HOUSE JOURNAL

SEVENTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE OF COLORADO

First Regular Session

First Legislative Day Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Prayer by Pastor Kate Davidson, Lord of the Mountains Lutheran Church.

Land Acknowledgment read by Ernest House Jr., Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

The hour of ten o'clock having arrived, the House of Representatives of the 75th General Assembly of the State of Colorado, pursuant to law, was called to order by Julie McCluskie, Speaker of the House of Representatives, 74th General Assembly.

Colors posted by the Civil Air Patrol, Cadet Major Hannah Scott, Cadet Captain Alix Stielow, Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Levi Stielow, Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Madison Scott.

The National Anthem sung by Lake County High School Concert Choir.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Lucia Barron, Butler Elementary School, Fort Lupton; Santiago Barron, Fort Lupton Middle School, Fort Lupton; Lila Boesenecker, McGraw Elementary School, Fort Collins; Jacob and Tyler Bradley, Ben Franklin Academy, Highlands Ranch; Elijah and Joshua Camacho, Steck Elementary School, Denver; Michaela Carter, Murphy Creek K-8, Aurora; Remy and Roman Handlin, Werner Elementary School, Fort Collins; Owen Stewart-MacVeigh, Park Elementary School, Durango; Dominico Pugliese, Chinook Trail Elementary School, Colorado Springs; Kaylee Scholtes, Reed-Custer Middle School, Braidwood; Jackson Willford, Studio School, Northglenn.

Speaker Julie McCluskie announced that if there were no objections, Vanessa Reilly would be appointed Temporary Chief Clerk.

STATE OF COLORADO
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) SS. CERTIFICATE
STATE OF COLORADO)

I, Jena Griswold, Secretary of State of the State of Colorado, certify that I have canvassed the "Abstract of Votes Cast" submitted in the State of Colorado, and do state that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the attached list represents the total votes cast for the members of the

Colorado State House of Representatives for the 75th General Assembly by the qualified electors of the State of Colorado in the November 5, 2024 General Election.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this 6th day of December 2024.

/signed/
Jena Griswold
Secretary of State

State Representative - District 1
Counties: DENVER, JEFFERSON

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Barbara DeHaan (REP)	12,033	35.25%
Javier Mabrey (DEM)	**22,104**	**64.75%**

State Representative - District 2
Counties: DENVER

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Stephen Woodrow (DEM)	**38,829**	**74.20%**
Michael F. DiManna (REP)	13,501	25.80%

State Representative - District 3
Counties: ARAPAHOE, DENVER

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Meg Froelich (DEM)	**26,049**	**64.03%**
Mickey Neal (REP)	14,619	35.93%
Marla Fernandez (REP) (Write-In)	14	0.03%

State Representative - District 4
Counties: DENVER

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Cecelia Espenoza (DEM)	**32,315**	**78.94%**
Jack Daus (REP)	8,623	21.06%

State Representative - District 5
Counties: DENVER

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Johnnie Wesley Johnson (REP)	8,224	20.41%
Alex Valdez (DEM)	**32,077**	**79.59%**

State Representative - District 6
Counties: DENVER

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Sean Camacho (DEM)	**38,250**	**84.57%**
Kyle Witter (REP)	6,978	15.43%

State Representative - District 7
Counties: DENVER

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Jennifer Bacon (DEM)	**22,078**	**73.11%**
Tom Swift (REP)	7,206	23.86%
Raymon Anthony Doane (LIB)	907	3.00%
Ben Pope (DEM) (Write-In)	9	0.03%

State Representative - District 8
Counties: DENVER

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Philip Borrelli (REP)	5,932	12.66%
Lindsay Gilchrist (DEM)	**39,914**	**85.16%**
Jesse Lashawn Parris (UNI)	992	2.12%
Sharron Pettiford (DEM) (Write-In)	33	0.07%

State Representative - District 9
Counties: ARAPAHOE, DENVER

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Emily Sirota (DEM)	**29,530**	**74.50%**
Tom Cowhick (REP)	10,108	25.50%

State Representative - District 10
Counties: BOULDER

	Vote Totals	Percentage
William B. DeOreo (REP)	6,290	15.65%
Junie Joseph (DEM)	**33,889**	**84.35%**

State Representative - District 11
Counties: BOULDER

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Karen McCormick (DEM)	**31,650**	**69.32%**
Kathy Reeves (REP)	14,005	30.68**%**

State Representative - District 12
Counties: BOULDER, BROOMFIELD

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Kyle Brown (DEM)	**39,742**	**76.56%**
Mark Milliman (REP)	12,166	23.44%

State Representative - District 13
Counties: CHAFFEE, GRAND, JACKSON, LAKE, PARK, SUMMIT

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Dave Williams (REP)	24,613	44.83%
Julie McCluskie (DEM)	**30,291**	**55.17%**

State Representative - District 14
Counties: EL PASO

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Rose Pugliese (REP)	**34,428**	**60.69%**
Katherine "Kat" Gayle (DEM)	22,301	39.31%

State Representative - District 15
Counties: EL PASO

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Jeff K. Livingston (DEM)	19,215	42.01%
Scott Bottoms (REP)	**26,519**	**57.99%**

State Representative - District 16
Counties: EL PASO

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Rebecca Keltie (REP)	**20,641**	**50.00%**
Steph Vigil (DEM)	20,638	50.00%

State Representative - District 17
Counties: EL PASO

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Elizabeth Riggs (REP)	11,423	44.13%
Regina English (DEM)	**14,461**	**55.87%**

State Representative - District 18
Counties: EL PASO, TELLER

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Amy T. Paschal (DEM)	**24,780**	**53.53%**
James R. Boelens Jr. (REP)	21,510	46.47%

State Representative - District 19
Counties: BOULDER, WELD

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Dan Woog (REP)	**28,420**	**50.10%**
Jillaire McMillan (DEM)	28,310	49.90%

State Representative - District 20
Counties: EL PASO

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Jarvis Caldwell (REP)	**39,949**	**71.94%**
Arik Dougherty (REP)	15,581	28.06%

State Representative - District 21
Counties: EL PASO

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Liz Rosenbaum (DEM)	12,646	41.77%
Mary Bradfield (REP)	**17,631**	**58.23%**

State Representative - District 22
Counties: EL PASO

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Ken deGraaf (REP)	**25,890**	**56.62%**
Michael M. Pierson (DEM)	17,665	38.63%
Daniel Campaña (UAF)	2,170	4.75%

State Representative - District 23
Counties: JEFFERSON

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Monica Irasema Duran (DEM)	**31,854**	**63.80%**
Cory Ohnesorge (REP)	18,073	36.20%

State Representative - District 24
Counties: ADAMS, JEFFERSON

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Gwen Henderson (REP)	23,161	43.36%
Lisa Feret (DEM)	**30,249**	**56.64%**

State Representative - District 25
Counties: JEFFERSON

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Tammy Story (DEM)	**31,327**	**52.11%**
George B. Mumma Jr. (REP)	28,790	47.89%

State Representative - District 26
Counties: EAGLE, MOFFAT, RIO BLANCO, ROUTT

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Meghan Lukens (DEM)	**27,188**	**56.62%**
Nathan Butler (REP)	20,831	43.38%

State Representative - District 27
Counties: JEFFERSON

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Brianna Titone (DEM)	**30,193**	**56.79%**
Ed Cox (REP)	22,976	43.21%

State Representative - District 28
Counties: JEFFERSON

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Peter Boddie (REP)	24,066	47.16%
Sheila Lieder (DEM)	**26,960**	**52.84%**

State Representative - District 29
Counties: ADAMS, JEFFERSON

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Shannon Bird (DEM)	**30,163**	**60.85%**
Evan Shields Hunt (REP)	19,409	39.15%

State Representative - District 30
Counties: JEFFERSON

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Ramey Johnson (REP)	16,162	37.75%
Rebekah Stewart (DEM)	**26,647**	**62.25%**

State Representative - District 31
Counties: ADAMS

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Heidi Pitchforth (REP)	13,609	44.14%
Jacqueline "Jacque" Phillips (DEM)	**17,221**	**55.86%**

State Representative - District 32
Counties: ADAMS

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Manny Rutinel (DEM)	**22,853**	**100.00%**

State Representative - District 33
Counties: ADAMS, BROOMFIELD, WELD

	Vote Totals	Percentage
William Lindstedt (DEM)	**31,589**	**58.58%**
Michael Martinez (REP)	22,332	41.42%

State Representative - District 34
Counties: ADAMS

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Craig Sullivan (REP)	18,864	44.79%
Jenny Willford (DEM)	**21,326**	**50.64%**
Alexander "Skinny" Winkler (CEN)	971	2.31%
Mark Bromley (UAF)	952	2.26%

State Representative - District 35
Counties: ADAMS, JEFFERSON

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Lorena Garcia (DEM)	**19,526**	**64.62%**
Lee J. Knoll (REP)	10,689	35.38%

State Representative - District 36
Counties: ADAMS, ARAPAHOE

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Michael Carter (DEM)	**21,452**	**71.54%**
Eric Mulder (FWD)	8,532	28.46%

State Representative - District 37
Counties: ARAPAHOE

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Chad Clifford (DEM)	**31,463**	**97.34%**
Kevin Biehl (UAF) (Write-In)	861	2.66%

State Representative - District 38
Counties: ARAPAHOE, JEFFERSON

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Gretchen Jeannette Rydin (DEM)	**29,577**	**54.57%**
Jeffrey Patty (REP)	24,623	45.43%

State Representative - District 39
Counties: DOUGLAS

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Eric Brody (DEM)	25,305	41.03%
Brandi Bradley (REP)	**36,364**	**58.97%**

State Representative - District 40
Counties: ARAPAHOE

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Naquetta Ricks (DEM)	**24,086**	**56.59%**
Darryl Gibbs (REP)	17,034	40.02%
Allison Spink (LIB)	1,446	3.40%

State Representative - District 41
Counties: ARAPAHOE

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Iman Jodeh (DEM)	**22,124**	**61.30%**
Rob McKenna (REP)	12,736	35.29%
Kevin Porter (LIB)	1,231	3.41%

State Representative - District 42
Counties: ARAPAHOE

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Mandy Lindsay (DEM)	**18,097**	**100.00%**

State Representative - District 43
Counties: DOUGLAS

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Bob Marshall (DEM)	**27,915**	**51.26%**
Matt Burcham (LIB)	26,542	48.74%

State Representative - District 44
Counties: DOUGLAS

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Alyssa Nilemo (DEM)	21,833	41.36%
Anthony Hartsook (REP)	**30,957**	**58.64%**

State Representative - District 45
Counties: DOUGLAS

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Chad Cox (DEM)	21,801	37.74%
Max Brooks (REP)	**35,970**	**62.26%**

State Representative - District 46
Counties: PUEBLO

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Tisha Mauro (DEM)	**23,823**	**52.28%**
Kim Swearingen (REP)	21,746	47.72%

State Representative - District 47
Counties: BACA, BENT, CROWLEY, HUERFANO, KIOWA, LAS ANIMAS, OTERO, PROWERS, PUEBLO

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Elizabeth Bulthuis (DEM)	14,580	32.78%
Ty S. Winter (REP)	**29,899**	**67.22%**

State Representative - District 48
Counties: ADAMS, WELD

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Carlos Barron (REP)	**32,520**	**100.00%**

State Representative - District 49
Counties: BOULDER, CLEAR CREEK, GILPIN, LARIMER

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Steve Ferrante (REP)	20,797	36.19%
Lesley Smith (DEM)	**36,669**	**63.81%**

State Representative - District 50
Counties: WELD

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Mary Young (DEM)	12,670	48.91%
Ryan Gonzalez (REP)	**13,233**	**51.09%**

State Representative - District 51
Counties: LARIMER

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Ron Weinberg (REP)	**28,460**	**52.62%**
Sarah McKeen (DEM)	25,628	47.38%

State Representative - District 52
Counties: LARIMER

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Yara Zokaie (DEM)	**31,167**	**63.28%**
Steve Yurash (CEN)	18,088	36.72%

State Representative - District 53
Counties: LARIMER

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Andy Boesenecker (DEM)	**31,875**	**73.52%**
Donna Walter (REP)	11,479	26.48%

State Representative - District 54
Counties: DELTA, MESA

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Matt Soper (REP)	**41,811**	**100.00%**

State Representative - District 55
Counties: MESA

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Rick Taggart (REP)	**36,085**	**100.00%**

State Representative - District 56
Counties: ADAMS, ARAPAHOE, CHEYENNE, EL PASO, ELBERT, KIT CARSON, LINCOLN

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Alessandra A. Navetta (DEM)	13,475	24.28%
Chris Richardson (REP)	**42,014**	**75.72%**

State Representative - District 57
Counties: EAGLE, GARFIELD, PITKIN

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Caleb Waller (REP)	19,494	44.21%
Elizabeth Velasco (DEM)	**24,604**	**55.79%**

State Representative - District 58
Counties: DELTA, DOLORES, GUNNISON, HINSDALE, MONTEZUMA, MONTROSE, OURAY, SAN MIGUEL

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Kathleen Curry (DEM)	25,100	45.41%
Larry Don Suckla (REP)	**30,170**	**54.59%**

State Representative - District 59
Counties: ARCHULETA, LA PLATA, MONTEZUMA, SAN JUAN

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Katie Stewart (DEM)	**27,918**	**51.21%**
Clark Craig (REP)	26,599	48.79%

State Representative - District 60
Counties: CHAFFEE, CUSTER, FREMONT, PUEBLO, TELLER

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Kathryn Green (DEM)	15,826	30.23%
Stephanie Luck (REP)	**36,518**	**69.77%**

State Representative - District 61
Counties: ARAPAHOE, DOUGLAS

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Eliza Hamrick (DEM)	**32,799**	**100.00%**

State Representative - District 62
Counties: ALAMOSA, CONEJOS, COSTILLA, HUERFANO, MINERAL, PUEBLO, RIO GRANDE, SAGUACHE

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Matthew Martinez (DEM)	**21,050**	**53.76%**
Carol Riggenbach (REP)	18,109	46.24%

State Representative - District 63
Counties: LOGAN, MORGAN, PHILLIPS, SEDGWICK, WASHINGTON, WELD, YUMA

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Dusty A. Johnson (REP)	**36,930**	**100.00%**

State Representative - District 64
Counties: LARIMER, WELD

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Ryan Armagost (REP)	**34,463**	**63.50%**
Mark. K. Matthews (DEM)	19,810	36.50%

State Representative - District 65
Counties: LARIMER, WELD

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Will Walters (DEM)	23,101	37.27%
Lori Garcia Sander (REP)	**38,882**	**62.73%**

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I, Jena Griswold, Secretary of State of the State of Colorado, certify that I have canvassed the "Abstract of Votes Cast" submitted in the State of Colorado, and do state that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the persons listed on the attached list were duly elected to the office of Colorado State House of Representatives by the qualified electors of the State of Colorado in the November 5, 2024 General Election.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this 6th day of December 2024.

/Signed/
Jena Griswold
Secretary of State

State Representative - District 1

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Javier Mabrey (DEM)	**22,104**	**64.75%**

1936 S Vrain St
Denver, CO 80219

State Representative - District 2

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Steven Woodrow (DEM)	**38,829**	**74.20%**

898 S Vine St
Denver, CO 80209

State Representative - District 3

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Meg Froelich (DEM)	**26,049**	**64.03%**

5801 E Princeton Ave
Englewood, CO 80111

State Representative - District 4

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Cecelia Espenoza (DEM)	**32,315**	**78.94%**

2475 N Raleigh St
Denver, CO 80212

State Representative - District 5

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Alex Valdez (DEM)	**32,077**	**79.59%**

891 14th St, Unit 4103
Denver, CO 80202

State Representative - District 6

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Sean Camacho (DEM)	**38,250**	**84.57%**

8064 W Bayaud Ave
Denver, CO 80230

State Representative - District 7

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Jennifer Bacon (DEM)	**22,078**	**73.11%**

5255 Memphis St, Apt 210
Denver, CO 80239

State Representative - District 8

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Lindsay Gilchrist (DEM)	**39,914**	**85.16%**

1777 Locust St
Denver, CO 80220

State Representative - District 9

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Emily Sirota (DEM)	**29,530**	**74.50%**

1823 S Ivy St
Denver, CO 80224

State Representative - District 10

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Junie Joseph (DEM)	**33,889**	**84.35%**

4820 Thunderbird Circle, # 206
Boulder, CO 80303

State Representative - District 11

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Karen McCormick (DEM)	**31,650**	**69.32%**

2949 Breakwater Drive
Longmont, CO 80503

State Representative - District 12

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Kyle Brown (DEM)	**39,742**	**76.56%**

667 W Lilac Ct
Louisville, CO 80027

State Representative - District 13

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Julie McCluskie (DEM)	**30,291**	**55.17%**

502 Vail Circle
Dillon, CO 80435

State Representative - District 14

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Rose Pugliese (REP)	**34,428**	**60.69%**

9297 Wolf Lake Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80924

State Representative - District 15

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Scott Bottoms (REP)	**26,519**	**57.99%**

6398 Butch Cassidy Blvd
Colorado Springs, CO 80923

State Representative - District 16

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Rebecca Keltie (REP)	**20,641**	**50.00%**

6325 Spurwood Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80918

State Representative - District 17

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Regina English (DEM)	**14,461**	**55.87%**

611 Cima Vista Pt
Colorado Springs, CO 80916

State Representative - District 18

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Amy T Paschal (DEM)	**24,780**	**53.53%**

3372 Sky Watch Hts
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

State Representative - District 19

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Dan Woog (DEM)	**28,420**	**50.10%**

640 Main Street
Frederick, CO 80530

State Representative - District 20

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Jarvis Caldwell (REP)	**39,949**	**71.94%**

8282 Sprague Way
Colorado Springs, CO 80908

State Representative - District 21

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Mary Bradfield (REP)	**17,631**	**58.23%**

122 Fordham Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80911

State Representative - District 22

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Ken deGraaf (REP)	**25,890**	**56.62%**

6416 Peak Vista Cir
Colorado Springs, CO 80918

State Representative - District 23

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Monica Irasema Duran (DEM)	**31,854**	**63.80%**

5114 Vivian St
Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

State Representative - District 24

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Lisa Feret (DEM)	**30,249**	**56.64%**

6150 Pierce St
Arvada, CO 80003

State Representative - District 25

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Tammy Story (DEM)	**31,327**	**52.11%**

8283 Bell Ranch Road
Evergreen, CO 80439

State Representative - District 26

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Meghan Lukens (DEM)	**27,188**	**56.62%**

3300 Columbine Dr, Unit 1606
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487

State Representative - District 27

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Brianna Titone (DEM)	**30,193**	**56.79%**

18532 W 95th Pl
Arvada, CO 80007

State Representative - District 28

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Sheila Lieder (DEM)	**26,960**	**52.84%**

6338 S Miller Way
Littleton, CO 80127

State Representative - District 29

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Shannon Bird (DEM)	**30,163**	**60.85%**

1125 W 140th Drive
Westminster, CO 80023

State Representative - District 30

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Rebekah Stewart (DEM)	**26,647**	**62.25%**

7373 W Florida Ave, 8A
Lakewood, CO 80232

State Representative - District 31

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Jaqueline "Jacque" Phillips (DEM)	**17,221**	**55.86%**

8960 Fox Dr, Unit 204
Thornton, CO 80260

State Representative - District 32

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Manny Rutinel (DEM)	**22,853**	**100.00%**

9627 E 105th Pl, Apt 207
Henderson, CO 80640

State Representative - District 33

	Vote Totals	Percentage
William Lindstedt (DEM)	**31,589**	**58.58%**

8105 Emerald Lane
Broomfield, CO 80020

State Representative - District 34

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Jenny Willford (DEM)	**21,326**	**50.64%**

10447 Lipan Street
Northglenn, CO 80234

State Representative - District 35

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Lorena Garcia (DEM)	**19,526**	**64.62%**

460 W 70th Place
Denver, CO 80221

State Representative - District 36

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Michael Carter (DEM)	**21,452**	**71.54%**

1476 S Buchanan Circle
Aurora, CO 80018

State Representative - District 37

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Chad Clifford (DEM)	**31,463**	**97.34%**

7878 S Poplar Way
Centennial, CO 80112

State Representative - District 38

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Gretchen Jeanette Rydin (DEM)	**29,577**	**54.57%**

5904 S Datura St, Apt 2
Littleton, CO 80120

State Representative - District 39

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Brandi Bradley (REP)	**36,364**	**58.97%**

6638 Lakeside Circle
Littleton, CO 80125

State Representative - District 40

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Naquetta Ricks (DEM)	**24,086**	**56.59%**

4352 S Billings Cir
Aurora, CO 80015

State Representative - District 41

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Iman Jodeh (DEM)	**22,124**	**61.30%**

2541 S Toledo Way
Aurora, CO 80014

State Representative - District 42

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Mandy Lindsay (DEM)	**18,097**	**100.00%**

581 Fulton St
Aurora, CO 80010

State Representative - District 43

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Bob Marshall (DEM)	**27,915**	**51.26%**

2 Jack Rabbit Place
Highlands Ranch, CO 80126

State Representative - District 44

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Anthony Hartsook (REP)	**30,957**	**58.64%**

7240 Sagebrush Dr
Parker, CO 80138

State Representative - District 45

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Max Brooks (REP)	**39,970**	**62.26%**

537 Gardner St
Castle Rock, CO 80104

State Representative - District 46

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Tisha Mauro (DEM)	**23,823**	**52.28%**

845 36th Lane
Pueblo, CO 81006

State Representative - District 47

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Ty S Winter (REP)	**29,899**	**67.22%**

18955 County Road 75
Trinidad, CO 81082

State Representative - District 48

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Carlos Barron (REP)	**32,520**	**100.00%**

1638 Conestoga Trail
Ft Lupton, CO 80621

State Representative - District 49

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Lesley Smith (DEM)	**36,669**	**63.81%**

345 Evergreen Ave
Boulder, CO 80304

State Representative - District 50

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Ryan Gonzalez (DEM)	**13,233**	**51.09%**

2913 18th St
Greeley, CO 80634

State Representative - District 51

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Ron Weinberg (REP)	**28,460**	**52.62%**

1770 Tabeguache Mountain Drive
Loveland, CO 80538

State Representative - District 52

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Yara Zokaie (DEM)	**31,167**	**63.28%**

1738 Foggy Brook Dr
Fort Collins, CO 80528

State Representative - District 53

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Andy Boesenecker (DEM)	**31,875**	**73.52%**

2136 Sheffield Drive
Fort Collins, CO 80526

State Representative - District 54

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Matt Soper (REP)	**41,811**	**100.00%**

10 Hartig Drive
Delta, CO 81416

State Representative - District 55

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Rick Taggart (REP)	**36,085**	**100.00%**

336 Shadow Lake Rd
Grand Junction, CO 81507

State Representative - District 56

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Chris Richardson (REP)	**42,014**	**75.72%**

955 Harmony Ridge Circle
Elizabeth, CO 80107

State Representative - District 57

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Elizabeth Velasco (DEM)	**24,604**	**55.79%**

129 Mountain Shadow Dr
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

State Representative - District 58

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Larry Don Suckla (REP)	**30,170**	**54.59%**

13657 Rd 21
Cortez, CO 81321

State Representative - District 59

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Katie Stewart (DEM)	**27,918**	**51.21%**

274 E Park Ave
Durango, CO 81301

State Representative - District 60

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Stephanie Luck (REP)	**36,518**	**69.77%**

959 M Street
Penrose, CO 81240

State Representative - District 61

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Eliza Hamrick (DEM)	**32,799**	**100.00%**

6477 S Jericho Way
Centennial, CO 80016

State Representative - District 62

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Matthew Martinez (DEM)	**21,050**	**53.76%**

524 Adams St
Monte Vista, CO 81144

State Representative - District 63

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Dusty A Johnson (REP)	**36,930**	**100.00%**

16203 County Road 19
Fort Morgan, CO 80701

State Representative - District 64

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Ryan Armagost (REP)	**34,463**	**63.50%**

817 Douglas Pl
Berthoud, CO 80513

State Representative - District 65

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Lori Garcia Sander (REP)	**38,882**	**62.73%**

20 S Cheyenne Ave
Eaton, CO 80615

RESIGNATION

December 23, 2024

To Acting Chief Clerk of the Colorado House Vanessa Reilly and Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold:

The 119th Congress of the United States, of which I am a member-elect, will be sworn in on January 3, 2025. My term as a member of the Colorado State Legislature's 74th General Assembly does not end until January 8, 2025. Article V, Section 8 of the Colorado constitution states that, "no member of congress...shall be a member of either house [of the General Assembly] during his continuance in office." In compliance with the state constitution, I therefore give notice of my resignation as state representative for Colorado House District 48, effective January 2, 2025 at 11:59pm Mountain Time. It has been a tremendous honor to serve my constituents, House District 48, and the State of Colorado. I look forward with eager anticipation to continuing that service in the 119th Congress. May God continue to bless Colorado and the United States of America.

