SENATE JOURNAL
Seventy-fifth General Assembly
STATE OF COLORADO
First Regular Session

1st Legislative Day Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Prayer — By the chaplain, Reverend Vernon Jones, FaithBridge, Denver.

Presentation of Colors — By the Colorado Army National Guard color guard
Members: Sergeant First Class Joseph Davila, Staff Sergeant Derek Knight, Specialist Timothy Welsch, and Private First Class Jyson Breitbarth.

Pledge — By the children and grandchildren of the Senators.

National Anthem — Performed by Tony Exum Jr. on the soprano saxophone.

Musical Presentation — "Lift Every Voice and Sing" performed by Dr. Michael Williams, with Larea Edwards and Christin Grant, accompanied by Kayla Massey, William Davis, Melvin Sutton, Katie Carothers, and Cedric D. Hall from the Cleo Parker-Robinson Dance Company.

Land Acknowledgement — By Chairman Melvin J. Baker, Southern Ute Tribe.

Call to Order — The hour of 10:00 a.m. having arrived, the Senate of the 75th General Assembly of the State of Colorado, pursuant to law, was called to order by Senator Steve Fenberg, President of the Senate of the 74th General Assembly of the State of Colorado.

LETTERS OF RESIGNATION

December 13, 2024

Cindi Markwell, Senate Secretary
State Capitol Building
200 E Colfax Ave
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Resignation Letter

Dear Ms. Markwell:
In order to change the timing of my resignation, I rescind my resignation as State Senator for Senate District 31 that I submitted to you on November 21, 2024. Instead, I submit my resignation as State Senator for Senate District 31, effective upon the convening of the Senate of the 75th General Assembly on January 8, 2024.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Chris Hansen

cc: Senate President Steve Fenberg
Senate President-elect James Coleman
Senate Majority Leader Robert Rodriguez
Senate Minority Leader Paul Lundeen
Ed DeCecco, Director of the Office of Legislative Legal Services
Jena Griswold, Secretary of State

December 13, 2024

Cindi Markwell, Senate Secretary
State Capitol Building
200 E Colfax Ave
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Resignation Letter

Dear Ms. Markwell:

In order to change the timing of my resignation, I rescind my resignation as State Senator for Senate District 29 that I submitted to you on November 21, 2024. Instead, I submit my resignation as State Senator for Senate District 29, effective upon the convening of the Senate of the 75th General Assembly on January 8, 2024.

Serving the people of Aurora in the Colorado General Assembly in both the House and Senate for the past nine years has been an honor of a lifetime. I am proud of the work we've accomplished to better the lives of all Coloradans and I look forward to contributing to my community in new capacities.

Sincerely,
Janet Buckner

cc: Senate President Steve Fenberg
Senate President-elect James Coleman
Senate Majority Leader Robert Rodriguez
Senate Minority Leader Paul Lundeen
Ed DeCecco, Director of the Office of Legislative Legal Services
Jena Griswold, Secretary of State

December 17, 2024

Cindi Markwell
Secretary of the Senate
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Cindi,

Due to the unexpected and sudden resignation of my predecessor who served as the Douglas County Commissioner in District III, the seat to which I was duly elected on November 5, 2024, I have this morning been appointed by Governor Polis to fill the vacancy and must rescind my resignation letter dated November 22, 2024. Instead, I will resign my position of State Senator for Senate District 30, effective immediately.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve the people of Colorado and represent Senate District 30. I am incredibly grateful to my community, family, and the people of this great state, whose support made this opportunity possible, and I look forward to continuing to serve the people of Douglas County and Colorado in this new role.

Thank you for the trust placed in me during my tenure. May God bless you, the Senate, and the great state of Colorado.

Nil sine numine,
(signed)
Kevin Van Winkle Colorado State Senate

cc:
Senate President Steve Fenberg
Senate President-elect James Coleman
Senate Majority Leader Robert Rodriguez
Senate Minority Leader Paul Lundeen
Ed DeCecco, Director of the Legislative Office of Legal Services

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Roll Call

The roll call of holdover Senators was called with the following result:
Present--16, Baisley, Cutter, Danielson, Exum, Gonzales, Hinrichsen, Lundeen, Marchman, Mullica, Pelton, B., Pelton, R., Rich, Roberts, Rodriguez, Sullivan
Vacant--1, District 30

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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 Senate 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 sixth day of December 2024.

(signed)
Jena Griswold
Secretary of State

Colorado General Election Results
November 5, 2024

State Senator - District 2
Counties: DOUGLAS

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Jennifer Brady (DEM)	38,261	36.75 %
Lisa Frizell (REP)	63,181	60.68 %
Caryn Ann Harlos (LIB)	2,672	2.57 %

State Senator - District 5
Counties: DELTA, EAGLE, GARFIELD, GUNNISON, HINSDALE, MONTROSE, PITKIN

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Cole Buerger (DEM)	42,357	47.77 %
Marc Catlin (REP)	46,310	52.23 %

State Senator - District 6
Counties: ALAMOSA, ARCHULETA, CONEJOS, COSTILLA, DOLORES, LA PLATA, MINERAL, MONTEZUMA, MONTROSE, OURAY, RIO GRANDE, SAGUACHE, SAN JUAN, SAN MIGUEL

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Vivian Smotherman (DEM)	41,108	44.09 %
Cleave Alan Simpson (REP)	52,131	55.91 %

State Senator - District 10
Counties: EL PASO

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Ryan Howard Lucas (DEM)	34,352	39.29 %
Larry G. Liston (REP)	49,886	57.05 %
John C. Hjersman (LIB)	3,198	3.66 %

State Senator - District 12
Counties: EL PASO, TELLER

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Stan VanderWerf (REP)	35,872	47.45 %
Marc Snyder (DEM)	36,971	48.90 %
John Michael Angle (LIB)	2,755	3.64 %

State Senator - District 13
Counties: ADAMS, WELD

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Scott Bright (REP)	34,045	56.64 %
Matt Johnston (DEM)	26,060	43.36 %

State Senator - District 14
Counties: LARIMER

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Cathy Kipp (DEM)	58,742	68.24 %
Phoebe McWilliams (REP)	24,085	27.98 %
Jeffrey Brosius (LIB)	3,259	3.79 %

State Senator - District 16
Counties: ARAPAHOE, JEFFERSON

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Robyn Carnes (REP)	49,302	47.84 %
Chris Kolker (DEM)	53,740	52.15 %
Bennett Rutledge (LIB) (Write-In)	12	0.01 %

State Senator - District 17
Counties: BOULDER, BROOMFIELD, WELD

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Tom Van Lone (REP)	31,509	33.23 %
Sonya Jaquez Lewis (DEM)	63,308	66.77 %

State Senator - District 18
Counties: BOULDER

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Judy Amabile (DEM)	73,150	90.47 %
Gary Swing (UNI)	7,704	9.53 %

State Senator - District 19
Counties: ADAMS, JEFFERSON

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Lindsey Daugherty (DEM)	54,900	56.13 %
Sam Bandimere (REP)	40,596	41.51 %
Ryan VanGundy (LIB)	2,305	2.36 %

State Senator - District 21
Counties: ADAMS, ARAPAHOE

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Frederick Alfred Jr (REP)	31,982	48.89 %
Dafna Michaelson Jenet (DEM)	33,438	51.11 %

State Senator - District 23
Counties: LARIMER, WELD

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Barb Kirkmeyer (REP)	75,608	97.76 %
Joseph Bobko (DEM) (Write-In)	1,731	2.24 %

State Senator - District 26
Counties: ARAPAHOE, DENVER, JEFFERSON

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Jeff Bridges (DEM)	48,296	62.03 %
Bob Lane (REP)	27,756	35.65 %
Meredith A. Ryan (UNI)	1,806	2.32 %

State Senator - District 28
Counties: ADAMS, ARAPAHOE

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Mike Weissman (DEM)	35,064	63.51 %
Pedro Espinoza (REP)	20,143	36.49 %

State Senator - District 29
Counties: ARAPAHOE

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Janet Buckner (DEM)	45,658	100.00 %

State Senator - District 31
Counties: DENVER

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Chris Hansen (DEM)	75,769	83.92 %
David Aitken (LIB)	14,515	16.08 %

State Senator - District 33
Counties: DENVER

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Max Minnig (REP)	12,452	18.16 %
James Coleman (DEM)	56,129	81.84 %

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 persons listed on the attached list were duly elected to the office of Colorado State Senate 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 sixth day of December 2024.

(signed)
Jena Griswold
Secretary of State

Colorado General Election Results
November 5, 2024

State Senator - District 2

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Lisa Frizell (REP)	63,181	60.68 %

3275 Soaring Eagle Ln Castle Rock, CO 80109

State Senator - District 5

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Marc Catlin (REP)	46,310	52.23 %

60756 Spring Creek Road Montrose, CO 81403

State Senator - District 6

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Cleave Alan Simpson (REP)	52,131	55.91 %

6512 County Road 12 South Alamosa, CO 81101

State Senator - District 10

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Larry G. Liston (REP)	49,886	57.05 %

2846 Country Club Circle Colorado Springs, CO 80909

State Senator - District 12

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Marc Snyder (DEM)	36,971	48.90 %

516 Crystal Hills Blvd Manitou Springs, CO 80829

State Senator - District 13

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Scott Bright (REP)	34,045	56.64 %

17389 County Road 31 Platteville, CO 80651

State Senator - District 14

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Cathy Kipp (DEM)	58,742	68.24 %

1436 Tarryton Drive Fort Collins, CO 80525

State Senator - District 16

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Chris Kolker (DEM)	53,740	52.15 %

6896 S. Cook Way Centennial, CO 80122

State Senator - District 17

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Sonya Jaquez Lewis (DEM)	63,308	66.77 %

1938 Oxford Rd, Longmont, CO 80504

State Senator - District 18

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Judy Amabile (DEM)	73,150	90.47 %

820 Spruce St. Boulder, CO 80302

State Senator - District 19

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Lindsey Daugherty (DEM)	54,900	56.13 %

7007 Dudley Dr Arvada, CO 80004

State Senator - District 21

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Dafna Michaelson Jenet (DEM)	33,438	51.11 %

16891 E. 107th Ave. Commerce City, CO 80022

State Senator - District 23

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Barb Kirkmeyer (REP) 6100 CR 4 Brighton, CO 80603	75,608	97.76 %

State Senator - District 26

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Jeff Bridges (DEM) 9424 E Orchard Dr. Greenwood Village, CO 80111	48,296	62.03 %

State Senator - District 28

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Mike Weissman (DEM) 1165 Ouray St. Aurora, CO 80011	35,064	63.51 %

State Senator - District 29

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Janet Buckner (DEM) 4124 S Elkhart St. Aurora, CO 80014	45,658	100.00 %

State Senator - District 31

	Vote Totals	Percentage
Chris Hansen (DEM) 1177 Newport St. Denver, CO 80220	75,769	83.92 %

State Senator - District 33

	Vote Totals	Percentage
James Coleman (DEM) 5389 Liverpool Denver, CO 80249	56,129	81.84 %

Credentials Committee

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, and with unanimous consent of the Senate, a committee of three was appointed by the President as the Committee on Credentials. The President appointed Senators Rodriguez, Chair, Cutter, and Lundeen as members of the committee.

The President announced that the Senate would be in recess so the committee on credentials could meet and prepare its report.

Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

January 8, 2025

Mr. President:

Your committee on credentials, to which was referred the list of the members of the Senate for the 75th General Assembly of the State of Colorado, transmitted by the Secretary of State, begs leave to report that the persons named therein constitute a true and correct list of the members as shown by the election certificate and records in the office of the Secretary of State, and your committee recommends that the list so furnished and read be adopted as the temporary roll call of the Senate of the 75th General Assembly of the State of Colorado.

(signed)
Majority Leader Rodriguez, Chair
Assistant Majority Leader Cutter
Minority Leader Lundeen

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, the report of the committee on Credentials was read and adopted by unanimous consent of the Senate

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On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, and with unanimous consent of the Senate, a committee of three was appointed by the President as the Committee to wait upon Chief Justice Monica M. Marquez of the Colorado Supreme Court and request her to administer the oath of office to the Senators-elect.

The President appointed Senators Gonzales, Cutter, and Baisley as members of the Committee and announced that the Senate would be in recess until the return of the Committee with Chief Justice Monica M. Marquez. jmk

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Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.

The Senate Chief Sergeant-at-Arms, Frank Lombardi, announced the arrival of the Committee and the Chief Justice.

Oath of Office

Chief Justice Monica M. Marquez of the Colorado Supreme Court administered the Oath of Office to the Senators-elect.

Roll Call

The roll call of Senators-elect was called with the following result:
Present--16, Amabile, Bridges, Bright, Catlin, Coleman, Daugherty, Frizell, Jaquez Lewis, Kipp, Kirkmeyer, Kolker, Liston, Michaelson Jenet, Simpson, Snyder, Weissman
Vacant--2, District 29, District 31

Quorum

The President announced the temporary roll call of the Senate--32 present, 0 absent, 0 excused, and 3 vacant, and that a quorum was present.

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, and with the unanimous consent of the Senate, the temporary roll call of the Senate was made the permanent roll call of the Senate.

Election of President

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez and seconded by Minority Leader Lundeen, Senator James Rashad Coleman was nominated as President of the Senate.

Majority Leader Rodriguez moved that the nominations for President of the Senate be closed and that a unanimous vote be cast for Senator James Coleman. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Election of President Pro Tempore

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez and seconded by Minority Leader Lundeen, Senator Dafna Michaelson Jenet was nominated as President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

Majority Leader Rodriguez moved that the nominations for President Pro Tempore of the Senate be closed and that a unanimous vote be cast for Senator Dafna Michaelson Jenet. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

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.

