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STATE OF COLORADO
Second Regular Session

First Legislative Day

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

- 1 Prayer by the Honorable Polly Baca.
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3 Colors were posted by Cadet Benjamin Hunt, Cadet Kaige Jones, Cadet
4 Rosa Henson, Cadet Saira Ramos, William Mitchell High School Air
5 Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.
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7 The National Anthem was sung by Belen Delon.
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9 The Speaker called the House to order at 10:00 a.m.
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11 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gianna Lujan, Valenzia Lujan, Escuela
12 de Guadalupe, Denver, and Cienna Wilcox, Asher Wilcox, Woodrow
13 Wilson Academy, Westminster.
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15 The Speaker appointed Marilyn Eddins, Chief Clerk.
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RESIGNATION

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21 September 27, 2017

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23 Marilyn Eddins
24 Chief Clerk of the Colorado State House of Representatives
25 200 E. Colfax, Room 271
26 Denver, CO 80203
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28 Dear Madame Chief Clerk Eddins:
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30 I write this letter to formally tender my resignation from the Colorado
31 House of Representatives as the House District 26 Representative
32 effective at the close of business on November 2, 2017.
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34 I have been deeply honored to represent the people of Eagle County and
35 Routt County in the Colorado House. However, I am running to represent
36 all the people of Colorado's United States Congressional District 3 in the
37 2018 election. I cannot do justice to both jobs: being an effective,
38 responsive, transparent full-time legislator for the people of HD26 and
39 running a full-time campaign in the largest US Congressional District in
40 the US that is not an entire state. CD3 covers 29 counties and 54,000
41 square miles.
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1 I have enjoyed working with you very much. You are the exemplar of the
 2 dedicated, expert public servant who is fair to all and really cares about
 3 the Colorado House of Representatives.
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 5 Likewise, I have deep respect for my colleagues in the Colorado House
 6 of Representatives.
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 8 The Democratic Party Vacancy Committee for HD26 will convene after
 9 you have received this letter to select my replacement for the 2018
 10 Session according to the rules and CRS. I know the new HD26
 11 Representative will work hard and be a great addition to the House.
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 13 Thank you for your tireless commitment to good government and to the
 14 People's House.
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 16 Sincerely yours,
 17 (signed)
 18 Representative Diane Mitsch Bush
 19 Colorado House District 26-all of Eagle and all of Routt Counties
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 22 **COMMUNICATIONS**
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 24 **STATE OF COLORADO**
 25 **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**
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 29 **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) SS. CERTIFICATE**
 30 **STATE OF COLORADO)**
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32 I, Wayne W. Williams, Secretary of State, certify that the attached is a
 33 true and exact copy of the Nomination by Vacancy Committee as filed in
 34 this office on November 3, 2017 by the Democratic 26th House District
 35 Vacancy Committee, appointing Dylan Roberts to fill the vacancy in the
 36 office of the Colorado State House, District 26, caused by the resignation
 37 of the honorable Diane Mitsch Bush.
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39 In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the
 40 State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this sixth day of November,
 41 2017.
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43 (Signed)
 44 Wayne W. Williams
 45 Secretary of State
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 48 **STATE OF COLORADO**
 49 **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**
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51 **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) SS. CERTIFICATE**
 52 **STATE OF COLORADO)**
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54 I, Wayne W. Williams, Secretary of State, certify that the attached is a
 55 true and exact copy of the Acceptance of Nomination by Vacancy
 56 Committee as filed in this office on November 3, 2017 by Dylan Roberts,

1 accepting the appointment of the Democratic 26th House District
2 Vacancy Committee, to fill the vacancy in the office of the Colorado State
3 House, District 26, caused by the resignation of the honorable Diane
4 Mitsch Bush.

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6 In testimony whereof, I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of
7 the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this sixth day of November,
8 2017.

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10 (Signed)
11 Wayne W. Williams
12 Secretary of State

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14 (Note: On November 13, 2017, at 11:30 a.m, Dylan Roberts, was sworn
15 in as Representative for District 26. Speaker Duran administered the oath
16 of office in the Chamber of the House of Representatives.)

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RESIGNATION

21
22 November 12, 2017

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24 Minority Leader
25 Patrick Neville
26 Colorado State Capitol
27 200 East Colfax Avenue
28 Denver, CO 80203

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30 Dear Minority Leader,

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32 Effective immediately I am resigning from the Colorado State House of
33 Representatives - House District 47. It has been my honor and privilege
34 to have served with you and all of my distinguished colleagues since 2013.
35 Together, we have fought the good fight, and it is my hope that you and
36 the Republican Caucus will continue your diligent and thoughtful work
37 for the taxpayers of Colorado.

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39 I leave with mixed emotions, but I'm confident I'll be able to continue my
40 work for agriculture and rural America in my next endeavor. I have been
41 appointed to serve in the Trump Administration as the Colorado State
42 Farm Service Agency State Director.

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44 To all of the staff at the Capitol, my fellow Members of the Colorado
45 State Legislature, and especially to those who elected me three times I
46 leave with a full heart of gratitude knowing we have done some good
47 work and we have prevented some bad legislation for Colorado. Please
48 continue to fight for less government, lower taxes, and most of all liberty.

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50 Sincerely,
51 (signed)
52 Clarice Navarro
53 State Representative - House District 47

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I, Wayne W. Williams, 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 December 1, 2017 by the Republican 47th House District Vacancy Committee, appointing Judy K. Reyher to fill the vacancy in the office of the Colorado State House, District 47, caused by the resignation of the honorable Clarice Navarro.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this fourth day of December, 2017.

(Signed)
Wayne W. Williams
Secretary of State

STATE OF COLORADO
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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

I, Wayne W. Williams, 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 December 1, 2017 by Judy K. Reyher, accepting the appointment of the Republican 47th House District Vacancy Committee, to fill the vacancy in the office of the Colorado State House, District 47, caused by the resignation of the honorable Clarice Navarro.

In testimony whereof, I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this fourth day of December, 2017.

(Signed)
Wayne W. Williams
Secretary of State

(Note: On November 18, 2017, at 10:00 a.m, Judy K. Reyher, was sworn in as Representative for District 47. Justice Nathan B. Coats administered the oath of office in the Chamber of the House of Representatives.)

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December 11, 2017

Marilyn Eddins
Chief Clerk, Colorado House of Representatives
Colorado Capitol (200 E. Colfax)
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Chief Clerk Eddins,

It is with a humble spirit and immense sense of gratitude that I announce today my intent to resign from the Colorado General Assembly effective January 7th. It has been one of the great honors of my life to serve the people of HD-14 and I'll forever be grateful for the experience.

Marilyn, on a personal note, thank you for your service to our state. You are the heart and soul of this institution and it has been an honor to serve alongside you.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Dan Nordberg
Colorado House District 14

The roll call with the following result:

Present--64
Vacant--1

The Speaker declared a quorum present

On motion of Representative KC Becker, a Committee of three were appointed to notify the Senate that the House was organized and ready for business. The Speaker appointed Representatives Pettersen, Chair, Salazar, and Lundeen.

On motion of Representative KC Becker, a Committee of three were appointed to notify the Governor that the House was organized and ready for business. The Speaker appointed Representative Hamner, Chairman, Pabon, and Buck.

House in recess.

The Speaker recognized a committee from the Senate. Senators Gardner, Hill, and Garcia reported that the Senate was organized and ready for business.

House reconvened.

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

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

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12 **INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION**

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14 On motion of Representative KC Becker, the rules were suspended and
15 the following resolution was given immediate consideration.

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17 **HJR18-1001** by Representative(s) Becker K., Duran, Neville P.;
18 also Senator(s) Holbert, Grantham, Guzman--
19 Concerning a Joint Session of the House of
20 Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of
21 hearing a message from His Excellency, Governor
22 John Hickenlooper, and appointing a committee to
23 escort the Governor.

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25 (Printed and placed in members' files).

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27 On motion of Representative KC Becker, the resolution **adopted** by **viva**
28 **voce** vote.

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30 The Speaker appointed Representatives Lee, Winter, Rankin pursuant to
31 the resolution.

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34 The following appointments were read:

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36 **AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, & NATURAL RESOURCES**

37 13 Members: Representatives Arndt, Chair, Esgar, Vice-Chair,
38 Becker J., Buck, Catlin, Danielson, Hansen, Jackson, Lewis, McKean,
39 Saine, Roberts, Valdez

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41 **APPROPRIATIONS**

42 13 Members: Representatives Young, Chair, Hamner, Vice-Chair,
43 Becker, J., Beckman, Danielson, Everett, Garnett, Hansen, Kraft-Tharp,
44 Neville, Pabon, Rankin, Winter

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46 **BUSINESS AFFAIRS & LABOR**

47 13 Members: Representatives Kraft-Tharp, Chair, Winter, Vice-Chair,
48 Arndt, Coleman, Garnett, Gray, Liston, Rosenthal, Sias, Thurlow,
49 VanWinkle, Williams, 1 Vacancy

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51 **EDUCATION**

52 13 Members: Representatives Pettersen, Chair, Buckner, Vice-Chair,
53 Bridges, Everett, Exum, Garnett, Lee, Leonard, Lundeen, McLachlan,
54 Reyher, Sias, Wilson

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1 **FINANCE**

2 13 Members: Representatives Pabon, Chair, Foote, Vice-Chair,
3 Beckman, Benavidez, Covarrubias, Gray, Herod, Kennedy, Lawrence,
4 Michaelson Jenet, Thurlow, Van Winkle, 1 Vacancy

6 **HEALTH, INSURANCE, & ENVIRONMENT**

7 13 Members: Representatives Ginal, Chair, Esgar, Vice-Chair, Beckman,
8 Buckner, Covarrubias, Humphrey, Jackson, Kennedy, Landgraf, Lontine,
9 Roberts, Ransom, Wilson

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11 **JUDICIARY**

12 11 Members: Representatives Lee, Chair, Salazar, Vice-Chair,
13 Benavidez, Carver, Foote, Herod, Lundeen, Melton, Weissman, Willett,
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16 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

17 13 Members: Representatives Singer, Chair, Exum, Vice-Chair,
18 Coleman, Gray, Lebsack, Liston, McKean, Ransom, Reyher, Rosenthal,
19 Thurlow, Valdez, Wilson

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21 **PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

22 13 Members: Representatives Singer, Chair, Danielson, Vice-Chair,
23 Beckman, Catlin, Everett, Ginal, Hooton, Landgraf, McKean,
24 Michaelson Jenet, Pabon, Pettersen, Ransom

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26 **STATE, VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS**

27 9 Members: Representatives Foote, Chair, Lontine, Vice-Chair,
28 Benavidez, Hooton, Humphrey, Leonard, Melton, Weissman, Williams

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30 **TRANSPORTATION & ENERGY**

31 13 Members: Representatives Winter, Chair, McLachlan, Vice-Chair,
32 Becker J., Bridges, Buck, Carver, Esgar, Ginal, Hansen, Jackson,
33 Lawrence, Lewis, Roberts

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35 **HOUSE SERVICES**

36 4 Members: Representatives Buckner, Chair, Esgar, McKean, Saine

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40 Representative KC Becker moved that the following remarks of Speaker
41 Duran and Minority Leader Neville be printed in the House Journal.
42 There being no objection the remarks were printed.

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44 Speaker Duran addressed the members of the House of Representatives:

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46 Thank you and welcome to the second regular session of the 71st General
47 Assembly.

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49 2018 is shaping up as another great year for Colorado. Our overall economy
50 continues to grow and our unemployment rate continues to be one of the lowest
51 in the nation.

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53 We continue to attract new jobs, new businesses and new events. Later this
54 month, for the first time, we'll host the Outdoor Retailer Show, one of many
55 tangible rewards for our forward-thinking conservation policies and
56 commitment to public lands. It should be a point of pride for all Coloradans,

1 especially our military veterans, that the Navy's newest attack submarine, to be
2 commissioned in March, is the USS Colorado. But the best news for our
3 veterans is that barring further federal delays our new state-of-the-art VA
4 hospital in Aurora will finally open this summer!

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6 Members, we are gathered here because we believe in service, in the ability to
7 make positive change, in the power of working together to solve complex
8 problems.

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10 And because we love Colorado and what it stands for: Opportunity for all who
11 show responsibility through hard work. A strong sense of community, where
12 people are valued not for their wealth or their connections, but for what they do
13 for others. A spirit of cooperation and inclusiveness. And of course our
14 spectacular vistas and open spaces.

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16 From the golden dome of this building we can see three Fourteeners and one of
17 the most vibrant economies in America. So many people are moving here for
18 the mix of sunshine, scenic beauty and economic opportunity that we call the
19 Colorado way of life.

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21 Our task over the next 120 days is to preserve and enhance our Colorado way
22 of life, which is so different from the discord and dysfunction emanating from
23 Washington DC.

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25 Coloradans are counting on us to stand strong, to be productive, to defy the
26 unsettling trends we've seen elsewhere in America. The eyes of Colorado will
27 be on us, including some special guests who have come to this chamber this
28 morning.

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30 The first Latino speaker of the Colorado House, Ruben Valdez.