Sincerely,

/signed/
Gabe Evans
State Representative
House District 48

Majority Leader Duran moved that the Speaker appoint a Committee of three to serve as the Committee on Credentials. Without objection, Speaker McCluskie appointed Majority Leader Duran, Chair, Assistant Majority Leader Bacon, and Minority Leader Pugliese as the Committee on Credentials.

On request of Majority Leader Duran, the following report was read at length:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The Committee on Credentials has made an examination of the certificate from the Secretary of State and finds that the lists of Representatives elected at the general election held on November 5, 2024, as certified by the Secretary of State of the state of Colorado is a true, complete, and authentic list of all Representatives elected at said general election for the term provided by law, and said persons do truly posses the constitutional and statutory qualifications and are entitled to membership in this body as aforesaid, pursuant to law in such case made and provided.

/signed/
Majority Leader Monica Duran, Chair
Assistant Majority Leader Jennifer Bacon
Minority Leader Rose Pugliese

Majority Leader Duran moved to adopt the report of the Committee on Credentials.

Seeing objection, members were given 5 minutes to speak in objection to the report of the Committee on Credentials and 5 minutes for a response to objection.

Representative deGraaf spoke for 5 minutes in objection.

Representative Bottoms spoke for 2 minutes in objection.

Speaker pro tempore Boesenecker was given 7 minutes for a response to objection.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was **adopted** by the following roll call of names:

YES 57		**NO 6**		**EXCUSED 1**		**ABSENT 0**		**VACANT 1**	
District 41	V	Duran	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Smith	Y
Armagost	Y	English	Y	Luck	N	Soper	Y
Bacon	Y	Espenoza	Y	Lukens	Y	Stewart K.	Y
Barron	Y	Feret	Y	Mabrey	Y	Stewart R.	Y
Bird	Y	Froelich	Y	Marshall	Y	Story	E
Boesenecker	Y	Garcia	Y	Martinez	Y	Suckla	N
Bottoms	N	Garcia Sander	Y	Mauro	Y	Taggart	Y
Bradfield	Y	Gilchrist	Y	McCormick	Y	Titone	Y
Bradley	N	Gonzalez	Y	Paschal	Y	Valdez A.	Y
Brooks	Y	Hamrick	Y	Phillips	Y	Velasco	Y
Brown	Y	Hartsook	Y	Pugliese	Y	Weinberg	N
Caldwell	Y	Johnson	Y	Richardson	Y	Willford	Y
Camacho	Y	Joseph	Y	Ricks	Y	Winter	Y
Carter	Y	Keltie	Y	Rutinel	Y	Woodrow	Y
Clifford	Y	Lieder	Y	Rydin	Y	Woog	Y
deGraaf	N	Lindsay	Y	Sirota	Y	Zokaie	Y
						Speaker	Y

Majority Leader Duran moved that a Committee of three be appointed to wait upon Chief Justice Monica Márquez to request her to administer the oath of office to the Representatives-elect. Without objection Speaker McCluskie appointed Representatives Marshall, Chair, Carter, and Soper as members of said Committee.

House in recess. House reconvened.

Chief Sergeant-at-arms Stephen Rosenthal announced the arrival of Chief Justice Monica Márquez.

The Committee escorted the Chief Justice to the podium where she administered the oath of office to 64 members-elect of the Colorado House of Representatives, as certified by the Secretary of State.

The Committee escorted Chief Justice Monica Márquez from the Chamber.

The roll was called with the following result:

Present--63.
Excused--1.
Vacancy--1.

The Speaker declared a quorum present.

The Speaker announced that nominations were open for Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Majority Leader Duran nominated Representative McCluskie.

Assistant Majority Leader Bacon seconded the nomination.

Speaker pro tempore Boesenecker called for further nominations.

Representative Bottoms nominated Minority Leader Pugliese.

Assistant Minority Leader Winter seconded the nomination.

Representative Barron spoke in support of the nomination of Minority Leader Pugliese.

Representative Johnson spoke in support of the nomination of Minority Leader Pugliese.

Representative deGraaf spoke in support of the nomination of Minority Leader Pugliese.

Minority Leader Pugliese spoke in support of her nomination for Speaker.

Representative Martinez spoke in support of the nomination of Representative McCluskie.

Representative Bird spoke in support of the nomination of Representative McCluskie.

Representative Sirota spoke in support of the nomination of Representative McCluskie.

Majority Leader Duran moved that the nominations be closed.

Representative McCluskie was elected Speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives by the following roll call vote:

McCLUSKIE 41 PUGLIESE 22 EXCUSED 1 ABSENT 0 VACANT 1							
District 41	V	Duran	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Smith	Y
Armagost	N	English	Y	Luck	N	Soper	N
Bacon	Y	Espenoza	Y	Lukens	Y	Stewart K.	Y
Barron	N	Feret	Y	Mabrey	Y	Stewart R.	Y
Bird	Y	Froelich	Y	Marshall	Y	Story	E
Boesenecker	Y	Garcia	Y	Martinez	Y	Suckla	N
Bottoms	N	Garcia Sander	N	Mauro	Y	Taggart	N
Bradfield	N	Gilchrist	Y	McCormick	Y	Titone	Y
Bradley	N	Gonzalez	N	Paschal	Y	Valdez	Y
Brooks	N	Hamrick	Y	Phillips	Y	Velasco	Y
Brown	Y	Hartsook	N	Pugliese	N	Weinberg	N
Caldwell	N	Johnson	N	Richardson	N	Willford	Y
Camacho	Y	Joseph	Y	Ricks	Y	Winter T.	N
Carter	Y	Keltie	N	Rutinel	Y	Woodrow	Y
Clifford	Y	Lieder	Y	Rydin	Y	Woog	N
DeGraaf	N	Lindsay	Y	Sirota	Y	Zokaie	Y
						Speaker	Y

House in recess.

The Speaker recognized a committee from the Senate. Senators Bridges, Chair, Kipp, and Catlin reported that the Senate was organized and ready for business.

House reconvened.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE SENATE

The Senate has adopted and transmits herewith: **SJR25-001.**

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Majority Leader Duran, the rules were suspended and the following resolutions were given immediate consideration:

HR25-1001 by Representative(s) Duran and McCluskie--Concerning the temporary Rules of the House of Representatives.

(Printed and placed in members' files.)

On motion of Majority Leader Duran, the resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

YES 63	NO 0	EXCUSED 1		ABSENT 0		VACANT 1	
District 41	V	Duran	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Smith	Y
Armagost	Y	English	Y	Luck	Y	Soper	Y
Bacon	Y	Espenoza	Y	Lukens	Y	Stewart K.	Y
Barron	Y	Feret	Y	Mabrey	Y	Stewart R.	Y
Bird	Y	Froelich	Y	Marshall	Y	Story	E
Boesenecker	Y	Garcia	Y	Martinez	Y	Suckla	Y
Bottoms	Y	Garcia Sander	Y	Mauro	Y	Taggart	Y
Bradfield	Y	Gilchrist	Y	McCormick	Y	Titone	Y
Bradley	Y	Gonzalez	Y	Paschal	Y	Valdez	Y
Brooks	Y	Hamrick	Y	Phillips	Y	Velasco	Y
Brown	Y	Hartsook	Y	Pugliese	Y	Weinberg	Y
Caldwell	Y	Johnson	Y	Richardson	Y	Willford	Y
Camacho	Y	Joseph	Y	Ricks	Y	Winter T.	Y
Carter	Y	Keltie	Y	Rutinel	Y	Woodrow	Y
Clifford	Y	Lieder	Y	Rydin	Y	Woog	Y
DeGraaf	Y	Lindsay	Y	Sirota	Y	Zokaie	Y
						Speaker	Y

On motion of Majority Leader Duran, a Committee of Three was appointed to notify the Senate that the House was organized and ready for business. The Speaker appointed Representatives Velasco, Chair, Gilchrist, and Caldwell.

On motion of Majority Leader Duran, a Committee of Three was appointed to notify the Governor that the House was organized and ready for business. The Speaker appointed Representatives Bird, Chair, Espenoza, and Barron.

House in recess. House reconvened.

Representative Velasco, Chair of the Committee to Notify the Senate, reported that the Senate had been notified that the House was organized and ready for business.

Representative Bird, Chair of the Committee to Notify the Governor, reported that the Governor had been notified that the House was organized and ready for business.

Majority Leader Duran moved for the rules to be suspended for the immediate consideration of HJR25-1001. The rules were suspended by the following roll call vote:

YES 63	NO 0	EXCUSED 1		ABSENT 0		VACANT 1	
District 41	V	Duran	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Smith	Y
Armagost	Y	English	Y	Luck	Y	Soper	Y
Bacon	Y	Espenoza	Y	Lukens	Y	Stewart K.	Y
Barron	Y	Feret	Y	Mabrey	Y	Stewart R.	Y
Bird	Y	Froelich	Y	Marshall	Y	Story	E
Boesenecker	Y	Garcia	Y	Martinez	Y	Suckla	Y
Bottoms	Y	Garcia Sander	Y	Mauro	Y	Taggart	Y
Bradfield	Y	Gilchrist	Y	McCormick	Y	Titone	Y
Bradley	Y	Gonzalez	Y	Paschal	Y	Valdez	Y
Brooks	Y	Hamrick	Y	Phillips	Y	Velasco	Y
Brown	Y	Hartsook	Y	Pugliese	Y	Weinberg	Y
Caldwell	Y	Johnson	Y	Richardson	Y	Willford	Y
Camacho	Y	Joseph	Y	Ricks	Y	Winter T.	Y
Carter	Y	Keltie	Y	Rutinel	Y	Woodrow	Y
Clifford	Y	Lieder	Y	Rydin	Y	Woog	Y
DeGraaf	Y	Lindsay	Y	Sirota	Y	Zokaie	Y
						Speaker	Y

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

HJR25-1001 by Representative(s) Duran, McCluskie, Pugliese; also Senator(s) Rodriguez, Coleman, Lundeen--Concerning a Joint Session of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from His Excellency, Governor Jared Polis, and appointing a committee to escort the Governor.

(Printed and placed in members' files.)

On motion of Majority Leader Duran, the resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

YES 63	NO 0	EXCUSED 1		ABSENT 0		VACANT 1	
District 41	V	Duran	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Smith	Y
Armagost	Y	English	Y	Luck	Y	Soper	Y
Bacon	Y	Espenoza	Y	Lukens	Y	Stewart K.	Y
Barron	Y	Feret	Y	Mabrey	Y	Stewart R.	Y
Bird	Y	Froelich	Y	Marshall	Y	Story	E
Boesenecker	Y	Garcia	Y	Martinez	Y	Suckla	Y
Bottoms	Y	Garcia Sander	Y	Mauro	Y	Taggart	Y
Bradfield	Y	Gilchrist	Y	McCormick	Y	Titone	Y
Bradley	Y	Gonzalez	Y	Paschal	Y	Valdez	Y

Brooks	Y	Hamrick	Y	Phillips	Y	Velasco	Y
Brown	Y	Hartsook	Y	Pugliese	Y	Weinberg	Y
Caldwell	Y	Johnson	Y	Richardson	Y	Willford	Y
Camacho	Y	Joseph	Y	Ricks	Y	Winter T.	Y
Carter	Y	Keltie	Y	Rutinel	Y	Woodrow	Y
Clifford	Y	Lieder	Y	Rydin	Y	Woog	Y
DeGraaf	Y	Lindsay	Y	Sirota	Y	Zokaie	Y
						Speaker	Y

Pursuant to the resolution, the speaker appointed Representatives McCormick, Chair, Zokaie, and Garcia Sander to escort the Governor.

Majority Leader Duran moved for the rules to be suspended for the immediate consideration of SJR25-001. The rules were suspended by the following roll call vote:

YES 63	NO 0	EXCUSED 1		ABSENT 0		VACANT 1	
District 41	V	Duran	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Smith	Y
Armagost	Y	English	Y	Luck	Y	Soper	Y
Bacon	Y	Espenoza	Y	Lukens	Y	Stewart K.	Y
Barron	Y	Feret	Y	Mabrey	Y	Stewart R.	Y
Bird	Y	Froelich	Y	Marshall	Y	Story	E
Boesenecker	Y	Garcia	Y	Martinez	Y	Suckla	Y
Bottoms	Y	Garcia Sander	Y	Mauro	Y	Taggart	Y
Bradfield	Y	Gilchrist	Y	McCormick	Y	Titone	Y
Bradley	Y	Gonzalez	Y	Paschal	Y	Valdez	Y
Brooks	Y	Hamrick	Y	Phillips	Y	Velasco	Y
Brown	Y	Hartsook	Y	Pugliese	Y	Weinberg	Y
Caldwell	Y	Johnson	Y	Richardson	Y	Willford	Y
Camacho	Y	Joseph	Y	Ricks	Y	Winter T.	Y
Carter	Y	Keltie	Y	Rutinel	Y	Woodrow	Y
Clifford	Y	Lieder	Y	Rydin	Y	Woog	Y
DeGraaf	Y	Lindsay	Y	Sirota	Y	Zokaie	Y
						Speaker	Y

SJR25-001 by Senator(s) Rodriguez, Coleman, Lundeen; also Representative(s) Duran and McCluskie--Concerning the adoption of the Joint Rules as the temporary Joint Rules of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly.

(Printed and placed in members' files.)

On motion of Majority Leader Duran, the resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

YES 63	NO 0	EXCUSED 1		ABSENT 0		VACANT 1	
District 41	V	Duran	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Smith	Y
Armagost	Y	English	Y	Luck	Y	Soper	Y
Bacon	Y	Espenoza	Y	Lukens	Y	Stewart K.	Y
Barron	Y	Feret	Y	Mabrey	Y	Stewart R.	Y
Bird	Y	Froelich	Y	Marshall	Y	Story	E
Boesenecker	Y	Garcia	Y	Martinez	Y	Suckla	Y
Bottoms	Y	Garcia Sander	Y	Mauro	Y	Taggart	Y

Bradfield	Y	Gilchrist	Y	McCormick	Y	Titone	Y
Bradley	Y	Gonzalez	Y	Paschal	Y	Valdez	Y
Brooks	Y	Hamrick	Y	Phillips	Y	Velasco	Y
Brown	Y	Hartsook	Y	Pugliese	Y	Weinberg	Y
Caldwell	Y	Johnson	Y	Richardson	Y	Willford	Y
Camacho	Y	Joseph	Y	Ricks	Y	Winter T.	Y
Carter	Y	Keltie	Y	Rutinel	Y	Woodrow	Y
Clifford	Y	Lieder	Y	Rydin	Y	Woog	Y
DeGraaf	Y	Lindsay	Y	Sirota	Y	Zokaie	Y
						Speaker	Y

The following appointments were read:

AGRICULTURE, WATER, & NATURAL RESOURCES
13 members: Representatives Karen McCormick, Chair; Tisha Mauro, Vice-Chair; Dusty Johnson, Mandy Lindsay, Meghan Lukens, Matthew Martinez, Lesley Smith, Matt Soper, Katie Stewart, Tammy Story, Larry Don Suckla, Elizabeth Velasco, Ty Winter

APPROPRIATIONS
11 members: Representatives Emily Sirota, Chair; Shannon Bird, Vice-Chair; Andrew Boesenecker, Scott Bottoms, Junie Joseph, Stephanie Luck, Karen McCormick, Lori Garcia Sander, Rick Taggart, Brianna Titone, Elizabeth Velasco

BUSINESS AFFAIRS & LABOR
13 members: Representatives Naquetta Ricks, Chair; Steven Woodrow, Vice-Chair; Ryan Armagost, Max Brooks, Regina English, Rebecca Keltie, Sheila Lieder, William Lindstedt, Bob Marshall, Tisha Mauro, Christopher Richardson, Gretchen Rydin, Larry Don Suckla

EDUCATION
13 members: Representatives Meghan Lukens, Chair; Matthew Martinez, Vice-Chair; Jennifer Bacon, Mary Bradfield, Jarvis Caldwell, Lindsay Gilchrist, Eliza Hamrick, Anthony Hartsook, Dusty Johnson, Jacqueline Phillips, Lori Garcia Sander, Lesley Smith, Tammy Story

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT
13 members: Representatives Alex Valdez, Chair; Elizabeth Velasco, Vice-Chair; Carlos Barron, Kyle Brown, Sean Camacho, Ken DeGraaf, Ryan Gonzalez, Junie Joseph, Amy Paschal, Manny Rutinel, Jenny Willford, Dan Woog, Vacant

FINANCE
13 members: Representatives William Lindstedt, Chair; Brianna Titone, Vice-Chair; Max Brooks, Sean Camacho, Ken DeGraaf, Lorena Garcia, Ryan Gonzalez, Anthony Hartsook, Junie Joseph, Bob Marshall, Rebekah Stewart, Yaron Weinberg, Yara Zokaie

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
13 members: Representatives Kyle Brown, Chair; Sheila Lieder, Vice-Chair; Mary Bradfield, Brandi Bradley, Regina English, Lisa Feret, Lindsay Gilchrist, Eliza Hamrick, Dusty Johnson, Karen McCormick, Gretchen Rydin, Lori Garcia Sander, Katie Stewart

JUDICIARY
11 members: Representatives Javier Mabrey, Chair, Michael Carter, Vice-Chair, Ryan Armagost, Jennifer Bacon, Jarvis Caldwell, Chad Clifford, Cecelia Espenoza, Lorena Garcia, Rebecca Keltie, Matt Soper, Yara Zokaie

STATE, CIVIC, MILITARY, & VETERANS AFFAIRS
11 members: Representatives Jenny Willford, Chair, Chad Clifford, Vice-Chair, Scott Bottoms, Brandi Bradley, Michael Carter, Cecelia Espenoza, Lisa Feret, Meg Froelich, Stephanie Luck, Javier Mabrey, Naquetta Ricks

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT
13 members: Representatives Meg Froelich, Chair, Rebekah Stewart, Vice-Chair, Carlos Barron, Andrew Boesenecker, Mandy Lindsay, Amy Paschal, Jacqueline Phillips, Chris Richardson, Larry Don Suckla, Alex Valdez, Steven Woodrow, Dan Woog, Vacant

JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
3 members: Shannon Bird, Emily Sirota, Rick Taggart

Speaker McCluskie addressed the members of the House of Representatives:

Good morning! It is my great privilege to welcome you all to the opening day of the 75th General Assembly! A special welcome to our newly elected members, the fresh faced stars on the House stage. New members, please rise and give a wave!

I would also like to welcome the former Speakers of the House: The honorables Alec Garnett, KC Becker, Crisanta Duran, Mark Ferrandino, Terrance Carroll, Frank McNulty, and Russ George. We are so grateful for your public service and leadership, both back then (and for some of you, way back then!) and now. I am pleased to recognize State Treasurer Dave Young! Thank you for your dedication and service to our state.

And my deepest love and appreciation to my family - my husband Jamie, my children Ian and Cait, my parents Bob and Etta, Sister Susan, Brother and Sister in law David and Vicki, and their daughter Jaclynn.

Members, let's all thank our families who have been integral to our journeys in public service.

I also want to thank our sensational team who work their magic behind the scenes - our clerks, sergeants, custodial staff. To our nonpartisan and partisan staff, including our legislative aides, thank you all so much for your dedication and commitment to the institution.

This session is also the first for our new Chief Clerk, Vanessa Reilly! Please give her a warm welcome to this new role. There's also a new President over in that lower chamber - if you see President Coleman today, make sure you give him a big High Five and a "Let's Do This!"

Now let us pause and give honor to our veterans - for everyone with us today, members and guests alike, please rise or give a wave if you are currently serving in the military or are a veteran of the US Armed forces. We are forever in your debt.

Finally, I am proud of the experience and dedication of our majority and minority leadership teams. Will the leadership teams from both sides of the aisle please stand and be recognized. It is truly an honor to serve with all of you.

And I am especially grateful to Majority Leader Duran. I know members appreciate your partnership & leadership. Happiest of Birthdays, Majority Leader, this must be the best and craziest birthday party ever.

With campaigns in the rear view mirror, election 2024 behind us, our responsibility to govern is now front and center. Good governance calls us all to listen to one another, hear the stories of our constituents and work together to craft lasting policy that meets the demands of the moment. On policies big and small, I know Democrats and Republicans will work together, as we have so many times before.

Just look at school finance formula reform, property tax cuts, higher education investments, workforce initiatives, and of course, uncertified potatoes. (While some say the idea for that policy was only half BAKED, eventually you all HASHED it out and it was a SMASHING success.)

With each new session, we have an opportunity to start fresh, and that includes how we manage debate. When relevant to the topic at hand, chairs will uphold members' rights to free speech. At times, this will be uncomfortable for lawmakers on both sides of the aisle. The right to free speech coexists alongside our obligation not to spread hatred.

I know with the work that lies ahead, Colorado will lead the way. The national spotlight is on us. This is our moment to demonstrate what good, responsive governance and leadership looks like for our country.

But folks, our work this year will not be easy. We will need to trim nearly $1 billion from our state budget in a way that ensures strong safety net services for the most vulnerable among us and protects our bipartisan investments in early childhood, schools, colleges and universities.

As a result, there may be some unpopular decisions ahead - choices that put truly deserving efforts and priorities in competition with each other for funding. The Joint Budget Committee has a track record of working across party lines to deliver a balanced budget, and it is now more important than ever to continue in this tradition. My thanks to Representatives Bird, Sirota and Taggart in advance for your hard work and those enduring sleepless nights.

Even though our budget situation is challenging, I know this body remains committed to investing in our public schools. We will not bring back the budget stabilization factor, and we will implement the new, equitable school finance formula on time that our kids deserve. Thank you Governor Polis for your strong commitment to public education investing in our children year over year.

Like too many special education students in Colorado, Jeremiah, who is twelve, needed additional learning supports in school. Not every public school has the resources they need to adequately teach students with Down syndrome.

But when his parents found a special education program designed for his abilities, Jeremiah excelled. His academic achievement improved, as did his self-esteem. He found his calling. If you haven't heard of him yet, you soon will. His calling, it turns out, is acting, and he's very good at it. Jeremiah is the star of the film "Color Book," which tells the story of a single father raising his young son with Down syndrome.

The power of Jeremiah's personal story, and his magnificent portrayal of Mason, help shape our understanding of the challenges we see in gaining access to a high quality education and safety net services in our communities. Exciting news! He has been nominated for the NAACP's outstanding youth performance in a motion picture award. I'm overjoyed that Jeremiah and his family are here with us today. Please give him a round of applause.

My goal this session is to protect the progress we've made for students like Jeremiah, by increasing funding for special education, at-risk students, English language learners, and rural schools.

The hard truth is that we will need to grapple with declining student enrollment. We will navigate this issue carefully while listening to our partners in public education. Our guiding principle must be to keep equity for our students at the heart of our decision making. We wouldn't be Colorado without our beautiful mountains, brilliant forests, and clean air. Let's take our water for example.

Water is a part of our Western identity, essential to our nearly $50 billion agricultural economy, as well as Colorado's iconic outdoor recreation and tourism industries.

I took a five day ride down the Yampa River this past spring. What a thrill! And I learned one important lesson - that's how to play defense against those roaring rapids. There's a saying in the rafting business, "Be sure you Rig to Flip". That means making sure everything stays secure when your raft guide flips the boat and you're taken for a swim - it's all about being ruthlessly prepared, so you protect the people and things you love most.

This year, I expect we will continue to face threats to our water resources, and we may have to play defense. But, thanks to leaders from both parties, we have already taken significant steps to protect our state's most precious resource - yes folks, we are prepared and we are "rigged to flip."

We should be particularly thankful to the many farmers and ranchers doing everything they can to reduce their water use, embrace innovative technologies and help lead us through this drought. Colorado Agriculture truly makes us proud.

I also want to mention that soon, we will be creating a new bipartisan Outdoor Recreation Caucus that will put Western Voices at the table on the issues that impact the economies of our communities.

We are equally committed to protecting Colorado's pristine environment, reaching our climate goals and making energy costs more affordable. We've made important progress funding transit, front range and mountain rail, and eliminating dangerous pollution. We are so grateful for the work of Representatives Willford and Bacon and all the lawmakers who have prioritized improving our air quality.

Like many of you, when I visit my district, the stories I hear most often at town halls, in the grocery store or at neighborhood gatherings continue to be about how hard it is to get ahead.

That's why, this session, we will redouble our efforts to make Colorado more affordable. Inflation is down. Unemployment is low. Home prices and rents are leveling off, and we are starting to see signs that our aggressive multi-year agenda to lower costs for families is bearing fruit.