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

YES 32	NO 0	EXCUSED 0		ABSENT 0		VACANT 3	
Amabile	Y	District 30	V	Kolker	Y	Roberts	Y
Baisley	Y	District 31	V	Liston	Y	Rodriguez	Y
Bridges	Y	Exum	Y	Lundeen	Y	Simpson	Y
Bright	Y	Frizell	Y	Marchman	Y	Snyder	Y
Catlin	Y	Gonzales J.	Y	Michaelson	Y	Sullivan	Y
Cutter	Y	Hinrichsen	Y	Mullica	Y	Weissman	Y
Danielson	Y	Jaquez	Y	Pelton B.	Y	Winter F.	Y
Daugherty	Y	Kipp	Y	Pelton R.	Y	President	Y
District 29	V	Kirkmeyer	Y	Rich	Y		

SR25-001 by Senator(s) Rodriguez; --Concerning the temporary Rules of the Senate.

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

YES 32	NO 0	EXCUSED 0		ABSENT 0		VACANT 3	
Amabile	Y	District 30	V	Kolker	Y	Roberts	Y
Baisley	Y	District 31	V	Liston	Y	Rodriguez	Y
Bridges	Y	Exum	Y	Lundeen	Y	Simpson	Y
Bright	Y	Frizell	Y	Marchman	Y	Snyder	Y
Catlin	Y	Gonzales J.	Y	Michaelson	Y	Sullivan	Y
Cutter	Y	Hinrichsen	Y	Mullica	Y	Weissman	Y
Danielson	Y	Jaquez	Y	Pelton B.	Y	Winter F.	Y
Daugherty	Y	Kipp	Y	Pelton R.	Y	President	Y
District 29	V	Kirkmeyer	Y	Rich	Y		

Election of Secretary

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, Esther van Mourik was nominated to serve as Secretary of the Senate during the First Regular Session of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly of the State of Colorado.

A majority of all members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the motion for the election of Esther van Mourik as Secretary of the Senate was adopted.

Oath of Office

The President administered the oath of office to Esther van Mourik as Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, and with unanimous consent of the Senate, the President appointed Senators Bridges, Kipp, and Catlin as members of the Committee to Notify the House of Representatives that the Senate was organized and ready for business.

A majority of all members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the motion was adopted.

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, and with unanimous consent of the Senate, the President appointed Senators Amabile, Snyder, and Pelton, B. as members of the Committee to Notify the Governor that the Senate was organized and ready for business.

A majority of all members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the motion was adopted.

Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

December 20, 2024

Mrs. Natalie Castle
Executive Director
Office of Legislative Council
200 E. Colfax Ave., Room 029
Denver, CO 80203

Mrs. Natalie Castle:

Please be advised of the following membership and partisan ratios of Senate Committees of Reference for First Regular Session of the 75th General Assembly:

Agriculture and Natural Resources: 7 members (4 Democrats, 3 Republicans)
Senator Dylan Roberts, Chair
Senator Jessie Danielson, Vice Chair
Senator Nick Hinrichsen
Senator Janice Marchman

Appropriations: 7 members (4 Democrats, 3 Republicans)
Senator Elect Judy Amabile, Chair
Senator Jeff Bridges, Vice Chair
Senator Julie Gonzales
Senator Chris Kolker

Business, Labor and Technology: 7 members (4 Democrats, 3 Republicans)
Senator Jessie Danielson, Chair
Senator Nick Hinrichsen, Vice Chair
Senator Faith Winter
SD29 or SD31 Vacancy

Education: 7 members (4 Democrats, 3 Republicans)
Senator Chris Kolker, Chair
Senator Janice Marchman, Vice Chair
Senator Dafna Michaelson Jenet
Senator Elect Cathy Kipp

Finance: 9 members (6 Democrats, 3 Republicans)
Senator Elect Cathy Kipp, Chair
Senator Janice Marchman, Vice Chair
Senator Chris Kolker
Senator Julie Gonzales
Senator Kyle Mullica
Senator Elect Marc Snyder

Health and Human Services: 9 members (6 Democrats, 3 Republicans)
Senator Kyle Mullica, Chair
Senator Dafna Michaelson Jenet, Vice Chair
Senator Lisa Cutter
Senator Elect Mike Weissman
Senator Elect Lindsey Daugherty
SD29 or SD31 Vacancy

Local Government & Housing: 7 members (4 Democrats, 3 Republicans)
Senator Tony Exum Sr., Chair
Senator Julie Gonzales, Vice Chair
Senator Faith Winter
Senator Elect Marc Snyder

Judiciary: 7 members (5 Democrats, 2 Republicans)
Senator Julie Gonzales, Chair
Senator Elect Mike Weissman, Vice Chair
Senator Dylan Roberts
Senator Lindsey Daugherty
SD29 or SD31 Vacancy

State, Veteran, & Military Affairs: 5 members (3 Democrats, 2 Republicans)
Senator Elect Mike Weissman, Chair
Senator Tom Sullivan, Vice Chair
SD29 or SD31 Vacancy

Transportation and Energy: 9 members (6 Democrats, 3 Republicans)
Senator Faith Winter, Chair
Senator Lisa Cutter, Vice Chair
Senator Nick Hinrichsen
Senator Tony Exum, Sr.
Senator Tom Sullivan
Senator Kyle Mullica

Best,
(signed)
Robert Rodriguez
Senate Majority Leader

January 4, 2025

Director Castle,

Please be advised of the following updated membership for the First Regular Session of the 75th General Assembly:

Agriculture and Natural Resources:
Senator Rod Pelton
Senator-Elect Marc Catlin
Senator Byron Pelton

Appropriations:
Senator Barb Kirkmeyer
Senator Larry Liston
Senator Byron Pelton

Business, Labor, and Technology:
Senator Mark Baisley
Senator-Elect Marc Catlin
Senator Larry Liston

Education:
Senator Paul Lundeen
Senator-Elect Scott Bright
Senator Janice Rich

Finance:
Senator-Elect Scott Bright
Senator-Elect Lisa Frizell
Senator Cleave Simpson

Health and Human Services:
Senator-Elect Lisa Frizell
Senator-Elect Scott Bright
Senator-Elect John Carson

Judiciary:
Senator-Elect John Carson
Senator-Elect Lisa Frizell

Local Government and Housing:
Senator Janice Rich
Senator Mark Baisley
Senator Larry Liston

State, Veteran, and Military Affairs:
Senator Byron Pelton
Senator Rod Pelton

Transportation and Energy:
Senator Cleave Simpson
Senator-Elect Marc Catlin
Senator Byron Pelton

Sincerely,
(signed)
Paul Lundeen
Senate Minority Leader

cc: The Honorable Stephen Fenberg, President of the Senate
The Honorable James Coleman, President Pro Tempore
The Honorable Robert Rodriguez Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Julie McCluskie, Speaker of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Monica Duran, House Majority Leader
The Honorable Rose Pugliese, House Minority Leader
Ed DeCecco, Director of the Office of Legislative Legal Services
Cindi Markwell, Secretary of the Senate
Vanessa Reilly, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives
Rachel Kurtz-Phelan, Legislative Council Staff

December 30, 2024

Natalie Castle
Director, Legislative Council Staff
200 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Natalie,

I am reappointing Senator Dafna Michaelson Jenet to the Legislative Audit Committee. This appointment is effective immediately through the end of the term of the 75th General Assembly.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Steve Fenberg
Senate President

Cc: The Honorable Paul Lundeen, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Rose Pugliese, House Minority Leader
The Honorable Julie McCluskie, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Robert Rodriguez, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Dafna Michaelson Jenet, Senator
Cindi Markwell, Secretary of the Senate
Robin Jones, Chief Clerk of the House
Natalie Castle, Director of LCS
Ed DeCecco, Director of OLLS
Rachel Kurtz-Phelan
Jayne Watson

January 3, 2025

Natalie Castle
Director, Legislative Council Staff
200 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Natalie,

I am pleased to reappoint Sen. Dylan Roberts to the Committee on Legal Services. This appointment is effective immediately.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Steve Fenberg
Senate President

Cc: The Honorable James R. Coleman, President-Designee of the Senate
The Honorable Robert Rodriguez, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Paul Lundeen, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Julie McCluskie, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Monica Duran, House Majority Leader
The Honorable Rose Pugliese, House Minority Leader
The Honorable Ty Winter, Assistant House Minority Leader
The Honorable Dylan Roberts, Senator
Cindi Markwell, Secretary of the Senate Vanessa Reilly, Acting Chief Clerk of the House
Ed DeCecco, Director of OLLS
Rachel Kurtz-Phelan, Legislative Council Staff

January 3, 2025

Natalie Castle
Director, Legislative Council Staff
200 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Natalie,

I am pleased to reappoint Sen. Julie Gonzales for the Committee on Legal Services. This appointment is effective immediately.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Steve Fenberg
Senate President

Cc: The Honorable James R. Coleman, President-Designee of the Senate
The Honorable Robert Rodriguez, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Paul Lundeen, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Julie McCluskie, Speaker of the House
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The Honorable Ty Winter, Assistant House Minority Leader
The Honorable Julie Gonzales, Senator
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Ed DeCecco, Director of OLLS
Rachel Kurtz-Phelan, Legislative Council Staff

January 3, 2025

Natalie Castle
Director, Legislative Council Staff
200 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Natalie,

I am pleased to appoint Senator-elect Mike Weissman for the Committee on Legal Services. He will be replacing Senator Chris Hansen. This appointment is effective immediately.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Steve Fenberg
Senate President

Cc: The Honorable James R. Coleman, President-Designee of the Senate
The Honorable Robert Rodriguez, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Paul Lundeen, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Julie McCluskie, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Monica Duran, House Majority Leader
The Honorable Rose Pugliese, House Minority Leader
The Honorable Ty Winter, Assistant House Minority Leader
The Honorable Mike Weissman, Senator-Elect
Cindi Markwell, Secretary of the Senate Vanessa Reilly, Acting Chief Clerk of the House
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Rachel Kurtz-Phelan, Legislative Council Staff

January 3, 2025

Ms. Natalie Castle
Executive Director, Legislative Council
200 E. Colfax, Rm 029
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Director Castle,

Please, be advised that pursuant to **C.R.S. 2-3-502** I am appointing Senator Lisa Frizell to the Legal Services Committee for the 75th General Assembly.

Respectfully,
(signed)
Paul Lundeen
Senate Minority Leader

CC:
The Honorable Stephen Fenberg, President of the Senate
The Honorable Robert Rodriguez Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Julie McCluskie, Speaker of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Monica Duran, House Majority Leader
The Honorable Rose Pugliese, House Minority Leader
The Honorable Lisa Frizell, Senator
Ed DeCecco, Director of the Office of Legislative Legal Services
Cindi Markwell, Secretary of the Senate
Vanessa Reilly, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives
Rachel Kurtz-Phelan, Legislative Council Staff

January 3, 2025

Ms. Natalie Castle
Executive Director, Legislative Council
200 E. Colfax, Rm 029
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Director Castle,

Please, be advised that pursuant to C.R.S. 2-3-201, I am appointing Senator Barb Kirkmeyer to the Joint Budget Committee for the 75th General Assembly.

Respectfully,
(signed)
Paul Lundeen
Senate Minority Leader

CC:
The Honorable Stephen Fenberg, President of the Senate
The Honorable Robert Rodriguez Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Julie McCluskie, Speaker of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Monica Duran, House Majority Leader
The Honorable Rose Pugliese, House Minority Leader
The Honorable Barb Kirkmeyer, Senator
Ed DeCecco, Director of the Office of Legislative Legal Services
Cindi Markwell, Secretary of the Senate
Vanessa Reilly, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives
Rachel Kurtz-Phelan, Legislative Council Staff

January 3, 2025

Ms. Natalie Castle
Executive Director, Legislative Council
200 E. Colfax, Rm 029
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Director Castle,

Please, be advised that pursuant to C.R.S. 2-3-101 I am appointing Senators Lisa Frizell and Rod Pelton to the Legislative Audit Committee for the 75th General Assembly.

Respectfully,
(signed)
Paul Lundeen
Senate Minority Leader

CC:
The Honorable Stephen Fenberg, President of the Senate
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January 3, 2025

Ms. Natalie Castle
Executive Director, Legislative Council
200 E. Colfax, Rm 029
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Director Castle,

Please, be advised that pursuant to C.R.S. 2-3-301 I am appointing Senators Paul Lundeen, Cleave Simpson, Byron Pelton, and Janice Rich to the Legislative Council Committee for the 75th General Assembly.

Respectfully,
(signed)
Paul Lundeen
Senate Minority Leader

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The Honorable Stephen Fenberg, President of the Senate
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January 3, 2025

Natalie Castle
Director, Legislative Council Staff
200 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Natalie,

I am pleased to appoint Senator Dylan Roberts, Senator Julie Gonzales, and reappoint Senator Faith Winter to the Legislative Council. These appointments are effective immediately.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Steve Fenberg
Senate President

Cc: The Honorable James R. Coleman, President-Designee of the Senate
The Honorable Robert Rodriguez, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Paul Lundeen, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Julie McCluskie, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Monica Duran, House Majority Leader
The Honorable Rose Pugliese, House Minority Leader
The Honorable Ty Winter, Assistant House Minority Leader
The Honorable Dylan Roberts, Senator
The Honorable Julie Gonzales, Senator
The Honorable Faith Winter,
Senator Cindi Markwell, Secretary of the Senate
Vanessa Reilly, Acting Chief Clerk of the House
Ed DeCecco, Director of OLLS
Rachel Kurtz-Phelan, Legislative Council Staff

January 3, 2025

Ms. Kerri Hunter
State Auditor
Colorado Office of the State Auditor
1525 Sherman Street, Suit 700
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Ms. Hunter,

I am pleased to appoint Senator-elect Mike Weissman to the Legislative Audit Committee. He will be replacing Senator Julie Gonzales. This appointment is effective immediately.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Steve Fenberg
Senate President

Cc: The Honorable James R. Coleman, President-Designee of the Senate
The Honorable Robert Rodriguez, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Paul Lundeen, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Julie McCluskie, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Monica Duran, House Majority Leader
The Honorable Rose Pugliese, House Minority Leader
The Honorable Ty Winter, Assistant House Minority Leader
The Honorable Mike Weissman, Senator-Elect
Cindi Markwell, Secretary of the Senate
Vanessa Reilly, Acting Chief Clerk of the House
Ed DeCecco, Director of OLLS
Rachel Kurtz-Phelan, Legislative Council Staff

January 7, 2025

Mrs. Natalie Castle
Executive Director
Office of Legislative Council
200 E. Colfax Ave., Room 029
Denver, CO 80203

Mrs. Natalie Castle:

Please be advised that I am appointing Senator Jeff Bridges and Senator-elect Judy Amabile to the Joint Budget Committee.

