

HOUSE JOURNAL
SEVENTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
STATE OF COLORADO
First Regular Session

First Legislative Day

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

- 1 Prayer by Pastor Kate Davidson, Lord of the Mountains Lutheran Church.
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- 3 Land Acknowledgment read by Ernest House Jr., Ute Mountain Ute
- 4 Tribe.
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- 6 The hour of ten o'clock having arrived, the House of Representatives of
- 7 the 75th General Assembly of the State of Colorado, pursuant to law, was
- 8 called to order by Julie McCluskie, Speaker of the House of
- 9 Representatives, 74th General Assembly.
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- 11 Colors posted by the Civil Air Patrol, Cadet Major Hannah Scott, Cadet
- 12 Captain Alix Stielow, Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Levi Stielow, Cadet Chief
- 13 Master Sergeant Madison Scott.
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- 15 The National Anthem sung by Lake County High School Concert Choir.
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- 17 Pledge of Allegiance led by Lucia Barron, Butler Elementary School,
- 18 Fort Lupton; Santiago Barron, Fort Lupton Middle School, Fort Lupton;
- 19 Lila Boesenecker, McGraw Elementary School, Fort Collins; Jacob and
- 20 Tyler Bradley, Ben Franklin Academy, Highlands Ranch; Elijah and
- 21 Joshua Camacho, Steck Elementary School, Denver; Michaela Carter,
- 22 Murphy Creek K-8, Aurora; Remy and Roman Handlin,
- 23 Werner Elementary School, Fort Collins; Owen Stewart-MacVeigh,
- 24 Park Elementary School, Durango; Dominico Pugliese,
- 25 Chinook Trail Elementary School, Colorado Springs; Kaylee Scholtes,
- 26 Reed-Custer Middle School, Braidwood; Jackson Willford,
- 27 Studio School, Northglenn.
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- 29 Speaker Julie McCluskie announced that if there were no objections,
- 30 Vanessa Reilly would be appointed Temporary Chief Clerk.

STATE OF COLORADO
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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

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

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

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 5 In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of
 6 the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this 6th day of December
 7 2024.

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 9 /signed/
 10 Jena Griswold
 11 Secretary of State

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 15 **State Representative - District 1**
 16 **Counties:** DENVER, JEFFERSON

	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
17 Barbara DeHaan (REP)	12,033	35.25%
18 Javier Mabrey (DEM)	22,104	64.75%

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 21 **State Representative - District 2**
 22 **Counties:** DENVER

	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
23 Stephen Woodrow (DEM)	38,829	74.20%
24 Michael F. DiManna (REP)	13,501	25.80%

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 27 **State Representative - District 3**
 28 **Counties:** ARAPAHOE, DENVER

	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
29 Meg Froelich (DEM)	26,049	64.03%
30 Mickey Neal (REP)	14,619	35.93%
31 Marla Fernandez (REP) (Write-In)	14	0.03%

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 34 **State Representative - District 4**
 35 **Counties:** DENVER

	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
36 Cecelia Espenoza (DEM)	32,315	78.94%
37 Jack Daus (REP)	8,623	21.06%

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 40 **State Representative - District 5**
 41 **Counties:** DENVER

	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
42 Johnnie Wesley Johnson (REP)	8,224	20.41%
43 Alex Valdez (DEM)	32,077	79.59%

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 46 **State Representative - District 6**
 47 **Counties:** DENVER

	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
48 Sean Camacho (DEM)	38,250	84.57%
49 Kyle Witter (REP)	6,978	15.43%