Reinsurance and the Colorado Option are saving Coloradans nearly half a billion dollars this year on health insurance premiums. We cut property taxes for businesses and homeowners, and we cut taxes for middle and lower-income families.

Thanks to last year's refundable tax credit initiative, the cost of tuition and fees at community colleges is now covered for the vast majority of students. Universal preschool, full day kindergarten, and investments in child care are saving families money.

Because of our work, Coloradans trust elected officials to GET THINGS DONE. Other states are watching us - they are seeing what's possible when governors and legislatures do big things together. For example, housing. We've cracked the land use code and invested hundreds of millions of dollars in affordable housing projects and ending homelessness.

This year, we will: resolve the stalemate on construction defects reform, tackle algorithms that drive up rent, ease red tape for religious institutions to build on their own land, incentivize modular home construction, and bring forward creative new approaches to driving down property insurance costs.

Let's foster an even stronger economy in this state by lowering costs for businesses and working families, and finding fair opportunity for all. Let's do this by taking steps to eliminate wage theft, strengthen worker's voices, and create low-cost pathways to college credentials, in the big blur between high school college career.

And just as we did last year with the quantum technology industry, we will seize opportunities to support innovative economic development, like (capturing the attention of the) Sundance Film Festival and driving millions of tourism dollars into local communities and businesses.

But folks, a less expensive Colorado is not our Colorado if we fail to protect our rights and freedoms. When the Dobbs decision came down and the threat to overturn Roe v. Wade was clear, we responded by protecting abortion access in statute. This past November, the voters went one step further and protected that right in our state's constitution.

Similarly, we heard the stories of concern from families in our state and referred a measure to the ballot safeguarding the freedom to marry. And again, voters overwhelmingly approved it. This is leadership. This is Colorado.

We don't know exactly what we will face from this new administration, but they have published their playbook and we are watching. We will be ready to do what is best for the people of this state because we've been here before.

No matter where we come from, all Coloradans want the same things: to put a roof over our family's heads, put food on the table, and pursue the American Dream. Throughout our nation's history, immigrants have been used as a political scapegoat to divide us and distract us from real challenges.

Immigrants are an integral part of Colorado's diverse and thriving communities. Immigrants power our economy and make up 30 percent of our construction workforce, 12 percent of entrepreneurs, 11 percent of STEM workers, and eight percent of nurses in the state.

Coloradans do not support mass deportations, separating families, or detaining parents at their children's schools. In addition to the devastating human cost, mass deportations will cause significant labor shocks and drive up the cost of health care, food, and housing.

Democrats and Republicans alike oppose deporting our friends and neighbors who have been here since childhood, built their lives here and are making our communities better places to live. My thanks to the many organizations supporting Colorado's hard working immigrant families, like the Mountain Dreamers. Mountain Dreamers in Frisco, Colorado work to support immigrants and make the Colorado Dream a reality for more people in our High Country communities.

I want to especially thank their team with us today - Peter, Javier, Yerania, and Miriam.

Representative Velasco, who was born in Mexico and grew up in mobile home communities in the Vail Valley, and the Latino Caucus are leading our work on this issue, alongside the Aurora delegation, including Representative Ricks - the first African immigrant legislator - and we are so grateful to have their expertise and lived experience in the General Assembly.

Colorado will remain a safe haven from attacks on reproductive rights, voting rights, workers' rights, LGBTQ rights, personal liberty, and civil rights.

It doesn't seem all that long ago that Coloradans sent the first transgender lawmaker to the capitol. Now entering her final term, Representative Titone has served with grace and true leadership. I am thankful that Rep. Titone, along with Assistant Majority Leader Bacon, Representative Froelich, and Representative Garcia are ready to step up once again to protect Coloradans' rights and freedoms.

Colorado is primed to lead. Where there is despair, we will light the way and offer hope. We may face challenges from Washington, budget constraints, and distractions right and left, but I continue to find immense joy in doing the people's work. I know you all do as well.

So…Share YOUR story, listen to the STORIES of your colleagues and constituents, and let the stories move you, keep your word, be open with your colleagues, fight for what you believe in, be kind to all, and above all else, hold space for defying gravity.

It is my privilege to open the People's House and welcome you all to the 75th General Assembly.

Minority Leader Pugliese addressed the members of the House of Representatives:

Good morning, colleagues, friends, and most importantly, the people of Colorado who have sent us here to do your business. We are eternally grateful and honored to be here today. As we open the 75th General Assembly, we are reminded of the tremendous responsibility placed upon us as representatives.

I was talking to my children this morning, and they asked, "Mommy, why do you keep doing this job?" Using my outside voice, I said, "Because the people trusted me to be here, to be their voice."

They did not do that for just me. They did that for every single one of us in this chamber today. It is a privilege and an honor to serve our communities—all of our communities throughout the state—whether in the Western Slope, the Eastern Plains, Southern Colorado, Northern Colorado, Denver, or Colorado Springs, which I am incredibly privileged to represent. I was so blessed this summer to be the Minority Leader and travel into all of your communities, talk to people at the doors, and truly understand the issues they felt were most important for us to bring back to the legislature. I appreciate all of my members, especially those who opened their homes and doors to me so that I could meet your constituents. That was an incredible honor.

This session, the House Republicans remain steadfast in our commitment to addressing the issues that matter to Colorado families. Again, these are the issues we heard at the doors. Together, we aim to make life more affordable, protect our children and families, and expand opportunities for every Coloradan to make our state strong and vibrant.

Affordability remains at the forefront of our legislative priorities. You will hear a lot about that this session. You will see us going to the microphone to talk about the conversations we had and the work we can do together—and I do believe we can do this work together—to meaningfully improve the lives of Coloradans in all our communities.

With the rising costs of living, housing, and essentials making our families struggle, we can be champions. My caucus and I have been committed, as I am sure many of you will be this session with a budget deficit as large as ours, to protecting the Taxpayer Bill of Rights. We have all heard this, not just at our doors but in the votes of the people who have consistently chosen to protect the Taxpayer Bill of Rights in Colorado. It is our responsibility to honor the people's vote and continue to fight to protect it.

As we talk about families, we are committed—and you will hear us continuously fight—to protect Colorado's children and families. Whether advocating for safer communities, promoting parental choice in education, or ensuring parents are in control of their children's medical decisions—an issue that is very near and dear to my heart—we believe that families, whether parents, grandparents, or others raising children, are in the best position to know what their children need. We will continue to fight for the right of parents to advocate for their children in whatever setting they need to.

In our schools, we will continue to work on an education system that empowers both parents and children, strengthens our public education system, expands school choice, and ensures transparency and accountability in how taxpayer dollars are spent. Education is a constitutional obligation for this body. We have

a duty to protect public education funding, which includes charter schools. Several of us are also deeply invested in higher education and protecting that funding because it represents the future of our workforce and the key to keeping our children here in Colorado.

Regarding fees, we have had many conversations about affordability. I hope we can find bipartisan support for some of this legislation, but as a legislature, we must acknowledge the role we have played in making Colorado less affordable. It is critical to have honest discussions about fees. People are telling us at the doors that they cannot afford to raise their families here. Seniors are afraid they must leave the state because they cannot live on fixed incomes. The legislature contributed to this.

When we talk about affordable and attainable housing, the broader legislature has played a role. While I support construction defect legislation because I believe it is important, it is not the only area where the legislature impacts housing. Everyone in Colorado should have the opportunity to achieve their American dream, and yet laws we have passed are standing in their way. We will continue to propose ideas to improve the lives of people across the state.

The immigration conversation is difficult, as returning members know. These are hard conversations. On this topic, as a first-generation American, I want to share something personal. Many of you know my father came to this country at 18 with 50 cents in his pocket and a dream for a new life. He built a beautiful family and a restaurant and was committed to ensuring that immigrants could come to this country legally and be welcomed. This was a cause he championed throughout his life here.

I remain committed, as does my caucus, to ensuring a path to legal immigration so we can build a strong workforce and thriving families. It hurts my heart to hear some of the rhetoric we may encounter in this chamber because that is not the American dream.

On public safety, we are united in advocating for safer communities. We support the removal of violent illegal immigrants who harm people in our communities. This should be a bipartisan issue, and I am eager to understand differing perspectives.

When it comes to constitutional rights, I am so pleased we recently had the opportunity to discuss protecting the First Amendment with a broader audience. Protecting First Amendment rights—of every chamber member and every constituent—is a core principle. Even in difficult conversations, that is what our country was founded on. This house, the people's house, must be welcoming to all.

We reaffirm our commitment to protecting the First Amendment and the Constitution. Supporting the First Amendment means protecting it in its entirety, not selectively. We took an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States and Colorado. I know we are all committed to that, and I look forward to these conversations.

In closing, while we may have differences on both sides of the aisle, I believe every one of us has worked hard to be here. We are not here because it is easy. We are here because we have been chosen to serve.

Let us find a path forward, working together to deliver real results for the people of Colorado. The work will be hard, but I know we can succeed together. I am excited about this opportunity and grateful to be here with all of you.

Thank you, Madam Speaker, and let us get to work for the people of Colorado.

Majority Leader Duran moved that the remarks of Speaker McCluskie and Minority Leader Pugliese be printed in the House Journal.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
First Reading

The following bills were read by title and referred to the committee(s) indicated:

HB25-1001 by Representative(s) Duran and Froelich, Bacon, Boesenecker, Clifford, English, Garcia, Hamrick, Lieder, Mabrey, Martinez, Mauro, Rutinel, Sirota, Titone, Velasco, Willford, Zokaie; also Senator(s) Danielson and Kolker, Bridges, Cutter, Gonzales J., Hinrichsen, Kipp, Marchman, Michaelson Jenet, Sullivan, Weissman, Winter F.--Concerning the enforcement of wage and hour laws.
Committee on Business Affairs & Labor

HB25-1002 by Representative(s) Brown and Gilchrist, Johnson, McCormick, Winter T.; also Senator(s) Amabile and Pelton B., Simpson--Concerning the determination of health benefits coverage for mental health services.
Committee on Health & Human Services

HB25-1003 by Representative(s) Stewart R. and Brooks; also Senator(s) Cutter--Concerning a medicaid waiver program for children with complex health needs.
Committee on Health & Human Services

HB25-1004 by Representative(s) Woodrow and Mabrey--Concerning pricing coordination by landlords, and, in connection therewith, prohibiting landlords from using coordinators, prohibiting coordinators from facilitating agreements that reduce competition between landlords, and prohibiting two or more landlords from engaging in consciously parallel pricing coordination.
Committee on Business Affairs & Labor

HB25-1005 by Representative(s) McCluskie and Titone; also Senator(s) Amabile and Baisley--Concerning the creation of tax incentives to support the film festival industry.
Committee on Business Affairs & Labor

HB25-1006 by Representative(s) Lukens and Hartsook; also Senator(s) Bridges--Concerning allowing a school district to lease district property for any term of years.
Committee on Education

HB25-1007 by Representative(s) Froelich and Valdez, Boesenecker, Jodeh, Lindsay, Mauro, Soper; also Senator(s) Winter F. and Simpson, Cutter--Concerning paratransit services.
Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government

HB25-1008 by Representative(s) Bradfield and English; also Senator(s) Cutter and Michaelson Jenet, Amabile--Concerning measures to incentivize jails to provide complementary behavioral health services to persons held in custody.
Committee on Judiciary

HB25-1009 by Representative(s) Mauro; also Senator(s) Cutter--Concerning a vegetative fuel mitigation program for a district providing fire protection services.
Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources

HB25-1010 by Representative(s) Zokaie and Brown, Clifford, Garcia, Mabrey, Rutinel, Smith, Stewart R., Velasco; also Senator(s) Weissman, Gonzales J., Jaquez Lewis--Concerning a prohibition against engaging in price gouging.
Committee on Business Affairs & Labor

House in recess. House reconvened.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
First Reading

The following bills were read by title and referred to the committee(s) indicated:

HB25-1011 by Representative(s) Garcia and Sirota; also Senator(s) Kipp--Concerning requirements for child care centers owned by an institutional investment entity.
Committee on Health & Human Services

HB25-1012 by Representative(s) Marshall and Joseph; also Senator(s) Liston, Frizell, Weissman--Concerning income tax expenditures that benefit individuals engaged in military service.
Committee on Finance

HB25-1013 by Representative(s) English and Bacon, Carter, Joseph, Ricks; also Senator(s) Coleman, Exum--Concerning social visitation rights for a person confined in a correctional facility.
Committee on Judiciary

HB25-1014 by Representative(s) Johnson and Lukens; also Senator(s) Roberts and Simpson--Concerning measures to increase efficiency in division of water resources processes.
Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources

HB25-1015 by Representative(s) Mabrey and Zokaie; also Senator(s) Rodriguez--Concerning clarifying changes to ensure that bond can be posted online.
Committee on Judiciary

HB25-1016 by Representative(s) Stewart K.; also Senator(s) Michaelson Jenet--Concerning authorizing an occupational therapist to prescribe durable medical equipment.
Committee on Health & Human Services

HB25-1017 by Representative(s) Clifford and Froelich; also Senator(s) Michaelson Jenet--Concerning a community integration plan for individuals with disabilities.
Committee on Health & Human Services

HB25-1018 by Representative(s) Rydin--Concerning access to the department of labor and employment's vocational rehabilitation services.
Committee on Business Affairs & Labor

HB25-1019 by Representative(s) Sirota; also Senator(s) Hinrichsen--Concerning third-party administration of programs for persons experiencing homelessness that are overseen by the division of housing in the department of local affairs.
Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government

HB25-1020 by Representative(s) Camacho and Duran; also Senator(s) Frizell--Concerning the regulation of earned-wage access services.
Committee on Business Affairs & Labor

HB25-1021 by Representative(s) Lindstedt and Taggart; also Senator(s) Bridges--Concerning tax incentives for businesses that transition to employee-owned businesses in whole or in part.
Committee on Business Affairs & Labor

HB25-1022 by Representative(s) Espenoza and McCormick; also Senator(s) Michaelson Jenet--Concerning updating the definition of "qualified medication administration personnel" to include an individual who has passed a competency evaluation administered by the department of public health and environment before July 1, 2017.
Committee on Health & Human Services

HB25-1023 by Representative(s) Martinez; also Senator(s) Gonzales J. and Simpson, Weissman--Concerning local government review of certain fencing projects.
Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources

HB25-1024 by Representative(s) Willford; also Senator(s) Roberts--Concerning requiring a medical professional to disclose certain information to patients if the medical professional delegates medical-aesthetic services to an individual who is not a licensed health-care provider.
Committee on Health & Human Services

HB25-1025 by Representative(s) Feret; also Senator(s) Jaquez Lewis--Concerning the state stockpile of essential materials, and, in connection therewith, broadening the circumstances in which distributions from the stockpile are allowed.
Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs

HB25-1026 by Representative(s) Carter and Garcia--Concerning procedures related to the provision of health-care services to inmates, and, in connection therewith, prohibiting certain copayments and fees.
Committee on Judiciary

HB25-1027 by Representative(s) Gilchrist and Brown; also Senator(s) Daugherty--Concerning modifications to statutes governing disease control.
Committee on Health & Human Services

HB25-1028 by Representative(s) Phillips and Zokaie--Concerning modifications to the address confidentiality program.
Committee on Judiciary

HB25-1029 by Representative(s) Boesenecker, Zokaie; also Senator(s) Kipp--Concerning the scope of municipal authority over land that a municipality acquires that is outside its municipal limits.
Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government

HB25-1030 by Representative(s) Joseph; also Senator(s) Cutter and Winter F.--Concerning the requirement that certain building codes have accessibility standards that are at least as stringent as international building codes.
Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government

HB25-1031 by Representative(s) Bacon and Clifford--Concerning a prohibition on whistleblower retaliation in law enforcement.
Committee on Judiciary

HB25-1032 by Representative(s) Rutinel--Concerning improving infrastructure to reduce homelessness in Colorado.
Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government

HB25-1033 by Representative(s) Lieder--Concerning medical assistance third-party liability payments.
Committee on Health & Human Services

HB25-1034 by Representative(s) McCormick and Garcia Sander; also Senator(s) Daugherty--Concerning amendments to the dangerous dog statute.
Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources

HB25-1035 by Representative(s) Paschal--Concerning changes to the collaborative management program.
Committee on Health & Human Services

HB25-1036 by Representative(s) Velasco; also Senator(s) Danielson--Concerning the creation of a missing and murdered Indigenous relatives license plate.
Committee on Finance

HB25-1037 by Representative(s) Marshall and Soper; also Senator(s) Frizell and Mullica--Concerning a state income tax credit for a licensed teacher who is employed as a teacher in a public school on a full-time basis for at least one-half of an academic year.
Committee on Finance

HB25-1038 by Representative(s) Hamrick; also Senator(s) Marchman--Concerning the implementation of an online platform to provide students pursuing postsecondary education with information about academic credit transfers.
Committee on Education

HB25-1039 by Representative(s) Titone and Smith; also Senator(s) Roberts and Catlin--Concerning muffler requirements for commercial vehicles.
Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government

HB25-1040 by Representative(s) Valdez and Winter T.; also Senator(s) Roberts and Liston--Concerning the inclusion of nuclear energy as a source of clean energy.
Committee on Energy & Environment

HB25-1041 by Representative(s) Smith; also Senator(s) Coleman and Amabile--Concerning measures to support a student athlete in the use of their name, image, or likeness.
Committee on Education

HB25-1042 by Representative(s) Bird; also Senator(s) Daugherty--Concerning the establishment of a workforce advisory council to consider air quality control rules that impact workforce issues in affected industries.
Committee on Energy & Environment

HB25-1043 by Representative(s) Ricks, Clifford, Mabrey; also Senator(s) Exum--Concerning the protection of unit owners in relation to enforcement actions by unit owners' associations.
Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government

HB25-1044 by Representative(s) Boesenecker, Froelich, Lindsay, Mauro; also Senator(s) Winter F. and Cutter--Concerning authorization for local governments to generate additional fee-based funding for local vulnerable road user protection strategies.
Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government

HB25-1045 by Representative(s) Joseph; also Senator(s) Liston, Frizell, Mullica, Weissman--Concerning the modification of the state income tax credit for purchasing long-term care insurance.
Committee on Finance

HB25-1046 by Representative(s) Richardson; also Senator(s) Pelton R.--Concerning an increase in the maximum number of transportation planning regions.
Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government

HB25-1047 by Representative(s) Keltie; also Senator(s) Liston--Concerning persons who provide assistance with veterans' benefits claims, and, in connection therewith, establishing that certain behaviors by such persons are deceptive trade practices under the "Colorado Consumer Protection Act".
Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs

HB25-1048 by Representative(s) Marshall and Soper; also Senator(s) Mullica, Frizell, Weissman--Concerning the creation of a state tax expenditure and grant opportunity database.
Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs

HB25-1049 by Representative(s) Garcia; also Senator(s) Amabile and Gonzales J.--Concerning communication rights for persons in custody.
Committee on Judiciary

HB25-1050 by Representative(s) Garcia; also Senator(s) Amabile--Concerning an exception to the requirement that a county with a population of two thousand or more maintain its own county jail for a county that enters into an intergovernmental agreement for a multijurisdictional county jail.
Committee on Judiciary

HB25-1051 by Representative(s) Pugliese and Gonzalez R., Barron, Brooks, Caldwell, Hartsook, Johnson, Woog; also Senator(s) Pelton B.--Concerning repealing the requirement that retail establishments charge a fee for providing recycled paper carryout bags.
Committee on Energy & Environment

HB25-1052 by Representative(s) Hamrick and Taggart; also Senator(s) Kolker, Kipp, Snyder--Concerning the creation of a refundable income tax credit for qualifying public employees' retirement association retirees.
Committee on Finance

HB25-1053 by Representative(s) Mauro and Weinberg, Boesenecker, Velasco; also Senator(s) Marchman and Baisley, Cutter--Concerning limited immunity from civil liability for landowners who allow access to their property for entry and exit in connection with an emergency.
Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources

HB25-1054 by Representative(s) Boesenecker, Lindstedt; also Senator(s) Pelton R. and Gonzales J., Frizell, Michaelson Jenet--Concerning repealing the requirement that the legislative audit committee cause to be conducted performance reviews of the automobile inspection and readjustment program every five years.
Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government

HB25-1055 by Representative(s) Brooks--Concerning repealing the requirements for dealing firearms, and, in connection therewith, repealing the requirement that a dealer have a state permit and repealing requirements for dealer employees.
Committee on Business Affairs & Labor

HB25-1056 by Representative(s) Lukens and Bacon, Soper; also Senator(s) Roberts and Hinrichsen--Concerning local government permitting of wireless telecommunications facilities.
Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government

HB25-1057 by Representative(s) Duran and Weinberg, Joseph; also Senator(s) Simpson and Danielson, Roberts--Concerning the creation of the American Indian affairs interim committee.
Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs

HB25-1058 by Representative(s) Bradfield, English; also Senator(s) Michaelson Jenet, Cutter--Concerning modifications to the affirmative defense of not guilty by reason of insanity.
Committee on Judiciary

HB25-1059 by Representative(s) Weinberg; also Senator(s) Rich and Marchman, Winter F.--Concerning reducing food waste in schools.
Committee on Education

HB25-1060 by Representative(s) Soper and Clifford--Concerning the use of electronic fence detection systems.
Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government

HB25-1061 by Representative(s) Taggart and Bacon; also Senator(s) Amabile and Kirkmeyer--Concerning creating a grant program for the development of community schoolyards.
Committee on Education

HB25-1062 by Representative(s) Armagost and Duran; also Senator(s) Hinrichsen--Concerning the penalty for theft of firearms.
Committee on Judiciary

HB25-1063 by Representative(s) Hartsook and Brown; also Senator(s) Michaelson Jenet--Concerning the lawful use of crystalline polymorph psilocybin that is approved by the United States food and drug administration.
Committee on Health & Human Services

HB25-1064 by Representative(s) Winter T.; also Senator(s) Pelton R.--Concerning a prohibition on cultivated meat.
Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources

HB25-1065 by Representative(s) Barron, Brooks, Camacho, Phillips; also Senator(s) Frizell--Concerning an opt-out from jury service for certain people.
Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs

HB25-1066 by Representative(s) Weinberg; also Senator(s) Daugherty--Concerning the creation of a Colorado Eagles special license plate.
Committee on Finance

HB25-1067 by Representative(s) DeGraaf; also Senator(s) Baisley--Concerning the "Criminal Asset Forfeiture Act".
Committee on Judiciary

HB25-1068 by Representative(s) Bottoms; also Senator(s) Baisley--Concerning protections for medical malpractice insurers relating to gender-affirming care provided to minors.
Committee on Health & Human Services

HB25-1069 by Representative(s) Luck--Concerning increasing stakeholder participation in the lawmaking process through the early publishing of bills.
Committee on State, Civic, Military, and Veterans Affairs

HB25-1070 by Representative(s) Bradfield; also Senator(s) Michaelson Jenet--Concerning the conditions when electroconvulsive treatment may be performed on a minor.
Committee on Health & Human Services

HB25-1071 by Representative(s) Suckla--Concerning the distribution of state money to local governments.
Committee on Finance

HB25-1072 by Representative(s) Caldwell and Bird; also Senator(s) Pelton B.--Concerning increasing pretrial release requirements for certain criminal defendants accused of committing a violent offense.
Committee on Judiciary

HB25-1073 by Representative(s) Bradley and English--Concerning criminal sentencing for persons who commit certain types of sexual assault on a child, and, in connection therewith, requiring a mandatory minimum period of incarceration for a class 4 and a class 3 felony.
Committee on Judiciary

HB25-1074 by Representative(s) Gonzalez R., Armagost, Barron, Bradfield, Bradley, Brooks, Caldwell, DeGraaf, Hartsook, Johnson, Keltie, Pugliese, Richardson, Garcia Sander, Soper, Suckla, Taggart, Weinberg, Winter T., Woog; also Senator(s) Kirkmeyer, Baisley, Bright, Catlin, Frizell, Liston, Lundeen, Pelton B., Pelton R., Rich, Simpson--Concerning changing confinement standards for egg-laying hens whose eggs are sold.
Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources

HB25-1075 by Representative(s) Garcia Sander and Phillips, Hartsook, Velasco; also Senator(s) Kirkmeyer, Michaelson Jenet--Concerning regulation of speech-language pathology assistants.
Committee on Business Affairs & Labor

HB25-1076 by Representative(s) Boesenecker and Lindsay, Froelich, Mauro; also Senator(s) Cutter and Simpson, Winter F.--Concerning documents related to the division of motor vehicles.

Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government

HB25-1077 by Representative(s) Lieder and Ricks; also Senator(s) Roberts--Concerning requirements for individuals who work on backflow prevention devices, and, in connection therewith, removing the licensure requirement for individuals who inspect, test, or repair the devices.