Best,
(signed)
Robert Rodriguez
Senate Majority Leader

Cc: The Honorable James Coleman, Senate President
The Honorable Paul Lundeen, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Julie McCluskie, House Speaker
The Honorable Monica Duran, House Majority Leader
The Honorable Rose Pugliese, House Minority Leader
The Honorable Jeff Bridges, State Senator
The Honorable Judy Amabile, State Senator-elect
Cindi Markwell, Senate Secretary
Vanessa Reilly, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
Ed DeCecco, Director of the Office of Legislative Legal Services
Rachel Kurtz-Phelan, Legislative Council
Craig Harper, Joint Budget Committee

January 6, 2025

Ms. Natalie Castle
Executive Director, Legislative Council
200 E. Colfax, Rm 029
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Director Castle,

Please, be advised that pursuant to C.R.S. 2-3-502 I am appointing Senator-elect John Carson to the Legal Services Committee for the 75th General Assembly.

Respectfully,
(signed)
Paul Lundeen
Senate Minority Leader

CC:
The Honorable Stephen Fenberg, President of the Senate The Honorable Robert Rodriguez
Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Julie McCluskie, Speaker of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Monica Duran, House Majority Leader
The Honorable Rose Pugliese, House Minority Leader
The Honorable John Carson, Senator-elect
Ed DeCecco, Director of the Office of Legislative Legal Services
Cindi Markwell, Secretary of the Senate
Vanessa Reilly, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives
Rachel Kurtz-Phelan, Legislative Council Staff

APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY COMMITTEES

Legislative Council

Pursuant to Section 2-3-301 C.R.S., the President and Minority Leader appointed President Coleman, Majority Leader Rodriguez, Minority Leader Lundeen and Senators Gonzales, Roberts, Winter, Pelton, B., Simpson, and Rich as members of the Legislative Council Committee.

Majority Leader Rodriguez moved that the appointments to the Legislative Council Committee be confirmed. The motion was adopted by the following roll call vote:

YES 32	NO 0	EXCUSED 0	ABSENT 0	VACANT 3
Amabile Y	District 30 V	Kolker Y	Roberts Y	
Baisley Y	District 31 V	Liston Y	Rodriguez Y	
Bridges Y	Exum Y	Lundeen Y	Simpson Y	
Bright Y	Frizell Y	Marchman Y	Snyder Y	
Catlin Y	Gonzales J. Y	Michaelson Y	Sullivan Y	
Cutter Y	Hinrichsen Y	Mullica Y	Weissman Y	
Danielson Y	Jaquez Y	Pelton B. Y	Winter F. Y	
Daugherty Y	Kipp Y	Pelton R. Y	President Y	
District 29 V	Kirkmeyer Y	Rich Y		

Legal Services

Pursuant to Section 2-3-502, C.R.S., the President and Minority Leader appointed Senators Gonzales, Roberts, Weissman, Frizell, and Senator-Elect Carson as members of the Committee on Legal Services..

Majority Leader Rodriguez moved that the appointments to the Committee on Legal Services be confirmed. The motion was adopted by the following roll call vote:

YES 32	NO 0	EXCUSED 0	ABSENT 0	VACANT 3
Amabile Y	District 30 V	Kolker Y	Roberts Y	
Baisley Y	District 31 V	Liston Y	Rodriguez Y	
Bridges Y	Exum Y	Lundeen Y	Simpson Y	
Bright Y	Frizell Y	Marchman Y	Snyder Y	
Catlin Y	Gonzales J. Y	Michaelson Y	Sullivan Y	
Cutter Y	Hinrichsen Y	Mullica Y	Weissman Y	
Danielson Y	Jaquez Y	Pelton B. Y	Winter F. Y	
Daugherty Y	Kipp Y	Pelton R. Y	President Y	
District 29 V	Kirkmeyer Y	Rich Y		

Legislative Audit

Pursuant to Section 2-3-101, C.R.S., the President and Minority Leader appointed Senators Michaelson Jenet, Weissman, Frizell, and Pelton, R. as members of the Legislative Audit Committee.

Majority Leader Rodriguez moved that the appointments to the Legislative Audit Committee be confirmed. The motion was adopted by the following roll call vote:

YES 32	NO 0	EXCUSED 0		ABSENT 0		VACANT 3	
Amabile	Y	District 30	V	Kolker	Y	Roberts	Y
Baisley	Y	District 31	V	Liston	Y	Rodriguez	Y
Bridges	Y	Exum	Y	Lundeen	Y	Simpson	Y
Bright	Y	Frizell	Y	Marchman	Y	Snyder	Y
Catlin	Y	Gonzales J.	Y	Michaelson	Y	Sullivan	Y
Cutter	Y	Hinrichsen	Y	Mullica	Y	Weissman	Y
Danielson	Y	Jaquez	Y	Pelton B.	Y	Winter F.	Y
Daugherty	Y	Kipp	Y	Pelton R.	Y	President	Y
District 29	V	Kirkmeyer	Y	Rich	Y		

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, and with the unanimous consent of those elected to the Senate, the Senate stood in recess to hear the opening day remarks of Senate President James Rashad Coleman and Senate Minority Leader Paul Lundeen.

Senate in recess.

The text of President Coleman's remarks follow.

Mr. Majority Leader, Madame President Pro Tempore, Mr. Minority Leader – friends, colleagues, loved ones, family – welcome to the Colorado Senate and welcome to the first session of the 75th General Assembly.

It's an honor to stand before you all today. I'm humbled to share this space with you all, and I am particularly humbled to be in the company of our many special guests.

My beautiful wife Shayna is here. Shayna, we have been an incredible team for the past 23 years and I am so grateful for your trust, support, and your partnership in this next evolution of my time in the legislature.

My amazing twins, Naomi and James, are here. When I was sworn into the House in 2017, Naomi and James were small enough that both of them sat on Shayna's and my lap. That's not possible anymore, but I am just as grateful to have you both here today as I was to have you with me eight years ago. I am so proud of the young people you are becoming and I want you both to know that I do this work for you.

I also want to acknowledge my mother in law, Christa Wallce, who has known me since I was 13 years old. Thank you for allowing me to date your daughter, and thank you for welcoming me into your family.

My big brother Jerry is here. Thank you for being a role model in my life.

My grandmother was not able to attend today, but she has been with me through it all. She's 91 years old. My grandmother would take me to church every Sunday, just five minutes from here. Her guidance, example, and love taught me courage and how to live my life rooted in faith.

For a long time, I'd go to Sunday school as well. Then, we'd go to church and she would have me present what I had just learned in front of the folks there. My public speaking career was forced on me at a young age – but I am so grateful for it, especially today.

My father and bonus mom are here. As long as we've had it, our relationship has been grounded in service. I have memories of being a young boy walking up and down Colfax, talking to people on the street who didn't have a bed to sleep in that night and didn't know where their next meal would come from – doing what we could to serve them. My father taught me how to turn my faith into action.

Today we're also lucky to welcome a number of new faces to the Colorado Senate. Let's give a warm welcome to all of our new members.

And, please join me in congratulating our newest members of the Senate, Senators-elect Iman Jodeh, Matt Ball, and John Carson.

Senators-elect Jodeh and Ball will officially join us later this week – we can't wait!

And another welcome to the new members of our members' families. Senator Roberts and his wife Sarah welcomed a new baby girl this summer, and Senator Bridges and his wife Anne Marie welcomed a baby boy during the midst of last session.

What a beautiful reminder of the future we are all building together.

I would also like to congratulate the many new faces of our Senate leadership team:

Senator Michaelson Jenet, our Senate President Pro Tempore. Senator, having served as President Pro Tem, my advice to you is to practice saying these 35 last names a few times. You'd be surprised how easy it is to draw a blank when you're up here – especially when Senators Mullica and Roberts look so alike.

We're also welcoming Senator Cutter, our Assistant Majority Leader;

Senator Hinrichsen, our Majority Whip;

Senator Roberts, our Majority Caucus Chair;

And Senators Bridges and Amabile, our fearless JBC members.

Majority Leader Rodriguez, I didn't forget about you. You know, only someone who really loves this would willingly sign up to do it again. We're glad to welcome you back to the leadership team.

And, congratulations to Senators Simpson, Byron Pelton, and Rich, who are serving their caucus in new leadership capacities.

Close watchers of the Senate may have noticed another big difference in the makeup of the Senate. Cindi Markwell has officially and finally freed herself from this desk and Esther van Mourik has graciously stepped up to fill her shoes as our next Secretary of the Senate. Esther, they're big shoes to fill, but we have full confidence that you will shepherd us through these next 120 days and enable us to be efficient and effective during our brief time here.

And to the rest of your team, thank you for your hard work today and every day.

We're welcoming a few new members to our non partisan staff:

Justin Shofler, our new Reading Clerk;

And two new sergeants: Erin Robinson and Lee Vitgenos

We promise there won't be too many late nights or too much weekend work. Right, Mr. Minority Leader?

I have just a few more welcomes, if you all would be kind enough to bear with me.

I would like to welcome members of the Denver Ministerial Alliance – a group that has been instrumental in teaching me how to do work for community and social justice.

We are also blessed to be in the presence of several former leaders and history-makers in Colorado politics:

Penfield Tate and Leslie Herod.

And the Honorable Terrance Carroll, the first African-American to serve as Speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives.

And, the man who taught me that strength, grace, and temperament make a good and fair leader. The Honorable Peter Groff, the first African-American to serve as Colorado Senate President, who is also joined today by his wife, Reverend Doctor Regina Groff.

Thank you for being the first, and thank you for making sure you weren't the last.

Finally, I would be remiss not to mention a few of the leaders and loved ones who have gone before us, and who have had a deep impact on my life and my service to this state.

The Honorable late-Gloria Tanner – the first African American woman to serve as a Colorado State Senator. And my senator when I was growing up in the district where I was born and raised, and now have had the honor of representing for the past eight years – Senate District 33.

And George Brown, another alumni of Senate District 33 and Colorado's first African-American politician to win statewide office.

And finally, my mom. My mom voted for me when I first ran for office. She was with me at the very beginning of this journey and I believe she is here with me today. She always believed in me.

It's amazing – she helped me to see the remarkable things we are all capable of when we have someone that believes in us, even just a little.

I am blessed to be cut from such a rich cloth. Blessed to have been brought up in a community abundant with leaders who were intent on breaking barriers and making history.

I am blessed by this family.

You will often hear me call us a family. When I say that, I mean it.

None of us can do this alone.

Our families, our friends, our constituents, our faith leaders, our colleagues, our staff, our partners in and outside of this building – each of the 35 of us sit at these desks with a team behind us.

A team that shares in our dedication and our hopes, dreams, and fears about Colorado's future and our ability to shape it.

During my tenure, and as recent as the past six months, I have been blessed to have the opportunity to visit many of your districts. To see firsthand where you come from and gain a better understanding of you and your constituents' priorities.

From Senator Simpson's 900 acre ranch in the San Luis Valley to my family's annual trip to the State Fair in Pueblo to visit Senator Hinrichsen and his family, I learned a few things about this state, the people living in it, and the work we do in this building.

I learned that many of us share many of the same goals. We share the desire to build a Colorado where if you work hard you will have the ability and opportunity to earn a good living and support your loved ones.

I know that we can agree that we need to do more to meet Coloradans' economic needs. I know we can agree that everyone deserves a safe, affordable place to call home, that regardless of income or zip code you deserve a well-funded and resourced school that will prepare you for success, and that when you need to go to the doctor the bill won't break the bank.

And I know we can agree that there's more work to do. Though we may disagree at times on how we get there, I know that we share a commitment to building a Colorado where everyone has all they need to thrive.

I believe in our ability to recognize that commitment in one another, and I believe that we can truly be united in our shared vision for and our belief in a better Colorado.

But, this is not just a vision we share amongst ourselves. It is borne from the people of Colorado and it is upheld and carried out by us. The work we do all throughout the year, and the votes that we will take over the next 120 days, are in complete service to the people and to our state's future.

Our country faces so many unknowns in the coming years. I understand that many of us in this room and in our state have fears and anxieties about what could, or could not happen.

However, there are a few things that we do know.

We know about the resilience of the Colorado people in tough times. We have an amazing ability to think critically about the conditions in which we live and ask ourselves how we can improve, not only for our own betterment but for our neighbors' as well.

We know that we will stand up against hate and any efforts to scare us or divide us. Our diversity makes us stronger and in Colorado, we can and we will get in the way of threats to our neighbors' safety.

We know that we live in the best state in the nation and that we have so much to be proud of. Our pride for Colorado ties each of us to its failure or success, and connects us all to one another.

We know – in this room – that we are all committed to serving our constituents and all of the people of Colorado by passing legislation that will tangibly improve their lives.

And this is what I'm most excited about. I'm excited to see all of our hard work turn into legislation that we'll consider over the next 120 days.

I'm excited about the opportunities we'll have to learn about one another's ideas about how to tackle our state's challenges head on and find real, lasting solutions.