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1	State Representative - District 7		
2	Counties: DENVER		
3		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
4	Jennifer Bacon (DEM)	22,078	73.11%
5	Tom Swift (REP)	7,206	23.86%
6	Raymon Anthony Doane (LIB)	907	3.00%
7	Ben Pope (DEM) (Write-In)	9	0.03%
8			
9	State Representative - District 8		
10	Counties: DENVER		
11		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
12	Philip Borrelli (REP)	5,932	12.66%
13	Lindsay Gilchrist (DEM)	39,914	85.16%
14	Jesse Lashawn Parris (UNI)	992	2.12%
15	Sharron Pettiford (DEM) (Write-In)	33	0.07%
16			
17	State Representative - District 9		
18	Counties: ARAPAHOE, DENVER		
19		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
20	Emily Sirota (DEM)	29,530	74.50%
21	Tom Cowhick (REP)	10,108	25.50%
22			
23	State Representative - District 10		
24	Counties: BOULDER		
25		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
26	William B. DeOreo (REP)	6,290	15.65%
27	Junie Joseph (DEM)	33,889	84.35%
28			
29	State Representative - District 11		
30	Counties: BOULDER		
31		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
32	Karen McCormick (DEM)	31,650	69.32%
33	Kathy Reeves (REP)	14,005	30.68%
34			
35	State Representative - District 12		
36	Counties: BOULDER, BROOMFIELD		
37		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
38	Kyle Brown (DEM)	39,742	76.56%
39	Mark Milliman (REP)	12,166	23.44%
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41	State Representative - District 13		
42	Counties: CHAFFEE, GRAND, JACKSON, LAKE, PARK, SUMMIT		
43		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
44	Dave Williams (REP)	24,613	44.83%
45	Julie McCluskie (DEM)	30,291	55.17%
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47	State Representative - District 14		
48	Counties: EL PASO		
49		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
50	Rose Pugliese (REP)	34,428	60.69%
51	Katherine "Kat" Gayle (DEM)	22,301	39.31%
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1	State Representative - District 15		
2	Counties: EL PASO		
3		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
4	Jeff K. Livingston (DEM)	19,215	42.01%
5	Scott Bottoms (REP)	26,519	57.99%
6			
7	State Representative - District 16		
8	Counties: EL PASO		
9		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
10	Rebecca Keltie (REP)	20,641	50.00%
11	Steph Vigil (DEM)	20,638	50.00%
12			
13	State Representative - District 17		
14	Counties: EL PASO		
15		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
16	Elizabeth Riggs (REP)	11,423	44.13%
17	Regina English (DEM)	14,461	55.87%
18			
19	State Representative - District 18		
20	Counties: EL PASO, TELLER		
21		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
22	Amy T. Paschal (DEM)	24,780	53.53%
23	James R. Boelens Jr. (REP)	21,510	46.47%
24			
25	State Representative - District 19		
26	Counties: BOULDER, WELD		
27		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
28	Dan Woog (REP)	28,420	50.10%
29	Jillaire McMillan (DEM)	28,310	49.90%
30			
31	State Representative - District 20		
32	Counties: EL PASO		
33		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
34	Jarvis Caldwell (REP)	39,949	71.94%
35	Arik Dougherty (REP)	15,581	28.06%
36			
37	State Representative - District 21		
38	Counties: EL PASO		
39		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
40	Liz Rosenbaum (DEM)	12,646	41.77%
41	Mary Bradfield (REP)	17,631	58.23%
42			
43	State Representative - District 22		
44	Counties: EL PASO		
45		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
46	Ken deGraaf (REP)	25,890	56.62%
47	Michael M. Pierson (DEM)	17,665	38.63%
48	Daniel Campaña (UAF)	2,170	4.75%
49			
50	State Representative - District 23		
51	Counties: JEFFERSON		
52		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
53	Monica Irasema Duran (DEM)	31,854	63.80%
54	Cory Ohnesorge (REP)	18,073	36.20%
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1	State Representative - District 24		
2	Counties: ADAMS, JEFFERSON		
3		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
4	Gwen Henderson (REP)	23,161	43.36%
5	Lisa Feret (DEM)	30,249	56.64%
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7	State Representative - District 25		
8	Counties: JEFFERSON		
9		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
10	Tammy Story (DEM)	31,327	52.11%
11	George B. Mumma Jr. (REP)	28,790	47.89%
12			
13	State Representative - District 26		
14	Counties: EAGLE, MOFFAT, RIO BLANCO, ROUTT		
15		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
16	Meghan Lukens (DEM)	27,188	56.62%
17	Nathan Butler (REP)	20,831	43.38%
18			
19	State Representative - District 27		
20	Counties: JEFFERSON		
21		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
22	Brianna Titone (DEM)	30,193	56.79%
23	Ed Cox (REP)	22,976	43.21%
24			
25	State Representative - District 28		
26	Counties: JEFFERSON		
27		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
28	Peter Boddie (REP)	24,066	47.16%
29	Sheila Lieder (DEM)	26,960	52.84%
30			
31	State Representative - District 29		
32	Counties: ADAMS, JEFFERSON		
33		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
34	Shannon Bird (DEM)	30,163	60.85%
35	Evan Shields Hunt (REP)	19,409	39.15%
36			
37	State Representative - District 30		
38	Counties: JEFFERSON		
39		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
40	Ramey Johnson (REP)	16,162	37.75%
41	Rebekah Stewart (DEM)	26,647	62.25%
42			
43	State Representative - District 31		
44	Counties: ADAMS		
45		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
46	Heidi Pitchforth (REP)	13,609	44.14%
47	Jacqueline "Jacque" Phillips (DEM)	17,221	55.86%
48			
49	State Representative - District 32		
50	Counties: ADAMS		
51		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
52	Manny Rutinel (DEM)	22,853	100.00%
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1	State Representative - District 33		
2	Counties: ADAMS, BROOMFIELD, WELD		
3		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
4	William Lindstedt (DEM)	31,589	58.58%
5	Michael Martinez (REP)	22,332	41.42%
6			
7	State Representative - District 34		
8	Counties: ADAMS		
9		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
10	Craig Sullivan (REP)	18,864	44.79%
11	Jenny Willford (DEM)	21,326	50.64%
12	Alexander "Skinny" Winkler (CEN)	971	2.31%
13	Mark Bromley (UAF)	952	2.26%
14			
15	State Representative - District 35		
16	Counties: ADAMS, JEFFERSON		
17		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
18	Lorena Garcia (DEM)	19,526	64.62%
19	Lee J. Knoll (REP)	10,689	35.38%
20			
21	State Representative - District 36		
22	Counties: ADAMS, ARAPAHOE		
23		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
24	Michael Carter (DEM)	21,452	71.54%
25	Eric Mulder (FWD)	8,532	28.46%
26			
27	State Representative - District 37		
28	Counties: ARAPAHOE		
29		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
30	Chad Clifford (DEM)	31,463	97.34%
31	Kevin Biehl (UAF) (Write-In)	861	2.66%
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33	State Representative - District 38		
34	Counties: ARAPAHOE, JEFFERSON		
35		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
36	Gretchen Jeannette Rydin (DEM)	29,577	54.57%
37	Jeffrey Patty (REP)	24,623	45.43%
38			
39	State Representative - District 39		
40	Counties: DOUGLAS		
41		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
42	Eric Brody (DEM)	25,305	41.03%
43	Brandi Bradley (REP)	36,364	58.97%
44			
45	State Representative - District 40		
46	Counties: ARAPAHOE		
47		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
48	Naquetta Ricks (DEM)	24,086	56.59%
49	Darryl Gibbs (REP)	17,034	40.02%
50	Allison Spink (LIB)	1,446	3.40%
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1	State Representative - District 41		
2	Counties: ARAPAHOE		
3		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
4	Iman Jodeh (DEM)	22,124	61.30%
5	Rob McKenna (REP)	12,736	35.29%
6	Kevin Porter (LIB)	1,231	3.41%
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8	State Representative - District 42		
9	Counties: ARAPAHOE		
10		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
11	Mandy Lindsay (DEM)	18,097	100.00%
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13	State Representative - District 43		
14	Counties: DOUGLAS		
15		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
16	Bob Marshall (DEM)	27,915	51.26%
17	Matt Burcham (LIB)	26,542	48.74%
18			
19	State Representative - District 44		
20	Counties: DOUGLAS		
21		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
22	Alyssa Nilemo (DEM)	21,833	41.36%
23	Anthony Hartsook (REP)	30,957	58.64%
24			
25	State Representative - District 45		
26	Counties: DOUGLAS		
27		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
28	Chad Cox (DEM)	21,801	37.74%
29	Max Brooks (REP)	35,970	62.26%
30			
31	State Representative - District 46		
32	Counties: PUEBLO		
33		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
34	Tisha Mauro (DEM)	23,823	52.28%
35	Kim Swearingen (REP)	21,746	47.72%
36			
37	State Representative - District 47		
38	Counties: BACA, BENT, CROWLEY, HUERFANO, KIOWA,		
39	LAS ANIMAS, OTERO, PROWERS, PUEBLO		
40		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
41	Elizabeth Bulthuis (DEM)	14,580	32.78%
42	Ty S. Winter (REP)	29,899	67.22%
43			
44	State Representative - District 48		
45	Counties: ADAMS, WELD		
46		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
47	Carlos Barron (REP)	32,520	100.00%
48			
49	State Representative - District 49		
50	Counties: BOULDER, CLEAR CREEK, GILPIN, LARIMER		
51		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
52	Steve Ferrante (REP)	20,797	36.19%
53	Lesley Smith (DEM)	36,669	63.81%
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1	State Representative - District 50		
2	Counties: WELD		
3		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
4	Mary Young (DEM)	12,670	48.91%
5	Ryan Gonzalez (REP)	13,233	51.09%
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7	State Representative - District 51		
8	Counties: LARIMER		
9		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
10	Ron Weinberg (REP)	28,460	52.62%
11	Sarah McKeen (DEM)	25,628	47.38%
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13	State Representative - District 52		
14	Counties: LARIMER		
15		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
16	Yara Zokaie (DEM)	31,167	63.28%
17	Steve Yurash (CEN)	18,088	36.72%
18			
19	State Representative - District 53		
20	Counties: LARIMER		
21		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
22	Andy Boesenecker (DEM)	31,875	73.52%
23	Donna Walter (REP)	11,479	26.48%
24			
25	State Representative - District 54		
26	Counties: DELTA, MESA		
27		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
28	Matt Soper (REP)	41,811	100.00%
29			
30	State Representative - District 55		
31	Counties: MESA		
32		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
33	Rick Taggart (REP)	36,085	100.00%
34			
35	State Representative - District 56		
36	Counties: ADAMS, ARAPAHOE, CHEYENNE, EL PASO, ELBERT,		
37	KIT CARSON, LINCOLN		
38		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
39	Alessandra A. Navetta (DEM)	13,475	24.28%
40	Chris Richardson (REP)	42,014	75.72%
41			
42	State Representative - District 57		
43	Counties: EAGLE, GARFIELD, PITKIN		
44		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
45	Caleb Waller (REP)	19,494	44.21%
46	Elizabeth Velasco (DEM)	24,604	55.79%
47			
48	State Representative - District 58		
49	Counties: DELTA, DOLORES, GUNNISON, HINSDALE, MONTEZUMA,		
50	MONTRORSE, OURAY, SAN MIGUEL		
51		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
52	Kathleen Curry (DEM)	25,100	45.41%
53	Larry Don Suckla (REP)	30,170	54.59%
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1	State Representative - District 59		
2	Counties: ARCHULETA, LA PLATA, MONTEZUMA, SAN JUAN		
3		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
4	Katie Stewart (DEM)	27,918	51.21%
5	Clark Craig (REP)	26,599	48.79%
6			
7	State Representative - District 60		
8	Counties: CHAFFEE, CUSTER, FREMONT, PUEBLO, TELLER		
9		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
10	Kathryn Green (DEM)	15,826	30.23%
11	Stephanie Luck (REP)	36,518	69.77%
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13	State Representative - District 61		
14	Counties: ARAPAHOE, DOUGLAS		
15		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
16	Eliza Hamrick (DEM)	32,799	100.00%
17			
18	State Representative - District 62		
19	Counties: ALAMOSA, CONEJOS, COSTILLA, HUERFANO, MINERAL,		
20	PUEBLO, RIO GRANDE, SAGUACHE		
21		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
22	Matthew Martinez (DEM)	21,050	53.76%
23	Carol Riggenbach (REP)	18,109	46.24%
24			
25	State Representative - District 63		
26	Counties: LOGAN, MORGAN, PHILLIPS, SEDGWICK, WASHINGTON,		
27	WELD, YUMA		
28		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
29	Dusty A. Johnson (REP)	36,930	100.00%
30			
31	State Representative - District 64		
32	Counties: LARIMER, WELD		
33		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
34	Ryan Armagost (REP)	34,463	63.50%
35	Mark. K. Matthews (DEM)	19,810	36.50%
36			
37	State Representative - District 65		
38	Counties: LARIMER, WELD		
39		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
40	Will Walters (DEM)	23,101	37.27%
41	Lori Garcia Sander (REP)	38,882	62.73%

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

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

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

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 4 /Signed/
 5 Jena Griswold
 6 Secretary of State

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 10 **State Representative - District 1**

	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
11 Javier Mabrey (DEM)	22,104	64.75%
12 1936 S Vrain St		
13 Denver, CO 80219		

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 16 **State Representative - District 2**

	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
17 Steven Woodrow (DEM)	38,829	74.20%
18 898 S Vine St		
19 Denver, CO 80209		

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 22 **State Representative - District 3**

	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
23 Meg Froelich (DEM)	26,049	64.03%
24 5801 E Princeton Ave		
25 Englewood, CO 80111		

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 28 **State Representative - District 4**

	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
29 Cecelia Espenoza (DEM)	32,315	78.94%
30 2475 N Raleigh St		
31 Denver, CO 80212		

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 34 **State Representative - District 5**

	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
35 Alex Valdez (DEM)	32,077	79.59%
36 891 14th St, Unit 4103		
37 Denver, CO 80202		

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 40 **State Representative - District 6**

	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
41 Sean Camacho (DEM)	38,250	84.57%
42 8064 W Bayaud Ave		
43 Denver, CO 80230		

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 46 **State Representative - District 7**

	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
47 Jennifer Bacon (DEM)	22,078	73.11%
48 5255 Memphis St, Apt 210		
49 Denver, CO 80239		

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 52 **State Representative - District 8**

	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
53 Lindsay Gilchrist (DEM)	39,914	85.16%
54 1777 Locust St		
55 Denver, CO 80220		