Committee on Business Affairs & Labor

HB25-1078 by Representative(s) Boesenecker and Velasco, Mauro; also Senator(s) Marchman and Cutter--Concerning workforce development in natural resources, and, in connection therewith, supporting the Colorado cooperative extension service and other government and industry partners in providing career awareness, education, and internships in forest health to youth and young adults; authorizing the department of public safety to award grants for basic firefighting certifications and for instructor training and to develop a program to train instructors to teach firefighting certificate programs; and authorizing the department of public safety to develop an outreach program to promote fire service careers.

Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION

The following resolution was read by title and laid over one day under the rules:

HJR25-1002 by Representative(s) Duran, McCluskie, Pugliese; also Senator(s) Rodriguez, Coleman, Lundeen--Concerning a Joint Session of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and appointing a committee to escort the Chief Justice.

RESIGNATION

January 8, 2025

Dear Speaker McCluskie and Acting Chief Clerk Reilly:

I hereby resign from the Colorado State House of Representatives to fill an appointment to the Colorado State Senate, effective upon the convening of the House of Representatives of the 75th General Assembly on January 8, 2025.

With respect,

/signed/
Iman M. Jodeh
State Representative
House District 41

On motion of Representative Hartsook, the House adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 9, 2025.

Approved:
Julie McCluskie,
Speaker

Attest:
Vanessa Reilly,
Chief Clerk

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SEVENTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE OF COLORADO

First Regular Session

Second Legislative Day Thursday, January 9, 2025

Prayer by Father Dan Everson, Arrupe Jesuit High School, Denver.

The Speaker called the House to order at 9:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Representatives of the Veterans Caucus; Representatives Ryan Armagost, Berthoud; Scott Bottoms, Colorado Springs; Lisa Feret, Arvada; Rebecca Keltie, Colorado Springs; Matthew Martinez, Monte Vista; Christopher Richardson, Elizabeth.

The roll was called with the following result:

Present--56.
Excused--Representative(s) DeGraaf, English, Luck, McCormick, Pugliese, Ricks, Story, Woodrow--8.
Vacant--1.
Present after roll call--Representative(s) DeGraaf, English, Luck, Pugliese, Ricks, Woodrow.

The Speaker declared a quorum present.

On motion of Representative Lukens, the House Journal of Wednesday, January 8, 2025, was declared approved as corrected by the Chief Clerk.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION(S)

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(Printed and placed in members' files.)

On motion of Majority Leader Duran, the resolution was read at length and **adopted** by the following roll call vote:

YES 58	NO 0	EXCUSED 6	ABSENT 0	VACANT 1
District 41	V	Duran	Y	Luck	E	Smith	Y
Armagost	Y	English	E	Lukens	Y	Soper	Y

Bacon	Y	Espenoza	Y	Lukens	Y	Stewart K.	Y
Barron	Y	Feret	Y	Mabrey	Y	Stewart R.	Y
Bird	Y	Froelich	Y	Marshall	Y	Story	E
Boesenecker	Y	Garcia	Y	Martinez	Y	Suckla	Y
Bottoms	Y	Garcia Sander	Y	Mauro	Y	Taggart	Y
Bradfield	Y	Gilchrist	Y	McCormick	E	Titone	Y
Bradley	Y	Gonzalez	Y	Paschal	Y	Valdez	Y
Brooks	Y	Hamrick	Y	Phillips	Y	Velasco	Y
Brown	Y	Hartsook	Y	Pugliese	E	Weinberg	Y
Caldwell	Y	Johnson	Y	Richardson	Y	Willford	Y
Camacho	Y	Joseph	Y	Ricks	Y	Winter T.	Y
Carter	Y	Keltie	Y	Rutinel	Y	Woodrow	E
Clifford	Y	Lieder	Y	Rydin	Y	Woog	Y
DeGraaf	Y	Lindsay	Y	Sirota	Y	Zokaie	Y
						Speaker	Y

Co-sponsor(s) added: Representative(s) Bacon, Bird, Brown, Camacho, Clifford, Espenoza, Feret, Froelich, Joseph, Lieder, Lindsay, Lukens, Marshall, Martinez, Mauro, Phillips, Rutinel, Soper, Taggart, Titone, Velasco, Zokaie

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Speaker announced that pursuant to **HJR25-1001**, Representatives Lukens, Chair, Zokaie, and Garcia Sander would escort the Governor.

House in recess for Joint Session.

JOINT SESSION

The Joint Session was called to order by the Speaker of the House, Julie McCluskie.

On motion of Senate Majority Leader Rodriguez, the morning roll call of the Senate was made the roll call of the Joint Session.

Present--31.
Absent--1.
Vacant--3.

On motion of House Majority Leader Duran, the morning roll call of the House was made the roll call of the Joint Session. There was an objection, and the roll call for the House was updated to reflect the current roll call.

Present--62.
Excused--2.
Vacant--1.

The Speaker declared a quorum present and as is customary presented the gavel to the President of the Senate to preside over the Joint Session.

President Colman requested the Joint Committee, composed of Senators Exum, Chair, Marchman, and Liston, and Representatives Lukens, Chair, Zokaie, and Garcia Sander to escort the Honorable Jared Polis to the rostrum.

Chief Sergeant-at-Arms Stephen Rosenthal announced the arrival of the Honorable Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado.

The Joint Committee escorted the Governor to the rostrum where he addressed the Joint Session.

ADDRESS BY THE HONORABLE
Jared Polis

Welcome. I'd like to begin with a moment of silence in memory of President Jimmy Carter, whose funeral is being held today in Washington, DC. On this national day of mourning, we should all take to heart the spirit of integrity and service Jimmy Carter embodied, both as a public official and in private life. Thank you.

In Colorado, our gentle, welcoming spirit reflects our magnificent landscape. We always rise above–a beacon of freedom and opportunity– a home for innovation and ingenuity, a people of honesty and integrity.

Altitude, rising above, is part of who we are as Coloradans, from our highest point at 14,440 feet atop Mount Elbert, to our lowest elevation at 3,315 feet at the Arikaree River in Yuma County, the highest low point of any state.

Living here in Colorado and simply breathing is an act of strength, a fortification of mind and body, a constant reminder of our resolve. Altitude is the secret ingredient to our unrivaled agriculture industry–including our San Luis Valley Potatoes, grown in the largest and highest crop-producing alpine valley in the world. Assistant Minority Leader Simpson hosted us on his farm near Alamosa where I signed bipartisan laws to protect our water resources and support farmers and ranchers to adopt practices that build healthy soil and drought resilience.

Athletes from around the world come to train and compete at Colorado altitude, looking for a taste of the grit and endurance that pushes athletes and our championship teams, including the playoff-bound, Buffalo Bills bustin' Denver Broncos, to be the very best, and attracts new teams including Colorado's new National Women's Soccer League team! And also the Rockies play here.

Altitude is more than a place to put down roots, it's a path to the stars. It is the high road that makes us a mile closer to space, the epicenter of the nation's aerospace industry and military readiness, and contributes to Colorado being the proud, rightful home of Space Command.

At altitude, the sun's rays shine stronger and brighter, spotlighting our bold leadership in everything from innovative technology to the creative arts. Last year, working with Representatives Valdez, Soper, and Senator Bridges, Colorado made history, winning the coveted opportunity to establish Colorado as America's Tech Hub for quantum technology.

This year, alongside our legislative champions Speaker McCluskie, Representative Titone, Senators Amabile and Baisley, our sights are set on raising the curtain as the new home of the world-famous Sundance Film Festival, right here in Colorado.

In Colorado, good enough is NOT good enough. We aim to do more, to do better, for more people...

To improve our standard of living. To keep communities clean and safe. To increase access to housing that Coloradans can actually afford and to offer the jobs, careers, and businesses that we want, need, and deserve. To protect our wild spaces. To help every student thrive, right here, right now. To save people money on everything from groceries to health care. To show hardworking taxpayers that we respect their efforts and will be good stewards of their tax dollars.

Last year after my speech, pundits said, “Polis, as expected, underscored housing and affordability,” and “the Governor is a nerd” who loves sci-fi references. And they are right. Because what matters most to Coloradans should matter most to all of us, and that’s saving money and making all Coloradans' lives better. And yes, there are more StarTrek fans out there than you may realize.

Our values and our way of life are not dependent on who is in the White House or Congress. I refuse to allow the disagreement, division, and disorder in Washington DC to deter us in Colorado. That’s not how we roll. Members of the legislature, we can and will do better.

My principle is always: I will work with anyone and everyone when it’s good for Colorado, and I will oppose anyone and everyone, and do everything in my power to protect Colorado when it hurts our people and state. Simple.

Just as I spoke out against President Biden’s solar tariffs, I will strongly criticize President Trump’s proposed - and even worse - tariffs that would raise the costs of everything, from groceries to housing to energy and so much more.

Alongside Commissioner Greenberg and our hardworking farmers, we opened the Mexican domestic market to Colorado-grown potatoes and will fight against misguided efforts that threaten the progress we’ve made, hurt our farmers, or drive up the price of groceries.

None of us need to shy away from disagreements on policy - be it with the president of the United States or any member of our legislature. But let me be clear - there is a big difference between disagreeing with policy and attacking our democratic institutions.

In the Free State of Colorado, we will fight against any attempt to rob us of our freedom. In the Free State of Colorado, we understand what government IS, and IS NOT here to do. Government is NOT here to dictate who you love, who you marry, or if, when, and how you choose to start a family.

In the Free State of Colorado, we stand strong against baseless attacks on law-abiding Coloradans who want nothing more than to contribute to our society. In the Free State of Colorado, we protect and expand our freedoms,

tempered by the knowledge that freedom demands personal responsibility and accountability. And we know the only way to continue to climb higher is together.

Regardless of what happens in Washington DC, we will keep our eye on the ball, on what matters most to Coloradans: affordability, livability, sustainability.

Much like our iconic aspen groves - among the largest living organisms in the world - we know what appears on the surface to stand alone is often interconnected by roots that run deep. The same holds true of our vision for Colorado's future.

It is a future in which Coloradans live in safe, vibrant communities, in homes we can afford, near transit hubs and job centers, with clean air to breathe, fresh water to drink, and high-quality, affordable health care.

On the surface, these priorities may appear to stand alone. But by digging a little deeper, we can see the roots that connect our climate goals, our transit goals, our health care goals, and our affordability goals. Just like our beautiful aspen trees, or an even larger organism– a mycorrhizal fungi network – or wood-wide web.

Last year, we took real and meaningful steps to deliver more housing and reduce costs, and I want to thank you for coming together to allow housing supply to finally start catching up with demand, while cutting property taxes and lowering the residential property tax rate thanks to the work of Speaker McCluskie, Minority Leader Pugliese, and Senators Kirkmeyer and Frizell.

From giving Coloradans more freedom to build Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on their property thanks to the work of Senators Amabile, Exum, Mullica, and Representative Weinberg, to expanding housing near transit and job centers tackled by Representative Woodrow, and Senators Jodeh, and Winter, eliminating discriminatory occupancy limits passed by

Representative Rutinel and Senator Gonzales, and getting rid of parking requirements above and beyond what people want or need thanks to the work of Representative Woodrow and Senator Hinrichsen. With these policies, we are making it easier to build housing supply that's inherently affordable and filling critical gaps in communities where the needs are greatest to help power our economy.

In Colorado, we say "Yes!" to more housing! "Yes" to unlocking prosperity! "Yes" to opportunity for Coloradans at every budget!

To narrow the gap between supply and demand, we must continue to expand choices, speed up timelines, and reduce costs for new housing to come on the market.

We are looking to do this in three key ways: working with Senator Bridges and Senator Exum to lean into innovation and streamline the process for modular housing options to be built faster and at lower cost; working with Representatives Boesenecker and Woodrow to empower builders to build smart stair apartments or homes; and, alongside Representatives Boesenecker and Mabrey, and Senator Gonzales, allowing faith based and educational partners to use land they have to build housing we need.

We are already seeing faith leaders step up to be a part of Colorado's housing future, including at Solid Rock Christian Center in Colorado Springs, now home to 77 affordable multi-family units on church land. Today, we are joined by Pastor Ben Anderson, here today from Colorado Springs, thank you for your leadership and we are excited to see these efforts replicated across the state.

Rather than force developers to build massive one-size-fits-all apartments that take up entire city blocks, let's instead empower them to build apartments or homes that fit the neighborhood through smart stair reform.

To unlock housing supply, we need to allow more housing Coloradans want. This includes condos, which often start at a lower price point, providing more affordable homeownership, and with it, the foundation for wealth building, and building a nest egg for financial security.

And yet in Colorado, we've had a major decline in condo construction. Before 2008, condos made up nearly 20% of new home starts in Colorado, dropping to 5% now. In 2005 there were nearly 3,000 condos on the market under $400,000, and last year, there were only 22.

In the past, this conversation about meaningful condo liability reforms that balance homeowner protections, de-risk the market, and allow for more condos to be built and sold has been stifled on both sides. Let's turn the page and have a real dialogue about what is preventing condos from being built, and solve for it. I know we can get this done in a way that protects homeowners' rights when there is a defect, but makes it less expensive and cumbersome for builders of all kinds to start projects and deliver housing.

Let's commit today to work together, side-by-side, with Representative Bird and President Coleman already leading the way, to make condo ownership more available to more people – starting now!

We are also seeing - in Colorado and across the country - skyrocketing homeowners insurance rates. I hear from Coloradans across our state who either can't find coverage to begin with or who are getting priced out of the coverage they have. And the rising cost of insurance isn't relegated to homeowners alone. It gets passed on to renters, too.

Just as Lord of the Rings fans know that one does not simply walk into Mordor, one does not simply fix homeowners insurance. Many factors contribute to the soaring cost. But we need to start somewhere, and we need to start now.

Today, I'm calling for needed reforms to tackle the high cost of homeowners insurance and expand access so that every homeowner can get the insurance they need and learn more about ways to reduce their rates. Thank you to Speaker McCluskie, Representatives Titone and Brown, Senator Amabile, and Assistant Majority Leader Cutter for taking this on, helping to deal with the largest cost drivers like hail and fire, and looking at risk reduction efforts that can lower costs for everyone. And as we address climate-induced costs like rising homeowners insurance, we are also focused on giving Coloradans more options to get where we need to go.

Transportation congestion isn't just annoying – it's a leading source of pollution, and by expanding public transit and rail options, we can save people time and money on daily commutes and improve air quality.

We won key federal funding and made a $90 million downpayment for passenger rail expansion on the front range. We secured a framework for the Moffat Tunnel lease to put us on track for Mountain Rail Service.

Thanks to the steps we've taken, starting today, January 9th, the Winter Park Express will run five days a week, at lower cost, from Denver's Union Station to Winter Park Resort, with tickets as low as $19 for adults and under $10 for kids. While we're not yet to the point where Scotty can beam us up to Craig, with the support of Speaker McCluskie, Senator Roberts, and Representative Lukens, we are well on our way to offering affordable, reliable, convenient, and–dare I say–fun daily service between Denver and Granby in 2026, and then on to Craig.

Last year, we brought together Colorado's leading oil and gas producers and environmental advocates - people who rarely see eye to eye - and with the support of Speaker McCluskie, Assistant Majority Leader Cutter, and Representative Velasco, reached a historic agreement that will boost Colorado from 42nd in the nation for state transit funding to 23rd.

These steps move us closer to our vision of a Colorado where you can step out your door and choose from a variety of affordable, convenient, and reliable ways to get where you want to go while cutting down on pollution and traffic.

To make this vision into a reality, it takes all of us working together – state, regional, and local partners. My administration has sought to partner with RTD and support RTD with new funding from new laws, but we continue to also push for better governance, more budget transparency and accountability, and ultimately, a district that is laser focused on getting more people where they need to go.

I believe we all share the goal of increasing ridership. Having an A+ transit agency for Colorado's largest metropolitan area is absolutely critical to meet the needs of a growing and dynamic state, but while we trust, we must also verify. Thank you to Senator Winter, Representatives Froelich and Lindstedt for continuing to lead this important effort.

We hear from local and regional partners around the state - in rural and urban communities - about the need to improve and add bus and train stations to ensure riders can safely and easily get where they need to go. We look forward to using innovative financing tools at the state level to help meet this need and encourage new stations to help local partners boost ridership.

Our housing and transit goals go hand in hand with our climate goals and our affordability goals. More, better, less expensive transit options, with housing closer to job centers and transit hubs, save money and mean less pollution and less congestion.

As they say in the Mandalorian - "this is the way." The way to build a clean energy future, to tap into low cost clean energy, protect Coloradans from volatile price swings of natural gas, save people money, and create jobs.

We're working with local governments to end costly permitting delays and automate processing of rooftop solar and other clean energy applications. These fixes will reduce lag time, allowing local governments to focus on other priorities, and make it easier for Coloradans and businesses to buy low-cost clean energy.

We are also working with Representative Joseph on a bill that will help more Coloradans save money and reduce pollution with financing for energy efficiency improvements in their homes, which can then be paid back over time from savings on utility bills.

And while we welcome help from Washington, DC to accelerate our transition to better transit and a clean energy future, Colorado will continue to lead the way to tackle climate change and pollution, with or without federal support. We are the masters of our own destiny.

Our bold climate action protects that which makes Colorado special: our incredible quality of life, our air, water, and iconic wild spaces. Thanks to the steps we're taking together, including last year with Senate Bill-230, starting next year we will have over $50 million more to preserve our public lands and wildlife.

And we continue to find new and innovative ways to support our thriving outdoor recreation sector that contributes over $36 billion and over 400,000 jobs to our economy each year. This includes looking at new funding streams for the care and preservation of our great outdoors, building on the success of the Keep Colorado Wild pass, which cut the cost of entry to Colorado's amazing 43 State parks, and expanded access for all Coloradans.

Since my days in Congress, and in my time as Governor, I have focused on making government more efficient. Simple ideas like eliminating the penny would save hundreds of millions of dollars. Here in Colorado, digitizing services - like we've done with the myColorado app - and making DMV and tax services more easily available to people, helps make government more efficient, accessible, and responsive.

We have recruited the best and brightest from the private sector to work on digitizing government through Colorado Digital Services, a national model. We're working with Senator Weissman to drive efficiency and close tax loopholes. And just a few weeks ago, I sawed through 208 old executive orders--some going back over a century–cutting down, quite literally, on needless bureaucracy. Continuing this work to reduce unnecessary laws and regulations requires your help.

I urge the legislature, in partnership with the Colorado Chamber, Majority Leader Rodriguez, and Minority Leader Lundeen to take a good look at Colorado's laws and regulations and honestly question whether they are adequately balancing consumer protection, health, and safety, while minimizing red tape and reducing costs for the private sector and for Coloradans. As you make your review, I encourage thinking about what more could be done to unleash small businesses and drive economic growth.

We all have a role to play to foster a healthy business environment that works for everyone. This includes protecting business certainty and keeping our economy competitive while also ensuring good wages and opportunities for all Coloradans.

It means engaging in good faith with those you may not agree with on sticky issues, hearing one another's concerns, and making changes when and where possible, knowing that just because you can pursue a costly and divisive fight doesn't mean you should.

In the words of Taylor Swift, "I think I've seen this film before, and I didn't like the ending." Together, we can take steps to keep Colorado the best place to live, work, and do business.

We are working with Majority Leader Duran and Representative Froelich to strengthen our wage theft laws in an effective way to ensure workers are paid the money they are owed for the work they do. It is also now time to address the way local minimum and tipped wage credit works to ensure restaurants - so important to the fabric of our communities - can thrive across our state and all workers – including those in both the front and back of the house – can earn a good wage.

The Labor Peace Act in Colorado has a long history. Since its inception in 1943, the Act has provided a pathway to require workers to have mandatory dues deducted from their paychecks via a second election. In fact, business interests and organized labor have worked together to preserve this compromise by blocking efforts to move Colorado to become a right-to-work state – something I strongly oppose. In that same spirit of collaboration, my ask is that if there are any efforts to reform the Labor Peace Act, they include support of both workers and businesses to avoid the rancorous fights of the past.

If there is a possible agreement to change the status quo that has served to avoid significant disputes for more than eighty years, let's work together to find it.

This year, we are navigating a return to tighter budget conditions thanks to lower inflation and increasing healthcare costs.

The balanced budget I've put forth includes thoughtful proposals that pair meaningful cuts with new enterprises; the conversion of Pinnacol to better support workers for the future; and targeted, high-impact investments to improve public safety, fully fund our schools, and protect our social safety net.

I want to thank the JBC for their leadership and for partnering with us to do the difficult work of making cuts while thinking creatively about how to avoid bad outcomes. This is going to be hard, so hug a JBC member if you see them.

We look forward to working together with you to ensure that even and especially in light of the tough budgetary environment we find ourselves in, we will continue to put the needs of Coloradans first.

Nothing communicates genuine quality of life better than a safe and secure community. Three years ago, I established the bold goal of making Colorado one of the ten safest states in the country. And we got right to work.

Democrats and Republicans came together to pass a common-sense, data-driven public safety plan to crack down on crime and prevent it from happening in the first place. These targeted investments are making a real difference, and from 2023 to the same period in 2024, crime rates dropped in almost every category: Almost 20,000 fewer property crimes - down 15%; 21 fewer homicides - down 9%; Nearly 8,000 fewer car thefts - a 26% decrease!

Last year, I called on the legislature to empower the Colorado Bureau of Investigation to crack down on illegal firearm activity. Together, we added a stronger law sponsored by Senator Sullivan, Majority Leader Duran, and Representative Froelich, that has resulted in 62 illegal firearms seized in the

past four months alone, making our streets, neighborhoods and communities safer. But to make Colorado the frontrunner in public safety, there's more work ahead.

This includes boosting Colorado's emergency dispatch system to ensure our brave and dedicated first responders can get where they're needed without delay. It includes working with Representative Armagost and Majority Leader Duran to strengthen the penalty for theft of a firearm, regardless of market value.

And while crime rates are down statewide, one area in need of improvement is preventing and reducing youth crime. That is why my budget calls for additional support to prevent crime from happening, expanded resources for youth, and increased bed capacity at the Division of Youth Services, so young adults who do enter the criminal justice system can get back on track and avoid becoming repeat offenders. Under my new proposal, youth offenders who are currently being sent all over the state will be able to stay closer to home and get the support they need faster.

Our commitment to public safety extends to all who call our state home - people and animals alike. Livestock theft is unfortunately not a thing of the past, and we are committed to holding cattle rustlers accountable. With local sheriffs and the Brand Board leading the way, I directed our leaders at the Department of Agriculture and Department of Public Safety to coordinate and provide additional support and work closely with local law enforcement to use the full extent of the law to catch and convict wrongdoers.

We will continue to support our ranchers, and, I am glad National Western moved the stock show parade back today so I can speak for another hour.

Safer communities are more humane communities and we should also create and enforce tougher penalties to crack down on illegal wildlife trafficking, which is often linked to other crimes like gun, drug, and human trafficking.

Our partners in law enforcement play a key role in making Colorado safer, and I am proud that today we are joined by Arapahoe County Sheriff Tyler Brown, La Plata County Sheriff Sean Smith, Moffat County Sheriff KC Hume, Prowers County Sheriff Sam Zordel, Summit County Sheriff Jaime FitzSimons, Aurora Police Chief Todd Chamberlain, Arvada Police Chief Ed Brady, and leaders from Colorado State Patrol. Thank you for being here and for your commitment to keeping Colorado safe.

This election, voters made their voices heard with support for stronger public safety measures, including support for crime victims, investing in law enforcement to help attract and retain quality police officers, and providing more certainty in sentencing for the most serious offenses.

I want to thank and congratulate Majority Leader Duran and Representative Froelich, for their leadership on Proposition KK, which will bring valuable support for victims services, school safety, and behavioral health, including for our brave and dedicated veterans. Thank you to all of the veterans here with us today.

I'm also confident that, thanks to the action of the voters passing Proposition 130, we'll be able to better fund law enforcement, with $350 million in support for hiring, retention, and training.

Our brave and dedicated police officers give their time, talent, and tragically sometimes their lives to keep our communities safe. Proposition 130 also provides financial support for the families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. We now have the opportunity to implement this as quickly as possible to ensure no family of a law enforcement officer lost in the line of duty needs to worry about their needs being met. And we can work together to ensure that the family of Golden Officer Evan Dunn, who was tragically killed in the line of duty on November 6, receives this support that was passed the day before his death.

We are joined today by Golden Chief of Police Joe Harvey and Officer Dunn's widow, Annalise. Annalise, we extend to you our deepest condolences. Thank you for being with us today.

It is now our role and responsibility to implement the will of the voters.

In addition to funding for public safety, this election, Coloradans voted in favor of a number of measures and– whether you agree with them or not – it is now our responsibility to implement those measures in good faith with fidelity to voter intent.

