting in the placement of, the surrendered person and any available contact information for such agency;

(C) the name of the state in which the surrender occurred and ~~or~~ in which the adoption was finalized; and

(D) any information for which the sought-after relative has provided his or her consent to disclose under paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (i) of this Section.

(2) If the petitioner is an adult adopted or surrendered person, or the adoptive parent of an adult adopted or surrendered person under the age of 21, or the adoptive parent of a deceased adopted or surrendered person, or the adult child or grandchild of a deceased adopted or surrendered person, the confidential intermediary shall provide, in addition to the information listed in paragraph (1) of this subsection (h):

(A) subject to subsection (g), any information which the adoption agency provides pursuant to subsection (i) of this Section pertaining to medical information about the adopted or surrendered person; and

(B) any non-identifying information, as defined in Section 18.4 of this Act, that is obtained during the search.

(3) If the petitioner is not defined in paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection, the confidential intermediary shall provide to the petitioner:

(A) any information for which the sought-after relative has provided his or her consent under paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (i) of this Section;

(B) the name of the child welfare agency which had legal custody of the surrendered person or responsibility for placing, or assisting in the placement of, the surrendered person and any available contact information for such agency; and

(C) the name of the state in which the surrender occurred or in which the adoption was finalized.

(h-5) Disclosure of information shall be made by the confidential intermediary at any time from the appointment of the confidential intermediary and the court's issuance of an order of dismissal.

(i) Duties of confidential intermediary in conducting a search. In conducting a search under this Section, the confidential intermediary shall first determine whether there is a Denial of Information Exchange or a Birth Parent Preference Form with Option E selected or an 18.3 statement referenced in subsection (g) of this Section on file with the Illinois Adoption Registry. If there is a denial, the Birth Parent Preference Form on file with the Registry and the birth parent who completed the form selected Option E, or if there is an 18.3 statement indicating the birth parent's intent not to have identifying information shared and the birth parent did not later file an Information Exchange Authorization with the Registry, the confidential intermediary must discontinue the search unless 5 years or more have elapsed since the execution of the Denial of Information Exchange, Birth Parent Preference Form, or the 18.3 statement. If a birth parent was previously the subject of a search through the State confidential intermediary program, the confidential intermediary shall inform the petitioner of the need to discontinue the search until 10 years or more have elapsed since the initial search was closed. In cases where a birth parent has been the object of 2 searches through the State confidential intermediary program, no subsequent search for the birth parent shall be authorized absent a court order to the contrary.

In conducting a search under this Section, the confidential intermediary shall attempt to locate the relative or relatives from whom the petitioner has requested information. If the sought-after relative is deceased or cannot be located after a diligent search, the confidential intermediary may contact other adult relatives of the sought-after relative.

The confidential intermediary shall contact a sought-after relative on behalf of the petitioner in a manner that respects the sought-after relative's privacy and shall inform the sought-after relative of the petitioner's request for medical information, identifying information or contact as stated in the petition. Based upon the terms of the petitioner's request, the confidential intermediary shall contact a sought-after relative on behalf of the petitioner and inform the sought-after relative of the following options:

(1) The sought-after relative may totally reject one or all of the requests for medical information, identifying information or contact. The sought-after relative shall be informed that they can provide a medical questionnaire to be forwarded to the petitioner without releasing any identifying information. The confidential intermediary shall inform the petitioner of the sought-after relative's decision to reject the sharing of information or contact.

(2) The sought-after relative may consent to completing a medical questionnaire only. In this case, the confidential intermediary shall provide the questionnaire and ask the sought-after relative to complete it. The confidential intermediary shall forward the completed questionnaire to the petitioner and inform the petitioner of the sought-after relative's desire to not provide any additional information.

(3) The sought-after relative may communicate with the petitioner without having his or her identity disclosed. In this case, the confidential intermediary shall arrange the desired communication in a manner that protects the identity of the sought-after relative. The confidential intermediary shall inform the petitioner of the sought-after relative's decision to communicate but not disclose his or her identity.

(4) The sought-after relative may consent to initiate contact with the petitioner. The confidential intermediary shall obtain written consents from both parties that they wish to disclose their identities to each other and to have contact with each other.

(j) Oath. The confidential intermediary shall sign an oath of confidentiality substantially as follows: "I,, being duly sworn, on oath depose and say: As a condition of appointment as a confidential intermediary, I affirm that:

(1) I will not disclose to the petitioner, directly or indirectly, any confidential information except in a manner consistent with the law.

(2) I recognize that violation of this oath subjects me to civil liability and to a potential finding of contempt of court.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me, a Notary Public, on (insert date)

....."

(k) Sanctions.

(1) Any confidential intermediary who improperly discloses confidential information identifying a sought-after relative shall be liable to the sought-after relative for damages and may also be found in contempt of court.

(2) Any person who learns a sought-after relative's identity, directly or indirectly, through the use of procedures provided in this Section and who improperly discloses information identifying the sought-after relative shall be liable to the sought-after relative for actual damages plus minimum punitive damages of \$10,000.