1	State Representative - District 9		
2		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
3	Emily Sirota (DEM)	29,530	74.50%
4	1823 S Ivy St		
5	Denver, CO 80224		
6			
7	State Representative - District 10		
8		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
9	Junie Joseph (DEM)	33,889	84.35%
10	4820 Thunderbird Circle, # 206		
11	Boulder, CO 80303		
12			
13	State Representative - District 11		
14		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
15	Karen McCormick (DEM)	31,650	69.32%
16	2949 Breakwater Drive		
17	Longmont, CO 80503		
18			
19	State Representative - District 12		
20		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
21	Kyle Brown (DEM)	39,742	76.56%
22	667 W Lilac Ct		
23	Louisville, CO 80027		
24			
25	State Representative - District 13		
26		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
27	Julie McCluskie (DEM)	30,291	55.17%
28	502 Vail Circle		
29	Dillon, CO 80435		
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31	State Representative - District 14		
32		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
33	Rose Pugliese (REP)	34,428	60.69%
34	9297 Wolf Lake Drive		
35	Colorado Springs, CO 80924		
36			
37	State Representative - District 15		
38		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
39	Scott Bottoms (REP)	26,519	57.99%
40	6398 Butch Cassidy Blvd		
41	Colorado Springs, CO 80923		
42			
43	State Representative - District 16		
44		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
45	Rebecca Keltie (REP)	20,641	50.00%
46	6325 Spurwood Drive		
47	Colorado Springs, CO 80918		
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49	State Representative - District 17		
50		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
51	Regina English (DEM)	14,461	55.87%
52	611 Cima Vista Pt		
53	Colorado Springs, CO 80916		
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1	State Representative - District 18		
2		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
3	Amy T Paschal (DEM)	24,780	53.53%
4	3372 Sky Watch Hts		
5	Colorado Springs, CO 80904		
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7	State Representative - District 19		
8		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
9	Dan Woog (DEM)	28,420	50.10%
10	640 Main Street		
11	Frederick, CO 80530		
12			
13	State Representative - District 20		
14		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
15	Jarvis Caldwell (REP)	39,949	71.94%
16	8282 Sprague Way		
17	Colorado Springs, CO 80908		
18			
19	State Representative - District 21		
20		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
21	Mary Bradfield (REP)	17,631	58.23%
22	122 Fordham Street		
23	Colorado Springs, CO 80911		
24			
25	State Representative - District 22		
26		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
27	Ken deGraaf (REP)	25,890	56.62%
28	6416 Peak Vista Cir		
29	Colorado Springs, CO 80918		
30			
31	State Representative - District 23		
32		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
33	Monica Irasema Duran (DEM)	31,854	63.80%
34	5114 Vivian St		
35	Wheat Ridge, CO 80033		
36			
37	State Representative - District 24		
38		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
39	Lisa Feret (DEM)	30,249	56.64%
40	6150 Pierce St		
41	Arvada, CO 80003		
42			
43	State Representative - District 25		
44		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
45	Tammy Story (DEM)	31,327	52.11%
46	8283 Bell Ranch Road		
47	Evergreen, CO 80439		
48			
49	State Representative - District 26		
50		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
51	Meghan Lukens (DEM)	27,188	56.62%
52	3300 Columbine Dr, Unit 1606		
53	Steamboat Springs, CO 80487		
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1	State Representative - District 27		
2		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
3	Brianna Titone (DEM)	30,193	56.79%
4	18532 W 95th Pl		
5	Arvada, CO 80007		
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7	State Representative - District 28		
8		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
9	Sheila Lieder (DEM)	26,960	52.84%
10	6338 S Miller Way		
11	Littleton, CO 80127		
12			
13	State Representative - District 29		
14		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
15	Shannon Bird (DEM)	30,163	60.85%
16	1125 W 140th Drive		
17	Westminster, CO 80023		
18			
19	State Representative - District 30		
20		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
21	Rebekah Stewart (DEM)	26,647	62.25%
22	7373 W Florida Ave, 8A		
23	Lakewood, CO 80232		
24			
25	State Representative - District 31		
26		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
27	Jaqueline "Jacque" Phillips (DEM)	17,221	55.86%
28	8960 Fox Dr, Unit 204		
29	Thornton, CO 80260		
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31	State Representative - District 32		
32		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
33	Manny Rutinel (DEM)	22,853	100.00%
34	9627 E 105th Pl, Apt 207		
35	Henderson, CO 80640		
36			
37	State Representative - District 33		
38		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
39	William Lindstedt (DEM)	31,589	58.58%
40	8105 Emerald Lane		
41	Broomfield, CO 80020		
42			
43	State Representative - District 34		
44		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
45	Jenny Willford (DEM)	21,326	50.64%
46	10447 Lipan Street		
47	Northglenn, CO 80234		
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49	State Representative - District 35		
50		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
51	Lorena Garcia (DEM)	19,526	64.62%
52	460 W 70th Place		
53	Denver, CO 80221		
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1	State Representative - District 36		
2		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
3	Michael Carter (DEM)	21,452	71.54%
4	1476 S Buchanan Circle		
5	Aurora, CO 80018		
6			
7	State Representative - District 37		
8		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
9	Chad Clifford (DEM)	31,463	97.34%
10	7878 S Poplar Way		
11	Centennial, CO 80112		
12			
13	State Representative - District 38		
14		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
15	Gretchen Jeanette Rydin (DEM)	29,577	54.57%
16	5904 S Datura St, Apt 2		
17	Littleton, CO 80120		
18			
19	State Representative - District 39		
20		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
21	Brandi Bradley (REP)	36,364	58.97%
22	6638 Lakeside Circle		
23	Littleton, CO 80125		
24			
25	State Representative - District 40		
26		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
27	Naquetta Ricks (DEM)	24,086	56.59%
28	4352 S Billings Cir		
29	Aurora, CO 80015		
30			
31	State Representative - District 41		
32		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
33	Iman Jodeh (DEM)	22,124	61.30%
34	2541 S Toledo Way		
35	Aurora, CO 80014		
36			
37	State Representative - District 42		
38		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
39	Mandy Lindsay (DEM)	18,097	100.00%
40	581 Fulton St		
41	Aurora, CO 80010		
42			
43	State Representative - District 43		
44		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
45	Bob Marshall (DEM)	27,915	51.26%
46	2 Jack Rabbit Place		
47	Highlands Ranch, CO 80126		
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49	State Representative - District 44		
50		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
51	Anthony Hartsook (REP)	30,957	58.64%
52	7240 Sagebrush Dr		
53	Parker, CO 80138		
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1	State Representative - District 45		
2		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
3	Max Brooks (REP)	39,970	62.26%
4	537 Gardner St		
5	Castle Rock, CO 80104		
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7	State Representative - District 46		
8		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
9	Tisha Mauro (DEM)	23,823	52.28%
10	845 36th Lane		
11	Pueblo, CO 81006		
12			
13	State Representative - District 47		
14		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
15	Ty S Winter (REP)	29,899	67.22%
16	18955 County Road 75		
17	Trinidad, CO 81082		
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19	State Representative - District 48		
20		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
21	Carlos Barron (REP)	32,520	100.00%
22	1638 Conestoga Trail		
23	Ft Lupton, CO 80621		
24			
25	State Representative - District 49		
26		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
27	Lesley Smith (DEM)	36,669	63.81%
28	345 Evergreen Ave		
29	Boulder, CO 80304		
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31	State Representative - District 50		
32		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
33	Ryan Gonzalez (DEM)	13,233	51.09%
34	2913 18th St		
35	Greeley, CO 80634		
36			
37	State Representative - District 51		
38		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
39	Ron Weinberg (REP)	28,460	52.62%
40	1770 Tabeguache Mountain Drive		
41	Loveland, CO 80538		
42			
43	State Representative - District 52		
44		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
45	Yara Zokaie (DEM)	31,167	63.28%
46	1738 Foggy Brook Dr		
47	Fort Collins, CO 80528		
48			
49	State Representative - District 53		
50		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
51	Andy Boesenecker (DEM)	31,875	73.52%
52	2136 Sheffield Drive		
53	Fort Collins, CO 80526		
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1	State Representative - District 54		
2		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
3	Matt Soper (REP)	41,811	100.00%
4	10 Hartig Drive		
5	Delta, CO 81416		
6			
7	State Representative - District 55		
8		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
9	Rick Taggart (REP)	36,085	100.00%
10	336 Shadow Lake Rd		
11	Grand Junction, CO 81507		
12			
13	State Representative - District 56		
14		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
15	Chris Richardson (REP)	42,014	75.72%
16	955 Harmony Ridge Circle		
17	Elizabeth, CO 80107		
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19	State Representative - District 57		
20		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
21	Elizabeth Velasco (DEM)	24,604	55.79%
22	129 Mountain Shadow Dr		
23	Glenwood Springs, CO 81601		
24			
25	State Representative - District 58		
26		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
27	Larry Don Suckla (REP)	30,170	54.59%
28	13657 Rd 21		
29	Cortez, CO 81321		
30			
31	State Representative - District 59		
32		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
33	Katie Stewart (DEM)	27,918	51.21%
34	274 E Park Ave		
35	Durango, CO 81301		
36			
37	State Representative - District 60		
38		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
39	Stephanie Luck (REP)	36,518	69.77%
40	959 M Street		
41	Penrose, CO 81240		
42			
43	State Representative - District 61		
44		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
45	Eliza Hamrick (DEM)	32,799	100.00%
46	6477 S Jericho Way		
47	Centennial, CO 80016		
48			
49	State Representative - District 62		
50		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
51	Matthew Martinez (DEM)	21,050	53.76%
52	524 Adams St		
53	Monte Vista, CO 81144		
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1 **State Representative - District 63**

2		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
3	Dusty A Johnson (REP)	36,930	100.00%
4	16203 County Road 19		
5	Fort Morgan, CO 80701		

7 **State Representative - District 64**

8		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
9	Ryan Armagost (REP)	34,463	63.50%
10	817 Douglas Pl		
11	Berthoud, CO 80513		

13 **State Representative - District 65**

14		<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
15	Lori Garcia Sander (REP)	38,882	62.73%
16	20 S Cheyenne Ave		
17	Eaton, CO 80615		

21 **RESIGNATION**

23 December 23, 2024

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

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

41 Sincerely,

43 /signed/
 44 Gabe Evans
 45 State Representative
 46 House District 48

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

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

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 4 **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS**

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

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 15 /signed/
 16 Majority Leader Monica Duran, Chair
 17 Assistant Majority Leader Jennifer Bacon
 18 Minority Leader Rose Pugliese

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

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

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 29 Representative deGraaf spoke for 5 minutes in objection.

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 31 Representative Bottoms spoke for 2 minutes in objection.

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

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

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

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

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House in recess. House reconvened.

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

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

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21 The Committee escorted Chief Justice Monica Márquez from the
22 Chamber.

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26 The roll was called with the following result:

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28 Present--63.

29 Excused--1.

30 Vacancy--1.

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32 The Speaker declared a quorum present.

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

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39 Majority Leader Duran nominated Representative McCluskie.

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41 Assistant Majority Leader Bacon seconded the nomination.

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43 Speaker pro tempore Boesenecker called for further nominations.

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45 Representative Bottoms nominated Minority Leader Pugliese.

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47 Assistant Minority Leader Winter seconded the nomination.

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

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

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

1 Minority Leader Pugliese spoke in support of her nomination for Speaker.
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 3 Representative Martinez spoke in support of the nomination of
 4 Representative McCluskie.
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 6 Representative Bird spoke in support of the nomination of Representative
 7 McCluskie.
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 9 Representative Sirota spoke in support of the nomination of
 10 Representative McCluskie.
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 12 Majority Leader Duran moved that the nominations be closed.