Coloradans voted to establish a veterinary professional associate - like a PA for humans - to help fill workforce shortages and expand access to quality veterinary care. The State Board of Veterinary Medicine will implement this measure and fulfill the will of the voters while ensuring high standards of protection for animals and consumers. And we encourage you to share any input you have with the board.

Coloradans also voted overwhelmingly to enshrine fundamental freedoms into our Constitution and ensure the state of Colorado remains free, no matter what. This includes a ballot measure to take hate out of our Constitution and allow our legislature to protect the right to marry who you love. And to protect the fundamental right for a woman to make her own reproductive healthcare choices including abortion.

We have an obligation to the people we serve to implement their will, and where necessary – and only where necessary – pass implementing legislation consistent with the spirit that those measures were passed.

In Colorado, we have zero tolerance for those who commit violent crimes whether they are American citizens or not.

I hope that President-elect Trump and Congress work together quickly to secure the border, stop human trafficking, and stop the illegal flow of guns and drugs, and we welcome more federal help to detain and deport dangerous criminals. I also hope that Congress finally provides legal pathways to citizenship for Dreamers and those who seek to come out of the shadows to help make Colorado greater.

But, Colorado will not support efforts to deport American citizens, target those on pending legal status, or break up families, creating orphans of American children whose parents are alive and who came to this country to build a better life for their families.

We will stay true to the core values upon which this country was built: opening the door of freedom and opportunity for all.

We will support businesses who follow state laws to make sure that they can continue to retain their employees who are doing work that is critical to our economy – whether in agriculture, construction, service, or industry. This is both the moral thing to do, and it is key to our economic success.

Take Sofia, whose name we've changed for her safety. Sofia is a nurse who works day in and day out to provide critical health care to patients. She is a DACA recipient and has been in Colorado for over 20 years.

Please take a look at the gallery. You will notice an empty seat. We are not joined by Sofia today because of the grim reality that Sofia and many other immigrants who enrich our communities and strengthen our economy are living in fear.

Those who are following our laws and contributing to our economy deserve the opportunity to live the American dream and make Colorado an even more amazing place. Genuine opportunity is all about being able to start a good life and earn a living. It's about making ends meet and still having enough leftover to pursue your dreams. It's about having a clear path to prosperity.

That is why I am focused on saving people money on the biggest cost drivers for Coloradans: housing, and transportation, and yes, health care.

One of my first actions as Governor was to create the Office of Saving People Money on Health Care, led by our fabulous Lieutenant Governor Dianne Primavera, because we have been serious about lowering the cost of living for Coloradans from day one.

We've made lifesaving progress: capping the price of insulin, passing bipartisan reinsurance that has reduced rates by nearly 25%, the landmark Colorado Option and nation-leading price transparency legislation. But there is more to be done.

Robert Redford, University of Colorado attendee and founder of the world-renowned Sundance Film festival... wisely observed, "problems can become opportunities when the right people come together."

We will continue to call on the FDA to approve our prescription drug importation plan. We don't always find ourselves on the same side of an issue as Florida. But as the only two states taking much-needed and long overdue steps to cut the costs of prescription drugs by importing them from Canada, our patience wears thin for the FDA slow walking our well-qualified application to import lower cost prescription drugs.

We can and we should take additional steps to save people money on prescription drugs, which is why I support the work of Senators Rich and Michaelson-Jenet to protect and expand prescription drug discounts to better serve our most vulnerable.

And we've learned through our nation-leading policies to increase hospital price transparency that Coloradans and employers are still paying far too much for hospital services.

While Coloradans with commercial insurance are paying nearly three times what Medicare pays for hospital services, our safety net providers such as Clinica Family Health and Wellness, Marillac Health in Grand Junction, Denver Health, and Pueblo Community Health Center are being left behind.

Now is the time for us, alongside Representative Brown and Senator Bridges, to take real action to deal with excessive hospital prices while also protecting our safety net. Together, we can prevent costs from going up and "Defying Gravity."

A few months ago, I had the honor of delivering a Colorado kid the one millionth book given free of charge through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. As famous Wyoming rancher RuPaul says, "reading is fun-damental."

Reading helps young people cultivate their dreams - dreams that grow as they grow. The path from dreams to skills to prosperous careers in the fields that inspire us is worth fighting for, and that's what we're doing in Colorado.

Last year, thanks to Representative Sirota and the voters, the first class of universal preschool saved families an average of $6,100, springboarding Colorado from 27th to 7th in the nation for preschool enrollment.

Beyond the family savings and learning benefits, new research shows that universal preschool drives economic mobility. On average, parents who enroll their kids in universal preschool earn 20% more than parents without access to universal preschool, and long-term studies show the kids will do better too when they grow up.

Thanks to Speaker McCluskie, Minority Leader Lundeen, and Assistant Majority Leader Bacon, we also created a new school finance formula that focuses on students – not systems. Our task going forward is to now implement that formula, ensuring that schools serving students who are English language learners or who come from poverty receive the resources needed to help students succeed.

But we must ensure the gains we have made are sustainable. Colorado is an outlier when it comes to school funding – with our current system funding based on students who were enrolled four years ago. We are talking about counting students that attended nearly half a decade ago! To fully fund our new school finance formula and ensure we never have to go back to a budget stabilization factor, we have to start funding students where they are in their schools today in ways tailored to individual needs. It is past time to eliminate this antiquated system that funds empty chairs rather than actual students.

And, we have a responsibility to guarantee every Colorado student has access to a quality education. This requires creating innovative pathways for students and schools to succeed; no excuses, no exceptions.

Today, tragically, there are "education deserts" – as President Coleman calls them – in Colorado where 90% of students - around 22 in a class of 25 - are behind grade level in math and reading. That is unacceptable.

We need to clear the way for these students to get back on track by making it easier for high quality and innovative schools to start and operate in Colorado, supporting students whether in a traditional district or a charter school, and giving parents the ability to choose the best option for their kids.

And there are great examples of what works! Global Village Academy North in Thornton serves over 50% low income students, and over 80% of 8th graders are at grade level or above in reading, and over 90% in writing. Yes, we CAN do it. This school is changing lives for the better, and we are thrilled Head of School Nicole Wetzel and Principal Chelsea Byrd are here with us today.

And there is more to be done to make achievement like this the norm for district schools, innovation schools, and charter schools, because every student means every student.

As a state we are firmly focused on winning the future. And we are putting the tools in place to do so: including making the first two years of higher education free for many Colorado students thanks to Representatives Bird and Taggart, and Senator Kirkmeyer.

This year, I have the honor of serving as Chair of the bipartisan National Governors Association. My Chair's Initiative, Let's Get Ready: Educating All Americans for Success, is all about preparing students for real life and our economy for real success. We're looking at how we can best ensure learners develop the skills and talents they need to succeed in today and tomorrow's job market.

Our mission is to learn how to better measure success so we can expand and scale what works, and change or adjust what doesn't.

This is one of many ways I am partnering with governors - both Democrats and Republicans, from states across the country - to tackle the challenges and embrace the opportunities that cross state lines and unify us as a nation.

That means stepping up to support one another. We are sending critical firefighting resources including Multi Mission Aircraft, fire engines, and firefighters to California as they face devastating fires. In Colorado we are unfortunately no stranger to wildfires, and we work better together in our times of need. Every step of the way, we take lessons and inspiration from the breathtaking nature around us.

The thin bark of the Lodgepole Pine is quickly burnt when wildfire strikes. But instead of destroying the trees, fire melts a resin that seals shut the cones. When the resin melts, the seeds open and spread, returning life to the burn scar.

This is the perspective - finding opportunity in obstacles - that I am taking with me as we drive progress and prosperity - as we climb higher - in the year ahead.

Nearly 130 years ago, Katharine Lee Bates wrote the iconic words of "America the Beautiful," from atop Pikes Peak. Pikes Peak remains a national treasure today, and I am excited that Colorado Parks and Wildlife is partnering to better care for and expand recreational opportunities on America's peak.

Nearly a century and a half later, Colorado continues to lead and inspire. Next year, we will celebrate our great State's 150th birthday, the same year America celebrates our 250th birthday.

Over the last 150 years, we have faced trials and tests. We have weathered challenges and risen above, always coming out on the side of freedom.

In the Free State of Colorado, it's your body, it's your marriage, it's your choice.

In the Free State of Colorado, diversity is a strength, not a threat.

In the Free State of Colorado, we open the door to opportunity, to abundance, to prosperity. This is a Colorado for All.

This is the State of our State: Strong, Prosperous, Free. Always striving to Climb Higher. Now let's get to work, and let's get it done. Thank you. God bless you all, God bless Colorado, God bless the United States of America.

The Joint Committee escorted the Governor from the Chamber.

On motion of House Majority Leader Duran, the Governor's message was ordered printed in the House Journal.

On motion of Senate Majority Leader Rodriguez, the Joint Session was dissolved.

House reconvened.

PRINTING REPORT

The Chief Clerk reports the following bills been correctly printed:
HB25-1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1024, 1025, 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030, 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036, 1037, 1038, 1039, 1040, 1041, 1042, 1043, 1044, 1045, 1046, 1047, 1048, 1049, 1050, 1051, 1052, 1053, 1054, 1055, 1056, 1057, 1058, 1059, 1060, 1061, 1062, 1063, 1064, 1065, 1066, 1067, 1068, 1069, 1070, 1071, 1072, 1073, 1074, 1075, 1076, 1077, 1078.

SIGNING OF BILLS - RESOLUTIONS - MEMORIALS

The Speaker has signed: **SJR25-001**.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE SENATE

The Senate has adopted and transmits herewith: **SJR25-002.**

The Senate has adopted and returns herewith: **HJR25-1001**.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were read by title and laid over one day under the rules:

HR25-1002 by Representative(s) Hamrick, Duran--Concerning employees and positions for the House of Representatives convened in the First Regular Session of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly.

SJR25-002 by Senator(s) Rodriguez, Coleman, Lundeen; also Representative(s) Hamrick, Duran--Concerning the officers and employees of the First Regular Session of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly.

House in recess. House reconvened.

REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Pursuant to House Rule 53(d)(2), the following is a list of members participating remotely in the proceedings of the House: Representatives Caldwell, DeGraaf.

On motion of Majority Leader Duran, the House adjourned until 9:30 a.m., Friday, January 10, 2024.

Approved:
Julie McCluskie,
Speaker

Attest:
Vanessa Reilly,
Chief Clerk

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SEVENTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE OF COLORADO

First Regular Session

Third Legislative Day Friday, January 10, 2025

Prayer by Del Farris, State Capitol Minister, Denver.

The Speaker called the House to order at 9:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Emery Cox, Three Creeks Elementary; Everett Cox, Happy Valley Pre School, Arvada.

The roll was called with the following result:

Present--56.
Excused--Representative(s) Bacon, Carter, English, Mauro, McCormick, Richardson, Ricks, Story--8.
Vacant--1.
Present after roll call--Representative(s) Bacon, Carter, English, Richardson, Ricks.

The Speaker declared a quorum present.

On motion of Representative Lukens, the House Journal of Thursday, January 9, 2025, was declared approved as corrected by the Chief Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Speaker announced that pursuant to **HJR25-1002**, Representatives Mabrey, Chair, Gilchrist, and Richardson would escort the Chief Justice.

LAY OVER OF CALENDAR ITEM(S)

On motion of Majority Leader Duran, the following item(s) on the Calendar were laid over until Monday, January 13, 2025, retaining place on Calendar:

Consideration of Resolution(s)--**HR25-1002, SJR25-002**.

House in recess for Joint Session.

JOINT SESSION

The Joint Session was called to order by the Speaker of the House, Julie McCluskie.

On motion of Senate Majority Leader Rodriguez, the morning roll call of the Senate was made the roll call of the Joint Session.

Present--28.
Absent--4.
Vacant--3.

On motion of House Majority Leader Duran, the morning roll call of the House was made the roll call of the Joint Session.

Present--61.
Excused--3.
Vacant--1.

The Speaker declared a quorum present and as is customary presented the gavel to the President of the Senate to preside over the Joint Session.

President Coleman requested the Joint Committee, composed of Senators Daugherty, Chair, Weissman, and Bright, and Representatives Mabrey, Chair, Gilchrist, and Richardson to escort the Honorable Monica M. Marquez to the rostrum.

Chief Sergeant-at-Arms Stephen Rosenthal announced the arrival of the Honorable Monica M. Marquez, Chief Justice of the State of Colorado.

The Joint Committee escorted the Chief Justice to the rostrum where she addressed the Joint Session.

ADDRESS BY THE HONORABLE
Chief Justice Monica M. Marquez

Speaker McCluskie, Senate President Coleman, distinguished members of the House of Representatives and Senate.

Fourteen years ago, I stood in the old Supreme Court chambers at the other end of this beautiful building and took the oath of office as the supreme court's newest justice. I was 41 years old, and fresh from the Colorado Attorney General's Office. Back then, virtual court proceedings did not exist. None of my colleagues had ever heard of Zoom. We were holding oral arguments in a converted Starbucks on the first floor of the Denver Post building because the Ralph Carr Center was just a hole in the ground. And I was a lot less gray.

Speaking as a kid who grew up in Grand Junction and who never in a million years would have dreamed it was possible: It is an honor to stand before you today as Colorado's newest chief justice. For those who are curious, I'm the state's third female chief justice; its second chief to hail from the western slope; and the first Latina to serve in this role. I'm grateful to have my family here: my parents, Lorenzo and Cherry Márquez, my sister Christine Márquez and her husband Andrew Hudson, my niece Julia, and my spouse of 26 years, Sheila Barthel.

The Márquez family roots run deep in the Antonito area of the San Luis Valley. This past fall, we were in the Valley for a Márquez family reunion. Sitting around the campfire, I heard stories about our family roots tracing back more than 11 generations through land that is now southern Colorado and northern New Mexico. I heard about several Pueblo Indian grandmothers who married into the family. I also heard lots of tales about my great-great grandmother, Juanita Ortega, who lived among the Apache at some point in her life and homesteaded in the mountains near Las Mesitas. Grandma Ortega, like all our abuelitas, stood about this high. But she was larger than life. She was known in the Valley as one fierce mujer and a darn good shot, as some would-be cattle thieves found out one night when (according to family legend) one of them lost the hat right off his head.

I am grateful for my San Luis Valley and western slope roots. Those roots have anchored me and our family with a deep love for this State and a rich family tradition of public service. That rural Colorado upbringing has given me the strength to show up and give 110% every day, even when the work is hard and unforgiving. I bring that perspective and those values to my work as a justice and to my role as chief.

Our courts serve the people of Colorado in every county in the state, including the front range and the eastern plains—communities with widely varying needs and resources. The Department has around 4,000 employees, including approximately 400 judges and magistrates. We handle well over half a million cases every year and supervise around 65,000 individuals on probation. When people think about the court system, most probably think about our criminal dockets. But our judges make thousands of weighty decisions every day in civil matters that affect families, children, businesses, local communities -- even water and the environment.

We do not control our workload. We have to be ready for everything that comes in the door. The most precious resource we have is time – time to properly handle all the cases that come our way. Time to resolve disputes consistent with the law, including the statutory deadlines and procedures established by the General Assembly. The work we do is difficult, and it takes a toll. Every day, our judges, court staff, and probation officers encounter people from all walks of life who are navigating the worst experiences of their lives – whether it involves addiction, a mental health crisis, divorce, a bitter custody dispute, an eviction, life-altering injuries from an accident, or the trauma of a violent crime. Our employees are compassionate and mission-driven. Our people view their work at Judicial not as a job, but as a calling to serve their communities; they strive to treat every person they encounter with dignity and respect. It is an honor to serve with them. But right now, we need some relief. We need additional judicial officers in several district and county courts around the state to ensure that Colorado families and businesses receive timely justice.

The past five years have been a uniquely challenging period for the Branch. The pivot to virtual proceedings, budget cuts, and intense public scrutiny have made this journey especially difficult, as those who know me best have seen up close. (Sheila likes to joke, usually at 5am when my hair is sticking out and I am standing in the kitchen with my cup of coffee in one hand, squinting at work email on my phone, “I wish the world could see just how glamorous it is to be a supreme court justice.”)

Unfortunately, our jobs have been made more challenging in recent years by declining courtroom civility, virtual courtroom disruptors, polarizing rhetoric, and threats to our security.

In just the last 13 months, we have had a fatal shooting just outside the courthouse in Colorado Springs; a gunman who shot his way into the Ralph Carr building and set a fire in the office tower; a defendant who died by suicide at the Lindsey Flanagan Courthouse in Denver; a bomb threat at the Alamosa courthouse; and a spate of death threats against judges around the state. This is the reality for our judicial officers and court staff. Colorado is not alone; this is an issue across the country and the topic of an upcoming conference of the nation's chief justices.

Compounding this already difficult live environment, our virtual courtrooms across the state have been the targets of coordinated attacks by courtroom disruptors – individuals who sneak into virtual courtrooms, sometimes posing as actual parties or witnesses, and hijack the proceedings by screaming racial epithets at litigants and judges, and streaming pornographic, racist, or violent video. I have heard directly from several judges about the mental and emotional impact these nearly daily attacks have had on them and their staff. Virtual proceedings have now become a regular feature of our courts, and we have to be able to provide a safe and neutral courtroom environment for litigants, judges, staff, and the public. Our challenge is the business meeting platform we quickly pivoted to during the pandemic, was never designed to function as a digital courtroom. Our need for a true digital courtroom solution is a fundamental question of public safety. We thank the Joint Budget Committee for authorizing emergency funding to issue an RFP for this project. We will be asking for the legislature's help this year to improve physical security for our judges and staff, and we look forward to selecting and implementing a digital courtroom solution appropriately tailored to the work of our courts.

The last five years have also brought an influx of new people and new leaders throughout the Branch. Much of our core work force (judicial clerks and probation officers) has joined the Branch within the last five years. More than 50% of our judges were appointed in 2020 or later. And roughly 80% of our chief judges have been in their leadership roles for only a handful of years.

This transformation of the Department has presented a fertile environment for the seeds of our Workplace Culture Initiative to take root.

Our Workplace Culture Initiative is grounded in new Mission, Vision, and Values statements developed by employees and district leaders across the state at every level of the Department. These anchoring principles reflect who we are, what we do, and the organization we strive to be.

I have been especially excited to see our Branch values come to life through the work we do each day.

Our problem-solving courts around the state are wonderful examples of our commitment to innovative approaches that assist veterans and people with substance abuse issues or competency challenges stay out of the criminal justice system. By collaborating with treatment providers and other community partners our judges can find solutions that best serve the entire community, including families who may need support caring for a loved one. These programs represent the good we can do when judicial officers have the necessary time to address the specific needs of a given case. Innovative

programs like these change people's lives, reduce recidivism, and ultimately save the state money by tapping into federal benefits and avoiding the costs of incarceration.

Our internship pipeline programs with local colleges are helping us to fill our critical need for court interpreters. And our warrant clearance events assist people in clearing old outstanding warrants. This kind of meaningful community engagement helps promote trust and faith in our courts.

We are fostering equal access to justice through our new Licensed Legal Paraprofessionals (LLPs). These individuals are authorized to handle relatively simple domestic relations matters and can assist litigants who could use help from a professional but who cannot afford an attorney. We appreciate your help last legislative session passing a bill recognizing the professional status of LLPs.

Last year we launched a Magistrate Wellness and Support Committee (chaired by Chief Judges Michelle Amico and Susan Blanco) to be more inclusive of these judicial officers. This new committee is looking holistically at the work of our magistrates and developing recommendations regarding recruitment, training, leave support/wellbeing, evaluations, and supervision.

Our commitment to acting with integrity and transparency is reflected in the completely revamped Chief Justice Directive 95-01, which sets forth the responsibilities of our chief judges. This year we are developing evaluation processes for chief judges so that employees can provide meaningful feedback on their work as district leaders. My goal is to develop a similar process to provide feedback to the chief justice as well.

Conversations about our values are starting to happen organically. During a recent legislative review training session, a group of over 50 employees at the State Court Administrator's Office spent an hour discussing how our values as an organization should be reflected in our review of legislation and our interactions with legislators, legislative staff, and stakeholders. These kinds of conversations are happening all across the Branch now, and it is influencing how we interact and work – including with all of you.

We will further cultivate our mission, vision, and values by incorporating these principles and workplace expectations into the recruitment, onboarding, and training of our new employees and judges. We have created a statewide Training Committee to better align the training needs of our employees with the offerings provided by State Court Administrator's Office and our peer training specialists. And we plan to develop the next generation of judicial education so that our judges receive robust training when they first take the bench or when they take on a new docket. I want to ensure that our judges are fully equipped to hit the ground running, and that parties and the public have confidence in the work of our courts. We anticipate reaching out for stakeholder input as part of this development.

These investments are critical because the work we do can be life-altering. Just this week, one of our probation officers in the 18th Judicial District received an email from a probationer expressing his gratitude:

You've not only helped me meet the conditions of my probation, but you also shaped me into the man I never thought I could become. . . .Through your guidance, I've learned to set goals for myself, build discipline, build better

relationships, and approach life with a sense of purpose. . . .You were more than just my probation officer – you were a coach, a motivator, and sometimes even a tough-love mentor who always had my best interest at heart. You saw potential in me when I couldn't see it in myself and you helped me turn that potential into reality. . . .I promise to honor the work we've done together by continuing to grow and make choices that reflect the man I've become. . . .I'll never forget you or the impact you've had on my life. Thank you . . . for believing in me and helping me believe in myself.

Over the last few years, we have done a great deal of internal reflection and review. We are following through on Chief Justice Boatright's promise to get this right. Our meaningful investments are paying off, and I am confident we are moving in the right direction. We are shifting from a state of perpetual reaction to one of thoughtful and proactive planning for our future.

That future, however, requires additional resources. To be specific, it requires additional judges to address the growing workload and docket delays in county and district courts. I want to thank Senators Dylan Roberts and Lisa Frizell for recognizing this need and introducing SB 25-024, our request for new judges.

The state is absorbing hundreds of domestic violence cases following Aurora's announcement that it will no longer prosecute domestic violence cases in municipal court. Virtual proceedings are placing more demands on judge and staff time. Several legislative reforms have expanded the opportunities for parents and children to be heard in child welfare cases, added opportunities to seal criminal records; created opportunities for tenants to be heard in evictions; mandated the use of body cameras, which creates significant additional evidence that must be reviewed in many cases. These changes create appropriate additional protections for litigants; but implementation of these protections necessarily adds to our judges' workload.

Too many of our judges are routinely working nights and weekends, unable to take time off to attend training, or take care of sick family members, let alone tend to their own health. For judges in the jurisdictions targeted in the bill, the current situation is unsustainable. We cannot ask judges day in and day out to make consequential decisions impacting peoples lives when they are running on empty tanks. In recognition of the budget realities this year, our judge request does not seek to fully staff our courts; it would merely provide some relief to those districts with the greatest need.

This request is ultimately about ensuring that the people of Colorado receive timely, fair, and wise resolution of their cases. It is also about helping our judges keep their heads above water. We are starting to lose judges who are choosing to leave because the workload is unsustainable. We are also seeing an alarming drop off in applications for our judge vacancies, even in our metro areas. Although we are actively working on outreach and recruitment, the current trends do not bode well for the future of our judiciary, or our state. What our judges need is hope – hope that relief is coming. I ask for your support in providing that relief.

As I have hinted, the past 5 years have been a real crucible – but we have emerged stronger and better. My colleagues are all magnificently intelligent, warm, compassionate, funny, and dedicated public servants.

Brian Boatright is perhaps the kindest leader I've ever worked with. He never brings attention to himself, and he overflows with integrity. If he borrows anything from you, returns it them in better condition than when he took them. Justice Boatright deserves enormous credit for leading the Branch through some very difficult times. We are all better for his quiet, humble, and courageous leadership.

You're as likely to see Will Hood at a Nuggets game or the movie theater as you are in the hallways of the Ralph Carr Center. Justice Hood is a devoted sports fan and a film buff. He's a champion when it comes to seeing all sides to a situation, and his journalism background makes him a pithy writer. He's also perpetually hungry, so we all keep plenty of snacks on hand to keep him fed.

Don't let Richard Gabriel's dress shirts and cufflinks fool you. Yes, he has a formal side to his personality, but he cares deeply about individuals — he is always the first person to offer support, congratulations, and words of encouragement. He is a champion of civility and professionalism. He also moonlights as a professional trumpeter and can totally hold his own in any nightclub.

Melissa Hart brings intellect, passion, and energy to everything she does. She is fearless; willing to ask the hard questions and push us to have difficult and honest conversations. Justice Hart is as genuine and authentic as anyone I know. She cares deeply about access to justice, routinely takes on hard projects, and importantly, she gets things done.