We have our work cut out for us.

Coloradans continue to feel the pinch of high prices of housing, health care, and basic necessities. This year, we will continue our efforts to cut costs for Coloradans and ensure that every Coloradan has the opportunity to earn a good life.

From increasing affordable housing options to expanding access to high-quality health care, there is work to do.

Today, we'll introduce Senators Exum and Bridges' bill to increase the availability of modular housing, Senators Winter and Marchman's bill to give child care centers a helping hand, and Senator Roberts' bill to give local governments another tool to address their unique housing challenges.

We will also work to ensure that Colorado is a great place to do business and ensure that it is a great place to be employed.

That's why Majority Leader Rodriguez and Senator Danielson are bringing forward a new bill to support the workers who make our state and our economy run.

And it's why we're going to work alongside our partners in the business community to streamline processes to make it that much easier to create new jobs and support our local economies.

We must be a state where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. Where if you work hard, you can earn a good life for you and your family.

We also must be a state where we can go to the grocery store, our kids can go to school, and we can live our lives without fear of violence.

In recent years, we have worked to build safer communities all across Colorado. From supporting first responders to passing commonsense gun violence prevention laws, we are committed to evidence-based solutions that will keep Coloradans safe.

Today, we will introduce Senator Sullivan's bill to better enforce our existing law banning high-capacity magazines. For the past six years we have been blessed to have the leadership of Senator Sullivan, who has committed his life to make Colorado communities safe from gun violence of all kinds.

This year, we will also work to build trust between our communities, law enforcement, and institutions responsible for upholding justice. Through existing investments in public safety and new voter-approved funding sources, we will work together to support survivors of crime and violence.

We're focused on building communities safe from violence and safe from the health and environmental impacts of climate change. We're building a safer future for Coloradans.

As we consider the beautiful state that we live in, we take great pride in our mountains, trails, rivers, open spaces, and our amazing sunsets. We go to great lengths to protect and sustain them, as we should. They make us who we are.

Even greater than those amazing things are the gifts that are our children. We must be a state where every child is guaranteed a high-quality education that prepares them to live well and realize their hopes. That isn't the reality now. We still have important work to do to make sure every Colorado school is well-resourced and our education workforce is strong.

The Colorado that we hope for must have a K-12 system that ensures equitable access to high-quality learning options within zip codes that have been historically and presently failed. In Colorado, there are pockets of our state where we have a lack of high-quality options that I think of as "education deserts". Families shouldn't be waiting to get into a great school, we must be doing all that we can to ensure that they are in one now. They have waited too long! That will change with us.

I stand here as Senate President, a Black boy from Park Hill that some imagined would never be anywhere near this place, but here I am. Because of my faith, family, and the opportunities yielded to me by a high-quality education, I am Senator James Coleman. There are tens of thousands of children like me waiting for us to see their promise and to make fulfillment possible. We can and we will.

This year, we will work hard to defend the investments we have made in our students, teachers, and classrooms. Just last year, we came together and we took the monumental step of eliminating the Budget Stabilization Factor. We do not want to backslide on that progress.

We face a challenging budget year. There are difficult decisions ahead that will place new strain on many of the services that Coloradans rely on.

We must deliver a responsible, balanced state budget – Coloradans are counting on us.

I want to thank Senator Bridges, Senator Amabile, and Senator Kirkmeyer for their leadership on the Joint Budget Committee and their diligence in the hours and hours of work that have already taken place.

This is not glamorous work. Grandstanding isn't going to balance our budget. We have no choice but to work together to do what's best for Coloradans and protect the critical services so many rely on.

Those things are just a start. Those are just a few of the bills we can anticipate and challenges we'll need to overcome.

There will also be unknowns. We are days away from an administration that ran on division and fear, and promises that could turn our systems and our communities on their head.

We do not yet know how this will manifest in federal policy. But we know we are prepared to respond.

We stand ready to defend the Colorado we love. A Colorado that values freedom – freedom over our bodies, freedom to breathe clean air and drink clean water, freedom to exercise our sacred right to vote.

We will build on the protections that guarantee the freedom to make decisions about your body. This year, voters reaffirmed their support for their freedom and decided to constitutionally protect the right to reproductive health care and abortion.

We will fight for our progress that preserves our beautiful outdoors, cleans up our air, and conserves our water.

We will defend a Colorado that values diversity. We know that our communities are stronger when we stand against hate and show the country that Colorado is a place for everyone.

In some cases, we will have to wait and see to respond to decisions coming out of Washington. In other cases, we will stand ready with proactive measures that will ensure our freedoms.

That's why today we will introduce Senator Gonzales' Colorado Voting Rights Act to protect access to the ballot box for every voter and shield Colorado from any effort to dismantle the Voting Rights Act.

I hope that we can do this together. That we can show Coloradans that we hear them and that we are here for them. Let's do this the Colorado way, not the Washington way.

Because we don't do this work for the folks in DC.

We do this work for Colorado.

For the single-mother, like my mother, raising kids and doing her best to secure a quality education for them and keep them safe and healthy in the neighborhood they call home.

For New Coloradans – fleeing violence and persecution in their home countries and seeking refuge in a place that offers opportunity and a prosperous future.

We do this for our ranchers and our farmers – who are adapting in real time to a rapidly changing economy and climate.

For the owners of the family restaurant around the corner – who enrich our communities through their culture and their food, provide good jobs, and help drive our economy.

For every single Colorado student – who all deserve to go to school and grow up safe from gun violence and in a state that takes their futures with the seriousness they demand.

We do this work for Colorado, in service to Colorado.

Here in this building, we do this work with one another, and in service to one another.

We have one hundred and twenty days. One hundred and twenty days where we can choose to do the work.

We can choose to listen. Look, I know what I know. I don't always know what the person sitting next to me knows. None of us should assume that we do.

We can choose to make ourselves present. Return phone calls and texts, sure. But choose to pick up the phone first too. Choose to be proactive in this work.

We can choose to make our work approachable. Each of us can invite and welcome Coloradans into this unique, imperfect – sometimes dull, but never boring – democratic process. We should show up in our districts, get to know our constituents, and if you can, choose to do so in your colleague's district as well.

We can choose to support one another in this challenging work. We must foster a culture where everyone who comes into this building – from Senators to nonpartisan staff to caucus staff to our legislative aides – knows that they are supported and that we have their back, just like they have ours.

We can choose to wake up early – maybe not quite as early as I do – and we can choose to stay late. However, we can also choose balance. We must take care of ourselves – because the truth is, we need all of you to make this thing work.

We can choose service. And sacrifice. We can choose hard work.

We can choose to invest in each other's success. To learn about each other's policy. Offer our expertise, our district's perspective, and welcome others to do the same for us.

Let us continue to do what we do best in the Senate. Slow down, be deliberate in our policymaking and thoughtful in our conversations. Let us think not only about seeing our bills get signed, but think a few years down the line about how they will be implemented and how they will impact the people of Colorado.

Let us lead in the ways we know we need to.

We must not give into the desires of vitriol and division. I know that we can elevate the work above our egos and spend every day we have here with intention.

I look forward to the next several months and serving you all as your President. Dare I say – I'm excited.

I have been lucky to witness amazing Senate leadership in my predecessors Leroy Garcia and Steve Fenberg. Similarly, Minority Leader Lundeen has set an admirable example of leadership, fairness, and decency.

I promise to learn from their examples, and to serve and support you all as best as I am able.

And, I promise to learn from Colorado's examples of miraculous leadership and trail-blazing spirit. From Aunt Clara Brown to Barney Ford, our history is so rich. We have been a beacon of light for the country and I truly believe we still can be.

Over the next several months, it is on us to sustain this heritage of trail-blazing. We cannot be afraid or shy away from the work we have to do.

But I know we won't. We are made for this moment.

I am excited and I am energized for the work ahead – and I hope you are too.

Colleagues, let's do this.

Thank you.

President Coleman recognized Minority Leader Lundeen to address the Senate.

The text of Minority Leader Lundeen's remarks follow.

"My friends, my colleagues, and honored guests…We gather today in this chamber, beneath the great gold dome of our state's Capitol, at a pivotal moment—one of trembling and promise, of uncertainty and hope. It feels as though Colorado, and indeed our nation, is wrestling with its very soul. Who have we been? Who are we now? Who do we hope to become?

These questions are not abstractions; they are the heart of our work and the foundation of our calling here and now.

Colorado is a place of breathtaking beauty and boundless opportunity, a state blessed with a spirit as expansive as its mountains and as enduring as its plains. And yet, we are not immune to the struggles of this age. The divisions among us feel sharper, more personal. Technology, for all its wonders, connects us–and isolates us in equal measure. Trust—in our institutions, in each other—has frayed. And the economic anxieties of our citizens are real, tangible, and growing.

But this—this sacred chamber—is where we may meet those challenges. This is where we rise.

In recent years, our state has been burdened with policies that are, at best, heavy-handed and, at worst, suffocating. They wrap themselves around our economy, our communities, and our people like a wet blanket, stifling dreams, and snuffing out ambitions. They come in the form of regulations and fees and disguised taxes that may seem minor individually, but collectively, weigh heavily on the families we are here to serve.

We've all seen it, haven't we? The family whose modest pay raise is devoured by the rising cost of living. The young couple saving for their first home, only to see affordability slip further from their grasp. The small business owner, capable and proud of their craft, and decent and mindful of their team, who finds their labor diminished by bureaucratic hurdles and hidden costs. These are not abstract concepts; they are the daily realities of too many Coloradans.

Leadership, my friends, is not about control. It is about trust. It is about listening. It is about empowering the people we serve to live their best lives—not as dictated by legislation, but as defined by their own hopes and dreams.

Yet, in this chamber, we have passed policies that overreach. Laws that, under the guise of "leading the way," impose burdens with no discernible benefit. Policies that limit the choices people can make about how they live, how they travel, how they heat their homes or cook their meals. Policies that pile costs onto the backs of families and businesses while achieving no meaningful impact on the global issues they claim to address.

The argument for such policies often boils down to this: "We must demonstrate leadership." But viewed through the eyes of the typical Colorado family, that leadership appears incoherent, intrusive, and costly—achieving nothing more than financial strain and frustration.

We must do better. We must connect the dots for Coloradans in a way that makes sense and provides relief.

Colorado families are crying out for help, and it is our duty to respond. This year, my caucus and I will propose a clear, direct, and meaningful path forward. We have identified over $4,500 in potential savings for every Colorado family—money that stays in their wallets, where it belongs.

Here's how we do it:

First, we cut the idiotic, the wasteful, the inexplicable. A twenty-nine cent delivery fee here, a 10 cent plastic bag fee there—it adds up. These may seem small, but they are daily reminders to Coloradans that their government is nibbling away at their hard-earned money. Let's end these nuisances and show respect for the hardworking people of this state.

Second, we tackle the onerous regulations that stifle growth and innovation. The very same pressures pinching the families of Colorado are squeezing the businesses that provide their jobs and fuel their communities.

The Colorado Chamber of Commerce recently sounded the alarm, revealing that our state has become the sixth most regulated in the nation. Of the nearly 200,000 regulations on the books, a staggering 45% are excessive or duplicative. These aren't just numbers—they are roadblocks on the path to growth and prosperity.

Once, Colorado stood tall as a beacon for business, ranked 11th among the best states to work and thrive. But we have slipped and today our cost of doing business has plummeted to a troubling 39th. These are not mere rankings; they are reflections of a less competitive environment, one where employers face uphill battles to survive and grow. And when businesses struggle, it is not abstract—it means no raises, smaller paychecks, or worse, lost jobs for hardworking Coloradans.

Between 2020 and 2023, Colorado's private industries faced a 7.1% increase in business restrictions—a dramatic surge when you consider that federal regulations grew by just 1.3% in the same period. These aren't just numbers on a page; they represent real challenges for the businesses, workers, and families of our state.

And the cost of these burdens is felt deeply. For every 10% increase in state regulations, Colorado loses an estimated 36,000 jobs and 9,000 firms. These are not faceless statistics. They are the local shops that close their doors– these are the folks you knew doing business in your neighborhood– the small manufacturers that downsize, the families that lose their livelihoods.

When we cut through the red tape, we don't just help businesses—we create opportunities for workers, build stronger communities, and position Colorado as a beacon for entrepreneurs and investors. That's the kind of Colorado we should be striving for. And that's the kind of future regulatory reform can help us achieve.

This session let's choose to "first do no harm." We need stability in our regulatory environment. Nothing stifles investment and innovation like uncertainty. Let's commit to consistency and simplicity, reviewing the rules already in place, keeping what works, and eliminating so much that doesn't.

This isn't about deregulation for the sake of it. It's about something much deeper. It's about freedom—the freedom to create, to innovate, and to dream big. It's about opportunity. We can make sure every Coloradan has a fair shot at success. And it's about responsibility. We must recognize that prosperity doesn't come from government mandates but from the hard work, ingenuity, and determination of our people.

This struggling Colorado is not the Colorado we know and love. It is not the Colorado we should accept. We must restore our state to its rightful place as a land of opportunity—a place where businesses can flourish, jobs are abundant, and families thrive.

From housing to energy, transportation to childcare, and the day in day out basics of life in Colorado like going to the grocery store–we can and must roll back the burdens that make life less affordable and less free. Let's be clear: Colorado's affordability crisis is not just a talking point—it is a moral imperative. Housing costs are crippling. Energy bills are rising. Childcare is out of reach for too many families. These are real problems, and they demand real solutions.

This is not about politics; it is about people. It's about the single mother who needs a little extra in her paycheck to buy groceries. It's about the young family dreaming of a home but struggling with skyrocketing costs. It's about the small business owner who wants to grow but is held back by excessive regulations.

So let us resolve, on this opening day of our session, to give Coloradans what they deserve: trust restored in their institutions, freedom to pursue their dreams, and cash back in their pockets.