(3) The Department shall fine any confidential intermediary who improperly discloses confidential information in violation of item (1) or (2) of this subsection (k) an amount up to \$2,000 per improper disclosure. This fine does not affect civil liability under item (2) of this subsection (k). The Department shall deposit all fines and penalties collected under this Section into the Illinois Adoption Registry and Medical Information Fund.

(l) Death of person being sought. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, if the confidential intermediary discovers that the person being sought has died, he or she shall report this fact to the court, along with a copy of the death certificate. If the sought-after relative is a birth parent, the confidential intermediary shall also forward a copy of the birth parent's death certificate, if available, to the Registry for inclusion in the Registry file.

(m) Any confidential information obtained by the confidential intermediary during the course of his or her search shall be kept strictly confidential and shall be used for the purpose of arranging contact between the petitioner and the sought-after birth relative. At the time the case is closed, all identifying information shall be returned to the court for inclusion in the impounded adoption file.

(n) (Blank).

(o) Except as provided in subsection (k) of this Section, no liability shall accrue to the State, any State agency, any judge, any officer or employee of the court, any certified confidential intermediary, or any agency designated to oversee confidential intermediary services for acts, omissions, or efforts made in good faith within the scope of this Section.

(p) An adoption agency that has received a request from a confidential intermediary for the full name, date of birth, last known address, or last known telephone number of a sought-after relative pursuant to subsection (g) of Section 18.3a, or for medical information regarding a sought-after relative pursuant to subsection (h) of Section 18.3a, must satisfactorily comply with this court order within a period of 45 days. The court shall order the adoption agency to reimburse the petitioner in an amount equal to all payments made by the petitioner to the confidential intermediary, and the adoption agency shall be subject to a civil monetary penalty of \$1,000 to be paid to the Department of Children and Family Services. Following the issuance of a court order finding that the adoption agency has not complied with Section 18.3, the adoption agency shall be subject to a monetary penalty of \$500 per day for each subsequent day of non-compliance. Proceeds from such fines shall be utilized by the Department of Children and Family Services to subsidize the fees of petitioners as referenced in subsection (d) of this Section.

(q) (Blank).

Any reimbursements and fines, notwithstanding any reimbursement directly to the petitioner, paid under this subsection are in addition to other remedies a court may otherwise impose by law.

The Department of Children and Family Services shall submit reports to the Adoption Registry-Confidential Intermediary Advisory Council by July 1 and January 1 of each year in order to report the penalties assessed and collected under this subsection, the amounts of related deposits into the DCFS Children's Services Fund, and any expenditures from such deposits.

(r) A confidential intermediary shall be permitted to access information from closed child welfare agencies whose records are housed in the State Central Storage consistent with paragraph (g) for all petitioners. If the petitioner is an adult adopted or surrendered person, the adoptive parent of an adult adopted person under the age of 21, ~~or~~ the adoptive parent of a deceased adopted or surrendered person, or an adult child or grandchild of a deceased adopted or surrendered person, the confidential intermediary may

request any non-identifying information, including any available medical information about the adopted or surrendered person from birth through adoption, any non-identifying information described in Section 18.4, and the Section 18.3 statement, and, subject to subsection (g), the confidential intermediary shall disclose the non-identifying information to a petitioner who is an adult adopted or surrendered person, the adoptive parent of an adult adopted person under the age of 21, the adoptive parent of a deceased adopted or surrendered person, or an adult child or grandchild of a deceased adopted or surrendered person.
(Source: P.A. 104-69, eff. 1-1-26.)"

There being no further amendments, the foregoing Amendment No. 1 was ordered engrossed, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Hunter, **Senate Bill No. 3739** having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Porfirio, **Senate Bill No. 3925** having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair announced the following committees to meet at 1:00 o'clock p.m.:

Executive in Room 212
Licensed Activities in Room 400
State Government in Room 409

The Chair announced the following committees to meet at 3:00 o'clock p.m.:

Appropriations- Public Safety and Infrastructure in Room A-1 Stratton Building
Judiciary in Room 400
Local Government in Room 409

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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March 11, 2026

Mr. Tim Anderson
Secretary of the Senate
Room 403 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 2-10, I am cancelling Session scheduled for Friday, March 13, 2026.

Sincerely,
s/Don Harmon
Don Harmon

[March 11, 2026]

Senate President

cc: Senate Republican Leader John F. Curran

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES FILED

The following Floor amendments to the Senate Bills listed below have been filed with the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Assignments:

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1573
Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2797
Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3964

The following Committee amendments to the Senate Bills listed below have been filed with the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Assignments:

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 66
Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2883
Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3070
Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3597

At the hour of 12:50 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stands adjourned until Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 12:00 o'clock p.m.

**PERFUNCTORY SESSION
4:42 O'CLOCK P.M.**

The Senate met in perfunctory session pursuant to the directive of the President.
Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-5(c)2, the Secretary of the Senate conducted the perfunctory session.

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-10, I am scheduling a Perfunctory Session to convene on March 11, 2026.

s/Don Harmon

[March 11, 2026]

Don Harmon
Senate President

cc: Senate Republican Leader John F. Curran

CORRECTION

Senate Joint Resolution 57 was inadvertently read into the record during Regular Session today as Senate Resolution 670. The corrections to Senate Joint Resolution 57 and Senate Resolution 670 will be read into the record now.