Carlos Samour brings his rich trial court experience to our discussions. Although he gives off a serious vibe, he definitely has a sense of humor, as reflected by the giant poster of the movie My Cousin Vinny in his chambers. Justice Samour loves to fold pop culture references into his writing, and he's secretly devoted to his two little dogs, Nacho Libre and Tres Leches. He's also a Starbucks addict.

Underestimate Maria at your own peril. She is a master of finding the hidden connections, patterns, and areas of opportunity. She warm and generous, extremely curious, and brings a beginner's mind to situations that are new to her. On the other hand, beware; her BS detector is extremely well tuned. Lucky for us (and especially Justice Hood), she loves to mother us all with her excellent cooking.

Cheryl has more experience at the supreme court than any of the justices. Actually, more than all of us combined, I think. As the clerk of court, she is utterly reliable. She keeps the trains running on time and has always thought through every detail of everything. Twice. Her conscientiousness has saved us from making any number of embarrassing mistakes. She is an avid runner and a devoted mother.

Judge Jeff Pilkington is the chief judge in the 1st Judicial District and one of our new co-chairs of the chief judge council. Although initially a skeptic, Judge Pilkington has become one of the greatest champions of our Workplace Culture Initiative. I can also count on him to call out every typo or grammatical error in a chief justice directive. We are fortunate to have his leadership and vision.

Judge Susan Blanco is the chief in the 8th Judicial District and the other new co-chair of the chief judge council. She is allergic to the word "no." She is creative, innovative, and always questions the why. She always takes on more than her fair share of the work, and she always delivers. In her relatively short time as a chief judge, she has become a leader among chief judges around the state.

Steven Vasconcellos is our State Court Administrator. He has literally grown up in the Branch and his career path has given him a unique perspective. He has both strategic vision, but also engage in the day-to-day details. He's reliable, trustworthy, and a Formula 1 superfan, the kind that gets up at 3am to watch races live halfway around the globe. He tries unsuccessfully to hide his nerdiness.

Andy Rottman is Counsel to the Chief Justice. He has served now under four different chiefs, and his wealth of experience and institutional history is invaluable. Andy is one of the unsung heroes of the Branch. I do not know a more competent, honest, or dedicated public servant. He never cracks a smile, but I'm working on trying to get him to laugh, at least once, during my tenure as chief.

In closing, the past few years have taught me that the rule of law is so precious, and fragile. The independence of our judiciary is so precious – and fragile. Both are critical to our democratic system of government, which ultimately depends on the individuals who occupy these positions of leadership; people who choose to wield their power fairly and justly.

I am grateful and honored to be a public servant in a state where our leaders fulfill that promise every day in the work that they do. I'm grateful and honored to serve as your chief justice, and to work alongside an army of incredible judicial officers who make brave and consequential decisions every day that affect the lives of all Coloradans. My 4,000 colleagues across the Branch work tirelessly and with distinction, fairness, and integrity -- each and every day. Please assist us as we carry out our mission. Our ability to deliver timely justice to Colorado's families and businesses is crucial to sustaining the public's trust in our courts.

Thank you.

The Joint Committee escorted the Chief Justice from the Chamber.

On motion of House Majority Leader Duran, the Chief Justice's message was ordered printed in the House Journal.

On motion of Senate Majority Leader Rodriguez, the Joint Session was dissolved.

House reconvened.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE SENATE

The Senate has adopted and returns herewith: **HJR25-1002**.

On motion of Majority Leader Duran, the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, January 13, 2025.

Approved:
Julie McCluskie,
Speaker

Attest:
Vanessa Reilly,
Chief Clerk

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SEVENTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE OF COLORADO

First Regular Session

Sixth Legislative Day Monday, January 13, 2025

Prayer by Reverend Brad Meuli, Denver Rescue Mission, Denver.

The Speaker called the House to order at 10:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Representative Carlos Barron, Fort Lupton.

The roll was called with the following result:

Present--61.
Excused--Representative(s) English, Joseph, Marshall--3.
Vacant--1.
Present after roll call--Representative(s) Joseph, Marshall.

The Speaker declared a quorum present.

On motion of Representative Barron, the House Journal of Friday, January 10, 2025, was declared approved as corrected by the Chief Clerk.

House in recess. House reconvened.

(Note: On Monday, January 13, 2025 at 9:47 a.m., Tammy Story was sworn in as Representative for District 25. Representative Story was certified by the Secretary of State as the duly elected Representative for District 25 on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. Speaker Julie McCluskie administered the oath of office in the Chamber of the House of Representatives.)

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION(S)

HR25-1002 by Representative(s) Hamrick, Duran–Concerning employees and positions for the House of Representatives convened in the First Regular Session of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly.

(Printed and placed in members' files.)

On motion of Representative Hamrick, the resolution **adopted** by the following roll call vote:

YES 63	NO 0	EXCUSED 1		ABSENT 0		VACANT 1	
District 41	V	Duran	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Smith	Y
Armagost	Y	English	E	Luck	Y	Soper	Y
Bacon	Y	Espenoza	Y	Lukens	Y	Stewart K.	Y
Barron	Y	Feret	Y	Mabrey	Y	Stewart R.	Y
Bird	Y	Froelich	Y	Marshall	Y	Story	Y
Boesenecker	Y	Garcia	Y	Martinez	Y	Suckla	Y
Bottoms	Y	Garcia Sander	Y	Mauro	Y	Taggart	Y
Bradfield	Y	Gilchrist	Y	McCormick	Y	Titone	Y
Bradley	Y	Gonzalez R.	Y	Paschal	Y	Valdez	Y
Brooks	Y	Hamrick	Y	Phillips	Y	Velasco	Y
Brown	Y	Hartsook	Y	Pugliese	Y	Weinberg	Y
Caldwell	Y	Johnson	Y	Richardson	Y	Willford	Y
Camacho	Y	Joseph	Y	Ricks	Y	Winter T.	Y
Carter	Y	Keltie	Y	Rutinel	Y	Woodrow	Y
Clifford	Y	Lieder	Y	Rydin	Y	Woog	Y
DeGraaf	Y	Lindsay	Y	Sirota	Y	Zokaie	Y
						Speaker	Y

Co-sponsor(s) added: Representative(s) Bacon, Bird, Boesenecker, Brooks, Brown, Caldwell, Camacho, Carter, Clifford, Espenoza, Garcia, Garcia Sander, Gilchrist, Hartsook, Joseph, Lieder, Lindsay, Lindstedt, Lukens, Marshall, Martinez, Mauro, McCormick, Paschal, Phillips, Pugliese, Ricks, Rutinel, Sirota, Soper, Stewart K., Stewart R., Story, Taggart, Titone, Valdez, Velasco, Weinberg, Willford, Winter T., Woodrow, Woog, Speaker

SJR25-002 by Senator(s) Rodriguez, Coleman, Lundeen; also Representative(s) Hamrick, Duran–Concerning the officers and employees of the First Regular Session of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly.

(Printed and placed in members' files.)

Amendment No. 1, by Representative Hamrick:

Amend engrossed joint resolution, page 1, after line 10 insert:

"1 Senior Advisor to the Secretary . . . . . 160SES".

YES 63	NO 0	EXCUSED 1		ABSENT 0		VACANT 1	
District 41	V	Duran	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Smith	Y
Armagost	Y	English	E	Luck	Y	Soper	Y
Bacon	Y	Espenoza	Y	Lukens	Y	Stewart K.	Y
Barron	Y	Feret	Y	Mabrey	Y	Stewart R.	Y
Bird	Y	Froelich	Y	Marshall	Y	Story	Y
Boesenecker	Y	Garcia	Y	Martinez	Y	Suckla	Y
Bottoms	Y	Garcia Sander	Y	Mauro	Y	Taggart	Y
Bradfield	Y	Gilchrist	Y	McCormick	Y	Titone	Y
Bradley	Y	Gonzalez R.	Y	Paschal	Y	Valdez	Y
Brooks	Y	Hamrick	Y	Phillips	Y	Velasco	Y
Brown	Y	Hartsook	Y	Pugliese	Y	Weinberg	Y
Caldwell	Y	Johnson	Y	Richardson	Y	Willford	Y
Camacho	Y	Joseph	Y	Ricks	Y	Winter T.	Y

Carter	Y	Keltie	Y	Rutinel	Y	Woodrow	Y
Clifford	Y	Lieder	Y	Rydin	Y	Woog	Y
DeGraaf	Y	Lindsay	Y	Sirota	Y	Zokaie	Y
						Speaker	Y

On motion of Representative Hamrick, the resolution, as amended, was **adopted** by the following roll call vote:

YES 63	NO 0	EXCUSED 1		ABSENT 0		VACANT 1	
District 41	V	Duran	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Smith	Y
Armagost	Y	English	E	Luck	Y	Soper	Y
Bacon	Y	Espenoza	Y	Lukens	Y	Stewart K.	Y
Barron	Y	Feret	Y	Mabrey	Y	Stewart R.	Y
Bird	Y	Froelich	Y	Marshall	Y	Story	Y
Boesenecker	Y	Garcia	Y	Martinez	Y	Suckla	Y
Bottoms	Y	Garcia Sander	Y	Mauro	Y	Taggart	Y
Bradfield	Y	Gilchrist	Y	McCormick	Y	Titone	Y
Bradley	Y	Gonzalez R.	Y	Paschal	Y	Valdez	Y
Brooks	Y	Hamrick	Y	Phillips	Y	Velasco	Y
Brown	Y	Hartsook	Y	Pugliese	Y	Weinberg	Y
Caldwell	Y	Johnson	Y	Richardson	Y	Willford	Y
Camacho	Y	Joseph	Y	Ricks	Y	Winter T.	Y
Carter	Y	Keltie	Y	Rutinel	Y	Woodrow	Y
Clifford	Y	Lieder	Y	Rydin	Y	Woog	Y
DeGraaf	Y	Lindsay	Y	Sirota	Y	Zokaie	Y
						Speaker	Y

Co-sponsor(s) added: Representative(s) Bacon, Brown, Camacho, Clifford, Espenoza, Gilchrist, Joseph, Lieder, Lindsay, Marshall, Martinez, Paschal, Phillips, Stewart R., Story, Titone, Velasco, Willford, Woodrow, Speaker

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JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

HOUSE SERVICES
4 House: Representatives Eliza Hamrick, Monica Duran, Yaron Weinberg, Rick Taggart

WORKPLACE HARASSMENT
6 House: Representatives Jennifer Bacon, Karen McCormick, Matthew Martinez, Ryan Armagost, Mary Bradfield, Lori Garcia Sander

STATUTORY REVISION
4 House: Representatives Michael Carter, Cecelia Espenoza, Stephanie Luck, Brandi Bradley

The following Committee appointments require a recorded vote:

LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
4 House: Representatives Jenny Willford, William Lindstedt, Max Brooks, Jarvis Caldwell

On motion of Majority Leader Duran, the appointments to the Legislative Audit Committee were confirmed by the following roll call vote:

YES 63	NO 0	EXCUSED 1		ABSENT 0		VACANT 1	
District 41	V	Duran	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Smith	Y
Armagost	Y	English	E	Luck	Y	Soper	Y
Bacon	Y	Espenoza	Y	Lukens	Y	Stewart K.	Y
Barron	Y	Feret	Y	Mabrey	Y	Stewart R.	Y
Bird	Y	Froelich	Y	Marshall	Y	Story	Y
Boesenecker	Y	Garcia	Y	Martinez	Y	Suckla	Y
Bottoms	Y	Garcia Sander	Y	Mauro	Y	Taggart	Y
Bradfield	Y	Gilchrist	Y	McCormick	Y	Titone	Y
Bradley	Y	Gonzalez R.	Y	Paschal	Y	Valdez	Y
Brooks	Y	Hamrick	Y	Phillips	Y	Velasco	Y
Brown	Y	Hartsook	Y	Pugliese	Y	Weinberg	Y
Caldwell	Y	Johnson	Y	Richardson	Y	Willford	Y
Camacho	Y	Joseph	Y	Ricks	Y	Winter T.	Y
Carter	Y	Keltie	Y	Rutinel	Y	Woodrow	Y
Clifford	Y	Lieder	Y	Rydin	Y	Woog	Y
DeGraaf	Y	Lindsay	Y	Sirota	Y	Zokaie	Y
						Speaker	Y

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

7 House: Representatives Andrew Boesenecker, Matthew Martinez, Meghan Lukens, Steven Woodrow, Rose Pugliese, Anthony Hartsook, Ryan Armagost

On motion of Majority Leader Duran, the appointments to the Legislative Council Committee were confirmed by the following roll call vote:

YES 63	NO 0	EXCUSED 1		ABSENT 0		VACANT 1	
District 41	V	Duran	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Smith	Y
Armagost	Y	English	E	Luck	Y	Soper	Y
Bacon	Y	Espenoza	Y	Lukens	Y	Stewart K.	Y
Barron	Y	Feret	Y	Mabrey	Y	Stewart R.	Y
Bird	Y	Froelich	Y	Marshall	Y	Story	Y
Boesenecker	Y	Garcia	Y	Martinez	Y	Suckla	Y
Bottoms	Y	Garcia Sander	Y	Mauro	Y	Taggart	Y
Bradfield	Y	Gilchrist	Y	McCormick	Y	Titone	Y
Bradley	Y	Gonzalez R.	Y	Paschal	Y	Valdez	Y
Brooks	Y	Hamrick	Y	Phillips	Y	Velasco	Y
Brown	Y	Hartsook	Y	Pugliese	Y	Weinberg	Y
Caldwell	Y	Johnson	Y	Richardson	Y	Willford	Y
Camacho	Y	Joseph	Y	Ricks	Y	Winter T.	Y
Carter	Y	Keltie	Y	Rutinel	Y	Woodrow	Y
Clifford	Y	Lieder	Y	Rydin	Y	Woog	Y
DeGraaf	Y	Lindsay	Y	Sirota	Y	Zokaie	Y
						Speaker	Y

LEGAL SERVICES

5 House: Representatives Javier Mabrey, Junie Joseph, Sean Camacho, Matt Soper, Stephanie Luck

On motion of Majority Leader Duran, the appointments to the Legal Services Committee were confirmed by the following roll call vote:

YES 63	NO 0	EXCUSED 1		ABSENT 0		VACANT 1	
District 41	V	Duran	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Smith	Y
Armagost	Y	English	E	Luck	Y	Soper	Y
Bacon	Y	Espenoza	Y	Lukens	Y	Stewart K.	Y
Barron	Y	Feret	Y	Mabrey	Y	Stewart R.	Y
Bird	Y	Froelich	Y	Marshall	Y	Story	Y
Boesenecker	Y	Garcia	Y	Martinez	Y	Suckla	Y
Bottoms	Y	Garcia Sander	Y	Mauro	Y	Taggart	Y
Bradfield	Y	Gilchrist	Y	McCormick	Y	Titone	Y
Bradley	Y	Gonzalez R.	Y	Paschal	Y	Valdez	Y
Brooks	Y	Hamrick	Y	Phillips	Y	Velasco	Y
Brown	Y	Hartsook	Y	Pugliese	Y	Weinberg	Y
Caldwell	Y	Johnson	Y	Richardson	Y	Willford	Y
Camacho	Y	Joseph	Y	Ricks	Y	Winter T.	Y
Carter	Y	Keltie	Y	Rutinel	Y	Woodrow	Y
Clifford	Y	Lieder	Y	Rydin	Y	Woog	Y
DeGraaf	Y	Lindsay	Y	Sirota	Y	Zokaie	Y
						Speaker	Y

House in recess. House reconvened.

SIGNING OF BILLS - RESOLUTIONS - MEMORIALS

The Speaker has signed: **HJR25-1001, 1002; HR25-1001, 1002**.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
First Reading

The following bills were read by title and referred to the committee(s) indicated:

HB25-1079 by Representative(s) Story--Concerning the scope of the independent ethics commission's jurisdiction over ethics complaints against local governments, and, in connection therewith, expanding the independent ethics commission's jurisdiction to include school districts and special districts.
Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government

HB25-1080 by Representative(s) Lukens and Soper, Bacon; also Senator(s) Hinrichsen--Concerning measures to incentivize the deployment of wireless telephone infrastructure in the state.
Committee on Business Affairs & Labor

HB25-1081 by Representative(s) Martinez; also Senator(s) Weissman--Concerning reporting statistics on restitution payments.
Committee on Judiciary

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions read by title and laid over one day under the rules:

HJR25-1003 by Representative(s) Stewart K. and Suckla; also Senator(s) Danielson and Simpson--Concerning a Joint Session of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from Representatives of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Tribal Council and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Council, and, in connection therewith, appointing a committee to escort the Tribal Representatives.

HJR25-1004 by Representative(s) McCormick and Winter T.; also Senator(s) Roberts and Simpson--Concerning approval of water project revolving fund eligibility lists administered by the Colorado water resources and power development authority.

Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources

On motion of Majority Leader Duran, the House adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2024.

Approved:
Julie McCluskie,
Speaker

Attest:
Vanessa Reilly,
Chief Clerk

HOUSE JOURNAL

SEVENTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE OF COLORADO

First Regular Session

Seventh Legislative Day Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Prayer by Father Dan Everson, Arrupe Jesuit High School, Denver.

The Speaker *pro tempore* called the House to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Representative Carlos Barron, Fort Lupton.

The roll was called with the following result:

Present--53.
Excused--Representative(s) Bacon, Bradley, Carter, English, Garcia, Lindsay, McCluskie, Ricks, Soper, Story, Winter--11.
Vacant--1.
Present after roll call--Representative(s) Bacon, Bradley, Garcia, Lindsay, McCluskie, Ricks, Soper, Story, Winter.

The Speaker *pro tempore* declared a quorum present.

On motion of Representative Barron, the House Journal of Monday, January 13, 2025, was declared approved as corrected by the Chief Clerk.

APPOINTMENT(S)

The Speaker *pro tempore* announced the following temporary committee appointment(s) for Tuesday, January 14, 2025 only:

Health and Human Services

Representative Lukens to replace Representative English.

LAY OVER OF CALENDAR ITEM(S)

On motion of Majority Leader Duran, the following item(s) on the Calendar was laid over until Wednesday, January 15, 2025, retaining place on Calendar:

Consideration of Resolution(s)--**HJR25-1003**.

House in recess. House reconvened.

REPORT(S) OF COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB25-1016 be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation.

HB25-1022 be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation.

HB25-1033 be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation.

HB25-1063 be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation.

PRINTING REPORT

The Chief Clerk reports the following bills have been correctly printed: **HB25-1079, 1080, 1081.**

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE SENATE

The Senate has adopted and transmits herewith: **SJR25-003.**

The Senate voted to concur in House amendments to **SJR25-002**, and repassed the resolution as amended.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL
First Reading

The following bill was read by title and referred to the committee indicated:

HB25-1082 by Representative(s) Weinberg and Brown; also Senator(s) Pelton R. and Michaelson Jenet, Bridges--Concerning authorizing certain individuals to complete actions related to death certificates.

Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION

The following resolution was read by title and laid over one day under the rules:

SJR25-003 by Senator(s) Coleman; also Representative(s) McCluskie--Concerning the appointment of members to the Colorado commission on uniform state laws.

On motion of Majority Leader Duran, the House adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 15, 2025.

Approved:
Julie McCluskie,
Speaker

Attest:
Vanessa Reilly,
Chief Clerk

HOUSE JOURNAL

SEVENTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE OF COLORADO

First Regular Session

Eighth Legislative Day Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Prayer by Reverend Dr. Cynthia Cearley, Retired, Denver.

The Speaker called the House to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Representative Carlos Barron, Fort Lupton.

The roll was called with the following result:

Present--57.
Excused--Representative(s) Bacon, Duran, English, Garcia, Soper, Valdez, Willford--7.
Vacant--1.
Present after roll call--Representative(s) Bacon, English, Soper, Valdez, Willford.

The Speaker declared a quorum present.

On motion of Representative Barron, the House Journal of Tuesday, January 14, 2025, was declared approved as corrected by the Chief Clerk.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION(S)

HJR25-1003 by Representative(s) Stewart K. and Suckla; also Senator(s) Danielson and Simpson–Concerning a Joint Session of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from Representatives of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Tribal Council and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Council, and, in connection therewith, appointing a committee to escort the Tribal Representatives.

(Laid Over from January 14, 2025.)

(Printed and placed in members' files.)

Amendment No. 1, by Representative Stewart K.:

Amend printed joint resolution, page 1, line 3, strike "of Ignacio," and substitute "near Ignacio,".

Page 2, line 1, strike "Capote," and substitute "Kaputa,".

Page 2, line 4, strike "Ute Nations" and substitute "Nuuchiu".

Page 2, line 18, strike "Tribe".

Page 2, line 19, strike "Indian Tribe".

YES 59	NO 0	EXCUSED 5		ABSENT 0		VACANT 1	
District 41	V	Duran	E	Lindstedt	Y	Smith	Y
Armagost	Y	English	E	Luck	Y	Soper	Y
Bacon	Y	Espenoza	Y	Lukens	Y	Stewart K.	Y
Barron	Y	Feret	Y	Mabrey	Y	Stewart R.	Y
Bird	Y	Froelich	Y	Marshall	E	Story	Y
Boesenecker	Y	Garcia	E	Martinez	Y	Suckla	Y
Bottoms	Y	Garcia Sander	Y	Mauro	Y	Taggart	Y
Bradfield	Y	Gilchrist	Y	McCormick	Y	Titone	Y
Bradley	Y	Gonzalez R.	Y	Paschal	Y	Valdez	Y
Brooks	Y	Hamrick	Y	Phillips	Y	Velasco	Y
Brown	Y	Hartsook	Y	Pugliese	Y	Weinberg	Y
Caldwell	Y	Johnson	Y	Richardson	Y	Willford	E
Camacho	Y	Joseph	Y	Ricks	Y	Winter T.	Y
Carter	Y	Keltie	Y	Rutinel	Y	Woodrow	Y
Clifford	Y	Lieder	Y	Rydin	Y	Woog	Y
DeGraaf	Y	Lindsay	Y	Sirota	Y	Zokaie	Y
						Speaker	Y

On motion of Representative Stewart K., the resolution, as amended, was read at length and **adopted** by the following roll call vote:

YES 60	NO 0	EXCUSED 4		ABSENT 0		VACANT 1	
District 41	V	Duran	E	Lindstedt	Y	Smith	Y
Armagost	Y	English	Y	Luck	Y	Soper	Y
Bacon	Y	Espenoza	Y	Lukens	Y	Stewart K.	Y
Barron	Y	Feret	Y	Mabrey	Y	Stewart R.	Y
Bird	Y	Froelich	Y	Marshall	E	Story	Y
Boesenecker	Y	Garcia	E	Martinez	Y	Suckla	Y
Bottoms	Y	Garcia Sander	Y	Mauro	Y	Taggart	Y
Bradfield	Y	Gilchrist	Y	McCormick	Y	Titone	Y
Bradley	Y	Gonzalez R.	Y	Paschal	Y	Valdez	Y
Brooks	Y	Hamrick	Y	Phillips	Y	Velasco	Y
Brown	Y	Hartsook	Y	Pugliese	Y	Weinberg	Y
Caldwell	Y	Johnson	Y	Richardson	Y	Willford	E
Camacho	Y	Joseph	Y	Ricks	Y	Winter T.	Y
Carter	Y	Keltie	Y	Rutinel	Y	Woodrow	Y
Clifford	Y	Lieder	Y	Rydin	Y	Woog	Y
DeGraaf	Y	Lindsay	Y	Sirota	Y	Zokaie	Y
						Speaker	Y

Co-sponsor(s) added: Representative(s) Armagost, Bacon, Barron, Bird, Boesenecker, Bottoms, Bradfield, Bradley, Brooks, Brown, Caldwell, Camacho, Carter, Clifford, DeGraaf, English, Espenoza, Froelich, Garcia Sander, Gilchrist, Gonzalez R., Hamrick, Hartsook, Johnson, Joseph, Keltie, Lieder, Lindsay, Lindstedt, Luck, Lukens, Mabrey, Martinez, Mauro, McCormick, Paschal, Phillips, Pugliese, Richardson, Ricks, Rutinel, Rydin, Sirota, Smith, Soper, Stewart R., Story, Titone, Valdez, Velasco, Weinberg, Winter T., Woodrow, Woog, Zokaie

SJR25-003 by Senator(s) Coleman; also Representative(s) McCluskie–Concerning the appointment of members to the Colorado commission on uniform state laws.

(Printed and placed in members' files.)