To every family in Colorado, I say this: we must put you first this session.

And to my colleagues, I ask this: Will you join us? Will you join us in delivering at least forty-five hundred dollars in real relief to every Colorado family? Will you help us make Colorado affordable again? The time for action is now, and the people of this state are counting on us. Because leadership is not about grand speeches or sweeping gestures. Leadership is about doing the work, listening to the people, and building a future that is fair, free, and full of opportunity.

Let us roll up our sleeves. Let us act in a new way with courage and conviction. Let us give Colorado families reason to believe in us, in this chamber, and in their future.

Thank you, and may God bless Colorado. Let's make this a year of action, of unity, of hope–and some extra dollars in the denims of the people of Colorado."

Senate reconvened.

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, and with the unanimous consent of those elected to the Senate, the above remarks of President Coleman and Minority Leader Lundeen were ordered spread upon the pages of the journal.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -- FIRST READING

The following bills were read by title and referred to the committees indicated:

SB25-001 by Senator(s) Gonzales J., Kolker, Michaelson Jenet, Roberts; also Representative(s) Bacon and Joseph, Camacho, English, Mabrey, Ricks--Concerning the administration of elections, and, in connection therewith, creating the Colorado Voting Rights Act.
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

SB25-002 by Senator(s) Bridges and Exum; also Representative(s) Boesenecker and Stewart R.--Concerning the development of regional building codes that account for local climatic and geographic conditions for the construction and installation of residential and nonresidential factory-built structures.
Local Government & Housing

SB25-003 by Senator(s) Sullivan and Gonzales J., Amabile, Bridges, Cutter, Danielson, Daugherty, Exum, Jaquez Lewis, Kipp, Kolker, Marchman, Michaelson Jenet, Rodriguez, Snyder, Weissman, Winter F.; also Representative(s) Boesenecker and Froelich, Duran, Brown, Camacho, Clifford, Garcia, Gilchrist, Hamrick, Lindstedt, McCormick, Woodrow, Stewart R., Story, Titone, Bacon, Carter, Jodeh, Joseph, Mabrey, Sirota, Smith, Velasco, Willford, Zokaie--Concerning prohibited activity involving semiautomatic firearms, and, in connection therewith, prohibiting the manufacture, distribution, transfer, sale, and purchase of specified semiautomatic firearms and classifying a device that increases the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm as a dangerous weapon.
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

SB25-004 by Senator(s) Winter F. and Marchman; also Representative(s) Willford and Garcia--Concerning regulating fees licensed child care centers may charge families.
Business, Labor, & Technology

SB25-005 by Senator(s) Rodriguez and Danielson, Amabile, Bridges, Cutter, Exum, Gonzales J., Hinrichsen, Kipp, Kolker, Marchman, Michaelson Jenet, Sullivan, Weissman, Winter F.; also Representative(s) Mabrey and Bacon, Duran, Boesenecker, Brown, Froelich, Jodeh, Martinez, Mauro, McCormick, Story, Velasco, Woodrow, Camacho, Carter, Clifford, English, Garcia, Gilchrist, Hamrick, Joseph, Lieder, Lindsay, Lukens, Paschal, Rutinel, Sirota, Smith, Stewart K., Stewart R., Titone, Willford, Zokaie--Concerning the elimination of the requirement for a second election to negotiate a union security clause in the collective bargaining process.
Business, Labor, & Technology

SB25-006 by Senator(s) Roberts; also Representative(s) Rutinel and Bradfield--Concerning authorization for the state treasurer to invest state money for the creation of affordable for-sale housing in the state.
Local Government & Housing

SB25-007 by Senator(s) Cutter and Marchman, Exum; also Representative(s) Velasco and Weinberg, Boesenecker, Mauro--Concerning support to increase prescribed burns.
Agriculture & Natural Resources

SB25-008 by Senator(s) Hinrichsen and Kipp; also Representative(s) Froelich--Concerning adjustments to the necessary document program administered by the office of health equity in the department of public health and environment.
Health & Human Services

SB25-009 by Senator(s) Roberts and Danielson, Simpson; also Representative(s) Weinberg and Joseph, Duran--Concerning recognition of certain Tribal court orders.
Judiciary

SB25-010 by Senator(s) Mullica and Pelton B.; also Representative(s) Brown--Concerning electronic communications in health care.
Health & Human Services

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

January 8, 2025
Mr. President:

The House has adopted and transmits herewith HJR25-1001, as printed in the House Journal, January 8, 2025.

Pursuant to the resolution, the Speaker has appointed Representatives McCormick, chair, Zokaie, and Sander.

The House has adopted and returns herewith SJR25-001.

Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -- FIRST READING

The following bills were read by title and referred to the committees indicated:

SB25-011 by Senator(s) Daugherty; also Representative(s) Weinberg and Brown--Concerning the use of artificial-intelligence-enabled detection components to mitigate wildfires.
Transportation & Energy

SB25-012 by Senator(s) Amabile and Gonzales J.; also Representative(s) Armagost--Concerning providing financial assistance to counties for county facilities.
Judiciary

SB25-013 by Senator(s) Mullica, Liston, Weissman; also Representative(s) Marshall and Joseph--Concerning the extension of an income tax credit to help income-qualified seniors afford housing.
Finance

SB25-014 by Senator(s) Danielson and Jaquez Lewis, Bridges, Cutter, Marchman, Michaelson Jenet, Roberts; also Representative(s) Garcia and Titone, Boesenecker, Brown, Camacho, Clifford, Espenoza, Gilchrist, Mabrey, Phillips, Rutinel, Stewart R., Velasco, Willford, Woodrow--Concerning repealing the statutory unconstitutional ban on same-sex marriage.
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

SB25-015 by Senator(s) Cutter and Marchman; also Representative(s) Velasco and Mauro, Boesenecker--Concerning updating the wildfire information and resource center website.
Agriculture & Natural Resources

SB25-016 by Senator(s) Snyder; also Representative(s) Boesenecker--Concerning updating the framework governing escrow disbursements for real estate transactions.
Finance

SB25-017 by Senator(s) Cutter; --Concerning measures to support early childhood health by integrating early childhood health-care systems into communities.
Health & Human Services

SB25-018 by Senator(s) Bridges and Kipp; also Representative(s) Taggart--Concerning online searching for sales and use tax information.
Finance

SB25-019 by Senator(s) Rich and Snyder; also Representative(s) Marshall and Soper--Concerning the modernization of the state plane coordinate system.
Finance

SB25-020 by Senator(s) Weissman and Gonzales J.; also Representative(s) Lindsay and Mabrey--Concerning the enforcement of existing landlord-tenant law.
Judiciary

SB25-021 by Senator(s) Bright; --Concerning the registration of off-highway vehicles.
Agriculture & Natural Resources

SB25-022 by Senator(s) Baisley and Marchman; also Representative(s) Weinberg and Boesenecker, Mauro--Concerning the application of artificial intelligence to predict, prevent, or assist in fighting wildfires, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.
Transportation & Energy

SB25-023 by Senator(s) Pelton R. and Michaelson Jenet, Frizell, Gonzales J., Pelton B.; also Representative(s) Lindstedt, Boesenecker--Concerning local government audit exemption thresholds.
Local Government & Housing

SB25-024 by Senator(s) Roberts and Frizell; --Concerning judicial officers.
Judiciary

SB25-025 by Senator(s) Liston and Roberts; also Representative(s) Rydin--Concerning removing limitations on where a mortgagor can file a mortgage on a vehicle to allow the mortgagor to file in any county in the state.
Finance

SB25-026 by Senator(s) Mullica, Frizell, Weissman; also Representative(s) Marshall and Joseph--Concerning the adjustment of certain tax expenditures.
Finance

SB25-027 by Senator(s) Marchman; also Representative(s) Joseph--Concerning the use of trauma-informed practices to address school safety.
Education

SB25-028 by Senator(s) Kolker, Kipp, Snyder; also Representative(s) Hamrick and Taggart--Concerning a requirement that the public employees' retirement association implement certain risk-reduction measures.
Finance

SB25-029 by Senator(s) Roberts and Pelton B., Simpson; also Representative(s) McCluskie, Martinez--Concerning clarification of the definition of "ranch" used in connection with the taxation of agricultural property.
Agriculture & Natural Resources

SB25-030 by Senator(s) Winter F. and Hinrichsen; also Representative(s) Froelich, Lindsay--Concerning measures to increase transportation mode choice to reduce emissions.
Transportation & Energy

SB25-031 by Senator(s) Roberts; also Representative(s) Soper and Velasco, Bacon--Concerning government agency assistance in services related to wireless communication.
Business, Labor, & Technology

SB25-032 by Senator(s) Pelton R. and Snyder, Amabile; also Representative(s) Boesenecker and Weinberg--Concerning requirements for naturopathic doctors registered under the "Naturopathic Doctor Act", and, in connection therewith, making changes to the naturopathic doctor formulary.
Health & Human Services

SB25-033 by Senator(s) Amabile and Roberts, Simpson; also Representative(s) Ricks and Weinberg, Bacon, Bird, Boesenecker, Brown, Clifford, Mabrey, McCluskie, McCormick--Concerning limitations on liquor-licensed drugstore licenses.
Business, Labor, & Technology

SB25-034 by Senator(s) Kipp; also Representative(s) Boesenecker--Concerning voluntarily waiving the right to purchase a firearm.
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

SB25-035 by Senator(s) Frizell and Michaelson Jenet, Amabile; also Representative(s) Clifford and Weinberg--Concerning establishing a limitation of actions against an individual performing a real estate appraisal practice.
Business, Labor, & Technology

SB25-036 by Senator(s) Catlin; --Concerning an exception to the requirement that members of the Colorado state patrol post a bond.
Business, Labor, & Technology

SB25-037 by Senator(s) Roberts and Kirkmeyer; also Representative(s) Taggart and Mauro--Concerning assistance for communities experiencing energy transition.
Business, Labor, & Technology

SB25-038 by Senator(s) Roberts, Bridges, Marchman, Pelton B., Simpson; also Representative(s) McCluskie, Martinez, McCormick--Concerning protection of the personal information of persons impacted by wildlife damage.
Agriculture & Natural Resources

SB25-039 by Senator(s) Bridges and Pelton B., Marchman, Roberts, Simpson; also Representative(s) Martinez, McCormick--Concerning exemptions from energy use reporting requirements for owners of certain buildings.
Agriculture & Natural Resources

SB25-040 by Senator(s) Roberts and Simpson, Bridges, Marchman, Pelton B.; also Representative(s) McCormick and Martinez--Concerning the creation of the future of severance taxes and water funding task force.
Agriculture & Natural Resources

SB25-041 by Senator(s) Michaelson Jenet and Amabile, Cutter; also Representative(s) Bradfield and English--Concerning persons who may be incompetent to stand trial, and, in connection therewith, permitting certain services for persons who are incompetent to proceed, collecting residency information about persons who are incompetent to proceed, and requiring bond setting for persons who may be incompetent to proceed.
Judiciary

SB25-042 by Senator(s) Cutter and Amabile, Michaelson Jenet; also Representative(s) Bradfield, English--Concerning measures to address Colorado's behavioral health crisis response.
Health & Human Services

SB25-043 by Senator(s) Michaelson Jenet and Amabile, Cutter; also Representative(s) Bradfield and English--Concerning youth involvement with the justice system, and, in connection therewith, modifying the requirements for the youthful offender system, clarifying matters related to determinations of incompetency, awarding credit for confinement prior to sentencing, and establishing a grant program to provide deflection services.
Judiciary

SB25-044 by Senator(s) Pelton B.; also Representative(s) Armagost--Concerning criminal penalties involving a controlled substance that includes certain synthetic opiates.
Judiciary

SB25-045 by Senator(s) Jaquez Lewis and Marchman; also Representative(s) McCormick and Boesenecker--Concerning the analysis of a statewide universal health-care payment system.
Health & Human Services

SB25-046 by Senator(s) Bridges, Kipp; also Representative(s) Taggart--Concerning local government sales or use tax investigations, and, in connection therewith, establishing uniform confidentiality standards for the protection of taxpayer information.
Finance

SB25-047 by Senator(s) Baisley; also Representative(s) Brooks and Richardson--Concerning reversing certain actions by the general assembly related to measures intended to limit enforcement of federal immigration law.
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

SB25-048 by Senator(s) Michaelson Jenet; also Representative(s) Brown and Mabrey--Concerning the "Diabetes Prevention and Obesity Treatment Act".
Health & Human Services

SIGNING OF BILLS -- RESOLUTIONS -- MEMORIALS

The President has signed: SJR25-001 and SR25-001.

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, the Senate adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 9, 2025.

Approved:

James Rashad Coleman, Sr.
President of the Senate

Attest:

Esther van Mourik
Secretary of the Senate

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Prayer By the chaplain, Rabbi Eliot J. Baskin, Shalom Park, Aurora.

Call to Order By the President at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call Present--31
Excused--1, Danielson
Vacant--3, District 29, District 30, District 31

Quorum The President announced a quorum present.

Pledge By Senator Bridges.

Approval of the Journal On motion of Senator Pelton, B., the Journal of Wednesday, January 8, 2025 was approved as corrected by the Secretary.

SENATE SERVICES REPORT

Correctly Printed: SB25-001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 012, 013, 014, 015, 016, 017, 018, 019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 025, 026, 027, 028, 029, 030, 031, 032, 033, 034, 035, 036, 037, 038, 039, 040, 041, 042, 043, 044, 045, 046, 047, and 048; SJR25-001; SR25-001.
Correctly Engrossed: SJR25-001; SR25-001.

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.