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32 The first Latina to serve in the House and Senate of any state legislature, Polly
33 Baca.

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35 Former Lieutenant Governor Gail Schoettler.

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37 Denver DA and former representative Beth McCann.

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39 Former representatives Fran Coleman, Su Schafer, Rosemary Marshall and
40 Roger Wilson.

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42 We also welcome two new members, Representative Dylan Roberts of Eagle
43 County and Representative Judy Reyher [rye-er] of Otero County.

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45 Representative Roberts is now the youngest member of the General Assembly,
46 part of a new generation of leaders. If he is a glimpse of the future, our future
47 is bright.

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49 The two of you have joined a group of legislators who have shown that through
50 respectful dialogue and inclusiveness we can turn our wide range of experiences
51 and perspectives into policy that truly benefits the people of our state.

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53 We can point with pride to what we achieved for Coloradans in the 2017
54 session, which was widely acclaimed as the most productive in recent memory.

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1 We proved that we don't just talk about not being like Washington DC. We
2 proved by our actions that here in Colorado, we can work together to get things
3 done.
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5 After years of effort, we made a bipartisan breakthrough on a budget restructure
6 called the hospital provider fee. Fixing it saved hospitals around the state from
7 more than half a billion dollars in budget cuts. Those cuts would have impacted
8 every hospital in the state, and would have been fatal to some of our smaller
9 hospitals in rural areas of Colorado.
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11 Last session I visited Lincoln Community Hospital in the Eastern Plains town
12 of Hugo. I saw firsthand how essential our rural hospitals are. They are the
13 nursing home, family clinic, ambulance service and sometimes hospice care for
14 their communities.
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16 Rural hospitals saved Edward Humphrey. Aside from serving in the Korean
17 War, Ed has lived on the Eastern Plains all his life. He met his wife, Barbara,
18 when he was a hired hand threshing corn for Barbara's grandparents. He went
19 on to work as a Colorado brand inspector for two decades.
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21 Last Friday they celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary.
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23 If not for Lincoln Community Hospital, Ed might not have been around to mark
24 two-thirds of a century of marriage.
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26 In 2016, he experienced life-threatening complications following surgery. But
27 the doctors at Lincoln Community pulled him through.
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29 Barbara Humphrey said, "I can breathe easier knowing that Lincoln Community
30 Hospital is open and remains open. Because of the budget restructure, Lincoln
31 Community Hospital continues to save lives every day."
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33 Barbara Humphrey is here with us today, joined by Kevin Stansbury, president
34 and CEO of Lincoln Community Hospital. Also with us is Konnie Martin, CEO
35 of San Luis Valley Health in Alamosa.
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37 Konnie and Kevin are from rural hospitals that would have been jeopardized by
38 that half a billion in budget cuts.
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40 Working together for families like the Humphreys, we prevented that.
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42 To Konnie and Kevin, and to all our rural hospitals across the state, thank you
43 for the lives you save and for the rural way of life that your care helps to
44 preserve.
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46 The same bill that saved rural hospitals freed up an additional 100 million
47 dollars that are being used to leverage 1.9 billion dollars in new transportation
48 projects around the state.
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50 From Johnstown to the Four Corners, from Rifle to Pueblo, you will see
51 investments in transportation infrastructure from this important bill. Some of
52 the most significant improvements will be felt on our interstate highways.
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54 Our bipartisan legislation allows us to fund projects to relieve pressure on I-25
55 and I-70, as well as many other locally controlled projects.
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1 Mike Hillman is mayor of Idaho Springs, one of many Colorado communities
2 where I-70 is a lifeline. He knows the importance of mobility to commerce, to
3 law enforcement, to emergency services, to our Colorado way of life. He knows
4 that a single pothole on Floyd Hill can hurt sales in Idaho Springs. In fact, it
5 happened just a couple of weeks ago.
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7 Mayor Hillman has seen the effects of improvements to I-70, and he is looking
8 forward to more projects funded by the hospital provider fee fix. Mayor
9 Hillman, thank you for joining us today!
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11 In 2017 we also resolved a thorny issue that we hope will help address our
12 housing needs by spurring more condo development.
13 Our bipartisan legislation will help Colorado homeowners make informed
14 decisions about construction defect claims while ensuring their ability to protect
15 what for most of them is their single biggest investment -- their homes.
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17 Our goal is to restore some balance to the real estate market and ease a housing
18 crunch that has made home ownership unattainable for too many Coloradans.
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20 This bill passed the General Assembly by a combined vote of 97 to 0. For what
21 we can achieve when we check our egos at the door, roll up our sleeves and
22 hammer out bipartisan solutions to problems facing Coloradans, I can think of
23 no finer example than construction defects.
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25 Well, maybe except equity in school funding.
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27 Because of our work together last year, Colorado is the first state in the nation
28 to fully address equitable local funding for all public school students.
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30 In the 2018 session and beyond we must keep striving to eradicate the race- and
31 income-related disparities that continue to exist in Colorado's schools. The
32 legislation we passed in 2017 prioritizes funding for Colorado kids who have
33 been historically underserved, regardless of the type of school they attend.
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35 It strikes a balance that maintains local control for school districts, ensures that
36 funding is allocated based on student need, and creates greater transparency and
37 accountability for charter schools.
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39 Hospital funding, transportation investment, construction defects and school
40 funding equity – these are issues that have vexed this legislature for decades.
41 Tearing down roadblocks on these issues gave us some powerful momentum
42 heading into the interim.
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44 But today, we start this session with a different set of obstacles.
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46 The most disturbing are the allegations of workplace harassment that have
47 swept across the country, reaching into the entertainment industry, news
48 organizations, Congress and more than a dozen state legislatures.
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50 Including ours.
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52 We must confront these issues head on and successfully reform the culture of
53 the Capitol.
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55 There is no place for harassment, hate speech or discrimination in this chamber.
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1 As we begin to make changes here at the Capitol, each and every member of
2 this body has a personal responsibility to do our part to create a safe and
3 respectful workplace for all.
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5 We must also reauthorize the Colorado Civil Rights Division, which protects
6 Coloradans' freedom from discrimination based on age, race, gender, sexual
7 orientation, disability, pregnancy, religion and ancestry.
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9 And we can't stop there.
10 The time for cultural change is now.
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12 There should be no double standard requiring women and people from
13 underrepresented communities to feel that they have to work twice as hard and
14 be twice as smart to make partner at their law firm, climb the corporate ladder
15 or succeed in public service.
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17 It is not lost on me that there are women in restaurants and hotels, immigrants
18 in meatpacking plants and workers in factories who feel they must endure
19 inappropriate behavior just to survive and feed their families.
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21 Throughout my time in the legislature I have worked to encourage more women
22 and people from underrepresented communities to enter public service. This
23 work will be for naught unless we promote work environments where the arc
24 of your career is determined by your hard work, qualifications, merit and skill.
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26 The hurdles of harassment and discrimination faced by women, people of color
27 and people with disabilities should have been leveled a long time ago, but it is
28 crystal clear that these challenges persist today.
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30 People in our country are speaking out like never before about harassment,
31 sexism and discrimination.
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33 Let our actions show that the intolerable will be tolerated no more.
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35 On this and many other topics, it is imperative that we do the job we were sent
36 here to do – to solve problems for Coloradans.
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38 We have plenty of opportunities and plenty of challenges.
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40 Members, Colorado's population is growing by more than 180 people per day.
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42 Some of the legislation we've passed in recent years has helped us absorb this
43 influx.
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45 We have promoted economic development and workforce development
46 programs so that more Coloradans have the education and training they need to
47 get the high-skill, high-tech jobs that our economy is now producing in great
48 numbers.
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50 Colorado overall has one of the strongest state economies in America. That's
51 wonderful because it means lots of opportunities for people in our state. But
52 there are downsides.
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54 Wages aren't rising as fast as the overall economy. And the economy isn't
55 booming in every community in the state. Many areas of rural and small-town
56 Colorado are treading water, or even drowning.

1 We need to ensure that communities outside the Front Range have the tools to
2 compete in a global economy by providing more broadband service, more
3 teachers and more medical services, just for starters.
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5 And because getting to and from work shouldn't be the hardest part of
6 Coloradans' daily routine, we have to repair and improve our overburdened
7 roads and expand our transportation options to keep up with our growing
8 population and economy.
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10 Forecasts for the next budget indicate that state revenue is substantially
11 exceeding previous estimates, giving us the ability to make new investments in
12 key statewide priorities.
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14 Let me be clear: transportation funding is a priority.
15 Our Colorado students are also a priority.
16 We will have the opportunity to address chronically low funding for K-12 and
17 higher education.
18 During this session we will be reviewing every part of the state budget to assure
19 that it balances the priorities and needs of the people of Colorado.
20 Growth has also driven up the cost of housing in many areas of Colorado. The
21 American Dream includes being able to own a home.
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23 For more and more middle-income Coloradans, and not just in the Denver area,
24 home ownership is out of reach.
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26 Many people feel like they are being pushed out of the very communities they
27 grew up in.
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29 And rent increases make it harder and harder to make ends meet.
30 We need to take action to make renting more affordable and homeownership
31 more attainable for Coloradans.
32 As we work together this session, we will also hear bipartisan proposals to
33 allow more judicial discretion in criminal sentencing and to make evidence-
34 based reforms that would make our criminal justice system more effective and
35 save taxpayer dollars, while promoting public safety.
36 To confront an opioid epidemic raging across Colorado and the nation, we are
37 bringing a package of bills to improve training for safe opioid prescribing and
38 overdose prevention and increase access to residential and medication-assisted
39 treatment, so that people who are struggling with substance use disorders have
40 more tools to fight their addiction.
41 Lawmakers and public health officials, first responders and law enforcement
42 will help us to defeat opioid addiction.
43 And make no mistake: The pharmaceutical companies that developed these
44 wildly addictive and highly profitable drugs need to be a part of the solution as
45 well.
46 No family is immune to addiction, including my own. In November I lost my
47 cousin Juan at the young age of 40. He was smart and thoughtful and he loved
48 to laugh and joke around. Some of my favorite memories are of camping with
49 him or fishing together on my Grandpa's boat on the Pueblo Reservoir. But for
50 much of his life he struggled with substance abuse – alcohol and opioids.
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52 Families across Colorado, including in this chamber, have heartbreaking stories
53 of friends and relatives who have suffered from addiction. My thoughts and
54 prayers are very much with all who have been touched by this epidemic. It is
55 our responsibility to come together to tackle this issue.
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1 Hard-working Coloradans deserve a secure retirement, but almost half of
2 Coloradans have no employer-sponsored or personal retirement plan. We will
3 see a bill this session to increase access to retirement plans for our friends and
4 neighbors who have none.
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6 A secure retirement must also be attainable for the 560,000 current or retired
7 public servants – teachers who have taught us and our children, state troopers
8 who have patrolled our highways and CDOT drivers who have plowed them –
9 all those who have delivered essential services to the people of our state.
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11 Steps must be taken to strengthen PERA, the state pension fund, to ensure that
12 we honor the commitment we've made to our state and public-sector
13 employees.
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15 But it would be unfair to balance PERA solely on the backs of hard-working
16 public servants. Likewise, slashing cost-of-living adjustments for retired state
17 employees could put many of them deeper in the hole every time the cost of
18 living rises. Our goals must include a PERA solution that ensures its long-term
19 solvency while being fair to current employees and retirees.
20 We'll also consider a variety of proposals to help Coloradans balance the
21 responsibilities of their work and their families.
22 We can increase access to affordable child care, so fewer Colorado moms and
23 dads are forced to choose between keeping a job or staying at home.
24 This isn't just an issue for families. It's an issue that impacts our entire
25 economy.
26 We can improve family leave laws so more Coloradans can take paid time off
27 to care for a sick parent or loved one without having to quit their jobs, or risk
28 being fired.
29 We can also address the high cost of health care, especially in rural areas of
30 Colorado where premiums are through the roof.
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32 And we can provide additional protections to Colorado consumers.
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34 For example, because corporations dictate the "fine print," Coloradans sign
35 away their rights almost every time they buy a product or service. When
36 something goes wrong, irresponsible corporations need to be held accountable
37 and consumers deserve fair processes that are not tilted against them.
38 Our legislative compass points us in one direction -- preserving and enhancing
39 our esteemed Colorado way of life.
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41 Our state is blessed with the most beautiful natural environment in America.
42 We must also have a government that works for everyone who works hard, not
43 just the deep-pocketed and the well-connected.
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45 A government that creates more opportunities for Coloradans to turn their hard
46 work into economic security.
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48 Members, our contribution to the greater good will increase every time we
49 move toward giving all Coloradans who work hard the best possible chance to
50 succeed.
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52 Our solutions must be based not on party or politics, but on what will get
53 Coloradans closer to achieving their dreams.
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55 Now is not the time to rest on the triumphs of our 2017 session.
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1 We have plenty more work to do on behalf of the Coloradans who sent us here.
2
3 We live in uncertain times. Sometimes it feels like our country is being pulled
4 apart and that the very worst is bubbling up through the cracks.
5
6 But not in Colorado. And not in this chamber, where we must be a barrier to the
7 forces of division.
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9 We have always had our disagreements, and sometimes we cannot reconcile
10 them. But most of the time we find our way to that most essential of Colorado
11 values -- setting our differences aside to make real progress.
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13 In those moments we find the best in ourselves by living up to what's best about
14 our state.
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16 There's still more that binds us together than will ever divide us.
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18 That's what we did last year, and I know it's what we'll do again this year.
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20 It has been the honor of my life to serve as Colorado's first Latina Speaker of
21 the House and the only Latina speaker in the country.
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23 I'm excited to resume our quest to make our Colorado way of life even richer
24 in opportunity – fairer in how it rewards hard work – steadfast in demanding
25 personal and corporate responsibility – and generous in fostering the freedom
26 to succeed.
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28 God bless our home -- Colorado and its people.
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30 And members, let us never forget that we are their servants.
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32 Thank you.
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35 Minority Leader Neville addressed the members of the House of
36 Representatives.
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38 Madam Speaker, Madam Majority Leader, esteemed colleagues and honored
39 guests: Welcome to the second regular session of the 71st General Assembly.
40 I'd like to congratulate the newest members, Representatives Reyher and
41 Roberts: Welcome to the pit...I mean chamber, to the chamber! DILLY DILLY.
42 I believe I can speak for everyone in this room when I say that serving in the
43 legislature is a truly unique experience; we look forward to working with you.
44
45 I would also like to take a moment to recognize the friends and family here
46 whose support is so valuable to us all. As members, we are well aware of the
47 personal sacrifice of time and energy this job requires, but our families also
48 make sacrifices to support us and enable us to be successful. I want to
49 personally thank my wife Kristi, and my daughters Mary Katelyn, Hannah and
50 Lydia. Thank you for your support, I could not do this without you; I would not
51 do this without you. Madam Speaker, Madam Majority Leader, if you think you
52 I am difficult to deal with just remember my wife has had to put up with me
53 since High School. Let's give another round of applause to our family members
54 here in attendance.
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1 I want to take a moment to thank other members of executive committee for
2 their work to revise the capitol's sexual harassment policies. The state capitol
3 has always been a distinguished place to work, and it should also be a
4 welcoming and safe place for everyone. I perfectly understand and share a sense
5 of outrage when we hear stories of bad behavior, but when accusations appear
6 where the law is made, we must observe due process so that we fairly and
7 objectively handle complaints and workplace issues. The new policies we have
8 adopted and the additional HR resources we are providing will help ensure
9 future issues are handled appropriately. My door is always open to anyone who
10 might want to report an issue that makes working here problematic.