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 16 Representative McCluskie was elected Speaker of the Colorado House of
 17 Representatives by the following roll call vote:
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	McCLUSKIE	41	PUGLIESE	22	EXCUSED	1	ABSENT	0	VACANT	1
District 41	Y		Duran	Y	Luck	N	Smith	Y		
Armagost	N		English	Y	Lukens	Y	Soper	N		
Bacon	Y		Espenosa	Y	Mabrey	Y	Stewart K.	Y		
Barron	N		Feret	Y	Marshall	Y	Stewart R.	Y		
Bird	Y		Froelich	Y	Martinez	Y	Story	E		
Boesenecker	Y		Garcia	Y	Mauro	Y	Suckla	N		
Bottoms	N		Gilchrist	Y	McCormick	Y	Taggart	N		
Bradfield	N		Gonzalez R.	N	Paschal	Y	Titone	Y		
Bradley	N		Hamrick	Y	Phillips	Y	Valdez	Y		
Brooks	N		Hartsook	N	Pugliese	N	Velasco	Y		
Brown	Y		Johnson	N	Richardson	N	Weinberg	N		
Caldwell	N		Joseph	Y	Ricks	Y	Willford	Y		
Camacho	Y		Keltie	N	Rutinel	Y	Winter T.	N		
Carter	Y		Lieder	Y	Rydin	Y	Woodrow	Y		
Clifford	Y		Lindsay	Y	Sander	N	Woog	N		
DeGraaf	N		Lindstedt	Y	Sirota	Y	Zokaie	Y		
							Speaker	Y		

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House in recess.

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

House reconvened.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE SENATE

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

1 **INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

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

5
6 **HR25-1001** by Representative(s) Duran and McCluskie--Concerning
7 the temporary Rules of the House of Representatives.

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9 (Printed and placed in members' files.)

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

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

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

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

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48 House in recess. House reconvened.

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

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

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

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

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 32 **INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

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

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 41 (Printed and placed in members' files.)

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

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

1	Brooks	Y	Hartsook	Y	Pugliese	Y	Velasco	Y
2	Brown	Y	Johnson	Y	Richardson	Y	Weinberg	Y
3	Caldwell	Y	Joseph	Y	Ricks	Y	Willford	Y
4	Camacho	Y	Keltie	Y	Rutinel	Y	Winter T.	Y
5	Carter	Y	Lieder	Y	Rydin	Y	Woodrow	Y
6	Clifford	Y	Lindsay	Y	Sander	Y	Woog	Y
7	DeGraaf	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Sirota	Y	Zokaie	Y
8							Speaker	Y

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

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

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

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

43 (Printed and placed in members' files.)

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

	YES 63	NO 0	EXCUSED 1	ABSENT 0	VACANT 1			
49	District 41	V	Duran	Y	Luck	Y	Smith	Y
50	Armagost	Y	English	Y	Lukens	Y	Soper	Y
51	Bacon	Y	Espenozza	Y	Mabrey	Y	Stewart K.	Y
52	Barron	Y	Feret	Y	Marshall	Y	Stewart R.	Y
53	Bird	Y	Froelich	Y	Martinez	Y	Story	E
54	Boesenecker	Y	Garcia	Y	Mauro	Y	Suckla	Y
55	Bottoms	Y	Gilchrist	Y	McCormick	Y	Taggart	Y

1	Bradfield	Y	Gonzalez R.	Y	Paschal	Y	Titone	Y
2	Bradley	Y	Hamrick	Y	Phillips	Y	Valdez	Y
3	Brooks	Y	Hartsook	Y	Pugliese	Y	Velasco	Y
4	Brown	Y	Johnson	Y	Richardson	Y	Weinberg	Y
5	Caldwell	Y	Joseph	Y	Ricks	Y	Willford	Y
6	Camacho	Y	Keltie	Y	Rutinel	Y	Winter T.	Y
7	Carter	Y	Lieder	Y	Rydin	Y	Woodrow	Y
8	Clifford	Y	Lindsay	Y	Sander	Y	Woog	Y
9	DeGraaf	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Sirota	Y	Zokaie	Y
10							Speaker	Y

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The following appointments were read:

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AGRICULTURE, WATER, & NATURAL RESOURCES

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

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APPROPRIATIONS

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

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BUSINESS AFFAIRS & LABOR

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

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EDUCATION

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

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ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

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

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FINANCE

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

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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

1 **JUDICIARY**

2 11 members: Representatives Javier Mabrey, Chair, Michael Carter,
3 Vice-Chair, Ryan Armagost, Jennifer Bacon, Jarvis Caldwell, Chad
4 Clifford, Cecelia Espenoza, Lorena Garcia, Rebecca Keltie, Matt Soper,
5 Yara Zokaie
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7 **STATE, CIVIC, MILITARY, & VETERANS AFFAIRS**

8 11 members: Representatives Jenny Willford, Chair, Chad Clifford,
9 Vice-Chair, Scott Bottoms, Brandi Bradley, Michael Carter, Cecelia
10 Espenoza, Lisa Feret, Meg Froelich, Stephanie Luck, Javier Mabrey,
11 Naquetta Ricks
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13 **TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

14 13 members: Representatives Meg Froelich, Chair, Rebekah Stewart,
15 Vice-Chair, Carlos Barron, Andrew Boesenecker, Mandy Lindsay, Amy
16 Paschal, Jacqueline Phillips, Chris Richardson, Larry Don Suckla, Alex
17 Valdez, Steven Woodrow, Dan Woog, Vacant
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19 **JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE**

20 3 members: Shannon Bird, Emily Sirota, Rick Taggart
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24 Speaker McCluskie addressed the members of the House of
25 Representatives:

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27 Good morning! It is my great privilege to welcome you all to the opening day
28 of the 75th General Assembly! A special welcome to our newly elected
29 members, the fresh faced stars on the House stage. New members, please rise
30 and give a wave!
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32 I would also like to welcome the former Speakers of the House: The honorables
33 Alec Garnett, KC Becker, Crisanta Duran, Mark Ferrandino, Terrance Carroll,
34 Frank McNulty, and Russ George. We are so grateful for your public service
35 and leadership, both back then (and for some of you, way back then!) and now.
36 I am pleased to recognize State Treasurer Dave Young! Thank you for your
37 dedication and service to our state.
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39 And my deepest love and appreciation to my family - my husband Jamie, my
40 children Ian and Cait, my parents Bob and Etta, Sister Susan, Brother and Sister
41 in law David and Vicki, and their daughter Jaclynn.
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43 Members, let's all thank our families who have been integral to our journeys in
44 public service.
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46 I also want to thank our sensational team who work their magic behind the
47 scenes - our clerks, sergeants, custodial staff. To our nonpartisan and partisan
48 staff, including our legislative aides, thank you all so much for your dedication
49 and commitment to the institution.
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51 This session is also the first for our new Chief Clerk, Vanessa Reilly! Please
52 give her a warm welcome to this new role. There's also a new President over
53 in that lower chamber - if you see President Coleman today, make sure you give
54 him a big High Five and a "Let's Do This!"
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1 Now let us pause and give honor to our veterans - for everyone with us today,
2 members and guests alike, please rise or give a wave if you are currently serving
3 in the military or are a veteran of the US Armed forces. We are forever in your
4 debt.

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

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

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

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

25
26 With each new session, we have an opportunity to start fresh, and that includes
27 how we manage debate. When relevant to the topic at hand, chairs will uphold
28 members' rights to free speech. At times, this will be uncomfortable for
29 lawmakers on both sides of the aisle. The right to free speech coexists alongside
30 our obligation not to spread hatred.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35
36 This year, I expect we will continue to face threats to our water resources, and
37 we may have to play defense. But, thanks to leaders from both parties, we have
38 already taken significant steps to protect our state's most precious resource - yes
39 folks, we are prepared and we are "rigged to flip."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1 No matter where we come from, all Coloradans want the same things: to put a
2 roof over our family's heads, put food on the table, and pursue the American
3 Dream. Throughout our nation's history, immigrants have been used as a
4 political scapegoat to divide us and distract us from real challenges.
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6 Immigrants are an integral part of Colorado's diverse and thriving communities.
7 Immigrants power our economy and make up 30 percent of our construction
8 workforce, 12 percent of entrepreneurs, 11 percent of STEM workers, and eight
9 percent of nurses in the state.
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11 Coloradans do not support mass deportations, separating families, or detaining
12 parents at their children's schools. In addition to the devastating human cost,
13 mass deportations will cause significant labor shocks and drive up the cost of
14 health care, food, and housing.
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16 Democrats and Republicans alike oppose deporting our friends and neighbors
17 who have been here since childhood, built their lives here and are making our
18 communities better places to live. My thanks to the many organizations
19 supporting Colorado's hard working immigrant families, like the Mountain
20 Dreamers. Mountain Dreamers in Frisco, Colorado work to support immigrants
21 and make the Colorado Dream a reality for more people in our High Country
22 communities.
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24 I want to especially thank their team with us today - Peter, Javier, Yerania, and
25 Miriam.
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27 Representative Velasco, who was born in Mexico and grew up in mobile home
28 communities in the Vail Valley, and the Latino Caucus are leading our work on
29 this issue, alongside the Aurora delegation, including Representative Ricks - the
30 first African immigrant legislator - and we are so grateful to have their
31 expertise and lived experience in the General Assembly.
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33 Colorado will remain a safe haven from attacks on reproductive rights, voting
34 rights, workers' rights, LGBTQ rights, personal liberty, and civil rights.
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36 It doesn't seem all that long ago that Coloradans sent the first transgender
37 lawmaker to the capitol. Now entering her final term, Representative Titone has
38 served with grace and true leadership. I am thankful that Rep. Titone, along
39 with Assistant Majority Leader Bacon, Representative Froelich, and
40 Representative Garcia are ready to step up once again to protect Coloradans'
41 rights and freedoms.
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43 Colorado is primed to lead. Where there is despair, we will light the way and
44 offer hope. We may face challenges from Washington, budget constraints, and
45 distractions right and left, but I continue to find immense joy in doing the
46 people's work. I know you all do as well.
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48 So...Share YOUR story, listen to the STORIES of your colleagues and
49 constituents, and let the stories move you, keep your word, be open with your
50 colleagues, fight for what you believe in, be kind to all, and above all else, hold
51 space for defying gravity.
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53 It is my privilege to open the People's House and welcome you all to the 75th
54 General Assembly.
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1 Minority Leader Pugliese addressed the members of the House of
2 Representatives:

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

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

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

23
24 This session, the House Republicans remain steadfast in our commitment to
25 addressing the issues that matter to Colorado families. Again, these are the
26 issues we heard at the doors. Together, we aim to make life more affordable,
27 protect our children and families, and expand opportunities for every Coloradan
28 to make our state strong and vibrant.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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21 The immigration conversation is difficult, as returning members know. These
22 are hard conversations. On this topic, as a first-generation American, I want to
23 share something personal. Many of you know my father came to this country at
24 18 with 50 cents in his pocket and a dream for a new life. He built a beautiful
25 family and a restaurant and was committed to ensuring that immigrants could
26 come to this country legally and be welcomed. This was a cause he championed
27 throughout his life here.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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12 **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**
13 **First Reading**

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

17
18 **HB25-1001** by Representative(s) Duran and Froelich, Bacon,
19 Boesenecker, Clifford, English, Garcia, Hamrick, Lieder,
20 Mabrey, Martinez, Mauro, Rutinel, Sirota, Titone,
21 Velasco, Willford, Zokaie; also Senator(s) Danielson and
22 Kolker, Bridges, Cutter, Gonzales J., Hinrichsen, Kipp,
23 Marchman, Michaelson Jenet, Sullivan, Weissman, Winter
24 F.--Concerning the enforcement of wage and hour laws.

25 Committee on Business Affairs & Labor

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27 **HB25-1002** by Representative(s) Brown and Gilchrist, Johnson,
28 McCormick, Winter T.; also Senator(s) Amabile and
29 Pelton B., Simpson--Concerning the determination of
30 health benefits coverage for mental health services.

31 Committee on Health & Human Services

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33 **HB25-1003** by Representative(s) Stewart R. and Brooks; also
34 Senator(s) Cutter--Concerning a medicaid waiver program
35 for children with complex health needs.

36 Committee on Health & Human Services

37
38 **HB25-1004** by Representative(s) Woodrow and Mabrey--Concerning
39 pricing coordination by landlords, and, in connection
40 therewith, prohibiting landlords from using coordinators,
41 prohibiting coordinators from facilitating agreements that
42 reduce competition between landlords, and prohibiting two
43 or more landlords from engaging in consciously parallel
44 pricing coordination.

45 Committee on Business Affairs & Labor

46
47 **HB25-1005** by Representative(s) McCluskie and Titone; also
48 Senator(s) Amabile and Baisley--Concerning the creation
49 of tax incentives to support the film festival industry.

50 Committee on Business Affairs & Labor

51
52 **HB25-1006** by Representative(s) Lukens and Hartsook; also Senator(s)
53 Bridges--Concerning allowing a school district to lease
54 district property for any term of years.

55 Committee on Education

56

- 1 **HB25-1007** by Representative(s) Froelich and Valdez, Boesenecker,
 2 Jodeh, Lindsay, Mauro, Soper; also Senator(s) Winter F.
 3 and Simpson, Cutter--Concerning paratransit services.
 4 Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government
 5
- 6 **HB25-1008** by Representative(s) Bradfield and English; also
 7 Senator(s) Cutter and Michaelson Jenet, Amabile--
 8 Concerning measures to incentivize jails to provide
 9 complementary behavioral health services to persons held
 10 in custody.
 11 Committee on Judiciary
 12
- 13 **HB25-1009** by Representative(s) Mauro; also Senator(s) Cutter--
 14 Concerning a vegetative fuel mitigation program for a
 15 district providing fire protection services.
 16 Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources
 17
- 18 **HB25-1010** by Representative(s) Zokaie and Brown, Clifford, Garcia,
 19 Mabrey, Rutinel, Smith, Stewart R., Velasco; also
 20 Senator(s) Weissman, Gonzales J., Jaquez Lewis--
 21 Concerning a prohibition against engaging in price
 22 gouging.
 23 Committee on Business Affairs & Labor
 24

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 26 House in recess. House reconvened.
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30 **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**
 31 **First Reading**
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- 33 The following bills were read by title and referred to the committee(s)
 34 indicated:
 35
- 36 **HB25-1011** by Representative(s) Garcia and Sirota; also Senator(s)
 37 Kipp--Concerning requirements for child care centers
 38 owned by an institutional investment entity.
 39 Committee on Health & Human Services
 40
- 41 **HB25-1012** by Representative(s) Marshall and Joseph; also Senator(s)
 42 Liston, Frizell, Weissman--Concerning income tax
 43 expenditures that benefit individuals engaged in military
 44 service.
 45 Committee on Finance
 46
- 47 **HB25-1013** by Representative(s) English and Bacon, Carter, Joseph,
 48 Ricks; also Senator(s) Coleman, Exum--Concerning social
 49 visitation rights for a person confined in a correctional
 50 facility.
 51 Committee on Judiciary
 52
- 53 **HB25-1014** by Representative(s) Johnson and Lukens; also Senator(s)
 54 Roberts and Simpson--Concerning measures to increase
 55 efficiency in division of water resources processes.
 56 Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources

- 1 **HB25-1015** by Representative(s) Mabrey and Zokaie; also Senator(s)
2 Rodriguez--Concerning clarifying changes to ensure that
3 bond can be posted online.
4 Committee on Judiciary
5
- 6 **HB25-1016** by Representative(s) Stewart K.; also Senator(s)
7 Michaelson Jenet--Concerning authorizing an occupational
8 therapist to prescribe durable medical equipment.
9 Committee on Health & Human Services
10
- 11 **HB25-1017** by Representative(s) Clifford and Froelich; also Senator(s)
12 Michaelson Jenet--Concerning a community integration
13 plan for individuals with disabilities.
14 Committee on Health & Human Services
15
- 16 **HB25-1018** by Representative(s) Rydin--Concerning access to the
17 department of labor and employment's vocational
18 rehabilitation services.
19 Committee on Business Affairs & Labor
20
- 21 **HB25-1019** by Representative(s) Sirota; also Senator(s) Hinrichsen--
22 Concerning third-party administration of programs for
23 persons experiencing homelessness that are overseen by
24 the division of housing in the department of local affairs.
25 Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government
26
- 27 **HB25-1020** by Representative(s) Camacho and Duran; also Senator(s)
28 Frizell--Concerning the regulation of earned-wage access
29 services.
30 Committee on Business Affairs & Labor
31
- 32 **HB25-1021** by Representative(s) Lindstedt and Taggart; also
33 Senator(s) Bridges--Concerning tax incentives for
34 businesses that transition to employee-owned businesses
35 in whole or in part.
36 Committee on Business Affairs & Labor
37
- 38 **HB25-1022** by Representative(s) Espenoza and McCormick; also
39 Senator(s) Michaelson Jenet--Concerning updating the
40 definition of "qualified medication administration
41 personnel" to include an individual who has passed a
42 competency evaluation administered by the department of
43 public health and environment before July 1, 2017.
44 Committee on Health & Human Services
45
- 46 **HB25-1023** by Representative(s) Martinez; also Senator(s) Gonzales
47 J. and Simpson, Weissman--Concerning local government
48 review of certain fencing projects.
49 Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources
50
- 51 **HB25-1024** by Representative(s) Willford; also Senator(s) Roberts--
52 Concerning requiring a medical professional to disclose
53 certain information to patients if the medical professional
54 delegates medical-aesthetic services to an individual who
55 is not a licensed health-care provider.
56 Committee on Health & Human Services

- 1 **HB25-1025** by Representative(s) Feret; also Senator(s) Jaquez Lewis--
2 Concerning the state stockpile of essential materials, and,
3 in connection therewith, broadening the circumstances in
4 which distributions from the stockpile are allowed.
5 Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs
6
- 7 **HB25-1026** by Representative(s) Carter and Garcia--Concerning
8 procedures related to the provision of health-care services
9 to inmates, and, in connection therewith, prohibiting
10 certain copayments and fees.
11 Committee on Judiciary
12
- 13 **HB25-1027** by Representative(s) Gilchrist and Brown; also Senator(s)
14 Daugherty--Concerning modifications to statutes
15 governing disease control.
16 Committee on Health & Human Services
17
- 18 **HB25-1028** by Representative(s) Phillips and Zokaie--Concerning
19 modifications to the address confidentiality program.
20 Committee on Judiciary
21
- 22 **HB25-1029** by Representative(s) Boesenecker, Zokaie; also Senator(s)
23 Kipp--Concerning the scope of municipal authority over
24 land that a municipality acquires that is outside its
25 municipal limits.
26 Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government
27
- 28 **HB25-1030** by Representative(s) Joseph; also Senator(s) Cutter and
29 Winter F.--Concerning the requirement that certain
30 building codes have accessibility standards that are at least
31 as stringent as international building codes.
32 Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government
33
- 34 **HB25-1031** by Representative(s) Bacon and Clifford--Concerning a
35 prohibition on whistleblower retaliation in law
36 enforcement.
37 Committee on Judiciary
38
- 39 **HB25-1032** by Representative(s) Rutinel--Concerning improving
40 infrastructure to reduce homelessness in Colorado.
41 Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government
42
- 43 **HB25-1033** by Representative(s) Lieder--Concerning medical
44 assistance third-party liability payments.
45 Committee on Health & Human Services
46
- 47 **HB25-1034** by Representative(s) McCormick and Sander; also
48 Senator(s) Daugherty--Concerning amendments to the
49 dangerous dog statute.
50 Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources
51
- 52 **HB25-1035** by Representative(s) Paschal--Concerning changes to the
53 collaborative management program.
54 Committee on Health & Human Services
55
56