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

YES 31	NO 0	EXCUSED 1	ABSENT 0	VACANT 3
Amabile Y	District 30 V	Kolker Y	Roberts Y	
Baisley Y	District 31 V	Liston Y	Rodriguez Y	
Bridges Y	Exum Y	Lundeen Y	Simpson Y	
Bright Y	Frizell Y	Marchman Y	Snyder Y	
Catlin Y	Gonzales J. Y	Michaelson Y	Sullivan Y	
Cutter Y	Hinrichsen Y	Mullica Y	Weissman Y	
Danielson E	Jaquez Y	Pelton B. Y	Winter F. Y	
Daugherty Y	Kipp Y	Pelton R. Y	President Y	
District 29 V	Kirkmeyer Y	Rich Y		

Pursuant to HJR25-1001 the President appointed Senators Exum, Marchman, and Liston to escort the Governor to the State of the State Address

SR25-002 by Senator(s) Rodriguez, Coleman, Lundeen; --Concerning the appointment of Officers and Employees for the Senate convened in the First Regular Session of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly.

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

YES 31	NO 0	EXCUSED 1	ABSENT 0	VACANT 3			
Amabile	Y	District 30	V	Kolker	Y	Roberts	Y
Baisley	Y	District 31	V	Liston	Y	Rodriguez	Y
Bridges	Y	Exum	Y	Lundeen	Y	Simpson	Y
Bright	Y	Frizell	Y	Marchman	Y	Snyder	Y
Catlin	Y	Gonzales J.	Y	Michaelson	Y	Sullivan	Y
Cutter	Y	Hinrichsen	Y	Mullica	Y	Weissman	Y
Danielson	E	Jaquez	Y	Pelton B.	Y	Winter F.	Y
Daugherty	Y	Kipp	Y	Pelton R.	Y	President	Y
District 29	V	Kirkmeyer	Y	Rich	Y		

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.

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

YES 31	NO 0	EXCUSED 1	ABSENT 0	VACANT 3			
Amabile	Y	District 30	V	Kolker	Y	Roberts	Y
Baisley	Y	District 31	V	Liston	Y	Rodriguez	Y
Bridges	Y	Exum	Y	Lundeen	Y	Simpson	Y
Bright	Y	Frizell	Y	Marchman	Y	Snyder	Y
Catlin	Y	Gonzales J.	Y	Michaelson	Y	Sullivan	Y
Cutter	Y	Hinrichsen	Y	Mullica	Y	Weissman	Y
Danielson	E	Jaquez	Y	Pelton B.	Y	Winter F.	Y
Daugherty	Y	Kipp	Y	Pelton R.	Y	President	Y
District 29	V	Kirkmeyer	Y	Rich	Y		

Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, the Senate adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 10, 2025.

Approved:

James Rashad Coleman, Sr.
President of the Senate

Attest:

Esther van Mourik
Secretary of the Senate

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Prayer By Senator Baisley.

Call to Order By the President at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call Present--28
Excused--4, Cutter, Danielson, Jaquez Lewis, Winter
Vacant--3, District 29, District 30, District 31

Quorum The President announced a quorum present.

Pledge By Senator Bridges.

Approval of the Journal On motion of Senator Pelton, B., the Journal of Thursday, January 9, 2025, was approved as corrected by the Secretary.

SENATE SERVICES REPORT

Correctly Printed: SJR25-002; SR25-002.
Correctly Engrossed: SJR25-002; SR25-002.
Correctly Revised: HJR25-1001.
Correctly Enrolled: SJR25-001; SR25-001.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

January 9, 2025
Mr. President:

The House has adopted and transmits herewith HJR25-1002, as printed in House Journal, January 9, 2025.

Pursuant to the resolution, the Speaker has appointed Representatives Mabrey, chair, Gilchrist, and Richardson.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

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.

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

YES 28	NO 0	EXCUSED 4		ABSENT 0		VACANT 3	
Amabile	Y	District 30	V	Kolker	Y	Roberts	Y
Baisley	Y	District 31	V	Liston	Y	Rodriguez	Y
Bridges	Y	Exum	Y	Lundeen	Y	Simpson	Y
Bright	Y	Frizell	Y	Marchman	Y	Snyder	Y
Catlin	Y	Gonzales J.	Y	Michaelson	Y	Sullivan	Y
Cutter	E	Hinrichsen	Y	Mullica	Y	Weissman	Y
Danielson	E	Jaquez	E	Pelton B.	Y	Winter F.	E
Daugherty	Y	Kipp	Y	Pelton R.	Y	President	Y
District 29	V	Kirkmeyer	Y	Rich	Y		

Pursuant to HJR25-1002 the President appointed Senators Daugherty, Weissman, and Bright to escort the Chief Justice to the State of the Judiciary Address

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

State of Colorado
Department of State

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } ss. CERTIFICATE STATE OF COLORADO

I, Jena Griswold, Secretary of State, certify that the attached is a true and exact copy of the Nomination by Vacancy Committee as filed in this office on January 8, 2025 by the Democratic 29th Senate District Vacancy Committee, appointing Iman Jodeh to fill the vacancy in the office of Colorado State Senate, District 29, caused by the resignation of the honorable Janet Buckner.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this 10th day of January 2025.

(signed)
Jena Griswold
Secretary of State

State of Colorado
Department of State

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } ss. CERTIFICATE STATE OF COLORADO

I, Jena Griswold, Secretary of State, certify that the attached is a true and exact copy of the Acceptance of Nomination by Vacancy Committee as filed in this office on January 8, 2025 by Iman Jodeh, accepting the appointment of the Democratic 29th Senate District Vacancy Committee to fill the vacancy in the office of Colorado State Senate, District 29, caused by the resignation of the honorable Janet Buckner.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this 10th day of January 2025.

(signed)
Jena Griswold
Secretary of State

State of Colorado
Department of State

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } ss. CERTIFICATE STATE OF COLORADO

I, Jena Griswold, Secretary of State, certify that the attached is a true and exact copy of the Nomination by Vacancy Committee as filed in this office on January 7, 2025 by the Republican 30th Senate District Vacancy Committee, appointing John Carson to fill the vacancy in the office of Colorado State Senate, District 30, caused by the resignation of the honorable Kevin Van Winkle.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this 9th day of January 2025.

(signed)
Jena Griswold
Secretary of State

State of Colorado
Department of State

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } ss. CERTIFICATE STATE OF COLORADO

I, Jena Griswold, Secretary of State, certify that the attached is a true and exact copy of the Acceptance of Nomination by Vacancy Committee as filed in this office on January 7, 2025 by John Carson, accepting the appointment of the Republican 30th Senate District Vacancy Committee to fill the vacancy in the office of Colorado State Senate, District 30, caused by the resignation of the honorable Kevin Van Winkle.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this 9th day of January 2025.

(signed)
Jena Griswold
Secretary of State

State of Colorado
Department of State

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } ss. CERTIFICATE STATE OF COLORADO

I, Jena Griswold, Secretary of State, certify that the attached is a true and exact copy of the Nomination by Vacancy Committee as filed in this office on January 8, 2025 by the Democratic 31st Senate District Vacancy Committee, appointing Matthew Ball to fill the vacancy in the office of Colorado State Senate, District 31, caused by the resignation of the honorable Chris Hansen.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this 10th day of January 2025.

(signed)
Jena Griswold
Secretary of State

State of Colorado
Department of State

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } ss. CERTIFICATE STATE OF COLORADO

I, Jena Griswold, Secretary of State, certify that the attached is a true and exact copy of the Acceptance of Nomination by Vacancy Committee as filed in this office on January 8, 2025 by Matthew Ball, accepting the appointment of the Democratic 31st Senate District Vacancy Committee to fill the vacancy in the office of Colorado State Senate, District 31, caused by the resignation of the honorable Chris Hansen.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this 10th day of January 2025.

(signed)
Jena Griswold
Secretary of State

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

Approved:

James Rashad Coleman, Sr.
President of the Senate

Attest:

Esther van Mourik
Secretary of the Senate

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Prayer — By the chaplain, Father Eustace Sequeira, Regis University Jesuit Community, Denver.

Call to Order — By the President at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call — Present--33
Excused--2, Bridges, Danielson

Quorum — The President announced a quorum present.

Pledge — By Senator Kirkmeyer.

Approval of the Journal — On motion of Senator Amabile, the Journal of Friday, January 10, 2025, was approved as corrected by the Secretary.

SENATE SERVICES REPORT

Correctly Printed: SB25-025 (corrected introduced).
Correctly Revised: HJR25-002.
Correctly Enrolled: SR25-002.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

January 10, 2025

Mrs. Natalie Castle
Executive Director
Office of Legislative Council
200 E. Colfax Ave., Room 029
Denver, CO 80203

Mrs. Natalie Castle:

Please be advised that I am appointing Senator Iman Jodeh to the Senate committee on Health and Human Services, and the Senate committee on Business, Labor and Technology.

Best,
(signed)
Robert Rodriguez
Senate Majority Leader

Cc: The Honorable James Coleman, Senate President
The Honorable Paul Lundeen, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Julie McCluskie, House Speaker
The Honorable Monica Duran, House Majority Leader
The Honorable Rose Pugliese, House Minority Leader
The Honorable Iman Jodeh, State Senator
The Honorable Kyle Mullica, State Senator
The Honorable Jessie Danielson, State Senator
Esther Van Mourik, Senate Secretary

Vanessa Reilly, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
Ed DeCecco, Director of the Office of Legislative Legal Services
Rachel Kurtz-Phelan, Legislative Council
Jeanette Chapman, Legislative Council
Jerard Brown, Legislative Council

January 10, 2025

Mrs. Natalie Castle
Executive Director
Office of Legislative Council
200 E. Colfax Ave., Room 029
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Mrs. Natalie Castle:

Please be advised that I am appointing Senator Matt Ball to the Senate committee on Judiciary, and the Senate committee on State, Veterans and Military Affairs.

Best,
(signed)
Robert Rodriguez
Senate Majority Leader

Cc: The Honorable James Coleman, Senate President
The Honorable Paul Lundeen, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Julie McCluskie, House Speaker
The Honorable Monica Duran, House Majority Leader
The Honorable Rose Pugliese, House Minority Leader
The Honorable Matt Ball, State Senator
The Honorable Mike Weissman, State Senator
The Honorable Julie Gonzales, State Senator
Esther Van Mourik, Senate Secretary
Vanessa Reilly, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
Ed DeCecco, Director of the Office of Legislative Legal Services
Rachel Kurtz-Phelan, Legislative Council
Juliann Jenson, Legislative Council
Hamza Syed, Legislative Council

SIGNING OF BILLS -- RESOLUTIONS -- MEMORIALS

The President has signed: SR25-002.

Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

January 13, 2025
Mr. President:

The House has adopted and returns herewith SJR25-002, as amended as printed in House Journal, January 13, 2025.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -- FIRST READING

The following bills were read by title and referred to the committees indicated:

SB25-049 by Senator(s) Marchman and Roberts, Bridges, Pelton B., Simpson; also Representative(s) Martinez and Winter T., McCormick--Concerning continuation of the Colorado wildlife habitat stamp program.
Agriculture & Natural Resources

SB25-050 by Senator(s) Jodeh; --Concerning a requirement that a government form that requests disclosure of the race or ethnicity of the individual completing the form include a space to indicate that the individual's race or ethnicity is Middle Eastern, North African, or South Asian.
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, the Senate adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

Approved:

James Rashad Coleman, Sr.
President of the Senate

Attest:

Esther van Mourik
Secretary of the Senate

SENATE JOURNAL
Seventy-fifth General Assembly
STATE OF COLORADO
First Regular Session

7th Legislative Day Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Prayer — By President *pro tem* Michaelson Jenet.

Call to Order — By the President at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call — Present--24
Excused--11, Baisley, Bridges, Cutter, Danielson, Hinrichsen, Jodeh, Kolker, Marchman, Mullica, Pelton, B., Sullivan
Present later-- 8, Baisley, Cutter, Hinrichsen, Kolker, Marchman, Mullica, Pelton, B., Sullivan

Quorum — The President announced a quorum present.

Pledge — By Senator Kirkmeyer.

Approval of the Journal — On motion of Senator Amabile, the Journal of Monday, January 13, 2025, was approved as corrected by the Secretary.

SENATE SERVICES REPORT

Correctly Printed: SB25-049 and 050.

At the order of the President, Senators Baisley, Cutter, Hinrichsen, Kolker, Marchman, Mullica, and Pelton, B. were added to the current roll call.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

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 Rodriguez, the resolution was **adopted** by the following roll call vote:

YES	31	NO	0	EXCUSED	4	ABSENT	0
Amabile	Y	Daugherty	Y	Kolker	Y	Roberts	Y
Baisley	Y	Exum	Y	Liston	Y	Rodriguez	Y
Ball	Y	Frizell	Y	Lundeen	Y	Simpson	Y
Bridges	E	Gonzales J.	Y	Marchman	Y	Snyder	Y
Bright	Y	Hinrichsen	Y	Michaelson	Y	Sullivan	E
Carson	Y	Jaquez	Y	Mullica	Y	Weissman	Y
Catlin	Y	Jodeh	E	Pelton B.	Y	Winter F.	Y
Cutter	Y	Kipp	Y	Pelton R.	Y	President	Y
Danielson	E	Kirkmeyer	Y	Rich	Y		

Co-sponsor(s) added: Kipp, Snyder, and Weissman.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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.