PRESENTATION OF CELEBRATION OF LIFE RESOLUTION

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 670

Offered by Senator Anderson and all Senators:
Mourns the passing of Scott McFarland of Moline.

By unanimous consent, the foregoing resolution was referred to the Resolutions Consent Calendar.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

Senator Koehler offered the following Senate Joint Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 57

WHEREAS, Illinois Health Information Management Association (ILHIMA) represents health information management (HIM) professionals across the State who work at the intersection of healthcare delivery, data quality, privacy, and compliance in hospitals, physician practices, public health, payer organizations, and health technology companies; and

WHEREAS, ILHIMA members are directly involved in patient identification, record integrity, and information governance across the healthcare continuum; in their daily work, HIM professionals are responsible for safeguarding the accuracy, privacy, security, and integrity of health information that supports patient care and informed policy decisions; and

WHEREAS, As an organization, ILHIMA supports a collaborative, research-based approach that brings together stakeholders from healthcare organizations, public health, technology vendors, payers, and education; and

WHEREAS, Accurate patient identification is foundational to safe, high-quality, and efficient healthcare; and

WHEREAS, In Illinois, healthcare organizations continue to experience challenges related to patient matching across disparate systems, settings, and data sources, and these challenges can contribute to duplicate records, incomplete information, administrative burden, and potential patient safety risks; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that such issues be studied across Illinois healthcare and related sectors in order to ensure more accurate patient identification and data integrity, and ILHIMA would be the most capable and competent to handle such an undertaking; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge Illinois Health Information Management Association (ILHIMA) to form a working group to evaluate the following:

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- (1) Patient identity challenges across care settings, including acute care, ambulatory, long-term care, public health, and others;
- (2) Data quality issues that impact matching accuracy, including data capture, standardization, and governance;
- (3) Operational, workflow, and policy factors influencing patient identification;
- (4) Interoperability and information exchange considerations;
- (5) Workforce, education, and best-practice gaps; and
- (6) Existing state and federal initiatives related to patient identity; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge this working group to focus on drafting a comprehensive set of recommendations that includes potential legislative suggestions designed to improve and expand on the aforementioned items for evaluation in relation to patient identity, data quality, privacy, and information governance; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we request the working group's findings and recommendations be presented to the Illinois General Assembly to help inform legislative efforts aimed at better supporting the needs of ILHIMA and patients while ensuring patient safety, privacy, and data integrity.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Senator Castro, Chair of the Committee on Executive, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 2772, 3292, 3391, 3449, 3772, 3935, 3975 and 4040**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bills do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Castro, Chair of the Committee on Executive, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 2202 and 3608**, reported the same back with amendments having been adopted thereto, with the recommendation that the bills, as amended, do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Glowiak Hilton, Chair of the Committee on Licensed Activities, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 3445 and 3666**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bills do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Glowiak Hilton, Chair of the Committee on Licensed Activities, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 3223, 3507, 3895 and 3897**, reported the same back with amendments having been adopted thereto, with the recommendation that the bills, as amended, do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Glowiak Hilton, Chair of the Committee on Licensed Activities, to which was referred the following Senate floor amendment, reported that the Committee recommends do adopt:

Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2806

Under the rules, the foregoing floor amendment is eligible for consideration on second reading.

Senator Joyce, Chair of the Committee on State Government, to which was referred **Senate Bill No. 3056**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

Under the rules, the bill was ordered to a second reading.

Senator Joyce, Chair of the Committee on State Government, to which was referred **Senate Bill No. 3661**, reported the same back with amendments having been adopted thereto, with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, do pass.

Under the rules, the bill was ordered to a second reading.

Senator Joyce, Chair of the Committee on State Government, to which was referred the following Senate floor amendment, reported that the Committee recommends do adopt:

Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3016

Under the rules, the foregoing floor amendment is eligible for consideration on second reading.

Senator Joyce, Chair of the Committee on State Government, to which was referred **Senate Resolutions Numbered 604 and 614**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the resolutions be adopted.

Under the rules, **Senate Resolutions Numbered 604 and 614** were placed on the Secretary's Desk.

Senator Holmes, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Local Government, to which was referred **Senate Bill No. 4025**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

Under the rules, the bill was ordered to a second reading.

Senator Holmes, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Local Government, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 2829 and 2952**, reported the same back with amendments having been adopted thereto, with the recommendation that the bills, as amended, do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Hastings, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 2735, 2805, 2951, 2976, 3196, 3251, 3557, 3562, 3568 and 3973**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bills do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Hastings, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 2748, 2822, 3381 and 3561**, reported the same back with amendments having been adopted thereto, with the recommendation that the bills, as amended, do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

SENATE BILL NO. 4178. Introduced by Senator Preston, a bill for AN ACT concerning government.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

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At the hour of 4:49 o'clock p.m., pursuant to **House Joint Resolution No. 57**, the Chair announced that the Senate stands adjourned until the call of the President.