- 1 **HB25-1036** by Representative(s) Velasco; also Senator(s) Danielson--
2 Concerning the creation of a missing and murdered
3 Indigenous relatives license plate.
4 Committee on Finance
5
- 6 **HB25-1037** by Representative(s) Marshall and Soper; also Senator(s)
7 Frizell and Mullica--Concerning a state income tax credit
8 for a licensed teacher who is employed as a teacher in a
9 public school on a full-time basis for at least one-half of an
10 academic year.
11 Committee on Finance
12
- 13 **HB25-1038** by Representative(s) Hamrick; also Senator(s) Marchman--
14 Concerning the implementation of an online platform to
15 provide students pursuing postsecondary education with
16 information about academic credit transfers.
17 Committee on Education
18
- 19 **HB25-1039** by Representative(s) Titone and Smith; also Senator(s)
20 Roberts and Catlin--Concerning muffler requirements for
21 commercial vehicles.
22 Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government
23
- 24 **HB25-1040** by Representative(s) Valdez and Winter T.; also Senator(s)
25 Roberts and Liston--Concerning the inclusion of nuclear
26 energy as a source of clean energy.
27 Committee on Energy & Environment
28
- 29 **HB25-1041** by Representative(s) Smith; also Senator(s) Coleman and
30 Amabile--Concerning measures to support a student
31 athlete in the use of their name, image, or likeness.
32 Committee on Education
33
- 34 **HB25-1042** by Representative(s) Bird; also Senator(s) Daugherty--
35 Concerning the establishment of a workforce advisory
36 council to consider air quality control rules that impact
37 workforce issues in affected industries.
38 Committee on Energy & Environment
39
- 40 **HB25-1043** by Representative(s) Ricks, Clifford, Mabrey; also
41 Senator(s) Exum--Concerning the protection of unit
42 owners in relation to enforcement actions by unit owners'
43 associations.
44 Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government
45
- 46 **HB25-1044** by Representative(s) Boesenecker, Froelich, Lindsay,
47 Mauro; also Senator(s) Winter F. and Cutter--Concerning
48 authorization for local governments to generate additional
49 fee-based funding for local vulnerable road user protection
50 strategies.
51 Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government
52
- 53 **HB25-1045** by Representative(s) Joseph; also Senator(s) Liston,
54 Frizell, Mullica, Weissman--Concerning the modification
55 of the state income tax credit for purchasing long-term
56 care insurance.
57 Committee on Finance

- 1 **HB25-1046** by Representative(s) Richardson; also Senator(s) Pelton
2 R.--Concerning an increase in the maximum number of
3 transportation planning regions.
4 Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government
5
- 6 **HB25-1047** by Representative(s) Keltie; also Senator(s) Liston--
7 Concerning persons who provide assistance with veterans'
8 benefits claims, and, in connection therewith, establishing
9 that certain behaviors by such persons are deceptive trade
10 practices under the "Colorado Consumer Protection Act".
11 Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs
12
- 13 **HB25-1048** by Representative(s) Marshall and Soper; also Senator(s)
14 Mullica, Frizell, Weissman--Concerning the creation of a
15 state tax expenditure and grant opportunity database.
16 Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs
17
- 18 **HB25-1049** by Representative(s) Garcia; also Senator(s) Amabile and
19 Gonzales J.--Concerning communication rights for persons
20 in custody.
21 Committee on Judiciary
22
- 23 **HB25-1050** by Representative(s) Garcia; also Senator(s) Amabile--
24 Concerning an exception to the requirement that a county
25 with a population of two thousand or more maintain its
26 own county jail for a county that enters into an
27 intergovernmental agreement for a multijurisdictional
28 county jail.
29 Committee on Judiciary
30
- 31 **HB25-1051** by Representative(s) Pugliese and Gonzalez R., Barron,
32 Brooks, Caldwell, Hartsook, Johnson, Woog; also
33 Senator(s) Pelton B.--Concerning repealing the
34 requirement that retail establishments charge a fee for
35 providing recycled paper carryout bags.
36 Committee on Energy & Environment
37
- 38 **HB25-1052** by Representative(s) Hamrick and Taggart; also Senator(s)
39 Kolker, Kipp, Snyder--Concerning the creation of a
40 refundable income tax credit for qualifying public
41 employees' retirement association retirees.
42 Committee on Finance
43
- 44 **HB25-1053** by Representative(s) Mauro and Weinberg, Boesenecker,
45 Velasco; also Senator(s) Marchman and Baisley, Cutter--
46 Concerning limited immunity from civil liability for
47 landowners who allow access to their property for entry
48 and exit in connection with an emergency.
49 Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources
50
- 51 **HB25-1054** by Representative(s) Boesenecker, Lindstedt; also
52 Senator(s) Pelton R. and Gonzales J., Frizell, Michaelson
53 Jenet--Concerning repealing the requirement that the
54 legislative audit committee cause to be conducted
55 performance reviews of the automobile inspection and
56 readjustment program every five years.
57 Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government

- 1 **HB25-1055** by Representative(s) Brooks--Concerning repealing the
2 requirements for dealing firearms, and, in connection
3 therewith, repealing the requirement that a dealer have a
4 state permit and repealing requirements for dealer
5 employees.
6 Committee on Business Affairs & Labor
7
- 8 **HB25-1056** by Representative(s) Lukens and Bacon, Soper; also
9 Senator(s) Roberts and Hinrichsen--Concerning local
10 government permitting of wireless telecommunications
11 facilities.
12 Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government
13
- 14 **HB25-1057** by Representative(s) Duran and Weinberg, Joseph; also
15 Senator(s) Simpson and Danielson, Roberts--Concerning
16 the creation of the American Indian affairs interim
17 committee.
18 Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs
19
- 20 **HB25-1058** by Representative(s) Bradfield, English; also Senator(s)
21 Michaelson Jenet, Cutter--Concerning modifications to the
22 affirmative defense of not guilty by reason of insanity.
23 Committee on Judiciary
24
- 25 **HB25-1059** by Representative(s) Weinberg; also Senator(s) Rich and
26 Marchman, Winter F.--Concerning reducing food waste in
27 schools.
28 Committee on Education
29
- 30 **HB25-1060** by Representative(s) Soper and Clifford--Concerning the
31 use of electronic fence detection systems.
32 Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government
33
- 34 **HB25-1061** by Representative(s) Taggart and Bacon; also Senator(s)
35 Amabile and Kirkmeyer--Concerning creating a grant
36 program for the development of community schoolyards.
37 Committee on Education
38
- 39 **HB25-1062** by Representative(s) Armagost and Duran; also Senator(s)
40 Hinrichsen--Concerning the penalty for theft of firearms.
41 Committee on Judiciary
42
- 43 **HB25-1063** by Representative(s) Hartsook and Brown; also Senator(s)
44 Michaelson Jenet--Concerning the lawful use of crystalline
45 polymorph psilocybin that is approved by the United
46 States food and drug administration.
47 Committee on Health & Human Services
48
- 49 **HB25-1064** by Representative(s) Winter T.; also Senator(s) Pelton R.--
50 Concerning a prohibition on cultivated meat.
51 Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources
52
- 53 **HB25-1065** by Representative(s) Barron, Brooks, Camacho, Phillips;
54 also Senator(s) Frizell--Concerning an opt-out from jury
55 service for certain people.
56 Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs
57

- 1 **HB25-1066** by Representative(s) Weinberg; also Senator(s)
2 Daugherty--Concerning the creation of a Colorado Eagles
3 special license plate.
4 Committee on Finance
5
- 6 **HB25-1067** by Representative(s) DeGraaf; also Senator(s) Baisley--
7 Concerning the "Criminal Asset Forfeiture Act".
8 Committee on Judiciary
9
- 10 **HB25-1068** by Representative(s) Bottoms; also Senator(s) Baisley--
11 Concerning protections for medical malpractice insurers
12 relating to gender-affirming care provided to minors.
13 Committee on Health & Human Services
14
- 15 **HB25-1069** by Representative(s) Luck--Concerning increasing
16 stakeholder participation in the lawmaking process
17 through the early publishing of bills.
18 Committee on State, Civic, Military, and Veterans Affairs
19
- 20 **HB25-1070** by Representative(s) Bradfield; also Senator(s)
21 Michaelson Jenet--Concerning the conditions when
22 electroconvulsive treatment may be performed on a minor.
23 Committee on Health & Human Services
24
- 25 **HB25-1071** by Representative(s) Suckla--Concerning the distribution
26 of state money to local governments.
27 Committee on Finance
28
- 29 **HB25-1072** by Representative(s) Caldwell and Bird; also Senator(s)
30 Pelton B.--Concerning increasing pretrial release
31 requirements for certain criminal defendants accused of
32 committing a violent offense.
33 Committee on Judiciary
34
- 35 **HB25-1073** by Representative(s) Bradley and English--Concerning
36 criminal sentencing for persons who commit certain types
37 of sexual assault on a child, and, in connection therewith,
38 requiring a mandatory minimum period of incarceration
39 for a class 4 and a class 3 felony.
40 Committee on Judiciary
41
- 42 **HB25-1074** by Representative(s) Gonzalez R., Armagost, Barron,
43 Bradfield, Bradley, Brooks, Caldwell, DeGraaf, Hartsook,
44 Johnson, Keltie, Pugliese, Richardson, Sander, Soper,
45 Suckla, Taggart, Weinberg, Winter T., Woog; also
46 Senator(s) Kirkmeyer, Baisley, Bright, Catlin, Frizell,
47 Liston, Lundeen, Pelton B., Pelton R., Rich, Simpson--
48 Concerning changing confinement standards for egg-
49 laying hens whose eggs are sold.
50 Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources
51
- 52 **HB25-1075** by Representative(s) Sander and Phillips, Hartsook,
53 Velasco; also Senator(s) Kirkmeyer, Michaelson Jenet--
54 Concerning regulation of speech-language pathology
55 assistants.
56 Committee on Business Affairs & Labor
57

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

5 Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government
 6

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

12 Committee on Business Affairs & Labor
 13

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

27 Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources
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 31 **INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION**
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33 The following resolution was read by title and laid over one day under the
 34 rules:
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36 **HJR25-1002** by Representative(s) Duran, McCluskie, Pugliese; also
 37 Senator(s) Rodriguez, Coleman, Lundeen--Concerning a
 38 Joint Session of the House of Representatives and the
 39 Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from the
 40 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and appointing a
 41 committee to escort the Chief Justice.
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 45 **RESIGNATION**
 46

47 January 8, 2025
 48

49 Dear Speaker McCluskie and Acting Chief Clerk Reilly:
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51 I hereby resign from the Colorado State House of Representatives to fill
 52 an appointment to the Colorado State Senate, effective upon the
 53 convening of the House of Representatives of the 75th General Assembly
 54 on January 8, 2025.
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1 With respect,
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3 /signed/
4 Iman M. Jodeh
5 State Representative
6 House District 41

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10 On motion of Representative Hartsook, the House adjourned until
11 9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 9, 2025.