Senator Rodriguez moved that the Senate concur in House amendments to **SJR25-002**, as printed in House journal, January 13, page(s) 70-71. The motion was **adopted** by the following roll call vote:

YES	31	NO	0	EXCUSED	4	ABSENT	0
Amabile	Y	Daugherty	Y	Kolker	Y	Roberts	Y
Baisley	Y	Exum	Y	Liston	Y	Rodriguez	Y
Ball	Y	Frizell	Y	Lundeen	Y	Simpson	Y
Bridges	E	Gonzales J.	Y	Marchman	Y	Snyder	Y
Bright	Y	Hinrichsen	Y	Michaelson	Y	Sullivan	E
Carson	Y	Jaquez	Y	Mullica	Y	Weissman	Y
Catlin	Y	Jodeh	E	Pelton B.	Y	Winter F.	Y
Cutter	Y	Kipp	Y	Pelton R.	Y	President	Y
Danielson	E	Kirkmeyer	Y	Rich	Y		

The question being "Shall the resolution, as amended, pass?", the roll call was taken with the following result:

YES	31	NO	0	EXCUSED	4	ABSENT	0
Amabile	Y	Daugherty	Y	Kolker	Y	Roberts	Y
Baisley	Y	Exum	Y	Liston	Y	Rodriguez	Y
Ball	Y	Frizell	Y	Lundeen	Y	Simpson	Y
Bridges	E	Gonzales J.	Y	Marchman	Y	Snyder	Y
Bright	Y	Hinrichsen	Y	Michaelson	Y	Sullivan	E
Carson	Y	Jaquez	Y	Mullica	Y	Weissman	Y
Catlin	Y	Jodeh	E	Pelton B.	Y	Winter F.	Y
Cutter	Y	Kipp	Y	Pelton R.	Y	President	Y
Danielson	E	Kirkmeyer	Y	Rich	Y		

A majority of all members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the resolution, as amended, was **repassed**.

At the order of the President, Senator Sullivan was added to the current roll call.

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

Approved:

Dafna Michaelson Jenet
President *pro tem* of the Senate

Attest:

Esther van Mourik
Secretary of the Senate

SENATE JOURNAL
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First Regular Session

8th Legislative Day Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Prayer — By the chaplain, Pastor Vern Rempel, Mountain Community Mennonite Church, Littleton.

Call to Order — By the President at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call — Present--30
Excused--5, Bridges, Cutter, Exum, Mullica, Winter
Present later--2, Cutter, Exum

Quorum — The President announced a quorum present.

Pledge — By Senator Kirkmeyer.

Approval of the Journal — On motion of Senator Amabile, the Journal of Tuesday, January 14, 2025, was approved as corrected by the Secretary.

SENATE SERVICES REPORT

Correctly Printed: SJR25-003.
Correctly Engrossed: SJR25-003.

At the order of the President, Senators Exum and Cutter were added to the current roll call.

Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

January 15, 2025
Mr. President:

The House has adopted and transmits herewith HJR25-1003, amended as printed in House Journal, January 15, 2025.

The House has adopted and returns herewith SJR25-003.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was read by title:

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 until Thursday, January 16.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -- FIRST READING

The following bills were read by title and referred to the committees indicated:

SB25-051 by Senator(s) Michaelson Jenet and Pelton R.; also Representative(s) Lindstedt--Concerning the definition of operating costs for calculating cost efficiency metrics for the regional transportation district.
Transportation & Energy

SB25-052 by Senator(s) Winter F. and Hinrichsen, Cutter; also Representative(s) Valdez and Lindsay, Froelich, Mauro, Boesenecker--Concerning the confidentiality of information related to the regulation of railroad operations.
Transportation & Energy

SB25-053 by Senator(s) Danielson; also Representative(s) Joseph, Duran--Concerning the classification of bison as wildlife unless classified as livestock.
Agriculture & Natural Resources

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

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:

1. 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;
2. Cheryl Mohan-Athey for the 2005 conviction of Controlled Substance - Distribute Schedule III in Jefferson County;
3. 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;
4. Wayne Balis for the 1994 conviction of Theft - More Than $400 But Less Than $15,000 in Routt County;
5. Johnny Bishop for the 1998 conviction of Theft - More Than $500 But Less Than $15,000 in Larimer County;
6. 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;
7. 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;
8. Darrell Drewer for the 1991 conviction of Distribution of a Controlled Substance - Schedule II in Weld County;
9. Kent Frisbie for the 1991 conviction of Narcotics - Common Nuisance - Use or Sale in Larimer County;

10. Shawn Gilley for the 2014 conviction of Controlled Substance - False or Forged Order in Adams County;
11. Buck Glanz for the 2011 conviction of COCCA - Pattern of Racketeering in Jefferson County; 12. Gregory Gordon for the 2011 conviction of Controlled Substance - Conspiracy to Distribute or Manufacture Schedule I in Jefferson County;
13. 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;
14. Randy Guthridge for the 1984 conviction of Family Offense - Non-Support of Child/Spouse in El Paso County;
15. 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;
16. 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;
17. 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;
18. Steve Salazar for the 1998 conviction of 1st Degree Trespass - Dwelling in Montrose County;
19. Brian Valish for the 1992 convictions of 2nd Degree Burglary and Theft in Arapahoe County;
20. Steven Venable for the 1997 conviction of Controlled Substance - Obtained by Fraud in Larimer County;
21. Ronnie West Jr. for the 1996 conviction of Criminal Conspiracy in El Paso County; and 22. Mark Young for the 1986 conviction of 3rd Degree Trespassing and Assault - Menacing in Douglas County.

The following people were granted sentence commutations:

1. 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;
2. 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;
3. 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
4. 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

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, the Senate adjourned until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, January 16, 2025.

Approved:

James Rashad Coleman, Sr.
President of the Senate

Attest:

Esther van Mourik
Secretary of the Senate

SENATE JOURNAL
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9th Legislative Day Thursday, January 16, 2025

Prayer By Senator Bright.

Call to Order By the President at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call Present--30
Excused--5, Bridges, Jaquez Lewis, Kipp, Marchman, Rodriguez
Present later--2, Marchman, Rodriguez

Quorum The President announced a quorum present.

Pledge By Senator Kirkmeyer.

Approval of the Journal On motion of Senator Amabile, the Journal of Wednesday, January 15, 2025, was approved as corrected by the Secretary.

SENATE SERVICES REPORT

Correctly Printed: SB25-051, 052, and 053.
Correctly Enrolled: SJR25-002.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -- FIRST READING

The following bills were read by title and referred to the committees indicated:

SB25-054 by Senator(s) Simpson and Bridges, Pelton B.; also Representative(s) Martinez and McCormick, Winter T.--Concerning the regulation of mining activities, and, in connection therewith, creating a new permit type to facilitate the cleanup of abandoned mine waste piles, updating forfeiture and warranty procedures, and ratifying Colorado's membership in the "Interstate Mining Compact" and the Interstate Mining Commission.
Agriculture & Natural Resources

SB25-055 by Senator(s) Winter F. and Marchman; --Concerning measures to involve youth in environmental justice.
Health & Human Services

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

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.

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

YES	32	NO	0	EXCUSED	3	ABSENT	0
Amabile	Y	Daugherty	Y	Kolker	Y	Roberts	Y
Baisley	Y	Exum	Y	Liston	Y	Rodriguez	Y
Ball	Y	Frizell	Y	Lundeen	Y	Simpson	Y
Bridges	E	Gonzales J.	Y	Marchman	Y	Snyder	Y
Bright	Y	Hinrichsen	Y	Michaelson	Y	Sullivan	Y
Carson	Y	Jaquez	E	Mullica	Y	Weissman	Y
Catlin	Y	Jodeh	Y	Pelton B.	Y	Winter F.	Y
Cutter	Y	Kipp	E	Pelton R.	Y	President	Y
Danielson	Y	Kirkmeyer	Y	Rich	Y		

Co-sponsor(s) added: Lundeen, Rich, and Rodriguez.

Pursuant to HJR25-1003 the President appointed Senators Danielson, Hinrichsen, and Simpson to escort the Tribal Representatives to the Address by Tribal Councils.

SIGNING OF BILLS -- RESOLUTIONS -- MEMORIALS

The President has signed: SJR25-002 and SJR25-003.

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, the Senate adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 17, 2025.

Approved:

James Rashad Coleman, Sr.
President of the Senate

Attest:

Esther van Mourik
Secretary of the Senate

SENATE JOURNAL
Seventy-fifth General Assembly
STATE OF COLORADO
First Regular Session

10th Legislative Day Friday, January 17, 2025

Prayer By Senator Catlin.

Call to Order By the President at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call Present--27
Excused--8, Bridges, Danielson, Gonzales, Jaquez Lewis, Liston, Michaelson Jenet, Pelton, R., Winter

Quorum The President announced a quorum present.

Pledge By Senator Kirkmeyer.

Approval of the Journal On motion of Senator Amabile, the Journal of Thursday, January 16, 2025, was approved as corrected by the Secretary.

SENATE SERVICES REPORT

Correctly Printed: SB25-054 and 055.
Correctly Revised: HJR25-003.
Correctly Enrolled: SJR25-003.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -- FIRST READING

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

SB25-056 by Senator(s) Sullivan; --Concerning the taxation of premium cigars, and, in connection therewith, capping the statutory excise tax on premium cigars at twenty percent.
Finance

Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

January 17, 2025
Mr. President:

The House has adopted and transmits herewith HJR25-1005 as printed in House Journal, January 17, 2025.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were read by title and referred to the committees indicated:

SR25-003 by Senator(s) Rodriguez; --Concerning the Rules of the Senate, and, in connection therewith, making the temporary Rules of the Senate of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly permanent.

Laid over until Tuesday, January 21.

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.

Laid over until Tuesday, January 21.

SJR25-004 by Senator(s) Cutter; also Representative(s) Garcia and Froelich--Concerning the designation of January 22 as "Reproductive Rights and Justice Day".

Laid over until Wednesday, January 22.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Appointment Letters of designation and appointment from Governor Jared Polis were read and assigned to committees as follows:

May 10, 2024

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
STATEWIDE INTERNET PORTAL AUTHORITY

effective June 2, 2024 for a term expiring June 1, 2028:

Ernesto Chavez of Westminster, Colorado, to represent local government, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Red'd: 12/16/24
Ryan Breitweiser, Journal Clerk

Committee on Business, Labor, & Technology

May 10, 2024

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
STATE PLUMBING BOARD

effective July 2, 2024 for a term expiring July 1, 2028:

John Hill of Colorado Springs, Colorado, to serve as a plumbing contractor, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Red'd: 12/16/24
Ryan Breitweiser, Journal Clerk

Business, Labor, & Technology

December 13, 2024

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
UNDERGROUND DAMAGE PREVENTION SAFETY COMMISSION

effective January 2, 2025 for terms expiring January 1, 2028:

Richard Russel of Platteville, Colorado, to serve as an excavator, appointed;

Julie McCaleb of Anton, Colorado, to serve as an individual nominated by the Commissioner of Agriculture who is actively engaged in farming or ranching, reappointed;

Kristin Miller of Lakewood, Colorado, to serve as an individual nominated by the America Council of Engineering Companies of Colorado to represent engineers, appointed;

Rob Martindale of Grand Junction, Colorado, to serve as an individual nominated by the Department of Transportation to represent transportation, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Red'd: 12/16/24
Ryan Breitweiser, Journal Clerk

Committee on Business, Labor, & Technology

September 13, 2024

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to appoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

for terms expiring July 1, 2027:

Jackie Millet of Lone Tree, Colorado, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Red'd: 12/16/24
Ryan Breitweiser, Journal Clerk

Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

May 31, 2024

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
COLORADO BOARD OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

effective July 1, 2024 for a term expiring June 30, 2028:

Jasmine Walker Motupalli of Centennial, Colorado, to serve as a veteran who has been honorably released or separated from the Armed Forces of the United States, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Red'd: 12/16/24
Ryan Breitweiser, Journal Clerk

Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

June 21, 2024

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
COLORADO LOTTERY COMMISSION

effective July 2, 2024 for terms expiring July 1, 2028:

Christian Reece of Grand Junction, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the public, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Red'd: 12/16/24
Ryan Breitweiser, Journal Clerk

Committee on Finance

September 20, 2024

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint and submit for your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
COLORADO LIMITED GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

for a term expiring July 1, 2028:

Phil Workman of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a member of the First Congressional District and as a registered elector, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Red'd: 12/16/24
Ryan Breitweiser, Journal Clerk

Committee on Finance

August 30, 2024

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
CLEAN FLEET ENTERPRISE

effective September 29, 2024 for terms expiring September 28, 2028:

Jose Guardiola of Commerce City, Colorado, to serve as an individual from a disproportionately impacted community, reappointed;

Greg Fulton of Denver, Colorado, to serve as an individual with expertise in transportation, reappointed;

Tim Reeser of Johnstown, Colorado, to serve as an individual with expertise in motor vehicle fleet electrification, reappointed;

Huma Seth of Arvada, Colorado, to serve as an individual representing a business that owns or operates a motor vehicle fleet, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Red'd: 12/16/24
Ryan Breitweiser, Journal Clerk

Committee on Transportation & Energy

December 13, 2024

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

for a term expiring July 1, 2027:

Cecil Gutierrez of Loveland, Colorado, to serve as a commissioner from the Fifth Transportation District, occasioned by the resignation of James Kelly of Fort Collins, Colorado, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Red'd: 12/16/24
Ryan Breitweiser, Journal Clerk

Committee on Transportation & Energy

October 11, 2024

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

for a term expiring July 1, 2027:

Todd Masters of Elizabeth, Colorado, to serve as a commissioner from the Eleventh Transportation District, occasioned by the resignation of Megan Vasquez of Elizabeth, Colorado, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Red'd: 12/16/24
Ryan Breitweiser, Journal Clerk

Committee on Transportation & Energy

August 23, 2024

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
ENERGY IMPACT ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

for terms expiring August 24, 2028:

Tony Hass of Trinidad, Colorado, reappointed;

Heather Alvarez of Mancos, Colorado, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Red'd: 12/16/24
Ryan Breitweiser, Journal Clerk

Committee on Transportation & Energy

December 19, 2024

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES

effective January 1, 2025 for a term expiring December 31, 2028:

Rebecca Mitchell of Denver, Colorado, to serve as an alumnus of the school, appointed.