11
12 House Sessions during election years are always more politically charged than
13 off-year sessions. It's especially true this year given the high-profile statewide
14 elections and the many candidates for those offices here today. I know several
15 of you in this room are vying for positions that will influence the direction of
16 our state as a whole. That said, and knowing how strongly I feel about serving
17 Colorado, I think this is the best time to announce that ... I too am throwing my
18 name in for more road funding and government efficiency.

19
20 In all seriousness, the citizens of Colorado have elected us to solve various
21 problems facing our state. And while we all know politics plays a role in the
22 process, for the next 120 days our job is to focus on legislation to improve the
23 lives of the citizens of our State. When we work together – as we did hundreds
24 of times last year – we can meet that goal in spite of our political differences.

25
26 I read an interesting story the other day. The backdrop to the story involved the
27 number of people coming to Colorado. Who can blame them?

28
29 But the story itself was about the large number of people leaving Colorado
30 because Colorado is no longer affordable. Leaving because they see hours of
31 their lives wasted in traffic. Leaving because the costs of home, auto and health
32 insurance have soared. Leaving because all the beauty and adventure they came
33 here to enjoy has been tainted by rising prices and stress. These issues are no
34 different for those who've spent their whole lives here.

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36 We want to make Colorado affordable. We want to make Colorado affordable
37 and enjoyable again by the actions we take as legislators this session when it
38 comes to: prioritizing funding for cleaner, safer roads and bridges; lowering the
39 regulatory barriers that businesses, and especially new businesses encounter;
40 enabling students and teachers to find success in education; legalizing
41 affordable health insurance plans and providing consumer choice; we aim to do
42 this while insuring our human rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness
43 continue to be recognized.

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45 It costs a lot to live here, and costs have gone up. Having grown up on the Front
46 Range, started a family and worked in a small business, I have witnessed with
47 some dismay the rapid increase in the cost of living in Colorado. I am sure all
48 of you can attest to this as well.

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50 During the interim, Assistant Minority Leader Cole Wist and I, along with some
51 other members, toured many parts of Colorado and took time to learn about
52 some of the issues contributing to higher costs.

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54 For example: we visited the Colorado National Speedway in Dacono and heard
55 how new mandates and regulations are threatening the low-cost entertainment
56 that thousands of families enjoy there; elsewhere we heard from small rural

1 communities that are concerned about the lack of new housing and
2 infrastructure; while visiting a visionary health care provider in Pueblo, we
3 learned about a state computer program that is delaying critical Medicaid
4 reimbursement payments to hospitals and providers; a recent study I saw found
5 that a first-year teacher cannot afford to rent even a 1 bedroom apartment in
6 four of the largest districts in our state.

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8 The cost to buy or rent a home has increased by more than 100 percent over the
9 last 10 years, the costs of auto, home and health insurance have increased
10 exponentially, and the increasing cost of doing business is typically passed on
11 to the consumer. The drip, drip, drip of paying for basic needs is draining
12 people of the optimism and hope that should be natural for residents of this
13 great state.

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15 I raise these points because many of the laws we will debate this session could
16 directly impact Colorado's affordability. Government programs bring with them
17 the baggage of unintended consequences.

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19 Just as it's possible for a person to bleed to death from a thousand small cuts,
20 so it's possible for a state to become unaffordable by a thousand small
21 regulations.

22
23 At a time when our national economy is beginning to gain momentum and
24 return to health, we must be very careful about adding new regulatory and legal
25 burdens to our citizens; instead, we should work together to make our state
26 affordable again. In this, we have a choice to make.

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28 As Assistant Minority Leader Wist and I traveled this summer, we were
29 regularly asked about the poor shape of our roads, the lack of lane miles, and
30 the lack of funding for Colorado's aging infrastructure. My response was as
31 simple then as it is today: "we have enough money to fix our problems. We
32 don't have a revenue problem, we have a spending problem."

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34 A few weeks ago the revenue forecast indicated we will have almost a Billion
35 dollars more revenue than expected for fiscal year 2018-19. There is no reason
36 why nearly all of this new revenue should not go to widening highways, adding
37 lane miles throughout the state and rebuilding traditional infrastructure.

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39 We believe we can build newer, safer roads and bridges without raising taxes.
40 If we can fix a problem that will make Colorado a more affordable and
41 enjoyable place to live, why not do that? Why make Colorado even less
42 affordable by imposing a new tax for 'transportation'?

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44 And while I'm on the topic of transportation, let me clarify something for those
45 listening. In the past, when we used the word "transportation", we understood,
46 and most people understood, the word meant 'roads and bridges'. Most
47 Coloradans say better 'roads' should be a priority for the legislature, and when
48 they hear us talking about 'transportation', they assume we're talking about
49 'roads'.

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51 Unfortunately, that assumption is no longer true. As of last year,
52 "transportation" doesn't mean simply 'roads and bridges'; instead, it now
53 means "state tax dollars for buses, light rail, heavier rail, bike paths and special
54 lanes for pogo sticks and the like." The point is, I now use the phrase 'roads and
55 bridges' because I want voters to know what I mean, and to understand where
56 our priorities lie.

1 Members of our caucus will be carrying a bill that will fix our roads, without
2 raising taxes. It will be a perfect opportunity to show our constituencies exactly
3 where roads rank as a priority. I can tell you right now roads are my top priority.
4 Is it yours?
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6 I know some of you may doubt we can prioritize existing revenue for roads.
7 Some may ask what we are willing to cut. But members, this is not Washington
8 D.C., and decreasing the governor's proposed increases is not a cut.
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10 To everyone listening: we can fix our roads and fund essential state services
11 with existing revenue. Members, the Governor's budget proposal is \$1.09
12 billion larger than last year, and \$10 billion larger than 2009 when Governor
13 Hickenlooper first took office. And we've just come into an additional \$1
14 billion in revenue. My question to the members in this room who think we need
15 more from the taxpayers is this: "how much is enough"?
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17 Recent news reports suggest that my colleagues across the aisle are already
18 looking at the "many unmet needs" in our state. As the saying goes, 'when all
19 you have is a hammer, every problem looks like a nail' ... and when you're
20 committed to a big and bigger government, every problem calls for more taxes,
21 programs, and spending.
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23 But if you think like me, we don't need more revenue – we need more restraint;
24 we need more common sense when it comes how we spend taxpayers' money.
25 In this, we certainly have a choice to make.
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27 Concerning Education ... Not only are we obliged by the state constitution to
28 pass a balanced budget every year, we're also required to provide money for a
29 public education. And the fact is, we've provided a lot: over the past 12 years,
30 total spending has gone from \$3.8 billion a year to \$5.6 billion a year, an
31 increase of 45 percent; General fund spending on K-12 education has gone from
32 \$2.9 billion a year to \$4.1 billion, an increase of 42 percent; even factoring in
33 inflation, we're spending 24 percent more money than we were a dozen years
34 ago: and what are we getting for the money?
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36 We've spent a great fortune on K-12 education, but we haven't gotten a great
37 result. The time has come for us to have an open mind to new approaches to
38 education because it is obvious, that what we've been doing isn't working.
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40 Instead of spending that fortune to empower bureaucracies, why don't we try
41 to empower students and parents?
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43 One of the biggest accomplishments from last session was establishing equity
44 for funding charter schools. I want to thank all of the members who helped craft
45 that law. We will work with Democrats on any bill that offers real hope for
46 educational success.
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48 Nobody wins when children lose. We can do better. In this, we have a choice
49 to make.

50 In the land of the free and the home of the brave, there's a deep well of
51 compassion for those who may have fallen on hard times. At present, taxpayers
52 in the state of Colorado along with other American taxpayers make a gift worth
53 several thousand dollars a year available to these people in the form of
54 Medicaid.
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1 We don't begrudge them for our help, yet while it is free or nearly free to
2 recipients, it isn't cheap: in fiscal year 2004-05 we spent \$3 billion on
3 healthcare; in fiscal year 2016-17 – just a dozen years later – we spent \$9 billion
4 – a 300 percent increase; General Fund spending on health care increased 111
5 percent in that period.

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7 Today just over a quarter of the people living in our state are on Medicaid.
8 Since 2008-09, that figure has risen 220 percent. But studies demonstrate that
9 Medicaid is not a particularly efficient or effective way to distribute health care;
10 to be sure, the most significant changes to the system must happen in
11 Washington, but it is our goal, our ambition, to insure that those who need
12 Medicaid get it, while we also insure that it is reserved for the truly needy.

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14 Our hope is that as our economy grows, and good jobs become more plentiful,
15 people will get health care at work or that we, as a legislature work to legalize
16 affordable insurance plans that citizens freely select. Improving this system
17 means progress in the quest to make Colorado more affordable.

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19 In the wake of recent tragedies in our nation, some people have renewed their
20 demands for stricter gun control. Members, gun control becomes the focus
21 because guns are the tools evil people have used to commit the atrocities. But
22 guns are simply that, a tool, and just as they can be used for evil, they are tools
23 in the hands of good people to defend themselves. New laws will not prevent
24 evil people from acquiring guns nor will they prevent further crimes against the
25 innocent. Rather they will rob the innocent of the ability to defend themselves
26 and their families.

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28 This session, I urge you not to accept the misguided dogma that gun control
29 laws will stop mass killings. For those who disagree, let me share an experience
30 that demonstrated this dark reality. As a veteran who served in Iraq, I can tell
31 you the frequency of mass killings during my time there was shocking. We
32 fought an enemy that valued no life, and sought to harm and destroy by any
33 means possible. Sadly, no amount of gun control would have saved lives, what
34 evil lacked in guns it made up for in other forms of destruction. It was evil,
35 finding any way available to hurt society. That evil exists everywhere, sadly
36 even in our own communities. We need to ensure citizens have every means
37 possible to fight back, and protect innocent life.

38 Members, our Constitutional rights are what define this nation and our state.
39 We have the right to free speech, the right to freely exercise our religion, but
40 above all we have the right to life. Without it, "liberty" and "the pursuit of
41 happiness" are empty slogans. The American people are increasingly 'pro-life',
42 in no small measure because of the science that enables us to watch the
43 development of the unborn. I pray this enlightened attitude makes its way to the
44 Capitol. This issue of life shouldn't be political, but until it's not, I'll work to
45 defend the right to life for the youngest, and the oldest, among us.

46 Another element in our drive to make Colorado more affordable is changes
47 we'll propose to the budget process we use here at the Capitol.

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49 Our current process allows each chamber less than a week to complete the most
50 constitutionally important task of the session. We are the only state that
51 compiles a budget this way, and while it might have been the right approach at
52 one time, we believe it is time to reevaluate the process.