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Approved:
Julie McCluskie,
Speaker

16 Attest:
17 Vanessa Reilly,
18 Chief Clerk

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1 Prayer by Father Dan Everson, Arrupe Jesuit High School, Denver.
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 3 The Speaker called the House to order at 9:30 a.m.
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 5 Pledge of Allegiance led by Representatives of the Veterans Caucus;
 6 Representatives Ryan Armagost, Berthoud; Scott Bottoms,
 7 Colorado Springs; Lisa Feret, Arvada; Rebecca Keltie, Colorado Springs;
 8 Matthew Martinez, Monte Vista; Christopher Richardson, Elizabeth.
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 10 The roll was called with the following result:
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 12 Present--56.
 13 Excused--Representative(s) DeGraaf, English, Luck, McCormick,
 14 Pugliese, Ricks, Story, Woodrow--8.
 15 Vacant--1.
 16 Present after roll call--Representative(s) DeGraaf, English, Luck,
 17 Pugliese, Ricks, Woodrow.
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 19 The Speaker declared a quorum present.
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22 On motion of Representative Lukens, the House Journal of Wednesday,
 23 January 8, 2025, was declared approved as corrected by the Chief Clerk.
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CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION(S)

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 29 [HJR25-1002](#) by Representative(s) Duran, McCluskie, Pugliese; also
 30 Senator(s) Rodriguez, Coleman, Lundeen--Concerning a
 31 Joint Session of the House of Representatives and the
 32 Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from the
 33 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and appointing a
 34 committee to escort the Chief Justice.
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36 (Printed and placed in members' files.)
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38 On motion of Majority Leader Duran, the resolution was read at length
 39 and **adopted** by the following roll call vote:
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YES	58	NO	0	EXCUSED	6	ABSENT	0	VACANT	1
District 41		V	Duran	Y	Luck	E	Smith		Y
Armagost		Y	English	E	Lukens	Y	Soper		Y

1	Bacon	Y	Espenoza	Y	Mabrey	Y	Stewart K.	Y
2	Barron	Y	Feret	Y	Marshall	Y	Stewart R.	Y
3	Bird	Y	Froelich	Y	Martinez	Y	Story	E
4	Boesenecker	Y	Garcia	Y	Mauro	Y	Suckla	Y
5	Bottoms	Y	Gilchrist	Y	McCormick	E	Taggart	Y
6	Bradfield	Y	Gonzalez R.	Y	Paschal	Y	Titone	Y
7	Bradley	Y	Hamrick	Y	Phillips	Y	Valdez	Y
8	Brooks	Y	Hartsook	Y	Pugliese	E	Velasco	Y
9	Brown	Y	Johnson	Y	Richardson	Y	Weinberg	Y
10	Caldwell	Y	Joseph	Y	Ricks	Y	Willford	Y
11	Camacho	Y	Keltie	Y	Rutinel	Y	Winter T.	Y
12	Carter	Y	Lieder	Y	Rydin	Y	Woodrow	E
13	Clifford	Y	Lindsay	Y	Sander	Y	Woog	Y
14	DeGraaf	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Sirota	Y	Zokaie	Y
15							Speaker	Y

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

28 House in recess for Joint Session.

JOINT SESSION

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

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

40 Present--31.

41 Absent--1.

42 Vacant--3.

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

48 Present--62.

49 Excused--2.

50 Vacant--1.

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

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

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

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

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14 **ADDRESS BY THE HONORABLE**
15 **Jared Polis**
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17 Welcome. I'd like to begin with a moment of silence in memory of President
18 Jimmy Carter, whose funeral is being held today in Washington, DC. On this
19 national day of mourning, we should all take to heart the spirit of integrity and
20 service Jimmy Carter embodied, both as a public official and in private life.
21 Thank you.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23
24 Our values and our way of life are not dependent on who is in the White House
25 or Congress. I refuse to allow the disagreement, division, and disorder in
26 Washington DC to deter us in Colorado. That's not how we roll. Members of
27 the legislature, we can and will do better.

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

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

36
37 Alongside Commissioner Greenberg and our hardworking farmers, we opened
38 the Mexican domestic market to Colorado-grown potatoes and will fight against
39 misguided efforts that threaten the progress we've made, hurt our farmers, or
40 drive up the price of groceries.

41
42 None of us need to shy away from disagreements on policy - be it with the
43 president of the United States or any member of our legislature. But let me be
44 clear - there is a big difference between disagreeing with policy and attacking
45 our democratic institutions.

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

51
52 In the Free State of Colorado, we stand strong against baseless attacks on
53 law-abiding Coloradans who want nothing more than to contribute to our
54 society. In the Free State of Colorado, we protect and expand our freedoms,

1 tempered by the knowledge that freedom demands personal responsibility and
2 accountability. And we know the only way to continue to climb higher is
3 together.
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5 Regardless of what happens in Washington DC, we will keep our eye on the
6 ball, on what matters most to Coloradans: affordability, livability, sustainability.
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8 Much like our iconic aspen groves - among the largest living organisms in the
9 world - we know what appears on the surface to stand alone is often
10 interconnected by roots that run deep. The same holds true of our vision for
11 Colorado's future.
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13 It is a future in which Coloradans live in safe, vibrant communities, in homes
14 we can afford, near transit hubs and job centers, with clean air to breathe, fresh
15 water to drink, and high-quality, affordable health care.
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17 On the surface, these priorities may appear to stand alone. But by digging a little
18 deeper, we can see the roots that connect our climate goals, our transit goals,
19 our health care goals, and our affordability goals. Just like our beautiful aspen
20 trees, or an even larger organism-- a mycorrhizal fungi network -- or wood-wide
21 web.
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23 Last year, we took real and meaningful steps to deliver more housing and
24 reduce costs, and I want to thank you for coming together to allow housing
25 supply to finally start catching up with demand, while cutting property taxes
26 and lowering the residential property tax rate thanks to the work of Speaker
27 McCluskie, Minority Leader Pugliese, and Senators Kirkmeyer and Frizell.
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29 From giving Coloradans more freedom to build Accessory Dwelling Units
30 (ADUs) on their property thanks to the work of Senators Amabile, Exum,
31 Mullica, and Representative Weinberg, to expanding housing near transit and
32 job centers tackled by Representative Woodrow, and Senators Jodeh, and
33 Winter, eliminating discriminatory occupancy limits passed by
34
35 Representative Rutinel and Senator Gonzales, and getting rid of parking
36 requirements above and beyond what people want or need thanks to the work
37 of Representative Woodrow and Senator Hinrichsen. With these policies, we
38 are making it easier to build housing supply that's inherently affordable and
39 filling critical gaps in communities where the needs are greatest to help power
40 our economy.
41
42 In Colorado, we say "Yes!" to more housing! "Yes" to unlocking prosperity!
43 "Yes" to opportunity for Coloradans at every budget!
44
45 To narrow the gap between supply and demand, we must continue to expand
46 choices, speed up timelines, and reduce costs for new housing to come on the
47 market.
48
49 We are looking to do this in three key ways: working with Senator Bridges and
50 Senator Exum to lean into innovation and streamline the process for modular
51 housing options to be built faster and at lower cost; working with
52 Representatives Boesenecker and Woodrow to empower builders to build smart
53 stair apartments or homes; and, alongside Representatives Boesenecker and
54 Mabrey, and Senator Gonzales, allowing faith based and educational partners
55 to use land they have to build housing we need.

1 We are already seeing faith leaders step up to be a part of Colorado's housing
2 future, including at Solid Rock Christian Center in Colorado Springs, now
3 home to 77 affordable multi-family units on church land. Today, we are joined
4 by Pastor Ben Anderson, here today from Colorado Springs, thank you for your
5 leadership and we are excited to see these efforts replicated across the state.
6

7 Rather than force developers to build massive one-size-fits-all apartments that
8 take up entire city blocks, let's instead empower them to build apartments or
9 homes that fit the neighborhood through smart stair reform.
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11 To unlock housing supply, we need to allow more housing Coloradans want.
12 This includes condos, which often start at a lower price point, providing more
13 affordable homeownership, and with it, the foundation for wealth building, and
14 building a nest egg for financial security.
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16 And yet in Colorado, we've had a major decline in condo construction. Before
17 2008, condos made up nearly 20% of new home starts in Colorado, dropping
18 to 5% now. In 2005 there were nearly 3,000 condos on the market under
19 \$400,000, and last year, there were only 22.
20

21 In the past, this conversation about meaningful condo liability reforms that
22 balance homeowner protections, de-risk the market, and allow for more condos
23 to be built and sold has been stifled on both sides. Let's turn the page and have
24 a real dialogue about what is preventing condos from being built, and solve for
25 it. I know we can get this done in a way that protects homeowners' rights when
26 there is a defect, but makes it less expensive and cumbersome for builders of
27 all kinds to start projects and deliver housing.
28

29 Let's commit today to work together, side-by-side, with Representative Bird
30 and President Coleman already leading the way, to make condo ownership more
31 available to more people – starting now!
32

33 We are also seeing - in Colorado and across the country - skyrocketing
34 homeowners insurance rates. I hear from Coloradans across our state who either
35 can't find coverage to begin with or who are getting priced out of the coverage
36 they have. And the rising cost of insurance isn't relegated to homeowners alone.
37 It gets passed on to renters, too.
38

39 Just as Lord of the Rings fans know that one does not simply walk into Mordor,
40 one does not simply fix homeowners insurance. Many factors contribute to the
41 soaring cost. But we need to start somewhere, and we need to start now.
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43 Today, I'm calling for needed reforms to tackle the high cost of homeowners
44 insurance and expand access so that every homeowner can get the insurance
45 they need and learn more about ways to reduce their rates. Thank you to
46 Speaker McCluskie, Representatives Titone and Brown, Senator Amabile, and
47 Assistant Majority Leader Cutter for taking this on, helping to deal with the
48 largest cost drivers like hail and fire, and looking at risk reduction efforts that
49 can lower costs for everyone. And as we address climate-induced costs like
50 rising homeowners insurance, we are also focused on giving Coloradans more
51 options to get where we need to go.
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53 Transportation congestion isn't just annoying – it's a leading source of
54 pollution, and by expanding public transit and rail options, we can save people
55 time and money on daily commutes and improve air quality.