On motion of Speaker McCluskie, the resolution was **adopted** by the following roll call vote:

YES 60	NO 0	EXCUSED 4		ABSENT 0		VACANT 1	
District 41	V	Duran	E	Lindstedt	Y	Smith	Y
Armagost	Y	English	Y	Luck	Y	Soper	Y
Bacon	Y	Espenoza	Y	Lukens	Y	Stewart K.	Y
Barron	Y	Feret	Y	Mabrey	Y	Stewart R.	Y
Bird	Y	Froelich	Y	Marshall	E	Story	Y
Boesenecker	Y	Garcia	E	Martinez	Y	Suckla	Y
Bottoms	Y	Garcia Sander	Y	Mauro	Y	Taggart	Y
Bradfield	Y	Gilchrist	Y	McCormick	Y	Titone	Y
Bradley	Y	Gonzalez R.	Y	Paschal	Y	Valdez	Y
Brooks	Y	Hamrick	Y	Phillips	Y	Velasco	Y
Brown	Y	Hartsook	Y	Pugliese	Y	Weinberg	Y
Caldwell	Y	Johnson	Y	Richardson	Y	Willford	E
Camacho	Y	Joseph	Y	Ricks	Y	Winter T.	Y
Carter	Y	Keltie	Y	Rutinel	Y	Woodrow	Y
Clifford	Y	Lieder	Y	Rydin	Y	Woog	Y
DeGraaf	Y	Lindsay	Y	Sirota	Y	Zokaie	Y
						Speaker	Y

Co-sponsor(s) added: Representative(s) Bacon, Bradfield, Camacho, English, Espenoza, Feret, Hartsook, Joseph, Lindstedt, Phillips, Pugliese, Soper, Stewart R., Titone, Zokaie

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House in recess. House reconvened.

PRINTING REPORT

The Chief Clerk reports the following bill has been correctly printed: **HB25-1082.**

SIGNING OF BILLS - RESOLUTIONS - MEMORIALS

The Speaker has signed: **SJR25-002**.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

I certify I received the following on the 14th day of January, 2025, at 10:37 a.m. The original is on file in the records of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly.

Vanessa Reilly,
Chief Clerk of the House

January 13, 2025

The Colorado General Assembly
First Regular Session, 75th General Assembly
State Capitol
200 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Members of the General Assembly:

This clemency report is submitted to the General Assembly as required under Article IV, Section 7, of the Colorado Constitution. I am attaching copies of the twenty-six (26) Executive Orders granting clemency in 2024 and accompanying letters sent to recipients. These orders and letters were made available to the public at the time they were issued.

See Press Release, Governor Jared Polis, Governor Polis Announces Clemency for 26 Individuals (Jan. 20, 2024), at https://www.colorado.gov/governor/news/governor-polis-announces-clemency-26-individuals.

After the adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 74th General Assembly, I granted twenty-two (22) pardons and four (4) sentence commutations on December 20, 2024.

The following people were granted pardons:

- Mary Arneson for the 1997 convictions of Theft - More Than $400 But Less Than $15,000, Theft - More Than $100 But Less Than $400 in Arapahoe County, for the 1998 conviction of Check Fraud - Account Closed in Jefferson County, and for the 2002 conviction of Theft - $500 - $15,000 in Arapahoe County;
- Cheryl Mohan-Athey for the 2005 conviction of Controlled Substance - Distribute Schedule III in Jefferson County;
- Isaac Badgerow for the 1994 conviction of Criminal Attempt - Specified Felonies in Jefferson County and the 1995 conviction of Use of Schedule I or II - Controlled Substance in Jefferson County;
- Wayne Balis for the 1994 conviction of Theft - More Than $400 But Less Than $15,000 in Routt County;
- Johnny Bishop for the 1998 conviction of Theft - More Than $500 But Less Than $15,000 in Larimer County;
- Rachel Byers for the 2005 conviction of Controlled Substance - Possess Schedule II - Over 1 Gram in Denver County, for the 2006 convictions of Controlled Substance Possess Schedule II - 1 Gram or Less and Vehicular Eluding in Jefferson County, and for the 2007 conviction of Controlled Substance - Distribute Schedule II - Attempt in Garfield County;
- Jeffrey Davies for the 1986 conviction of Marijuana Concentrate Distribution in Larimer County and for the 1987 conviction of Possession of More Than 1 Oz. But Less Than 8 Oz. in Larimer County;

- Darrell Drewer for the 1991 conviction of Distribution of a Controlled Substance - Schedule II in Weld County;
- Kent Frisbie for the 1991 conviction of Narcotics - Common Nuisance - Use or Sale in Larimer County;
- Shawn Gilley for the 2014 conviction of Controlled Substance - False or Forged Order in Adams County;
- Buck Glanz for the 2011 conviction of COCCA - Pattern of Racketeering in Jefferson County;
- Gregory Gordon for the 2011 conviction of Controlled Substance - Conspiracy to Distribute or Manufacture Schedule I in Jefferson County;
- Tyler Green for the 1996 conviction of Indecent Exposure in Teller County and the 1997 conviction of Possession/Sale Schedule I or II Controlled Substance - Possession Schedule II in El Paso County;
- Randy Guthridge for the 1984 conviction of Family Offense - Non-Support of Child/Spouse in El Paso County;
- Christopher Hall for the 2001 conviction of False Info Pawnbroker - Ownership in El Paso County, for the 2002 convictions of Theft - $500 - $15,000, 1st Degree Trespass - Auto - W/Intent to Commit Crime, and 2nd Degree Burglary - Of Dwelling in El Paso County;
- Ryan Hanscom for the 2013 convictions of 2nd Degree Aggravated Motor Vehicle Theft - $1,000 - $20,0000 - Attempt and Criminal Mischief - Under $500 in El Paso County;
- Michael Lovette II for the 2012 conviction of Theft/Receiving - $1,000 - $20,000 in El Paso County and for the 2013 conviction of Theft - Under $500 in El Paso County;
- Steve Salazar for the 1998 conviction of 1st Degree Trespass - Dwelling in Montrose County;
- Brian Valish for the 1992 convictions of 2nd Degree Burglary and Theft in Arapahoe County;
- Steven Venable for the 1997 conviction of Controlled Substance - Obtained by Fraud in Larimer County;
- Ronnie West Jr. for the 1996 conviction of Criminal Conspiracy in El Paso County; and
- Mark Young for the 1986 conviction of 3rd Degree Trespassing and Assault - Menacing in Douglas County.

The following people were granted sentence commutations:

- Victor Clark was given a new parole eligibility date of January 15, 2030, for the 2012 convictions of Aggravated Robbery - Possess Real/Simulated Weapon (five counts), Aggravated Robbery - Possess Real/Simulated Weapon - Conspiracy, and Tampering with Victim/Witness in El Paso County;
- Travis Colvin was given a new parole eligibility date of January 15, 2028, for the 1988 convictions of Sexual Assault 1st Degree, Criminal Attempt - 1st Degree Murder, Aggravated Motor Vehicle Theft Greater Than $15,000, Aggravated Robbery, 1st Degree Assault, 1st Degree Burglary, and 3rd Degree Assault in Arapahoe County;
- Rudy Giron was given a new parole eligibility date of January 15, 2033, for the 1994 conviction of 1st Degree Murder in Denver County; and

- Ronald Janoushek was given a new parole eligibility date of January 15, 2033, for the 1993 conviction of 1st Degree Murder in Adams County.

Please feel free to contact the Governor's Office should you have any questions regarding the clemency process. Thank you.

Sincerely,

/signed/
Jared Polis
Governor

Enclosures
cc: Rep. Julie McCluskie, Speaker, Colorado House of Representatives
Sen. Julie Gonzales, Chair, Committee on the Judiciary, Colorado Senate
Rep. Javier Mabrey, Chair, Committee on the Judiciary, Colorado House of Representatives
Esther van Mourik, Secretary, Colorado Senate
Vanessa Reilly, Chief Clerk, Colorado House of Representatives
Ed DeCecco, Director, Office of Legislative Legal Services
David Oppenheim, Chief of Staff, Governor's Office
Kara Veitch, Chief Legal Counsel, Governor's Office
Jenna Goldstein, Deputy Legal Counsel, Governor's Office
Asma Keeler, Deputy Legal Counsel, Governor's Office
Eleni Angelides, Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Governor's Office
Heather Salazar, Director of Executive Clemency
Noah Justice, Executive Clemency Program Assistant

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
First Reading

The following bills have been read by title and referred to the committee(s) indicated:

HB25-1083 by Representative(s) Hamrick and Bradfield; also Senator(s) Frizell--Concerning vehicle transactions for deployed military families.
Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs

HB25-1084 by Representative(s) McCormick, Martinez; also Senator(s) Marchman and Simpson, Bridges, Roberts--Concerning the substitution of gender-neutral language for gendered language in title 35 of the Colorado Revised Statutes.
Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources

On motion of Representative Martinez, the House adjourned until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, January 16, 2025.

Approved:
Julie McCluskie,
Speaker

Attest:
Vanessa Reilly,
Chief Clerk

HOUSE JOURNAL

SEVENTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE OF COLORADO

First Regular Session

Ninth Legislative Day Thursday, January 16, 2025

Prayer by Chairman Hart, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Towaoc.

The Speaker called the House to order at 9:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Brennen Ertl, Iris Welsh, Lyra Gibson, Graeme Welsh, Watershed School, Boulder.

The roll was called with the following result:

Present--63.
Excused--Representative(s) Duran--1.
Vacant--1.

The Speaker declared a quorum present.

On motion of Representative Barron, the House Journal of Wednesday, January 15, 2025, was declared approved as corrected by the Chief Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Speaker announced that pursuant to **HJR25-1003**, Representatives Joseph, Chair, Stewart K., and Suckla would escort the Tribal Councils.

House in recess for Joint Session.

JOINT SESSION

The Joint Session was called to order by the Speaker of the House, Julie McCluskie.

On motion of Senate Majority Leader Rodriguez, the morning roll call of the Senate was made the roll call of the Joint Session.

Present--30.
Excused--5.

On motion of Assistant Majority Leader Bacon, the morning roll call of the House was made the roll call of the Joint Session.

Present--63.
Excused--1.
Vacant--1.

The Speaker declared a quorum present and as is customary presented the gavel to the President of the Senate to preside over the Joint Session.

President Coleman requested the Joint Committee, composed of Senators Danielson, Chair, Hinrichsen, and Simpson, and Representatives Joseph, Chair, Stewart K., and Suckla to escort the Tribal Representatives from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council and the Southern Ute Tribal Council to the rostrum.

Chief Sergeant-at-Arms Stephen Rosenthal announced the arrival of the Chairman Manuel Hart from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and Chairman Melvin J. Baker from the Southern Ute Tribe.

The Joint Committee escorted the Tribal Representatives from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and the Southern Ute Tribe to the rostrum where they addressed the Joint Session.

ADDRESS BY CHAIRMAN BAKER

Maykh!

Members of the Colorado House of Representatives and the Colorado Senate, staff, and guests. Thank you for the opportunity to address you today. My name is Melvin J. Baker, I am the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

When I look around this room, I am reminded of the special relationships we have developed with each one of you, on both sides of the aisle. With President Coleman, Majority Leader Rodriguez, Majority Chair Roberts, Minority Leader Lundeen, Speaker McCluskie, Majority Leader Duran, and Minority Leader Pugliese. Some of you have visited us on the Reservation like Leader Duran, Leader Rodriguez, Senator Cleave Simpson, and Representative Joseph. And some of you have danced with us in our Bear Dance like Senator Danielson.

Much has changed over the past decades. Today, our Tribe has a strong government-to-government relationship with the State of Colorado. As the Governor stated last week, our values are not dependent on what happens in Washington, D.C. or anywhere else in the country. State and Tribal relations vary significantly across the Country and are often strained. Colorado serves as a model for state-tribal relations. This relationship underscores our inherent sovereignty and commitment to collaborative governance. In Colorado, we strive to consult and collaborate for the common good.

We must never forget that the mountains, rivers, and plateaus across this breathtaking state bear the mark of the Ute people. Our history is woven into the very soul of this land. The Utes are the oldest continuous inhabitants of what is now the State of Colorado. In our language, we are called the “Nuuchiu” which means “The People.” Unlike other Tribes, we do not have a migration

story. According to our Creation story, we were placed in the Rocky Mountains by the Creator who promised "The Utes, even though they are few in number, will be the mightiest and most valiant of heart."

The Nuuchiu are resilient. We are still here, fighting and advocating every day for our people and the lands we inhabit.

The Ute Way of Life is rooted in a deep and enduring connection to this land. We have always understood that our well-being is intertwined with the health of the ecosystem. Conservation and respect for our natural resources are fundamental to who we are.

The lands of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe were, at one time, much larger. In 1849, we first entered into a Treaty with the United States government establishing a boundary between the Ute Nation, which was comprised of seven Ute bands, and the United States. This Reservation stretched across the western third of the state, from the New Mexico border through Delta, Montrose, and almost to Steamboat Springs.

But as mining companies sought to exploit the minerals on our lands, that Treaty and successive Treaties with the Utes were repeatedly broken. In the 1870's, Felix Brunot, through deception, convinced the Ute bands to, once again, give up more land to benefit mining companies who wanted access to the minerals in the San Juan mountains. Although the evidence of fraud in the negotiations was evident, Congress confirmed the Brunot Agreement in 1874, leading to the loss of 3.7 million acres of Ute homeland. Once again, the commitments of the United States to the Nuuchiu were disregarded for the economic benefit of a few.

Our current Reservation was established by treaty in 1878 in Pagosa Springs. Today, the Mouache and Kaputa bands comprise the Southern Ute Indian Tribe near Ignacio, Colorado. The Weenuchiu, now known as the Ute Mountain Utes, are headquartered in Towaoc, Colorado. The Tabeguache, Grand, Yampa, and Uintah bands comprise the Ute Indian Tribe located on the Uintah-Ouray Reservation near Fort Duchesne, Utah.

We have close to 1500 Tribal Members, about 1000 of whom live on the Reservation. Our Reservation is 72 miles long and 15 miles wide. It is checkerboarded with Tribal trust lands, Indian allotments, tracts privately owned by non-Natives, tracts owned by the Tribe or Native Americans, and Bureau of Reclamation and National Forest land. As a result, the Tribe must navigate jurisdictional and governance complexities. Jurisdictional gaps leave our communities vulnerable to crime and undermine our ability to deliver justice. The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relative crisis is a stark reminder of the urgent need for change and improved coordination. We must work together to ensure the safety and well-being of all Native women, men, and children. Despite these complexities, our Reservation is our home, and we intend to preserve it and protect our sovereignty.

Despite the loss of substantial resources through the violation of our Treaty rights, we have utilized those natural and economic resources that remain on our lands to provide a future for our people and to benefit the broader community.

Through foresight, financial planning, and technical expertise, I am proud to say the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is a leader across Indian country. As a developer of energy resources, real estate, construction, and private equity, our Tribe is the largest employer in La Plata County with over 1,000 employees. We are well respected for our financial integrity. Last year, we were honored to have our Triple A credit rating reaffirmed, a rating that is higher than that of the federal government. This reflects the Tribe's ability to meet financial commitments and uphold a robust financial profile, even in the face of national and global economic challenges. Our Tribe was the first in the nation to receive this rating in 2001, and we have maintained this status since.

Our Tribe is a unique and a critical partner for the State. Let me be perfectly clear: The Tribe makes payments in lieu of taxes. We have longstanding tax compacts with the State and our adjoining Counties. We have paid tens of millions of dollars to support community services. We honor our compacts with the State, just like the State should honor its compacts with and promises to us. In addition, businesses located on the Reservation provide substantial revenue to state and local governments.

But what is unique is that we provide services to residents of Colorado who are not members of our Tribe. Our Reservation is home to over 10,000 Native and Non-Native Colorado residents and families. And when it comes to services, those are often provided by the Tribe at no cost to the State. Here are some examples:

We provide health care for over 2100 patients, and almost 40,000 patient visits annually through a Tribal Member health benefit plan. We spend millions providing social services, law enforcement, detention and judicial services for all of the Native population within the Reservation boundaries. We provide a robust and culturally responsive elementary education for children, including Tribal descendants, through our Montessori Academy. We regulate air quality under the Clean Air Act on the Reservation and maintain water quality standards exceeding those of the state and federal governments. We maintain the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project which brings water to tribal and non-tribal farmers on the Reservation. This system is a federal project, and we have absorbed the costs associated with maintenance for the benefit of these farmers and ranchers for decades.

There is a beautiful, modern, hospital in La Plata County – because the Tribe provided the land for it and donated millions for the medical care it provides.

There is a housing crisis. Last week, the Governor talked about the need to tackle this crisis. We are doing that on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Today, the Tribe is utilizing its own resources to bring affordable housing to the community so that necessary employees, including educators, health care workers, and first responders, have affordable housing.

Recognizing the transformative potential of technology, we partnered with Panda Biotech last June to launch the largest zero-waste hemp processing facility in the Western Hemisphere in northern Texas. Closer to home, leveraging federal and state grants and Tribal resources, we successfully deployed a broadband fiber network serving the Town of Ignacio and Reservation residents, both Tribal and non-Tribal.

Rural communities across our state, including many within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, face significant barriers to accessing affordable and reliable high-speed internet. In 2020, as we faced the COVID lockdown, children could not get access to the internet to attend school, and elders could not get access to telehealth. However, today the Tribe has developed critical infrastructure which provides highspeed internet access to residents and businesses in Ignacio and throughout the Reservation, unlocking new opportunities in education, healthcare, economic development, and overall quality of life while empowering small businesses, schools, and local offices. This project will directly benefit 1,110 service addresses as of this month and as this project expands this year, we anticipate serving more Tribal and non-Tribal addresses as our teams have installed over 450,000 feet of conduit. Our project goal is to service over 6,000 addresses in the next three years. And equally important, we are partnering with adjoining Counties including LaPlata County to ensure that this technology benefits the entire region.

We strive to build upon the accomplishments of past leaders, working tirelessly to create a brighter future for our Native and local youth. As a leader, I am deeply honored to advocate for policies and practices that prioritize their well-being and create opportunities for their success.

In looking at our unique State-Tribal relationship, this past year, we were honored to welcome the historic American Indian Affairs Interim Committee in their efforts to build better relationships between the Native communities and this body. We greatly appreciated their visit to our Reservation this past August, as well as their willingness to understand our concerns.

As we look ahead to this session, I implore you to please remember these principles that serve as the foundation of our relationship and are essential to our shared progress:

First, mutual recognition and respect of each other's sovereignty

As self-governing entities, we each have our own laws, codes, and processes. As we move forward together in this legislative session and beyond, I encourage you to please remember your neighbors: the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. This recognition of sovereignty necessitates meaningful conversations and a willingness to agree to disagree but maintain respect for one another.

Second, Consultation. I look forward to developing and strengthening our relationship in the years to come. Consultation is a critical component, especially on legislation or policy that may affect one or both parties. This consultation should be an open exchange of information and perspectives, ensuring Tribal voices are heard and considered. To be meaningful, this consultation must take place early in the legislative process, not at the last minute or as an afterthought. By working together, we can identify potential impacts of legislation on Tribal communities and explore solutions that benefit all parties.

Finally, Cooperation. Unity in diversity and a commitment to cooperation is key to our shared success. Our social and economic well-being are heavily intertwined. This applies to everything from social programs and education to infrastructure to civic participation, economic growth, and environmental and resource protection.

This cooperative spirit, even in the face of disagreement, is the cornerstone of a strong and resilient relationship. It allows us to leverage the diverse strengths and perspectives of our citizens, fostering innovation and tackling complex challenges more effectively.

By working together, we can bridge divides, build trust, and create a sense of shared purpose. Ultimately, this cooperation is the fuel that propels us forward, enabling us to progress not just as individuals, but as united Coloradans.

I encourage all members of this body to join me in upholding these principles of mutual recognition, consultation, and cooperation.

In this legislative session we hope to build upon the progress made during last year's session and through the work of the American Indian Affairs Interim Committee. We have three priorities.

The first is a robust State Indian Child Welfare law. ICWA, or the Indian Child Welfare Act, was enacted by Congress nearly fifty years ago to combat the alarming rate of state court proceedings where Native American children were being removed from their families and placed with non-Indian families. The House Report for that law cited studies showing that 25-35% of all Indian children had been removed from their families and placed in foster, adoptive, or governmental care. This wholesale separation of Native families deprived Native children of the right and honor of knowing their culture and further eroded the survival of Tribes' cultures. ICWA regulates proceedings for termination of parental rights, adoptions, and foster care placement involving Native children. It supports tribal control over Native family matters.

Since 2002, Colorado has had ICWA provisions incorporated into state law, and the Colorado General Assembly has amended that law several times. In recent years, state and federal court decisions have weakened the protections afforded by state and federal law. Since 2023, the Tribe has been working with stakeholders around the State to draft legislation that would strengthen ICWA at the state level and put Colorado on par with other states that have achieved the gold standard in child welfare protection. The bill that has been drafted by Tribes and other experts and stakeholders throughout the state will be ready for introduction this session.

As I said earlier, the relationship between Colorado and the federally-recognized Tribes in the state is a model for other states and tribes. Continuing that reputation, Colorado should be at the forefront of state ICWA legislation. We appreciate Majority Leader Duran, Representative Joseph and Senator Danielson for their sponsorship of this legislation.

The second is a general legislative exclusion for the Tribe's activities within the Reservation boundaries. As you have learned, jurisdiction on the Reservation is a mix of tribal, federal, and state law. But the general rule is that <u>states do not have jurisdiction over Tribes</u>. Not only that, but the rules that apply throughout the state do not work well on the Reservation because of the jurisdictional mix. Often state laws are passed without consideration of their effect within the Reservation, whether that impact is to impermissibly regulate the Tribe itself, or to wade into an area where the Tribe, rather than the State, has jurisdiction, such as in air quality. Laws that are drafted to apply generally throughout the state, without consideration of, let alone mention of, the Tribes leads to ambiguity and increases the likelihood of jurisdictional disputes. It leads the

Tribes to wonder if the State is purporting to regulate the Tribe's activities, which is prohibited by federal law. It leads regulated entities to wonder if the State is purporting to replace the Tribe as regulator.

For those reasons, on multiple occasions we find ourselves requesting carve outs in legislation for Reservation land. In recent years, as examples, we have sought exclusionary language in a bill related to water use in oil and gas operations, a dredge and fill bill, and a bill regarding energy and carbon management. The Tribe is seeking a law establishing a rule of construction that would apply to future Colorado laws and would address how those laws relate to the Tribe and the Reservation. We shared draft language with the Interim Committee this summer and have been working with the local counties to ensure that the bill is clear. We appreciate Senator Simpson's sponsorship of this legislation.

The third is a law requiring the state to recognize warrants issued by tribal courts. All of us here are trying to keep our communities safe. After all, that is a basic expectation of us from our constituents. But it is more difficult in Indian Country. That is because a defendant can evade the jurisdiction of the Tribe simply by leaving the Reservation. For example, a Native American could assault a child, our Tribal Court could issue a warrant for that person's arrest, the person could go to another county, off-Reservation, and the court there would not recognize the tribal court order and would allow the person to go free. Again, the cooperative relationship between the Tribe and other governments has paid off. The Chief Judge in La Plata County has entered a court rule that recognizes tribal warrants, so we have been able to address this issue to a limited extent in our immediate region. But that is just one county. This public safety issue could be easily addressed by legislation requiring state courts to give full faith and credit to an arrest warrant issued by a tribal court and allowing an arresting officer in the state to apprehend the person identified in the warrant. That legislation is now pending, SB 25-009.

We thank Senator Roberts, Senator Danielson, and Representative Weinberg for sponsoring this bill to require recognition of Tribal Court Orders, and we hope it will receive the General Assembly's full support.

Finally, focusing on the subject of keeping our communities safe, I encourage everyone here to support the Child Sexual Abuse Accountability Amendment sponsored by Senator's Danielson and Jenet and Majority Leader Duran. The proposed amendment holds profound significance for all Coloradans, but is particularly important for Indigenous communities, including for the two federally recognized Indian Tribes in Colorado: the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. Sexual violence and the associated trauma have plagued Indigenous youth for generations, with the rates of sexual abuse of children being roughly three to four times higher in Native communities than the population at large. Representative of the crisis are the sexual atrocities committed against Native children who were forced to attend residential boarding schools in an effort by the federal government to eradicate Native culture. As the federal government has acknowledged, Native children in these schools were subject to "rampant physical, sexual, and emotional abuse." A recent study of 22 of the more than 500 residential boarding schools operated or financed by the federal government documented more than 1000 cases of sexual abuse committed against Native children by their boarding school caretakers, with the majority of those cases being in the 1950's and 1960's.

The wounds experienced by child sexual abuse are lifelong. Children subject to sexual abuse experience higher rates of suicide, depression, alcoholism, addiction, and domestic violence. Unless addressed, the trauma suffered continues from generation to generation. But there were no options for many Native children in the legal system. Tribal Courts could not prosecute non-Indian perpetrators, and the federal government did not prosecute them.