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54 Our friends on the other side will undoubtedly be happy to know that the
55 changes we're proposing are non-partisan in nature. We've already had several
56 helpful conversations along those lines.

1 I won't go into great detail here, but suffice to say the details rest on two basic
2 and related principles. We believe that the 6 members of the Joint Budget
3 Committee are in many ways model legislators. Representatives Rankin,
4 Hamner and Young devote significant time to the job. All of us here recognize
5 that for them, public service translates into personal sacrifice as they labor
6 untold hours to help us all. But our overreliance on the few is robbing us of the
7 wisdom of the many. We would like to see more people involved in the process.
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9 We want to plan ahead and require forecasts from each department. No major
10 expense or upgrade should be a surprise to us, we should know years in
11 advance. I look forward to more conversations with all of you on this topic.
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13 Members, this session we have a choice to make. Are we going to choose to let
14 our state government continue to expand at the expense of industry, commerce,
15 and liberty, or are we going to look for ways to help lower the cost of doing
16 business in Colorado, let the free market inspire more innovation, and find ways
17 to make Colorado affordable again? Do we move forward with policies and
18 oversight that will make Colorado more affordable, or do we simply advocate
19 for higher taxes and more spending? Will we plant fiscal bombs into our budget
20 in the form of costly new programs that will burden us and our children for
21 decades, and put us on the road to bankruptcy and chaos already forged by
22 states like California and Illinois? We've tried the bigger government approach,
23 and it doesn't work. It creates more inequality, more dependence, and more
24 social division. Will we choose to prioritize funding to make a significant step
25 toward safer, cleaner roads and bridges, or will we ask for higher taxes or fees
26 to fund mass transit that cannot pay for itself?
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28 Members, we proved last session that we can put our differences aside, work
29 together, and get things done for the people of our great state. Let's build on
30 that progress and make this another successful year for the people of Colorado.
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32 Thank you and God bless.
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35 House in recess. House reconvened.
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38 **PRINTING REPORT**

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41 The Chief Clerk reports the following bills been correctly preprinted:
42 **HB18-1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020,**
43 **1021, 1022, 1023, 1024, 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030.**
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46 **MESSAGE(S) FROM THE SENATE**

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49 The Senate has adopted and transmits herewith: SJR18-001.
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52 The Senate has adopted and returns herewith: HJR18-1001.
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MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

I certify I received the following on the 9th day of January, 2018. The original is on file in the records of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly.

Marilyn Eddins,
Chief Clerk of the House

January 10, 2018

The Honorable General Assembly
State Capitol
200 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Members of the General Assembly:

This clemency report is submitted to you on behalf of Governor Hickenlooper as required under Article IV, Section 7, of the Colorado Constitution. I am attaching copies of the 23 executive orders granting clemency in 2017. These orders were made available to the public at the time they were issued in 2017. I am also attaching 22 letters that accompanied the pardons issued on November 20, 2017.

During 2017, Governor Hickenlooper granted 23 pardons and no commutations of sentence. The following persons were granted pardons during this year:

- Breana Bright, for the 2006 crime of Theft, committed in Douglas County;
- Linda Burch, for the 1991 crime of Possession of Eight or More Ounces of Marijuana, committed in Delta County;
- Robert Busse, for the 1988 crime of First Degree Criminal Trespass, committed in Grand County;
- Jerome Casper, for the 1983 crime of Theft, committed in Montrose County;
- Donald Corkum, for the 1977 crime of Theft, committed in El Paso County;
- Trina Cutcher, for the 1996 crime of Possession or Sale of a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance, committed in El Paso County;
- Matthew Eschenfelder, for the 2004 crime of Theft, committed in Larimer County;
- Donald Haggart, for the 1987 crime of Aggravated Motor Vehicle Theft, committed in El Paso County;
- Roger Harsh, for the 1972 crimes of Marijuana Possession, committed in Adams County;
- Mark Horner, for the 1996 crime of Theft, committed in Adams County;
- Christopher Karr, for the 1994 crime of providing false information to a pawnbroker, committed in El Paso County;
- Travis Leach, for the 2004 crime of Possession of Eight or More Ounces of Marijuana, committed in Jefferson County;
- Rene Lima-Marin, for the 1998 crimes of Second Degree Kidnapping, First Degree Burglary, Aggravated Robbery, and Violent Crime, and Robbery, committed in Arapahoe County;

- 1 • Judith Lopez, for the 1981 crimes of second degree forgery,
 2 committed in Denver County, and attempted theft, in Adams County,
 3 and the 1987 crimes of possession of a controlled substance,
 4 committed in Denver County, and theft, committed in Jefferson
 5 Country;
 6 • Joe Maestas, for the 1992 crime of possession of a controlled
 7 substance, committed in Denver County;
 8 • Louis Mitchell, for the 2000 crime of possession of eight or more
 9 ounces of marijuana, committed in El Paso County;
 10 • Charles Pope, for the 1962 crime of Taking Parts Off of a Motor
 11 Vehicle, committed in Delta County, and the 1966 crime of Grand
 12 Larceny, committed in Montrose County;
 13 • Demetrius Roberts, for the 1995 crime of Possession or Sale of a
 14 Schedule I or II Controlled Substance, committed in Denver County;
 15 • Frances Sagel, for the 1994 crimes of Forgery, committed in Morgan
 16 County, and Issuance of a Bad Check, committed in Weld County;
 17 • Bounlom Souvannamacho, for the 1994 crimes of Criminal Attempt
 18 to Commit Theft of a Person, committed in Adams County, and
 19 Aggravated Robbery with Armed Confederate, committed in Jefferson
 20 County;
 21 • Wayne Thomas, for the 1997 crime of Aggravated Robbery: Use of
 22 a Deadly Weapon, committed in Arapahoe County;
 23 • David Thyfault, for the 1969 crime of Possession of Narcotic Drugs,
 24 committed in Weld County; and
 25 • James Wachsman, for the 1972 crime of Selling or Dispensing
 26 Marijuana, committed in Routt County.

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

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 31 Sincerely,
 32 (signed)
 33 Jacki Cooper Melmed
 34 Chief Legal Counsel

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 37 **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**
 38 **First Reading**

39
 40 The following bills were read by title and referred to the committees
 41 indicated:

42
 43 **HB18-1001** by Representative(s) Winter and Gray; also Senator(s)
 44 Donovan--Concerning the creation of a family and medical
 45 leave insurance program.

46 Committee on Business Affairs and Labor

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 49 **HB18-1002** by Representative(s) Hamner and Rankin, McLachlan--
 50 Concerning teaching fellowship programs to assist rural
 51 school districts in hiring high-quality teachers, and, in
 52 connection therewith, creating the "Rural Colorado Grow
 53 Your Own Educator Act".

54 Committee on Education

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- 1 **HB18-1003** by Representative(s) Pettersen, Buck, Kennedy, Singer;
2 also Senator(s) Priola and Jahn, Aguilar, Lambert, Tate--
3 Concerning measures to prevent opioid misuse in
4 Colorado.
5 Committee on Public Health Care & Human Services
6
- 7 **HB18-1004** by Representative(s) Coleman and Wilson; also Senator(s)
8 Tate and Kefalas--Concerning the continuation of the
9 income tax credit for a qualifying contribution to promote
10 child care in the state.
11 Committee on Finance
12 Committee on Appropriations
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- 14 **HB18-1005** by Representative(s) Pettersen and Becker J.--Concerning
15 notice of postsecondary course enrollment options
16 available to high school students.
17 Committee on Education
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- 20 **HB18-1006** by Representative(s) Hamner and Liston; also Senator(s)
21 Gardner and Moreno--Concerning modifications to the
22 newborn screening program administered by the
23 department of public health and environment.
24 Committee on Public Health Care & Human Services
25
- 26 **HB18-1007** by Representative(s) Kennedy and Singer, Pettersen; also
27 Senator(s) Lambert and Jahn, Aguilar, Tate--Concerning
28 payment issues related to substance use disorders.
29 Committee on Public Health Care & Human Services
30
- 31 **HB18-1008** by Representative(s) Esgar and Arndt, Hansen, Willett; also
32 Senator(s) Donovan and Coram, Baumgardner, Jones,
33 Sonnenberg--Concerning the financing of the division of
34 parks and wildlife's aquatic nuisance species program, and,
35 in connection therewith, creating an aquatic nuisance
36 species stamp for the operation of motorboats and sailboats
37 in waters of the state, increasing penalties related to the
38 introduction of aquatic nuisance species into the waters of
39 the state, and combining two separate funds related to the
40 aquatic nuisance species program into one fund.
41 Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources
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- 43 **HB18-1009** by Representative(s) Roberts; also Senator(s) Donovan--
44 Concerning transparency in diabetes prescription drugs
45 pricing.
46 Committee on Health, Insurance, & Environment
47
- 48 **HB18-1010** by Representative(s) Lee and Wilson--Concerning youth
49 committed to the department of human services, and, in
50 connection therewith, requiring the department to report
51 certain data and adding members to the youth restraint and
52 seclusion working group.
53 Committee on Judiciary
54

- 1 **HB18-1011** by Representative(s) Pabon; also Senator(s) Neville T. and
2 Jahn--Concerning measures to allow greater investment
3 flexibility in marijuana businesses.
4 Committee on Finance
5
- 6 **HB18-1012** by Representative(s) Becker J. and Lontine, Gray, Singer,
7 Valdez; also Senator(s) Lundberg and Aguilar, Crowder,
8 Kefalas, Sonnenberg--Concerning vision care plans for eye
9 care services.
10 Committee on Health, Insurance, & Environment
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- 13 **HB18-1013** by Representative(s) Garnett; also Senator(s) Priola--
14 Concerning an income tax credit for charitable
15 contributions to an eligible endowment fund.
16 Committee on Finance
17 Committee on Appropriations
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- 20 **HB18-1014** by Representative(s) Buck, Arndt--Concerning removing
21 the requirement that the social studies assessment be
22 administered in high school.
23 Committee on Education
24
- 25 **HB18-1015** by Representative(s) Humphrey and Saine, Buck, Everett,
26 Leonard, Neville P., Ransom, Van Winkle, Williams D.;
27 also Senator(s) Hill--Concerning the repeal of certain
28 provisions concerning ammunition magazines.
29 Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
30
- 31 **HB18-1016** by Representative(s) Danielson--Concerning the creation of
32 a Seabees license plate to honor the Seabees tradition.
33 Committee on Transportation & Energy
34
- 35 **HB18-1017** by Representative(s) Michaelson Jenet, Landgraf; also
36 Senator(s) Gardner and Fenberg--Concerning the adoption
37 of an interstate compact to allow a person authorized to
38 practice psychology in a compact state in which the person
39 is not licensed.
40 Committee on Health, Insurance, & Environment
41
- 42 **HB18-1018** by Representative(s) Carver and Jackson, Bridges, Esgar,
43 Ginal, Hansen, Hooton, Lawrence, McLachlan; also
44 Senator(s) Zenzinger and Cooke, Court, Scott--Concerning
45 a requirement that education to prevent human trafficking
46 be included in the training to obtain a commercial driver's
47 license.
48 Committee on Transportation & Energy
49
- 50 **HB18-1019** by Representative(s) Foote--Concerning criteria applied in
51 determining performance ratings for entities in the
52 elementary and secondary public education system.
53 Committee on Education
54
- 55 **HB18-1020** by Representative(s) Herod; also Senator(s) Neville T. and
56 Kagan--Concerning civil forfeiture reform, and, in

- 1 connection therewith, changing the entity required to report
2 on forfeitures, expanding the scope of the forfeitures to be
3 reported, establishing grant programs, and changing the
4 disbursement of net forfeiture proceeds.
5 Committee on Judiciary
6
- 7 **HB18-1021** by Representative(s) Hooton; also Senator(s) Kefalas--
8 Concerning addressing the issue of youth who are
9 experiencing homelessness in Colorado.
10 Committee on Public Health Care & Human Services
11
- 12 **HB18-1022** by Representative(s) Sias and Kraft-Tharp; also Senator(s)
13 Jahn and Neville T.--Concerning a requirement that the
14 department of revenue issue a request for information for
15 an electronic sales and use tax simplification system.
16 Committee on Business Affairs and Labor
17
- 18 **HB18-1023** by Representative(s) Herod; also Senator(s) Gardner--
19 Concerning the nonsubstantive relocation of laws related to
20 legalized marijuana from title 12, Colorado Revised
21 Statutes, as part of the organizational recodification of title
22 12.
23 Committee on Judiciary
24
- 25 **HB18-1024** by Representative(s) Lee; also Senator(s) Kagan, Cooke--
26 Concerning the nonsubstantive relocation of laws related to
27 the regulation of racing from title 12, Colorado Revised
28 Statutes, to a new title 44 as part of the organizational
29 recodification of title 12.
30 Committee on Judiciary
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- 32 **HB18-1025** by Representative(s) Herod; also Senator(s) Cooke and
33 Gardner--Concerning the nonsubstantive relocation of laws
34 related to the regulation of alcohol beverages from title 12,
35 Colorado Revised Statutes, to a new title 44 as part of the
36 organizational recodification of title 12.
37 Committee on Judiciary
38
- 39 **HB18-1026** by Representative(s) Herod; also Senator(s) Cooke and
40 Gardner--Concerning the nonsubstantive relocation of the
41 law creating the liquor enforcement division and state
42 licensing authority cash fund from title 24, Colorado
43 Revised Statutes, to a new title 44 as part of the
44 organizational recodification of title 12.
45 Committee on Judiciary
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- 47 **HB18-1027** by Representative(s) Wist; also Senator(s) Kagan--
48 Concerning the nonsubstantive relocation of laws related to
49 the regulation of the lottery from title 24, Colorado Revised
50 Statutes, to a new title 44 as part of the organizational
51 recodification of title 12.
52 Committee on Judiciary
53
- 54 **HB18-1028** by Representative(s) Kraft-Tharp and Wist; also Senator(s)
55 Court and Tate--Concerning clarification of the standard
56 required for applications for a court order to require