Bruce Eric Grewcock of Omaha, Nebraska, to serve as an alumnus of the school, reappointed;

Judith Zee Steinberg of Aspen, Colorado, to serve as a non-alumnus of the school, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Red'd: 12/19/24
Ryan Breitweiser, Journal Clerk

Committee on Education

December 19, 2024

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO

effective January 1, 2025 for terms expiring December 31, 2028:

Brenda Campos-Spitze of Greeley, Colorado, to serve as a Democrat, reappointed;

Richard Lee Monfort of Greeley, Colorado, to serve as a Republican, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Red'd: 12/19/24
Ryan Breitweiser, Journal Clerk

Committee on Education

August 23, 2024

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
COLORADO COMMISSION ON AGING

for terms expiring September 1, 2025:

David Corder-Green of Boulder, Colorado, to represent expertise in the housing sector, occasioned by the resignation of Diana Delgado of Dacono, Colorado, appointed;

Rebecca Chopp of Broomfield, Colorado, to represent expertise in dementia, occasioned by the resignation of Kelly Osthoff of Greeley, Colorado, appointed;

for terms expiring September 1, 2027:

Kathryn Cowling of Denver, Colorado, to represent the First Congressional District, appointed;

Lynne Thompson of Center, Colorado, to represent the Third Congressional District, appointed;

James Kuemmerle of Lochbuie, Colorado, to represent the Fourth Congressional District, reappointed;

Penny Whitney of Colorado Springs, Colorado, to represent the Fifth Congressional District, reappointed;

Joie Glenn of Aurora, Colorado, to represent the Sixth Congressional District, appointed;

Karen Brown of Arvada, Colorado, to represent the Seventh Congressional District, reappointed;

Ronica Rooks of Thornton, Colorado, to represent the Eighth Congressional District, reappointed;

Kimberly Bryant of Colorado Springs, Colorado, to represent long term residential care, reappointed;

Barbara Kreisman of Fraser, Colorado, to represent workforce, appointed;

Erin Maruzzella of Colorado Springs, Colorado, to represent expertise in policy or elder rights issues, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Red'd: 12/16/24
Ryan Breitweiser, Journal Clerk

Committee on Health & Human Services

July 19, 2024

To the Honorable Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
COLORADO TOURISM OFFICE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

for a term expiring June 1, 2026:

Bruce Dalton of Aurora, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the destination marketing industry, occasioned by the resignation of Rachel Brown of Durango, Colorado, appointed;

for terms expiring June 1, 2028:

Vinay Patidar of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the tourism-related retail industry and small business, reappointed;

Jennifer Shea of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the ski industry, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Red'd: 12/16/24
Ryan Breitweiser, Journal Clerk

Committee on Agriculture & Natural Energy

TRIBUTES

Honoring:
Immunize Colorado -- By Senator Rodriguez
George Washington High School Speech and Debate -- By Senator Hansen
Chris Martinez -- By Senators Coleman and Will
Colorado Capitol Custodial Staff -- By Senators Coleman and Will
Grace Dereemer -- By Senator Bridges
James Vargas -- By senator Bridges
Katie Hancock -- By Senator Buckner
Micaela Parker -- By Senator Coleman
Adrienne Dahms -- By Senator Cutter
Nate Lewis -- By Senator Danielson
Ryan Macoubrie -- By Senator Exum
Lena Long-Shore -- By President Fenberg
Casiah Smith -- By Senator Fields
Nadia Williams -- By Senator Fields
Matt Hardwick -- Senator Ginal
Jay Spenser -- By Senator Ginal
Amanda Alvarado -- By Senator Gonzales
Colton Arciniaga -- By Senator Gonzales
Hannah Nelson -- By Senator Hansen
Chase Presson -- By Senator Hansen
Garrett Kelley -- By Senator Hinrichsen
Luke Doescher -- By Senator Jaquez Lewis
Cat Simmons -- By Senator Kolker
Sam Maddux -- By Senator Marchman
Danielle Ryan -- By Senator Michaelson Jenet
Dalena Mullica -- By Senator Mullica
Shasta Stone -- By Senator Mullica
Emma Holt -- By Senator Priola
Jena Burgess -- By Senator Roberts
Cooper Hearne -- By Senator Rodriguez
Lance Wheeland -- By Senator Rodriguez
Megan Sullivan-Jenks By Senator Sullivan
Emma Menchaca-Chavez -- By Senator Winter
Aaron Silverstein -- By Senator Zenzinger
Antoinette Harris -- By Senator Baisley
Michael Walter -- By Senator Baisley
Aspen Spivey -- By Senator Gardner
Hunter Rivera -- By Senator Kirkmeyer
Lynn Bartels -- By Senator Kirkmeyer
Lara Ross -- By Senator Liston
Dream Weaver -- By Senator Lundeen
Ryan Strauch -- By Senator Pelton B.
Jake Hettinger -- By Senator Pelton R.
Kevin Conrad -- By Senator Rich
Sarah Harrison -- By Senator Simpson
Luke Swift -- By Senator Simpson
Aspen Spivey -- By Senator Smallwood
Madelyn Crook -- By Senator VanWinkle
Jay Misany -- By Senator Will
Lynn Bartels -- By Senator Will
Dr. Reginald Washington -- By Senator Buckner
Todd Helton -- By Senator Rodriguez

Chancellor Phil DiStefano -- By President Fenberg 1
Drake Nugent -- By Senator VanWinkle 2
Colorado's Asian Americans -- By Senator Hansen 3
Abate Colorado -- By Senators Hinrichsen, Ginal and Lundeen & Representative 4
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Heather Fiedler -- By Senator Zenzinger 7
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Mark McGoff -- By Senator Zenzinger 10
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Cline Farms -- By Senator Pelton B. & Representative Holtorf 7
Deb Daniel -- By Senator Pelton B. & Representative Holtorf 8
Green Family Farms -- By Senator Pelton B. & Representative Holtorf 9
Hays Farms -- By Senator Pelton B. & Representative Holtorf 10
McCaleb Livestock -- By Senator Pelton B. & Representative Holtorf 11
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Sammi Chadwick -- By Senator Pelton, R 67

Trey Scheler -- By Senator Pelton, R

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, the Senate adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

Approved:

James Rashad Coleman, Sr.
President of the Senate

Attest:

Esther van Mourik
Secretary of the Senate

SENATE JOURNAL
Seventy-fifth General Assembly
STATE OF COLORADO
First Regular Session

13th Legislative Day Monday, January 20, 2025

THE SENATE DID NOT CONVENE ON THIS DAY
DUE TO OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

SENATE JOURNAL
Seventy-fifth General Assembly
STATE OF COLORADO
First Regular Session

14th Legislative Day Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Prayer By the chaplain, Pastor Marlon Saunders, Hope City Church of Colorado, Aurora.

Call to Order By the President at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call Present--31
Excused--4, Baisley, Catlin, Jaquez Lewis, Snyder

Quorum The President announced a quorum present.

Pledge By Senator Bright.

Approval of the Journal On motion of Senator Kipp, the Journal of Friday, January 17, 2025, was approved as corrected by the Secretary.

SENATE SERVICES REPORT

Correctly Printed: SB25-056; SJR25-004; SR25-003.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

SR25-003 by Senator(s) Rodriguez; --Concerning the Rules of the Senate, and, in connection therewith, making the temporary Rules of the Senate of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly permanent.

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

YES	31	NO	0	EXCUSED	4	ABSENT	0
Amabile	Y	Daugherty	Y	Kolker	Y	Roberts	Y
Baisley	E	Exum	Y	Liston	Y	Rodriguez	Y
Ball	Y	Frizell	Y	Lundeen	Y	Simpson	Y
Bridges	Y	Gonzales J.	Y	Marchman	Y	Snyder	E
Bright	Y	Hinrichsen	Y	Michaelson	Y	Sullivan	Y
Carson	Y	Jaquez	E	Mullica	Y	Weissman	Y
Catlin	E	Jodeh	Y	Pelton B.	Y	Winter F.	Y
Cutter	Y	Kipp	Y	Pelton R.	Y	President	Y
Danielson	Y	Kirkmeyer	Y	Rich	Y		

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 Majority Leader Rodriguez, the resolution was read at length and **adopted** by the following roll call vote:

YES	31	NO	0	EXCUSED	4	ABSENT	0
Amabile	Y	Daugherty	Y	Kolker	Y	Roberts	Y
Baisley	E	Exum	Y	Liston	Y	Rodriguez	Y
Ball	Y	Frizell	Y	Lundeen	Y	Simpson	Y
Bridges	Y	Gonzales J.	Y	Marchman	Y	Snyder	E
Bright	Y	Hinrichsen	Y	Michaelson	Y	Sullivan	Y
Carson	Y	Jaquez	E	Mullica	Y	Weissman	Y
Catlin	E	Jodeh	Y	Pelton B.	Y	Winter F.	Y
Cutter	Y	Kipp	Y	Pelton R.	Y	President	Y
Danielson	Y	Kirkmeyer	Y	Rich	Y		

Co-sponsor(s) added: Amabile, Ball, Bridges, Bright, Carson, Cutter, Danielson, Daugherty, Frizell, Gonzales J., Hinrichsen, Jodeh, Kipp, Kirkmeyer, Kolker, Liston, Lundeen, Marchman, Michaelson Jenet, Mullica, Pelton B., Pelton R., Rich, Roberts, Rodriguez, Simpson, Sullivan, Weissman, and Winter F.

LETTERS FROM SENATE LEADERSHIP

January 17, 2025

To Senate Secretary Esther van Mourik,

On January 10, 2025, Senate President James Coleman received an ethics complaint regarding Senator Jaquez Lewis that was filed by Hailey Shea McMoore from the Political Workers Guild of Colorado, on behalf of Li Davis, Luke Doescher, Luis Echeverry, Lacey McGinty, and Molly Stawinoga. In accordance with Senate Rule 43, and upon consultation with one another, we, the President, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader, have concluded that we cannot dismiss the complaint on the grounds that it is not meritorious or does not substantiate an ethical violation and, therefore, we are required to appoint a Committee on Ethics to review the complaint.

President Coleman has determined that the Committee will consist of five members, three from the majority party appointed by the President and two from the minority party appointed by the Minority Leader. The President and Minority Leader will appoint the Committee members no later than Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

Under Senate Rule 43 (c), if Senator Jaquez Lewis wishes to respond to the complaint, she must submit a written answer to the Committee within ten days after the date that all members are appointed to the Committee.

In addition, we are asking the Legislative Council Staff to staff the Committee on Ethics and the Office of Legislative Legal Services to provide any legal assistance requested by the Committee.

Thank you,

(signed)
President James Coleman

(signed)
Majority Leader Robert Rodriguez

(signed)
Minority Leader Paul Lundeen

January 21, 2025

Natalie Castle
Director, Legislative Council
Colorado State Capitol
200 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Director Castle,

In accordance with Joint Rule 43 (b), I am appointing Senators Julie Gonzales, Dylan Roberts, and Mike Weissman to the Senate Committee on Ethics. I am appointing Senator Gonzales as Chair and Assistant Minority Leader Cleave Simpson as Vice-Chair. These appointments are effective immediately.

Sincerely,
(signed)
James R. Coleman
Senate President

Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -- FIRST READING

The following bills were read by title and referred to the committees indicated:

SB25-057 by Senator(s) Baisley; also Representative(s) Richardson--Concerning the cancellation of the voter registrations of persons not legally qualified to vote in the state by reason of noncitizenship, and, in connection therewith, requiring the executive directors of the department of revenue, the department of public health and environment, and the department of corrections to furnish the secretary of state with regular reports of all persons who are not citizens based on existing information-sharing agreements; requiring the state court administrator to furnish the secretary of state with regular reports of all persons who report as ineligible to serve as jurors because they are not citizens; and requiring the cancellation of the voter registrations of the persons included on the reports.
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

SB25-058 by Senator(s) Snyder; --Concerning a model act to provide a framework that allows insurance companies to give rebates that meet specified criteria to maintain consumer protections.
Health & Human Services

SB25-059 by Senator(s) Sullivan; also Representative(s) Woodrow--Concerning measures to support the state's response to mass shootings, and, in connection therewith, to support services for victims of mass shootings.
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

SB25-060 by Senator(s) Catlin and Roberts; also Representative(s) Clifford--Concerning expanding the crime of obstructing government operations to include the repeated calling of public safety emergency entities without justifiable cause.
Judiciary

SB25-061 by Senator(s) Simpson; also Representative(s) Weinberg and Joseph, Duran--Concerning construction of laws regarding federally recognized tribes in Colorado.
Judiciary

SB25-062 by Senator(s) Hinrichsen and Weissman; also Representative(s) Carter and Bird--Concerning contempt of court for failure to appear charges in municipal court.
Judiciary

SB25-063 by Senator(s) Cutter and Michaelson Jenet; --Concerning standards that public schools are required to include in policies regarding library resources.
Education

SB25-064 by Senator(s) Marchman, Jaquez Lewis, Kipp; also Representative(s) Clifford--Concerning notifying a school when a student has experienced a traumatic event.
Education

SB25-065 by Senator(s) Baisley; also Representative(s) Richardson--Concerning clarifying that a public entity does not have to satisfy any portion of a civil liability when the peace officer is convicted for conduct related to the civil claim.
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

SIGNING OF BILLS -- RESOLUTIONS -- MEMORIALS

The President has signed: SR25-003.

LETTERS FROM SENATE LEADERSHIP

January 21, 2025

Natalie Castle
Executive Director, Legislative Council
200 East Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Director Castle,

Please be advised, in accordance with Joint Rule 43(b), I hereby appoint Senators Cleave Simpson and John Carson to the Senate Committee on Ethics. These appointments are effective immediately.

Respectfully,
(signed)
Paul Lundeen
Senate Minority Leader

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, the Senate adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 22, 2025.

Approved:

James Rashad Coleman, Sr.
President of the Senate

Attest:

Esther van Mourik
Secretary of the Senate