This legislation provides those who have suffered abuse as children the opportunity to confront their abusers and those who facilitated them in state court. We know that those who abuse children do not stop at one child. They do it over and over again. Colorado should not be a safe haven for child abusers and those who supported them. Child abuse is not a partisan issue. Please pass the Child Sexual Abuse Accountability Amendment so the trauma that Native Children have suffered can come to an end.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado share a distinct and enduring partnership. This vital relationship must be cherished and upheld. While disagreements may arise, our commitment to working together, as formalized through Compacts and memoranda of agreement, ensures we always find a path forward.

Let us remain true to the promises we have made to one another, securing a prosperous and secure future for all. The strength of our partnership enables us to address even the most challenging issues with mutual responsibility.

In honoring the legacy of our ancestors, past Tribal leaders, and past state legislators, we pledge to continue their work and build a brighter tomorrow for all.

Toghoyaqh!

ADDRESS BY CHAIRMAN HART

Good morning to all of you on this beautiful, January winter day in 2025, here in Denver Colorado. I am Manuel Heart the Chairman of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. At this time I would like to also recognize our UMUT Council. Councilman Alston Turtle, Councilman Darwin Whiteman, Councilman Conrad Jacket and Councilman Malcolm Lehi who is our Utah Representative.

First and foremost we want to thank our creator for everything we have in our lives today and the many blessings that he blessed with, our families, our health, our homes and the food upon our tables.

Thank You Governor Polis, Lt. Governor Primavera, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Members of the Legislators both in the Colorado State Senate and in the Colorado State House of Representatives and the Justices of the Colorado Courts, the Attorney General and the Colorado State Secretaries and all the Members of the Cabinet. But most of all to the Citizens of this Great State of Colorado.

Today is the third time, we as the two Ute tribes. The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, comes before this State Governing body, through a joint address to the State of Colorado. This is an historical event between the three Sovereign Governments.

I would like to start off today, by saying I am speaking from my Heart to all of you that are listening in these chambers and from far and near. I am requesting also to each of you, to listen and to take these words I say and put yourself into my address today. I am saying this respectfully, what I am trying to do is to build a stronger relationship between the Tribal Governments and with the State of Colorado.

I want to paint a picture that describes our history, so that you may feel the empathy of our Ute people and many other Native Tribes. That we, as each of the Tribal Nations across this country feel the challenges that we each face with the Federal Government and States in a true genuine Government to Government Sovereign Relationship.

As the elected Chairman including our Tribal Council, we are here to share with you our challenges from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. Which is Housing, Health Care, Education, Economic Development, Protecting our Natural Resources, infrastructure and meaningful legislation that has lasting positive support for our future.

Today our story has to be put on the table. Coming from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and our Tribal reservation in Southwest Colorado and the challenges that we face in these Government to Government relationships.

I would like to start with some questions to this body:

Do we truly know one another and do we visit each other in our communities. How many of you have been to the Tribal Reservations? We always come up here to Denver. There are many events throughout the year for everyone and we should take that opportunity to visit one another.

I went to an event in another State recently about two weeks ago and there was a lot of important people there and we should have known one another. Because we are all legislators from a State and from the Tribal Governments. There must have been over two hundred people there. That night I went to this event and I felt like I was out of place and not welcomed. Because I knew no one there other than the Governor and Lt. Governor. I was a stranger in the Capital building that I come to all of the time and where I work with the Governor and Lt Governor and legislatures. I had only two people come up to me that night and that was a person who worked for the Health and Human Service Department and a staffer for the State Government.

I realized that we lack a relationship of knowing one another. So how are we to understand one another, and recognize the needs of our respective Governments?

It goes back to our history and what has happened since. In the past there was Good and Bad with all the challenges and the success we have had over time. And measuring how far we have at come from the past all the way up to today 2025.

These Rocky Mountains were once the lands of the Ute People. We were the original stewards of all of these mountains, long before the pioneers came and the State hood of Colorado and other States around us.

The Ute people are the oldest living resident in the State of Colorado today. The Utes have occupied these lands since time of immemorial and we cherish these lands, Because they give us life, they sustain us and they protect us and today is no different than thousands of years ago.

The Ute People today still hunt on these lands. We still drink and utilize the water as a sacred resource from our creator. We still look and find and gather our medicinal plants within these mountains. These mountains also bring forth food that we can harvest.

We remain as connected to these lands and its resources, as we have ever been. The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe has been able to take its ties to the land and use these resources in the development of economic opportunities, to sustain the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and to promote self-governance.

Our creator put us here for a purpose in our creation story. Telling us we were the original stewards of these mountains. Our destination of our Ute people and our purpose. Including our past and todays current challenges in who we are, and we are the proud Ute people within the State of Colorado. We are the (Nuchu).

Change has come upon us as the Ute people and we forced into assimilation and our children were forced into boarding schools. Overall we have lost a lot over time. Today we share these lands that we once roamed freely in a state called Colorado and we share these mountains with many Coloradoans and with many visitors and tourist that come to look at these majestic mountains and take in the landscape throughout the four seasons. They also bring revenue to our State.

We as Tribes were removed from our aboriginal lands and that was not by our choice. But through Federal legislation and a stroke of a pen of a sitting U.S. President or the U.S. DOI Secretary, or even a State Governor. There is a dark history for the U.S. Government and within some States in their relationship with many Tribal Nations across the U.S.

Which brings us to this point here, and to this day. This is the question that some of you might be thinking. So how do we move forward?

Today the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe comes before this body and we are looking toward the future that we call tomorrow. So that we may envision a partnership together and address today's challenges and tomorrows needs for all of our children and grandchildren that are not here yet. I think most of us here in these chambers, ran for public office. With a purpose to succeed, from what we each faced growing up. Seeing the in equity of services or the lack there of. The personal struggles that we each faced every day or seeing our families or our communities face the lack of services or programs.

The obstacles and challenges across the board in every area that we each talk about with our legislative body every year. Especially during budgets or during the Legislative Bills being proposed. We as Governments are challenged with passing legislation and an operating budget for that fiscal year. Every year the needs grow from the current operating services, for employees and staff, our individual Capital outlay projects and we must also find and generate revenue in the same process. We each have an ever growing population our citizens and their need for economic development and passing service programs to benefit them. Their needs continue to exceed our current annual budgets every year.

We were elected by the people to serve the people that elected us into these positions of our respective governments. That responsibility that we carry comes with a tremendous commitment to our State and to the two Ute Tribal Nations.

Our Ute Mountain Ute Tribal issues are not affiliated to any certain party, but we would request, bipartisan support on all current and future bills. We want to be a part of the solution and we can only do that through a partnerships and a commitment from the State and the Tribe to start a new and stronger prosperous relationship.

These are our issues and recommendations from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe:

CCIA takes on the lead on the Government to Government meetings we have and this is by Colorado Statues for the Commission. The Lt Governor Chairs four Quarterly meetings with the two Ute Tribes the (Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and the Sothern Ute Indian Tribe).

The two Ute Tribes each have two representatives sitting as voting members on CCIA. We do have most of the Colorado State Departments joining us and giving us a report and some opportunities for State department program dollars, if available.

My question is how can we make the CCIA stronger in our governmental relationship in moving things forward for the two Ute Tribes, with support from the State of Colorado and the Governor's office to develop a caucus day for the Ute Tribes and the Legislatures. Would it have to take legislation or an amendment? Can we sit down and discuss this?

Water is very important to the State of Colorado but also for the two Ute Tribes, and both of our Future uses here in the upper basin. We are and still currently in a 20 year Drought here in the Colorado River Basin. We also have the 2026 Interim Guidelines coming up soon in less than a year, on how the water will be managed in the future for our Colorado River Basin. These mountains is where the head gates are for the Colorado River.

We bring to this body the ALP water Project:

We do have a project called ALP near Durango Colorado. It is based on a Water Treaty settlement of 1868 with the U.S. Government for both of the Ute Tribes. This would also include the State of Colorado. We as the two Ute Tribes have a storage right in that Reservoir called Lake Nighthorse in Durango. When it was authorized in 2000 there was an amendment to the settlement.

The delivery system that was in the original design and legislation for the Ute Water Treaty Settlement of 1865, was taken out. So our water project lost the AG portion of the water, which reduced the cost of the full project significantly by about 250 million. The total project was around 750 million.

Both Ute Tribes each have 16 thousand acre/feet of water in that reservoir. Municipal and industrial. The total storage is about 54 thousand acre/feet. In total together we have as the two Ute Tribes about 32 thousand acre/feet of water, that is not being used in that reservoir or compensated for none use, yet others are compensated for non use.

So our Tribal water has been sitting there for over a decade now, with no delivery system. There is no future water funding for a future delivery system. Although we continue to ask the Department of Interior and the BOR. If there was a request for funding, projected cost today to put in a delivery system would be around 400 to 500 million from the originally cost of 250 million.

Currently we have been having these discussions, about titis concern in our water meetings with the UCRC (Upper Colorado River Committee). There was a recommendation from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe to the States of Colorado and State of New Mexico.

That proposal was to release our UMUT Tribal Water from the reservoir back into the Animas River from Lake Nighthorse then let it go through the process down river and into the San Juan River. Then we would request a pumping plant at the cost of 75 million to pump our water back up to the Farm and Ranch enterprise or for future development. We would pump it back out of the San Juan River at the very Southwest corner of Colorado as it come back onto the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Reservation.

But based on the current Colorado State Water Compact there cannot be a release from the reservoir back into the Animas River then let the water flow down into the San Juan River. Which would cross the Colorado State Line into New Mexico. Under this current Colorado Water compact, NM could claim the water, once it crosses the State Line.

We also asked about shepherding the water through the tributaries of the Animas and down into the San Juan River. If that were to happen, that would take an amendment to the Compact or an MOA between the two States of Colorado and NM and the UMUT.

So we are at a point now how do we address our access to our inherit water right and passed by U.S. legislation authorized by Congress through an 1868 Water Treaty for the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and our future use of this water in the States of Colorado and New Mexico.

One of the areas that the Tribe believes needs attention in moving forward is to continue to ensure on-going Consultation between the State and the UMUT. Recently with the lack of consultation between the State and the UMUT has led to some unfortunate differences that are causing disagreement between the State and The UMUT.

Today I would request if the State of Colorado has a current legislation or a consultation policy with the two Ute Tribes within the State of Colorado.

With what happened with the Introduction of the Wolf back into the State of Colorado, we as the two Ute Tribes as the two Tribal Sovereign Governments were never consulted with in the beginning and with the final outcome with the passing of Proposition 114 by the Colorado voters. Now the DNR department is working with the two Ute Tribes on individual management plans to help develop a tribal management plan for the Gray Wolf on Tribal property in the Gunnison County and within the Brunot area.

Sports Betting. This area continues to be an area of disagreement between the State and The Tribes. If the State consulted with the two Ute Tribes and involved them with the legislation these disagreements could have been resolved years ago. This comes from the Colorado Department of Gaming

(CDOG) failing to recognize and consult with the two Ute Tribes. We are a separate Tribal Government and we follow stricter gaming guidelines for Tribal Gaming casinos. than the State,and We also have a Gaming Compact agreement on gaming within the State of Colorado for our two Ute Tribal Casinos.

State of the State Address. We are recognized by the State of Colorado as citizens and Coloradoans. The two Ute Tribes and the State of Colorado are the three Sovereign Governments. We would respectfully like to be recognized in the Governors address to the People of Colorado. We could become a strong partner working with the State toward opportunities for a better future.

Final Request, if we are to continue to build this relationship and build upon it for the future, maybe we develop a State and Tribal Caucus Day with the Legislature sometime in the spring or early summer.

We are trying to build a stronger relationship with our Colorado State Legislators and develop a place and time in the year, to sit down and talk to our representatives on a Government to Government bases before the process of introduction of new Legislative bills.

We want to thank everyone for this opportunity to come before, this body today. I will leave this with all of you. Change is inevitable and if we want to move forward for a better future for all Coloradans and that includes the two Ute Tribes. The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Change comes at the speed of Trust and where your heart takes us all. Thank you and may our creator continue to bless us all and may he bless the State of Colorado.

The Joint Committee escorted the Tribal Representatives from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council and the Southern Ute Tribal Council from the Chamber.

On motion of Representative House Assistant Majority Leader Bacon, the messages from Chairman Baker and Chairman Hart were ordered printed in the House Journal.

On motion of Senate Majority Leader Rodriguez, the Joint Session was dissolved.

House reconvened.

LAY OVER OF CALENDAR ITEM(S)

On motion of Assistant Majority Leader Bacon, the following item(s) on the Calendar were laid over until Friday, January 17, 2025, retaining place on Calendar:

Consideration of General Orders--**HB25-1016, HB25-1022, HB25-1033, HB25-1063**.

PRINTING REPORT

The Chief Clerk reports the following bills have been correctly printed: **HB25-1083, 1084.**

SIGNING OF BILLS - RESOLUTIONS - MEMORIALS

The Speaker has signed: **SJR25-003**.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE SENATE

The Senate has adopted and returns herewith: **HJR25-1003**.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION

The following resolution was read by title and laid over one day under the rules:

HJR25-1005 by Representative(s) Bacon and English, Armagost, Carter, Joseph, Ricks; also Senator(s) Coleman and Exum--Concerning the commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

On motion of Representative Sirota, the House adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 17, 2025.

Approved:
Julie McCluskie,
Speaker

Attest:
Vanessa Reilly,
Chief Clerk

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SEVENTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE OF COLORADO

First Regular Session

Tenth Legislative Day Friday, January 17, 2025

Prayer by Reverend Eugene Downing Jr., New Hope Baptist Church, Denver.

The Speaker called the House to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Representative Carlos Barron, Fort Lupton.

The roll was called with the following result:

Present--59.
Excused--Representative(s) Duran, Lindsay, Marshall, Pugliese, Soper--5.
Vacant--1.
Present after roll call--Representative(s) Lindsay, Marshall, Pugliese, Soper.

The Speaker declared a quorum present.

On motion of Representative Barron, the House Journal of Thursday, January 16, 2025, was declared approved as corrected by the Chief Clerk.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION(S)

HJR25-1005 by Representative(s) Bacon and English, Armagost, Carter, Joseph, Ricks; also Senator(s) Coleman and Exum–Concerning the commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

(Printed and placed in members' files.)

On motion of Assistant Majority Leader Bacon, the resolution was read at length and **adopted** by the following roll call vote:

YES 63	NO 0	EXCUSED 1		ABSENT 0		VACANT 1	
District 41	V	Duran	E	Lindstedt	Y	Smith	Y
Armagost	Y	English	Y	Luck	Y	Soper	Y
Bacon	Y	Espenoza	Y	Lukens	Y	Stewart K.	Y
Barron	Y	Feret	Y	Mabrey	Y	Stewart R.	Y
Bird	Y	Froelich	Y	Marshall	Y	Story	Y
Boesenecker	Y	Garcia	Y	Martinez	Y	Suckla	Y

Bottoms	Y	Garcia Sander	Y	Mauro	Y	Taggart	Y
Bradfield	Y	Gilchrist	Y	McCormick	Y	Titone	Y
Bradley	Y	Gonzalez R.	Y	Paschal	Y	Valdez	Y
Brooks	Y	Hamrick	Y	Phillips	Y	Velasco	Y
Brown	Y	Hartsook	Y	Pugliese	Y	Weinberg	Y
Caldwell	Y	Johnson	Y	Richardson	Y	Willford	Y
Camacho	Y	Joseph	Y	Ricks	Y	Winter T.	Y
Carter	Y	Keltie	Y	Rutinel	Y	Woodrow	Y
Clifford	Y	Lieder	Y	Rydin	Y	Woog	Y
DeGraaf	Y	Lindsay	Y	Sirota	Y	Zokaie	Y
						Speaker	Y

Co-sponsor(s) added: Representative(s) Barron, Bird, Boesenecker, Bottoms, Bradfield, Bradley, Brooks, Brown, Caldwell, Camacho, Clifford, DeGraaf, Espenoza, Feret, Froelich, Garcia, Garcia Sander, Gilchrist, Gonzalez R., Hamrick, Hartsook, Johnson, Keltie, Lieder, Lindsay, Lindstedt, Lukens, Mabrey, Marshall, Martinez, Mauro, McCormick, Paschal, Phillips, Pugliese, Richardson, Rutinel, Rydin, Sirota, Smith, Soper, Stewart K., Stewart R., Story, Suckla, Taggart, Titone, Valdez, Velasco, Weinberg, Willford, Winter T., Woodrow, Woog, Zokaie, Speaker

After a number of House members spoke in favor of the resolution, the Speaker put the House in recess to allow Senators to speak: Weissman, Exum, and Coleman.

LAY OVER OF CALENDAR ITEM(S)

On motion of Assistant Majority Leader Bacon, the following item(s) on the Calendar were laid over until Tuesday, January 21, 2025, retaining place on Calendar:

Consideration of General Orders--**HB25-1016, HB25-1022, HB25-1033, HB25-1063**.

House in recess. House reconvened.

REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Pursuant to House Rule 53(d)(2), the following is a list of members participating remotely in the proceedings of the House: Representatives Smith.

On motion of Representative Boesenecker, the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

Approved:
Julie McCluskie,
Speaker

Attest:
Vanessa Reilly,
Chief Clerk

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SEVENTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE OF COLORADO

First Regular Session

Fourteenth Legislative Day Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Prayer by Father Dan Everson, Arrupe Jesuit High School, Denver.

The Speaker called the House to order at 10:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Max Brooks, Castle Rock.

The roll was called with the following result:

Present--58.
Excused--Representative(s) Bacon, Lindsay, Pugliese, Soper, Valdez, Weinberg--6.
Vacant--1.
Present after roll call--Representative(s) Bacon, Lindsay.

The Speaker declared a quorum present.

On motion of Representative Brooks, the House Journal of Friday, January 17, 2025, was declared approved as corrected by the Chief Clerk.

APPOINTMENT(S)

The Speaker announced the following temporary committee appointment(s) for Tuesday, January 21, 2025 only:

Transportation, Housing, and Local Government

Representative Lukens to replace Representative Valdez.

The Speaker announced the following temporary committee appointment(s) for Wednesday, January 22, 2025 only:

Transportation, Housing, and Local Government

Representative Mauro to replace Representative Valdez.

LAY OVER OF CALENDAR ITEM(S)

On motion of Majority Leader Duran, the following item(s) on the Calendar were laid over until Wednesday, January 22, 2025, retaining place on Calendar:

Consideration of General Orders--**HB25-1016, HB25-1022, HB25-1033, HB25-1063**.

House in recess. House reconvened.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE SENATE

The Senate has adopted and returns herewith: **HJR25-1005**.

On motion of Majority Leader Duran, the House adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 22, 2025.

Approved:
Julie McCluskie,
Speaker

Attest:
Vanessa Reilly,
Chief Clerk

HOUSE JOURNAL

SEVENTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE OF COLORADO

First Regular Session

Fifteenth Legislative Day Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Prayer by Reverend Dr. Cynthia Cearley, Retired, Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, Denver.

The Speaker called the House to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Representative Max Brooks, Castle Rock.

The roll was called with the following result:

Present--60.
Excused--Representative(s) Joseph, Ricks, Taggart, Valdez--4.
Vacant--1.
Present after roll call--Representative(s) Joseph, Ricks.

The Speaker declared a quorum present.

On motion of Representative Brooks, the House Journal of Tuesday, January 21, 2025, was declared approved as corrected by the Chief Clerk.

On motion of Assistant Majority Leader Bacon, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for consideration of General Orders, and she was called to act as Chair.

GENERAL ORDERS--SECOND READING OF BILLS

The Committee of the Whole having risen, the Chair reported the titles of the following bills had been read (reading at length had been dispensed with by unanimous consent), the bills considered and action taken thereon as follows:

(Amendments to the committee amendment are to the printed committee report which was printed and placed in the members' bill file.)

HB25-1016 by Representative(s) Stewart K.; also Senator(s) Michaelson Jenet–Concerning authorizing an occupational therapist to prescribe durable medical equipment.

(Laid Over from January 17, 2025.)

Ordered engrossed and placed on the Calendar for Third Reading and Final Passage.

HB25-1022 by Representative(s) Espenoza and McCormick; also Senator(s) Michaelson Jenet and Rich–Concerning updating the definition of "qualified medication administration personnel" to include an individual who has passed a competency evaluation administered by the department of public health and environment before July 1, 2017.

(Laid Over from January 17, 2025.)

Ordered engrossed and placed on the Calendar for Third Reading and Final Passage.

HB25-1033 by Representative(s) Lieder and Garcia Sander; also Senator(s) Weissman–Concerning medical assistance third-party liability payments.

(Laid Over from January 17, 2025.)

Ordered engrossed and placed on the Calendar for Third Reading and Final Passage.

HB25-1063 by Representative(s) Hartsook and Brown; also Senator(s) Michaelson Jenet–Concerning the lawful use of crystalline polymorph psilocybin that is approved by the United States food and drug administration.

(Laid Over from January 17, 2025.)

Ordered engrossed and placed on the Calendar for Third Reading and Final Passage.

ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

Passed Second Reading: **HB25-1016, HB25-1022, HB25-1033, HB25-1063**.

The Chair moved the adoption of the Committee of the Whole Report. As shown by the following roll call vote, a majority of those elected to the House voted in the affirmative, and the Report was **adopted**.

YES 39	NO 21	EXCUSED 4	ABSENT 0	VACANT 1
District 41 V	Duran Y	Lindstedt Y	Smith Y	
Armagost N	English Y	Luck N	Soper N	
Bacon Y	Espenoza Y	Lukens Y	Stewart K. Y	
Barron N	Feret Y	Mabrey Y	Stewart R. Y	
Bird Y	Froelich Y	Marshall Y	Story E	
Boesenecker Y	Garcia Y	Martinez Y	Suckla N	
Bottoms N	Garcia Sander N	Mauro Y	Taggart E	

Bradfield	N	Gilchrist	Y	McCormick	Y	Titone	Y
Bradley	N	Gonzalez R.	N	Paschal	Y	Valdez	E
Brooks	N	Hamrick	Y	Phillips	Y	Velasco	Y
Brown	Y	Hartsook	N	Pugliese	N	Weinberg	N
Caldwell	N	Johnson	N	Richardson	N	Willford	E
Camacho	Y	Joseph	Y	Ricks	Y	Winter T.	N
Carter	Y	Keltie	N	Rutinel	Y	Woodrow	Y
Clifford	Y	Lieder	Y	Rydin	Y	Woog	N
DeGraaf	N	Lindsay	Y	Sirota	Y	Zokaie	Y
						Speaker	Y

House in recess. House reconvened.

REPORT(S) OF COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE

JUDICIARY

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB25-1008 be referred favorably to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB25-1058 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 2 through 14 and substitute:

"**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-8-101, **amend** (3); and **repeal** (2) as follows:

16-8-101. Insanity defined - offenses committed before July 1, 1995. (2) ~~The term "diseased or defective in mind", as used in~~".

Page 3, strike lines 3 through 22 and substitute:

"**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-8-101.5, **amend** (3); and **repeal** (2) as follows:

16-8-101.5. Insanity defined - offenses committed on and after July 1, 1995. (2) ~~As used in this section:~~".

Page 15, line 13, strike "A" and substitute "AN OUT-OF-CUSTODY".

Page 15, strike lines 15 through 17 and substitute "DETERMINE IS APPROPRIATE.".

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB25-1019 be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation.

HB25-1054 be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation.

SIGNING OF BILLS - RESOLUTIONS - MEMORIALS

The Speaker has signed: **HJR25-1003, 1005**.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE SENATE

The Senate has adopted and transmits herewith: **SJR25-004**.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
First Reading

The following bills have been read by title and referred to the committee(s) indicated:

HB25-1085 by Representative(s) Lukens and Johnson; also Senator(s) Roberts and Pelton R.--Concerning public hospital boards of trustees.
Committee on Health & Human Services

HB25-1086 by Representative(s) Barron and Gonzalez R.; also Senator(s) Pelton B. and Michaelson Jenet--Concerning the timing of the enactment of the "Interstate Compact on Placement of Children".
Committee on Health & Human Services

HB25-1087 by Representative(s) Armagost--Concerning confidentiality requirements for individuals providing mental health support.
Committee on Health & Human Services

HB25-1088 by Representative(s) McCormick and Brown, Soper; also Senator(s) Baisley and Mullica--Concerning costs associated with the provision of ground ambulance services.
Committee on Health & Human Services

HB25-1089 by Representative(s) Richardson; also Senator(s) Baisley--Concerning the authority of a county clerk and recorder to allow a team of bipartisan election judges to verify signatures in a mail ballot election.
Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs

On motion of Majority Leader Duran, the House adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 23, 2025.

Approved:
Julie McCluskie,
Speaker

Attest:
Vanessa Reilly,
Chief Clerk