- 1 compliance with investigations of deceptive trade practices.
2 Committee on Judiciary
3
- 4 **HB18-1029** by Representative(s) Weissman--Concerning lowering the
5 period of mandatory parole from five years to three years
6 for certain felony offenses.
7 Committee on Judiciary
8
- 9 **HB18-1030** by Representative(s) Everett, Buck, Humphrey, Leonard,
10 Neville P., Ransom, Saine, Van Winkle, Williams D., Wist,
11 Lewis; also Senator(s) Neville T., Holbert, Marble--
12 Concerning the prohibition of discrimination against
13 employees based on labor union participation.
14 Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
15
- 16 **HB18-1031** by Representative(s) Melton and Ransom, Exum, Ginal,
17 Valdez; also Senator(s) Cooke and Jones--Concerning
18 employer entry into the fire and police pension association
19 defined benefit system.
20 Committee on Finance
21
- 22 **HB18-1032** by Representative(s) Kennedy and Thurlow; also Senator(s)
23 Fields--Concerning access to medical records from the
24 department of public health and environment's EMS agency
25 patient care database by health information organization
26 networks.
27 Committee on Health, Insurance, & Environment
28
- 29 **HB18-1033** by Representative(s) Weissman--Concerning the time in
30 which employees are entitled to take leave to participate in
31 elections.
32 Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
33
- 34 **HB18-1034** by Representative(s) Covarrubias and McKean; also
35 Senator(s) Priola--Concerning creation of a grant program
36 for capital costs relating to career and technical education.
37 Committee on Education
38 Committee on Appropriations
39

- 1 **HB18-1035** by Representative(s) Lebsock--Concerning an increase in
2 the amount of the general fund reserve.
3 Committee on Finance
4 Committee on Appropriations
5
- 6 **HB18-1036** by Representative(s) Leonard, Becker J., Humphrey,
7 Liston, Ransom, Saine, Van Winkle, Lewis; also Senator(s)
8 Neville T., Lundberg, Marble, Tate--Concerning the
9 reduction of business personal property taxes.
10 Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
11
- 12 **HB18-1037** by Representative(s) Neville P., Becker J., Everett,
13 Humphrey, Leonard, Ransom, Willett, Williams D.,
14 Lundeen, Buck; also Senator(s) Neville T.--Concerning
15 allowing concealed handgun permit holders to carry
16 concealed handguns on school grounds.
17 Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
18
- 19 **HB18-1038** by Representative(s) Valdez, Kennedy, Liston; also
20 Senator(s) Coram and Donovan--Concerning establishing
21 a continuing education requirement for professional land
22 surveyors.
23 Committee on Business Affairs and Labor
24
- 25 **HB18-1039** by Representative(s) Ransom, Coleman; also Senator(s)
26 Gardner--Concerning changing regular special district
27 elections to May of each odd-numbered year, and, in
28 connection therewith, adjusting the length of terms served
29 by directors elected in 2020 and 2022 in order to implement
30 the new election schedule.
31 Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
32
- 33 **HB18-1040** by Representative(s) Benavidez, Singer; also Senator(s)
34 Fields--Concerning incentives to provide inmates with
35 needed services.
36 Committee on Judiciary
37 Committee on Appropriations
38
- 39 **HB18-1041** by Representative(s) Catlin--Concerning adding certified
40 police working horses to the crime of cruelty to a service
41 animal or a certified police working dog.
42 Committee on Judiciary
43
- 44 **HB18-1042** by Representative(s) Becker J. and Ginal, Buck, Esgar,
45 Hooton, Lawrence; also Senator(s) Scott and Zenzinger,
46 Baumgardner, Cooke--Concerning the creation of a
47 program to authorize private providers to register
48 commercial vehicles as Class A personal property.
49 Committee on Transportation & Energy
50
- 51 **HB18-1043** by Representative(s) Lewis; also Senator(s) Marble--
52 Concerning a requirement that a retailer indicate the
53 country of origin of beef sold to the public.
54 Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources
55

- 1 **HB18-1044** by Representative(s) Kraft-Tharp; also Senator(s) Priola--
2 Concerning the "Colorado Children's Trust Fund Act".
3 Committee on Public Health Care & Human Services
4
- 5 **HB18-1045** by Representative(s) Singer; also Senator(s) Tate--
6 Concerning the application of silver diamine fluoride to
7 dental patients.
8 Committee on Public Health Care & Human Services
9
10
- 11 **HB18-1046** by Representative(s) Esgar; also Senator(s) Moreno--
12 Concerning the issuance of a new birth certificate with a
13 gender designation that differs from the gender designated
14 on the person's original birth certificate.
15 Committee on Health, Insurance, & Environment
16
17
- 18 **HB18-1047** by Representative(s) Lontine; also Senator(s) Gardner--
19 Concerning technical modifications to the "Fair Campaign
20 Practices Act" to facilitate its administration.
21 Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
22
23
- 24 **HB18-1048** by Representative(s) McLachlan; also Senator(s) Coram--
25 Concerning the expenditure of money from the Hesperus
26 account by the board of trustees of Fort Lewis college.
27 Committee on Finance
28
- 29 **HB18-1049** by Representative(s) Thurlow; also Senator(s) Scott--
30 Concerning the department of human service's authority to
31 continue to lease portions of the Grand Junction regional
32 center campus to third-party behavioral health providers.
33 Committee on Public Health Care & Human Services
34
- 35 **HB18-1050** by Representative(s) Singer, Benavidez; also Senator(s)
36 Fields, Martinez Humenik--Concerning competency to
37 proceed for juveniles involved in the juvenile justice
38 system.
39 Committee on Judiciary
40
- 41 **HB18-1051** by Representative(s) Hamner and Carver, Becker K.,
42 Exum, Singer, Thurlow; also Senator(s) Coram and
43 Merrifield, Cooke, Jones--Concerning statutory provisions
44 enacted to promote the extinguishment of unattended fires.
45 Committee on Health, Insurance, & Environment
46
- 47 **HB18-1052** by Representative(s) Lundeen; also Senator(s) Todd--
48 Concerning local education providers' receipt of concurrent
49 enrollment courses from a two-year institution of higher
50 education outside of the institution's approved service area
51 when the institution approved to serve the local education
52 provider declines to provide concurrent enrollment courses.
53 Committee on Education
54

- 1 **HB18-1053** by Representative(s) Arndt and Hansen, Esgar; also
2 Senator(s) Donovan, Coram, Jones--Concerning the
3 allowable uses of reclaimed domestic wastewater, and, in
4 connection therewith, allowing reclaimed domestic
5 wastewater to be used for marijuana cultivation.
6 Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources
7
- 8 **HB18-1054** by Representative(s) Rosenthal; also Senator(s) Court--
9 Concerning an increase in funding for affordable housing
10 through a tax on plastic shopping bags.
11 Committee on Local Government
12 Committee on Finance
13 Committee on Appropriations
14
- 15 **HB18-1055** by Representative(s) Benavidez--Concerning increasing a
16 certain surcharge on court fees, and, in connection
17 therewith, awarding the amount of the increase to each
18 court that collects a fee upon which the surcharge is
19 assessed.
20 Committee on Judiciary
21 Committee on Finance
22
- 23 **HB18-1056** by Representative(s) Van Winkle, Ginal, Ransom,
24 Williams D.; also Senator(s) Cooke--Concerning the
25 statewide standard health history form that members of the
26 fire and police pension association complete when
27 commencing employment.
28 Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
29
- 30 **HB18-1057** by Representative(s) McKean; also Senator(s) Coram--
31 Concerning the collection of debts, and, in connection
32 therewith, requiring that certain information about
33 judgment debtors be disclosed to judgment creditors that
34 obtain a court order for such disclosure and allowing
35 collection agents to add certain expenses to amounts due
36 for collection.
37 Committee on Judiciary
38
- 39 **HB18-1058** by Representative(s) Beckman; also Senator(s) Coram--
40 Concerning the provision of financial assistance to counties
41 for county facilities.
42 Committee on Judiciary
43 Committee on Finance
44
- 45 **HB18-1059** by Representative(s) Wilson--Concerning a failure to
46 summon emergency assistance.
47 Committee on Judiciary
48
- 49 **HB18-1060** by Representative(s) Danielson and Landgraf, Becker J.,
50 Lundeen, McKean, Rankin, Reyher, Thurlow, Williams D.,
51 Wilson, Wist; also Senator(s) Crowder--Concerning a state
52 income tax deduction for military retirement benefits for an
53 individual who is under fifty-five years of age.
54 Committee on Finance
55 Committee on Appropriations
56

- 1 **HB18-1061** by Representative(s) Van Winkle--Concerning dispatch
2 radio communications by government entities.
3 Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
4
- 5 **HB18-1062** by Representative(s) Lebsack--Concerning the sales tax
6 imposed on sales of retail marijuana, and, in connection
7 therewith, reducing the retail marijuana sales tax rate by
8 two and nine-tenths percent and repealing the general state
9 sales tax exemption for sales of retail marijuana.
10 Committee on Finance
11 Committee on Appropriations
12
- 13 **HB18-1063** by Representative(s) Williams D.--Concerning a
14 consumer's right to control the information contained in the
15 file that a consumer reporting agency has on the consumer.
16 Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
17
- 18 **HB18-1064** by Representative(s) Michaelson Jenet--Concerning a
19 training program to prevent child sexual abuse for persons
20 who work with young children in some capacity as part of
21 their employment.
22 Committee on Public Health Care & Human Services
23
- 24 **HB18-1065** by Representative(s) Beckman and Buckner--Concerning
25 discipline of a department of human services employee
26 when the employee is found to have mistreated a
27 vulnerable person.
28 Committee on Judiciary
29
- 30 **HB18-1066** by Representative(s) Willett and Foote; also Senator(s)
31 Cooke--Concerning clarifying that the law enforcement and
32 defense counsel exemption for sexual exploitation of a
33 child crime does not change the discovery procedures for
34 sexually exploitative material.
35 Committee on Judiciary
36
- 37 **HB18-1067** by Representative(s) Melton and Salazar--Concerning the
38 creation of the "Colorado Right to Rest Act".
39 Committee on Local Government
40
- 41 **HB18-1068** by Representative(s) Ginal and Landgraf; also Senator(s)
42 Crowder, Donovan, Martinez Humenik--Concerning the
43 elimination of "registered" in the title of a naturopathic
44 doctor.
45 Committee on Public Health Care & Human Services
46
- 47 **HB18-1069** by Representative(s) Arndt and Thurlow; also Senator(s)
48 Coram--Concerning the allowable uses of reclaimed
49 domestic wastewater, and, in connection therewith,
50 allowing reclaimed domestic wastewater to be used for
51 toilet flushing.
52 Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources
53
- 54 **HB18-1070** by Representative(s) Young and Wist--Concerning an
55 increase in the amount of financial assistance that can be
56 provided for public school capital construction under the

- 1 "Building Excellent Schools Today Act", and, in
- 2 connection therewith, increasing the amount of retail
- 3 marijuana excise tax revenue that is credited to the public
- 4 school capital construction assistance fund and increasing
- 5 the maximum total amount of annual lease payments
- 6 authorized for lease-purchase agreements entered into
- 7 under the act.
- 8 Committee on Education
- 9 Committee on Finance
- 10 Committee on Appropriations
- 11
- 12 **HB18-1071** by Representative(s) Salazar--Concerning the regulation of
- 13 oil and gas operations in a manner consistent with the
- 14 protection of public safety.
- 15 Committee on Health, Insurance, & Environment
- 16
- 17 **HB18-1072** by Representative(s) Humphrey, Lundeen; also Senator(s)
- 18 Neville T.--Concerning the elimination of the use of
- 19 automated vehicle identification systems for traffic law
- 20 enforcement.
- 21 Committee on Transportation & Energy
- 22
- 23
- 24

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION(S)

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27 The following resolutions were read by title and laid over one day under

28 the rules:

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- 30 **HR18-1001** by Representative(s) Buckner, Esgar, Saine, McKean--
- 31 Concerning employees and positions for the House of
- 32 Representatives convened in the Second Regular Session
- 33 of the Seventy-first General Assembly.
- 34
- 35 **SJR18-001** by Senator(s) Holbert, Grantham, Guzman; also
- 36 Representative(s) Buckner, Esgar, Saine, McKean--
- 37 Concerning the officers and employees of the Second
- 38 Regular Session of the Seventy-first General Assembly.
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43 On motion of Representative KC Becker, the House adjourned until

44 9:00 a.m., January 11, 2018.

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49 Attest:

50 MARILYN EDDINS,

51 Chief Clerk

52

Approved:
CRISANTA DURAN,
Speaker

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1 Prayer by Diana Flahive, Capitol Hill United Ministries.

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

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5 Pledge of Allegiance led by Sachin Joshi Hansen, Ashwin Joshi Hansen,
6 Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning, Denver, and Jackson
7 Horn, Polaris Elementary, Denver.

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9 The roll was called with the following result:

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11 Present--63.

12 Excused--Representative(s) 1--Reyher.

13 Vacancy--1.

14 Present after roll call--Representative(s) Reyher.

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16 The Speaker declared a quorum present.

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19 On motion of Representative Weissman, the reading of the journal of
20 January 10, 2018, was declared dispensed with and approved as corrected
21 by the Chief Clerk.

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House in recess for Joint Session.

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JOINT SESSION

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30 The Joint Session was called to order by the Speaker of the House, Crisanta
31 Duran.

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33 On motion of Senator Holbert, the morning roll call of the Senate was made the
34 roll call of the Joint Session.

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36 Present--35.

37

38 On motion of Representative KC Becker, the morning roll call of the House was
39 made the roll call of the Joint Session.

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41 Present--64

42 Vacancy--1

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

3
4 President Grantham requested the Joint Committee, composed of Senators
5 Sonnenberg and Williams, and Representatives Lee, Winter, Rankin to escort
6 the Governor from the Governor's chamber to the rostrum.

7
8 Chief Sergeant-at-Arms Jon Judson announced the arrival of the Honorable
9 John Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado.

10
11 The Joint Committee escorted the Governor to the rostrum where he addressed
12 the Joint Session.

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15 **ADDRESS BY THE HONORABLE**
16 **John Hickenlooper**
17

18 At a time when shouting seems to have replaced talking, and insults have
19 replaced ideas, I want to start by honoring the men and women who join me in
20 this chamber, and all those who have made it their life's work to serve the
21 people of Colorado -- driven by an abiding desire to serve and make our great
22 state even greater.

- 23
24 • President Grantham
25 • Speaker Duran
26 • Members of the General Assembly
27 • Lieutenant Governor Lynne and her husband Jim
28 • Justices of the Colorado Supreme Court
29 • Attorney General Coffman
30 • Treasurer Stapleton
31 • Secretary of State Williams
32 • Southern Ute Councilman Frost
33 • Ute Mountain Ute Chairman Cuthair and Vice-Chairwoman Cuthair-Root
34 • Members of the State Board of Education
35 • Mayor Hancock
36 • Other elected officials in attendance
37 • My hard-working cabinet and staff
38

39 And, of course, to my amazing wife Robin, who couldn't be here today

40
41 To my incredible son, Teddy, and to all of my fellow Coloradans:

42
43 We have so much to be thankful for.

44
45 We thank our veterans and active service members and their families for their
46 courage and sacrifice to the cause of freedom.

47
48 We thank the members of the Colorado National Guard, more than six-hundred
49 of whom were deployed overseas last year.

50
51 We thank our Department of Public Safety, along with local first responders,
52 who accept the daily dangers of their work ...as routine.

53
54 We mourn alongside the families of those we've lost:

55
56 Deputy Sheriff Zack Parrish.

1 Firefighters Mike Freeman, Brett Anderson and Lieutenant Jim Schaefer.
2
3 Sergeant First Class Stephen Cribben, Special Warfare Operator Petty Officer
4 1st Class Remington Peters and Sergeant First Class Mihail Golin.
5
6 We're here, as public servants, to make this place we love, stay a place we love;
7 a place we can be proud of.
8
9 That's called Topophilia — it's our love of place...and reflects our *love* of
10 Colorado.
11
12 It's the growling of tractors in Brush's 4th of July parade.
13
14 It's the smell of barbecue at the little league ballfields in Sterling on a summer
15 night.
16
17 If you've seen a sunrise over the plains...drank a cold beer after a day of
18 hunting...or consider "Rocktober" a real month...*you've experienced it.*
19
20 Heck, it was a carriage ride up Pikes Peak that inspired Katharine Bates to write
21 America the Beautiful.
22
23 She later wrote:
24
25 *"We stood at last on that Gate-of-Heaven summit...and gazed in wordless*
26 *rapture over the far expanse of mountain ranges...and the sea-like sweep of*
27 *plain."*
28
29 This love of place...colors everything we do.
30
31 We are a community thousands of years in the making...
32
33 Starting with the Paleo-Indians, followed by more recent inhabitants including
34 the Arapaho and Cheyenne...and Utes.
35
36 Renewed by the first Hispanic settlers...the hopes of the 59ers...the coal-stained
37 faces of the next pioneers...and the sweat of those who built train
38 tracks...bridges...and tunnels...and stayed to start families and build
39 communities.
40
41 It was the Germans, Japanese and Irish...immigrants from countless countries
42 who planted the seeds of entrepreneurship.
43
44 And our immigrants today who continue to harvest those seeds.
45
46 As President Reagan said about the shining city on the hill: *"the doors were*
47 *open to anyone with the will and the heart to get there."*
48
49 Popular culture has tried to sell us a tall tale that Colorado's history is only
50 about rugged individualism and conflict.
51
52 But cooperation has *always* been the *defining* part of our DNA.
53
54 Trappers used to go out in packs of ten or twenty because teamwork was safer
55 and more productive.
56

1 There were a lot more barn raisings than there were shootouts.
2
3 Mountain residents at the turn of the century would leave their cabins unlocked
4 and stocked with food in case a weary traveler in the area hit a storm.
5
6 Those travelers were honor-bound to clean the cabin and restock it later.
7
8 Sometimes in this building we *stray* from this Colorado way.
9
10 We don't always restock the cabin. We don't always listen.
11
12 Issues can get tangled in a web of special interests.
13
14 Trust in our government, at every level, is a critical part of love of place.
15
16 Not that our mountains and plains aren't a big part of our communal affection,
17 and sports teams as well.
18
19 But I believe love of place is a key ingredient of most economic development.
20
21 And people aren't eager to make the investments that all prosperity demands,
22 if they don't trust the people who lead them, and trust that those leaders will
23 work together.
24
25 In this past legislative session, we did just that.
26
27 We finally fixed the Hospital Provider Fee.
28
29 We now have a little more sanity in our budget.
30
31 And hospitals in rural Colorado that would have closed, continue to serve
32 thousands of patients.
33
34 Jennifer Riley, an executive at Memorial Regional Health in Craig, told us,
35 "You helped keep our doors open. Thank you."
36
37 Last year, we reformed construction defects. And slowly, we're building more
38 condos.
39
40 We delivered a modest deposit on our broadband initiative.
41
42 *And today, a high-schooler in Julesburg is taking remote business classes so*
43 *perhaps one day he can start his own company.*
44
45 For the first time we used marijuana taxes for a homeless initiative. We helped
46 people save their *own* lives.
47
48 Last year wasn't always pretty...*progress isn't always painless...*
49
50 But it was the most impactful, bipartisan legislative session since the great
51 recession.
52
53 We reminded everyone: the collaborative Colorado way is *the best way*.
54
55 When we're frustrated, we listen harder. When we're stumped, we turn to facts
56 and data.

1 We try to bring the best ideas to the table.

2

3 We don't define ourselves by those who oppose us. As any restaurateur knows,
4 there's no margin in having enemies.

5

6 *That's basically our slogan.*

7

8 And I'm grateful to have been your friend these last seven years.

9

10 Most of the time.

11

12 If you haven't lived in Colorado long, you might be tempted to think that the
13 state you see today was inevitable.

14 But when we first met in this room, our economy was in disarray. We had just
15 ended the worst year for job seekers in generations:

16

- 17 • We were twenty-sixth in unemployment and fortieth in job growth;
- 18 • Nearly 400,000 Coloradans were unemployed or underemployed;
- 19 • And tens of thousands more had dropped out of the workforce.

20

21 So we did what Coloradans do. We rolled up our sleeves and got to work. We
22 hosted fifty meetings and took comments from more than thirteen thousand
23 people in all sixty-four counties.

24

25 Coloradans told us what they needed to shape their communities across the state
26 from the bottom up.

27

28 With this input, we created a new blueprint for a new economy.

29

30 We cut red tape; promoted the state not just to tourists, but as a pro business
31 destination for aspiring entrepreneurs; championed innovation and technology;
32 and made it easier for small-businesses to get a loan.

33

34 The Colorado Blueprint made it easier for people to create and grow their own
35 businesses, and helped make Colorado a place that loves entrepreneurs.

36

37 By almost any measure, we've become one of the best places for business in
38 America.

39

40 We're one of the most active and healthiest, one of the best states to raise a
41 family and make a living.

42

43 We shattered unemployment records, tourism records, and hosted world-class
44 cultural and music events.

45

46 The state has become a bridge between nonprofits and the private sector. We've
47 leveraged a quarter of a billion dollars through public-private partnerships for
48 community initiatives that have touched millions of lives.

49

50 We're putting our faith in people like seven-year old Ashley Scott from
51 Colorado Springs. Two years ago, she started a holiday benefit and purchased
52 blankets, socks and gloves for the homeless. This past year, she partnered with
53 twenty businesses, her school, and the community to do even *more*.

54

55 She said "doing this makes me feel happy...the homeless need a Merry
56 Christmas, too."

1 Ashley: we're grateful for you. Please stand.
2
3 It's a shame you're not twenty-three years older. You could run for governor!
4
5 *Everyone else is doing it.*
6
7 We've swelled our ranks in health care with 600,000 more enrollees while
8 prioritizing value.
9
10 We lifted families out of poverty with a focus on two-generation solutions.
11
12 Our family planning initiative has helped reduce the abortion rate among teens
13 in Colorado by *sixty-four percent*.
14
15 We've become the leading state for aerospace employment...
16
17 When our cyber security center reaches full capacity, we'll have thousands of
18 people a year getting certificates.
19
20 We were the first state to legalize recreational marijuana while creating a
21 roadmap for other states.
22
23 *By the way -- we're not wild about Washington telling us what's best for us. We*
24 *expect the federal government will respect the will of Colorado voters.*
25
26 We charted our trails, expanded broadband to almost one-hundred thousand
27 rural homes, lured countless businesses large and small...and revitalized dozens
28 of main streets.
29
30 We provided wraparound services for thousands of people -- like Sarah
31 Middlebrooks, who completed the Fort Lyon program...found permanent
32 housing...and now maintains her own small business while pursuing her
33 associate's degree.
34
35 She couldn't make it because of an accident over the weekend. Sarah if you're
36 watching, we wish you a speedy recovery.
37
38 We created the country's first and best methane regulations; a water plan that
39 secures food production; protected the sage grouse from being listed as an
40 endangered species; and developed an electric vehicle infrastructure spanning
41 seven thousand miles.
42
43 We cut or modified almost half of our rules and regulations. And in doing so,
44 saved businesses nearly eight million dollars and over two million hours last
45 year alone.
46
47 Two million hours!_
48
49 And we measured our progress on everything that matters.
50
51 We trained thousands of employees who completed six-hundred LEAN process
52 improvements...created more value for Coloradans and won several awards.
53 We're one of the most innovative and transparent state governments in
54 America.
55

1 My mother used to say: *“use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without!”*
2
3 Those are pretty good words for a state to live by.
4 Along the journey, our spirit was tested by floods and fires and inexplicable
5 loss.
6
7 On the other side of these tests, *we became stronger.*
8
9 By nearly every measure, Colorado is perhaps stronger now than at any point
10 in history.
11
12 Our economy is ten times more diverse than when I was laid off in 1986. We
13 developed a well-deserved reputation for innovation...and welcomed the several
14 hundred thousand “pilgrims” who have moved here from elsewhere, allowing
15 them to experience, firsthand, just why we love this place so much.
16
17 This is an era for the record books.
18
19 But we can’t rest on our laurels.
20
21 As one farmer told me “in Colorado, you can be a rainfall away from a record
22 crop, but a hailstorm away from losing it all.”
23
24 So we will not let up. We won’t stop to enjoy the view. We have a lot to
25 accomplish in the next 119 days:
26
27 • We need to find the right solution to PERA’s unfunded liability.
28 • We need to pass legislation to safely cap orphan wells.
29 • We need to halt the opioid epidemic that continues to destroy lives and
30 families, and disproportionately affects our rural communities.
31 • We need to enact a K-12 and Infrastructure Funding Plan...
32 • ...that will help make the Water Plan a reality.
33 • We need legislation and funds to ensure full broadband buildout in rural
34 areas.
35 • And we need to protect our rural communities by addressing the intense,
36 negative impact the Gallagher amendment has had, and will have, in the
37 future.
38
39 It’s a commonsense agenda.
40
41 And it’s an opportunity for us to continue showing the country how it’s
42 done...that politics need not be a blood sport...that we need not wage war
43 between the “blue team” and the “red team”...and that dedicated and caring
44 people – even those who may disagree at times – can still achieve important
45 goals together.
46
47 It’s also an opportunity to recommit ourselves to honor and respect our
48 colleagues and uphold the dignity of our offices. Let’s pledge here and now that
49 we will not tolerate sexual harassment in Colorado.
50
51 In the early hours of the last century...Theodore Roosevelt said of the United
52 States:
53
54 *“It should be the growing nation with a future that takes the long look ahead.”*
55

1 Let's take a long look...and think together about the kind of place Colorado
2 must become so that we can pass our love of place onto the next generation.
3
4 Today, more Coloradans are working than ever before.
5 The Colorado secret is out, our in-migration to the front range is the envy of the
6 nation.
7
8 But our rural areas are not experiencing the same boom.
9
10 We need to create the right ecosystem.
11
12 It's like the bristlecone pine, unique to the West. It lives in a harsh but stunning
13 high altitude environment...the perfect conditions for it to thrive.
14
15 It may grow more slowly than the spruce, but it is sturdy...resilient...and
16 yes...beautiful.
17 Most people in rural areas are filled with a love of place. I had lunch with
18 fourteen Future Farmers of America almost a year ago. I asked these young
19 adults how many would choose to return to their small hometowns if they could
20 make a living. Every hand went up. But one young woman later noted, "*If I*
21 *came back with someone I loved, they'd need a job too.*"
22
23 We need more good jobs in rural Colorado.
24
25 Many outdoor recreation and manufacturing companies...sports enthusiasts and
26 adventurers from around the world...seek out dynamic rural areas.
27
28 And that's great.
29
30 But some of our best entrepreneurs are already in rural communities.
31
32 Seven years ago, Robert Graves, a fourth-generation dairy farmer in Bellvue
33 CO, started making an Australian style yogurt...which you can now buy in all
34 fifty states. Noosa yogurt is in all 50 states and has annual revenues of over two-
35 hundred million dollars.
36
37 Robert, thank you for joining us.
38
39 But to reinvigorate more of our smaller communities, we need to incentivize
40 companies and rural entrepreneurs...or the urban ones who want to be rural...to
41 take a chance and start a business where they're needed the most.
42
43 That's why we just announced a ten-million dollar Rural Venture Fund to focus
44 equity investment and access to capital in rural parts of the state...similar to
45 what they've done along the front range.
46
47 Startup Colorado is a five-year initiative to organize and convene startups
48 around the state...supported by Brad Feld and other top entrepreneurial leaders.
49
50 We're expanding our Blueprint and Rural Jumpstart economic development
51 programs.
52
53 Maybe we need to expand the Jumpstart incentive to seven years?
54
55 We're backstopping loans for rural markets that allow businesses and startups
56 to get more access to capital...maybe we should do more?

1 We need to make it easier for anyone to love any part of Colorado and start a
2 business here.
3
4 Companies need affordable, quality health care.
5
6 We have some of the most expensive counties for health care in the
7 country...and fourteen counties only have one option on the exchange – all of
8 them are in rural areas.
9
10 We need our friends in Washington to finally move past the tired fight over the
11 Affordable Care Act. It's not perfect, and we need to strengthen it in lots of
12 ways -- but it has helped reduce our uninsured rate by half. 600,000 Coloradans
13 -- many from rural parts of the state -- now have coverage who didn't before.
14 It has helped save lives.
15
16 However, we all can agree that America spends too much on healthcare and
17 gets too little for it.
18
19 This is an economic argument as much as a health related one.
20
21 The year before the Affordable Care Act, two-thirds of bankruptcies were
22 caused by medical debt...that's over 100,000 individuals and families! -- a
23 disproportionate number in rural areas.
24
25 The following year, the ACA helped reduce that number by sixty percent. More
26 than 60,000 families...didn't go through the trauma of bankruptcy.
27 When we're secure in our health care, we're more likely to take a chance and
28 start a business.
29
30 Every economist and anyone with a smartphone would agree: our economy is
31 undergoing tectonic shifts with the acceleration of automation and artificial
32 intelligence.
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34 Yet today, in almost every part of Colorado, zip code still determines your
35 educational outcome.
36
37 And that determines your economic outcome. This needs to change.
38
39 We re-convened the Education Leadership Council to build a long-term vision
40 and path forward. It's nonpartisan and comprehensive, with a focus on the
41 building blocks of a child's success from early childhood to workforce and
42 beyond.
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44 We're pumping an additional one hundred million dollars above enrollment and
45 inflation into our schools this year, and adding ten million dollars to address
46 teacher shortages in rural areas.
47
48 We also proposed repeating this year's thirty million dollars to rural schools
49 next year.
50
51 Even with these increases, we remain roughly three quarters of a billion dollars
52 behind the funding Colorado voters placed in our constitution nearly two
53 decades ago.
54

1 We need to be honest with ourselves and the voters...this number won't go
2 down much without their help. And if we are being really blunt, it hurts rural
3 Colorado more than the front range.
4
5 But to create the kind of workforce that will keep our state at the forefront of
6 the new economy, we need to go beyond the funding issue – we need to rethink
7 and retool our approach. We need to transition from a degree-based education
8 system to one that also includes skill-based training.
9
10 Experts tell us over sixty percent of our kids in school today will not get a 4-
11 year degree.
12
13 Careers and professions by the dozens will be swept away in the coming
14 decades.
15
16 But new industries will emerge at an equally frantic rate. We will need not just
17 engineers but huge numbers of technicians and analysts with new sets of skills.
18
19 We need to get more kids learning skills that matter.
20
21 We need to do it yesterday.
22
23 That's why we're working with the state board of education to expose more
24 students to coding in middle and high school.
25
26 Why not give those schools with a foreign language requirement the choice to
27 offer coding as an alternative language?
28
29 But let's not fall into the trap of instituting a bunch of coding classes and
30 thinking we've solved the problem.
31
32 We need flexible solutions that can adapt to what employers need tomorrow,
33 not just what they need today.
34
35 This means training and apprenticeships.
36
37 Working closely with business and education leaders, in a public-private
38 partnership, Colorado is igniting an apprenticeship renaissance with Careerwise.
39
40 We're connecting companies, talent, K-12 schools, community colleges and
41 training centers. We have youth apprentices in pilot programs at thirty-one
42 schools in four districts and we're partnering with forty businesses.
43
44 This isn't your grandparents' version of apprenticeship.
45
46 This is on-the-job, skills-training in industries, like business operations, health
47 care, and advanced manufacturing.
48
49 Within a decade we want to see twenty-thousand students per year receiving
50 college credit, developing skills, and learning how business works.
51
52 Apprenticeships are designed to grow hand in glove with Skillful, a digital
53 platform, developed with LinkedIn and the Markle Foundation, that will help
54 connect job seekers and employers in this new economy.
55

1 Last summer, Microsoft Philanthropies announced a twenty-six million dollar
2 investment in Skillful to expand these efforts...the largest grant in the history
3 of the foundation.
4
5 Projections of all kinds suggest we will fall well short in trained workers...in
6 every industry in the next decade.
7
8 We need all hands on deck. We need to expand our training programs and tailor
9 them for people with disabilities and the incarcerated soon to be released.
10
11 There's a lot to do, but Colorado has become an early model for the country.
12
13 I presented our apprenticeship and Skillful programs to dozens of executives
14 from some of the the nation's largest foundations, who are putting their
15 considerable weight behind solving challenges of the twenty-first century, and
16 building a skills-based workforce.
17
18 Our work continues when it comes to higher education.
19 Last fall, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education presented our updated
20 higher education master plan. We need to increase post secondary credentials
21 by tens of thousands in the next eight years, and erase equity gaps.
22
23 Over the last seven years, we've added more than 250 million dollars to support
24 higher education...and we need to do more to help these schools succeed and
25 expand.
26
27 They are the engines of our economy.
28
29 Yet we're still seeing a seemingly continuous inflation of tuition, fees and
30 books.
31
32 We need to redouble efforts around costs, collaboration, and student success.
33
34 Purdue University hasn't raised tuition for resident undergraduates in the last
35 six years.
36
37 Ambitious moves like that will take some flexibility from this building, too.
38
39 We've created a strong foundation for growth.
40
41 But no matter how hard we work to incentivize potential and capitalize on this
42 topophilia...Coloradans won't continue to love this place or build their lives
43 here, if they can't move around easily, afford housing and stay connected.
44
45 It's about companies like Mayfly, which builds equipment for anglers, and
46 worked with the state to move all their manufacturing to Montrose. They
47 wanted a rural environment with strong broadband.
48
49 They're training local workers, while building an outdoor rec center and
50 business park...
51
52 Because they? ?believe their? ?business should grow side-by-side with the
53 community.
54
55 *David Dragoo please stand.*
56

1 It's great news for rural communities that many jobs can be done anywhere --
2 but it requires good internet. We need to giddy up!
3
4 We went from sixty percent to eighty percent coverage in rural Colorado in the
5 last two years. We'll be at eighty-five percent by the end of this year and one-
6 hundred percent by 2020.
7
8 We need your support to get to the finish line...
9
10 One of the most essential pieces of infrastructure in our economy is our natural
11 landscape...our clean air and water...the things everyone thinks about when they
12 hear the word "Colorado."
13
14 It's one reason why companies of all sorts have been drawn to this place we
15 love.
16
17 And the reason why the outdoor recreation show is coming to Denver in a
18 couple weeks along with its one-hundred and ten million dollars in economic
19 impact.
20
21 It's why many of our farmers and ranchers, who live on the land, came here,
22 and stay here.
23
24 But the responsibility to be good stewards doesn't only fall on rural parts of the
25 state. It rests with all of us.
26
27 Xcel has submitted a plan to close two coals plants in Pueblo. This will clean
28 our air and lower costs for consumers - and lead to greater investments that
29 support twenty-first century careers.
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31 What is it the critics don't like? Is it the cleaner air or the lower utility bills?
32
33 Clean air matters.
34
35 Xcel is also working with Evraz Rocky Mountain Steel -- one of the cleanest
36 steel plants in the world -- to move toward renewable energy while protecting
37 Pueblo's future as a center for steel manufacturing. We need everyone's support
38 to make this a reality.
39
40 Pueblo is known as steel city, but soon it could also be "solar and wind city."
41
42 Most of us agree that science shows climate change is happening at a significant
43 rate in large part because of humans. But even those of us who disagree on
44 climate change can agree that we need to protect the Colorado environment our
45 grandchildren will grow to love...with a strong economy where they *can find*
46 *jobs*.
47
48 This includes protecting our water for agriculture. If we don't implement our
49 water plan, rural agricultural communities will be hit first and hardest. We live
50 in a state of open markets. They can never afford to match what front range
51 homeowners pay for domestic water. Having a sustainable source of food--no
52 matter what happens around the world--is an essential foundation for the future
53 of our state. We're one of the great food exporting states and that's a resource
54 we should continue to invest in...rather than put at risk.
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1 The Colorado Water Plan provides a framework, but doesn't include all the
2 funding for the last billion dollars over the next thirty years...we need the
3 support of the General Assembly.
4
5 But the cost of water has been a small part of rising new housing prices along
6 much of the front range and elsewhere.
7
8 It strains one's ability to live where they live when they can't afford the price
9 of a home or even rent near the jobs and communities they care about.
10 While many conversations around affordable housing are confined to the front
11 range, the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority has supported housing
12 projects all across Colorado. They've invested over thirteen billion dollars
13 across the state. We should increase our affordable housing tax credits by fifty
14 percent -- these are matching funds that work only with local investment.
15
16 If we believe private enterprise is part of the solution, CHFA is one of the
17 answers.
18
19 I'm forgetting some other type of infrastructure...what is it?
20
21 OH right, the multi-billion dollar hole in our roads.
22
23 It's about connecting to our communities, our jobs, our markets, and the people
24 we love.
25
26 And good infrastructure creates good jobs.
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28 These are facts:
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30 Fort Morgan voters said "yes" to raising their sales tax, so they could get to
31 work repairing their city streets.
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33 And El Paso County voted for new lanes on I-25.
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35 Coloradans WANT to invest in our quality of life--because of our affection for
36 Colorado.
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38 And allow us to pass that affection confidently on to the next generation.
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40 That's why communities are easing traffic with bike lanes and creating
41 walkable areas. And in response to demand from southwest Colorado and other
42 rural parts of the state, Bustang is expanding routes.
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44 It's part of why we partnered with Panasonic to see how we can link vehicles
45 with smart highways and save lives...
46
47 ...futuristic transportation companies like Arrivo, Otto, and Hyperloop One are
48 making Colorado a testing ground...
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50 But we can't innovate our way out of traffic jams without the resources.
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52 Coloradans spend hundreds of dollars a year extra per car on repairs and
53 operating costs as a result of bad road conditions. We waste dozens of hours a
54 year in traffic.
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1 The cost of asphalt and concrete continue to rise; yet we haven't increased the
2 state gas tax in over twenty-five years.
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4 We've been driving on a flat tire for a quarter century.
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6 All while Utah raised their gas tax twice.
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8 Not only do we under-fund maintenance by more than two-hundred million
9 dollars per year, but we also have a project list of nine billion dollars. Total
10 needs are estimated to be twenty-five billion dollars by 2040.
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12 And that's all on top of CDOT's existing budget.
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14 Last year, we committed 1.9 billion dollars in financing for roads when we
15 addressed the Hospital Provider Fee. Soon, thanks to Senate Bill 267, we will
16 see a one-hundred million dollar per year commitment in General Fund revenue
17 towards those roads.
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19 Last week we proposed another 148 million dollars from increased revenues.
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21 And then, in the coming years, our proposal for future revenues will continue
22 to dedicate more than 100 million dollars per year on top of that - also from the
23 General Fund.
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25 That's progress. But it *still* won't be enough to solve our transportation
26 problem, and it doesn't devote a single dollar to our city and county roads and
27 bridges.
28
29 We need to be *even more* ambitious. It's time we look at a long term solution
30 with a sustainable funding source.
31
32 There's broad agreement -- across party lines.
33
34 Coloradans deserve the opportunity to vote on whether we need new resources
35 and where they should come from.
36
37 *It's time to go to the voters.*
38
39 It's tempting to surround ourselves with people who agree with us...it's easy to
40 create an echo chamber...
41
42 But we're investing in the unglamorous effort it takes to *listen*.
43
44 Because it works.
45
46 In ancient Greece, conversations about the great disagreements of the day took
47 place around big dinners and lasted days. Strangers were welcome.
48
49 Conversation would slow down, and unlike a cable TV debate or tweet storm,
50 it allowed a spectrum of viewpoints to emerge.
51
52 People invested their time in each other.
53
54 Often...fueled by wine. Here in Colorado, we'll stick with beer.
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56 We need to get back to that point.

1 We need to rebuild these places of convergence. So I'll offer up my office.
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3 We have 364 days left in this administration...
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5 That's an eternity for compromise. It only took eighty-seven days for thirty-nine
6 delegates to create Colorado's Constitution!
7
8 And that included: a bill of rights, three-branch state government, bicameral
9 legislature, elected governor, and supreme, district, and county courts.
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11 It's an eternity...but the issues are fiercely urgent. As Martin Luther King Jr.
12 said: "tomorrow is today."
13
14 When we invest in education today, we make our kids more competitive
15 tomorrow. When we modernize our infrastructure...we lay the groundwork for
16 the jobs of the future. When we stand up for common sense approaches to
17 health care and get more people covered, we lower costs and save lives for
18 years to come.
19
20 These core priorities aren't always glamorous. They don't always get the big
21 headlines.
22
23 But that's the Colorado WAY.
24
25 This is the Colorado that has lured generations from across the country and
26 around the world. It's why we swell with pride whenever we tell outsiders
27 where we're from...and why they smile in response.
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29 It's what Walter Cheesman, Claude Boettcher and Bruce Randolph worked
30 towards...and what Emily Griffith invested her life in.
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32 There's no place like it
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34 David Mason, who became our poet laureate in 2010, said it best:
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36 *"Some come out West to beat the odds and find out the sky's the limit.*
37 *Some simply stare--no end to it,*
38 *The way you can love a land*
39 *And quite a few of the people in it*
40 *Give me the sage in sunlight, warm*
41 *Even in winter. Give me the moonlit snow*
42 *Give me the book cliffs and the farms,*
43 *The wild flowers of Colorado."*
44
45 One of the greatest joys of my life was pitching in baseball games in high
46 school.
47
48 You have to be so focused and every atom of your being has to be intent on
49 throwing that pitch to the perfect spot.
50
51 But you'll never succeed without a great team behind you.
52
53 The joy of these past seven years has been every bit as intense...and just as
54 sweet.
55

1 I've been blessed to work with an incredible group of people -- I'd like my
2 cabinet and senior staff to stand and be recognized.

3
4 And I include all of you as part of this team...

5
6 You are an incredible group as well.

7
8 Thank you for your partnership...your friendship...and for deepening our love
9 of this wonderful, *wild* place.

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11 One last time from this podium: Giddy up!

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14 The Joint Committee escorted the Governor from the Chamber.

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17 On motion of Representative KC Becker, the Governor's message was
18 ordered printed in the House Journal.

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21 On motion of Senator Holbert, the Joint Session was dissolved.

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24 House reconvened.

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27 **PRINTING REPORT**

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29 The Chief Clerk reports the following bills been correctly preprinted:
30 **HB18-1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010,**
31 **1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036, 1037, 1038, 1039, 1040, 1041,**
32 **1042, 1043, 1044, 1045, 1046, 1047, 1048, 1049, 1050, 1051, 1052,**
33 **1053, 1054, 1055, 1056, 1066, 1068, 1071, 1072.**

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37 On motion of Representative KC Becker, the House adjourned until
38 9:00 a.m., January 12, 2018.

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40 Approved:
41 CRISANTA DURAN,
42 Speaker

43 Attest:
44 MARILYN EDDINS,
45 Chief Clerk

HOUSE JOURNAL
SEVENTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY
STATE OF COLORADO
Second Regular Session

Third Legislative Day

Friday, January 12, 2018

1 Prayer by Pastor Dave Love, Calvary Castle Rock.

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

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5 Pledge of Allegiance led by Hannah Neville, Mary Katelyn Neville,
 6 American Academy, Castle Rock.

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8 The roll was called with the following result:

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10 Present--63.

11 Excused--Representative(s) Everett--1.

12 Vacancy--1.

13 Present after roll call--Representative(s) Everett

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15 The Speaker declared a quorum present.

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18 On motion of Representative Weissman, the reading of the journal of
 19 January 11, 2018, was declared dispensed with and approved as corrected
 20 by the Chief Clerk.

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23 The following list of appointments were read:

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25 **LEGISLATIVE AUDIT**

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27 4 members: Kraft-Tharp, Leonard, Saine, Winter

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29 On motion of Representative KC Becker the appointments to the Audit
 30 Committee were confirmed by the following roll call vote:

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	YES	62	NO	0	EXCUSED	2	ABSENT	0	VACANCY	1
33	Arndt	Y	Foote	Y	Leonard	Y	Roberts	Y		
34	Becker J.	Y	Garnett	Y	Lewis	Y	Rosenthal	Y		
35	Becker K.	Y	Ginal	Y	Liston	Y	Saine	Y		
36	Beckman	Y	Gray	Y	Lontine	Y	Salazar	Y		
37	Benavidez	Y	Hamner	Y	Lundeen	E	Sias	Y		
38	Bridges	Y	Hansen	Y	McKean	Y	Singer	Y		
39	Buck	Y	Herod	Y	McLachlan	Y	Thurlow	Y		
40	Buckner	Y	Hooton	Y	Melton	Y	Valdez	Y		
41	Carver	Y	Humphrey	Y	Michaelson Jenet	Y	Van Winkle	Y		
42	Catlin	Y	Jackson	Y	Neville P.	Y	Weissman	Y		
43	Coleman	Y	Kennedy	Y	Nordberg	V	Willett	Y		

1	Covarrubias	Y	Kraft-Tharp	Y	Pabon	Y	Williams D.	Y
2	Danielson	Y	Landgraf	Y	Pettersen	Y	Wilson	Y
3	Esgar	Y	Lawrence	Y	Rankin	Y	Winter	Y
4	Everett	E	Lebsock	Y	Ransom	Y	Wist	Y
5	Exum	Y	Lee	Y	Reyher	Y	Young	Y
6							Speaker	Y

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CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION(S)

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12 [HR18-1001](#) by Representative(s) Buckner, Esgar, Saine, McKean--
13 Concerning employees and positions for the House of
14 Representatives convened in the Second Regular Session
15 of the Seventy-first General Assembly.

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17 (Printed and placed in members' file)

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19 On motion of Representative Buckner, the resolution was **adopted** by
20 **viva voce** vote.

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22 Co-sponsor(s) added: Representative(s) Arndt, Becker J., Becker K., Beckman,
23 Benavidez, Bridges, Buck, Carver, Catlin, Coleman, Covarrubias, Exum, Foote,
24 Garnett, Ginal, Gray, Hamner, Hansen, Herod, Hooton, Jackson, Kennedy,
25 Landgraf, Lebsock, Lee, Leonard, Lewis, Liston, Lontine, Lundeen, McLachlan,
26 Melton, Michaelson Jenet, Neville P., Pabon, Pettersen, Rankin, Ransom,
27 Reyher, Roberts, Rosenthal, Salazar, Sias, Thurlow, Valdez, Van Winkle,
28 Weissman, Willett, Williams D., Wilson, Winter, Wist, Young, Speaker.

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30 [SJR18-001](#) by Senator(s) Holbert, Grantham, Guzman; also
31 Representative(s) Buckner, Esgar, Saine, McKean--
32 Concerning the officers and employees of the Second
33 Regular Session of the Seventy-first General Assembly.

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35 (Printed and placed in members' file)

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37 On motion of Representative Buckner, the resolution was **adopted** by
38 **viva voce** vote.

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40 Co-sponsor(s) aded: Representative(s) Arndt, Becker J., Becker K., Benavidez,
41 Carver, Catlin, Coleman, Covarrubias, Exum, Foote, Garnett, Ginal, Gray,
42 Hamner, Hansen, Herod, Hooton, Humphrey, Jackson, Kennedy, Lawrence,
43 Lebsock, Lee, Leonard, Lewis, Lontine, Lundeen, McLachlan, Michaelson
44 Jenet, Neville P., Pabon, Pettersen, Reyher, Roberts, Rosenthal, Salazar,
45 Valdez, Willett, Williams D., Winter, Wist, Duran.

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48 House in recess. House reconvened.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

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54 The Senate has adopted and transmits herewith: SJR18-002.

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1 **INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION**

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3 On motion of Representative KC Becker, the rules were suspended and
4 the following resolution was given immediate consideration.

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6 **SJR18-002** by Senator(s) Marble and Williams A.; also
7 Representative(s) Buck and Herod--Concerning the
8 commemoration of the birthday of the Reverend Dr.
9 Martin Luther King, Jr.

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11 (Printed and placed in members' files).

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13 On motion of Representative Buck, the resolution was read at length and
14 **adopted by viva voce** vote.

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16 Current Roll Call added as co-sponsor(s): Representative(s) Arndt, Becker J.,
17 Becker K., Beckman, Benavidez, Bridges, Buckner, Carver, Catlin, Coleman,
18 Covarrubias, Danielson, Esgar, Everett, Exum, Foote, Garnett, Ginal, Gray,
19 Hamner, Hansen, Hooton, Humphrey, Jackson, Kennedy, Kraft-Tharp,
20 Landgraf, Lawrence, Lebsock, Lee, Leonard, Lewis, Liston, Lontine, Lundeen,
21 McKean, McLachlan, Melton, Michaelson Jenet, Neville P., Pabon, Pettersen,
22 Rankin, Ransom, Reyher, Roberts, Rosenthal, Saine, Salazar, Sias, Singer,
23 Thurlow, Valdez, Van Winkle, Weissman, Willett, Williams D., Wilson,
24 Winter, Wist, Young, Speaker.

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29 House in recess. House reconvened.

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32 **PRINTING REPORT**

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34 The Chief Clerk reports the following bills have been correctly printed:
35 **HB18-1057, 1058, 1059, 1060, 1061, 1062, 1063, 1064, 1065, 1067,**
36 **1069, 1070.**

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41 **SIGNING OF BILLS - RESOLUTIONS - MEMORIALS**

42 The Speaker has signed: **HJR18-1001; HR18-1001.**

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46 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

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49 The Senate has passed on Third Reading and transmitted to the Revisor
50 of Statutes:
51 SB18-027 Amended in Special Orders as printed in the Senate
52 Journal January 11, 2018 and Third Reading as printed in
53 the Senate Journal January 12, 2018.

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MESSAGE(S) FROM THE REVISOR

We herewith transmit:
without comment, as amended, **SB18-027**.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL
First Reading

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

SB18-027 by Senator(s) Smallwood and Todd, Aguilar, Cooke, Court, Crowder, Donovan, Fenberg, Fields, Grantham, Hill, Holbert, Kagan, Kefalas, Kerr, Lambert, Lundberg, Martinez Humenik, Merrifield, Moreno, Neville T., Priola, Sonnenberg, Tate, Williams A., Zenzinger; also Representative(s) Kraft-Tharp and McKean, Arndt, Becker J., Becker K., Benavidez, Bridges, Buck, Buckner, Carver, Covarrubias, Duran, Esgar, Garnett, Ginal, Gray, Hamner, Hansen, Herod, Hooton, Jackson, Kennedy, Landgraf, Lawrence, Lontine, Lundeen, McLachlan, Michaelson Jenet, Pabon, Roberts, Rosenthal, Singer, Thurlow, Valdez, Van Winkle, Winter, Wist, Young--Concerning the enactment of the "Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact", and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

Committee on Finance
Committee on Appropriations

On motion of Representative Weissman, the House adjourned until 9:00 a.m., January 16, 2018.

Approved:
CRISANTA DURAN,
Speaker

Attest:
MARILYN EDDINS,
Chief Clerk