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

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

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

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

23
24 To make this vision into a reality, it takes all of us working together - state,
25 regional, and local partners. My administration has sought to partner with RTD
26 and support RTD with new funding from new laws, but we continue to also
27 push for better governance, more budget transparency and accountability, and
28 ultimately, a district that is laser focused on getting more people where they
29 need to go.

30
31 I believe we all share the goal of increasing ridership. Having an A+ transit
32 agency for Colorado's largest metropolitan area is absolutely critical to meet the
33 needs of a growing and dynamic state, but while we trust, we must also verify.
34 Thank you to Senator Winter, Representatives Froelich and Lindstedt for
35 continuing to lead this important effort.

36
37 We hear from local and regional partners around the state - in rural and urban
38 communities - about the need to improve and add bus and train stations to
39 ensure riders can safely and easily get where they need to go. We look forward
40 to using innovative financing tools at the state level to help meet this need and
41 encourage new stations to help local partners boost ridership.

42
43 Our housing and transit goals go hand in hand with our climate goals and our
44 affordability goals. More, better, less expensive transit options, with housing
45 closer to job centers and transit hubs, save money and mean less pollution and
46 less congestion.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1 In the words of Taylor Swift, “I think I’ve seen this film before, and I didn’t like
2 the ending.” Together, we can take steps to keep Colorado the best place to live,
3 work, and do business.
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5 We are working with Majority Leader Duran and Representative Froelich to
6 strengthen our wage theft laws in an effective way to ensure workers are paid
7 the money they are owed for the work they do. It is also now time to address the
8 way local minimum and tipped wage credit works to ensure restaurants - so
9 important to the fabric of our communities - can thrive across our state and all
10 workers – including those in both the front and back of the house – can earn a
11 good wage.
12

13 The Labor Peace Act in Colorado has a long history. Since its inception in
14 1943, the Act has provided a pathway to require workers to have mandatory
15 dues deducted from their paychecks via a second election. In fact, business
16 interests and organized labor have worked together to preserve this compromise
17 by blocking efforts to move Colorado to become a right-to-work state –
18 something I strongly oppose. In that same spirit of collaboration, my ask is that
19 if there are any efforts to reform the Labor Peace Act, they include support of
20 both workers and businesses to avoid the rancorous fights of the past.
21

22 If there is a possible agreement to change the status quo that has served to avoid
23 significant disputes for more than eighty years, let’s work together to find it.
24

25 This year, we are navigating a return to tighter budget conditions thanks to
26 lower inflation and increasing healthcare costs.
27

28 The balanced budget I’ve put forth includes thoughtful proposals that pair
29 meaningful cuts with new enterprises; the conversion of Pinnacol to better
30 support workers for the future; and targeted, high-impact investments to
31 improve public safety, fully fund our schools, and protect our social safety net.
32

33 I want to thank the JBC for their leadership and for partnering with us to do the
34 difficult work of making cuts while thinking creatively about how to avoid bad
35 outcomes. This is going to be hard, so hug a JBC member if you see them.
36

37 We look forward to working together with you to ensure that even and
38 especially in light of the tough budgetary environment we find ourselves in, we
39 will continue to put the needs of Coloradans first.
40

41 Nothing communicates genuine quality of life better than a safe and secure
42 community. Three years ago, I established the bold goal of making Colorado
43 one of the ten safest states in the country. And we got right to work.
44

45 Democrats and Republicans came together to pass a common-sense, data-driven
46 public safety plan to crack down on crime and prevent it from happening in the
47 first place. These targeted investments are making a real difference, and from
48 2023 to the same period in 2024, crime rates dropped in almost every category:
49 Almost 20,000 fewer property crimes - down 15%; 21 fewer homicides - down
50 9%; Nearly 8,000 fewer car thefts - a 26% decrease!
51

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

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

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

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

19
20 Our commitment to public safety extends to all who call our state home -
21 people and animals alike. Livestock theft is unfortunately not a thing of the past,
22 and we are committed to holding cattle rustlers accountable. With local sheriffs
23 and the Brand Board leading the way, I directed our leaders at the Department
24 of Agriculture and Department of Public Safety to coordinate and provide
25 additional support and work closely with local law enforcement to use the full
26 extent of the law to catch and convict wrongdoers.

27
28 We will continue to support our ranchers, and, I am glad National Western
29 moved the stock show parade back today so I can speak for another hour.

30
31 Safer communities are more humane communities and we should also create
32 and enforce tougher penalties to crack down on illegal wildlife trafficking,
33 which is often linked to other crimes like gun, drug, and human trafficking.

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

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

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

53
54 I'm also confident that, thanks to the action of the voters passing Proposition
55 130, we'll be able to better fund law enforcement, with \$350 million in support
56 for hiring, retention, and training.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

42

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23
24 That is why I am focused on saving people money on the biggest cost drivers
25 for Coloradans: housing, and transportation, and yes, health care.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1 While Coloradans with commercial insurance are paying nearly three times
2 what Medicare pays for hospital services, our safety net providers such as
3 Clinica Family Health and Wellness, Marillac Health in Grand Junction, Denver
4 Health, and Pueblo Community Health Center are being left behind.
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6 Now is the time for us, alongside Representative Brown and Senator Bridges,
7 to take real action to deal with excessive hospital prices while also protecting
8 our safety net. Together, we can prevent costs from going up and “Defying
9 Gravity.”
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11 A few months ago, I had the honor of delivering a Colorado kid the one
12 millionth book given free of charge through Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library.
13 As famous Wyoming rancher RuPaul says, “reading is fun-damental.”
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15 Reading helps young people cultivate their dreams - dreams that grow as they
16 grow. The path from dreams to skills to prosperous careers in the fields that
17 inspire us is worth fighting for, and that’s what we’re doing in Colorado.
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19 Last year, thanks to Representative Sirota and the voters, the first class of
20 universal preschool saved families an average of \$6,100, springboarding
21 Colorado from 27th to 7th in the nation for preschool enrollment.
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23 Beyond the family savings and learning benefits, new research shows that
24 universal preschool drives economic mobility. On average, parents who enroll
25 their kids in universal preschool earn 20% more than parents without access to
26 universal preschool, and long-term studies show the kids will do better too
27 when they grow up.
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29 Thanks to Speaker McCluskie, Minority Leader Lundeen, and Assistant
30 Majority Leader Bacon, we also created a new school finance formula that
31 focuses on students – not systems. Our task going forward is to now implement
32 that formula, ensuring that schools serving students who are English language
33 learners or who come from poverty receive the resources needed to help
34 students succeed.
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36 But we must ensure the gains we have made are sustainable. Colorado is an
37 outlier when it comes to school funding – with our current system funding
38 based on students who were enrolled four years ago. We are talking about
39 counting students that attended nearly half a decade ago! To fully fund our new
40 school finance formula and ensure we never have to go back to a budget
41 stabilization factor, we have to start funding students where they are in their
42 schools today in ways tailored to individual needs. It is past time to eliminate
43 this antiquated system that funds empty chairs rather than actual students.
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45 And, we have a responsibility to guarantee every Colorado student has access
46 to a quality education. This requires creating innovative pathways for students
47 and schools to succeed; no excuses, no exceptions.
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49 Today, tragically, there are “education deserts” – as President Coleman calls
50 them – in Colorado where 90% of students - around 22 in a class of 25 - are
51 behind grade level in math and reading. That is unacceptable.
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53 We need to clear the way for these students to get back on track by making it
54 easier for high quality and innovative schools to start and operate in Colorado,
55 supporting students whether in a traditional district or a charter school, and
56 giving parents the ability to choose the best option for their kids.

1 And there are great examples of what works! Global Village Academy North
2 in Thornton serves over 50% low income students, and over 80% of 8th graders
3 are at grade level or above in reading, and over 90% in writing. Yes, we CAN
4 do it. This school is changing lives for the better, and we are thrilled Head of
5 School Nicole Wetzel and Principal Chelsea Byrd are here with us today.
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7 And there is more to be done to make achievement like this the norm for district
8 schools, innovation schools, and charter schools, because every student means
9 every student.
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11 As a state we are firmly focused on winning the future. And we are putting the
12 tools in place to do so: including making the first two years of higher education
13 free for many Colorado students thanks to Representatives Bird and Taggart,
14 and Senator Kirkmeyer.
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16 This year, I have the honor of serving as Chair of the bipartisan National
17 Governors Association. My Chair's Initiative, Let's Get Ready: Educating All
18 Americans for Success, is all about preparing students for real life and our
19 economy for real success. We're looking at how we can best ensure learners
20 develop the skills and talents they need to succeed in today and tomorrow's job
21 market.
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23 Our mission is to learn how to better measure success so we can expand and
24 scale what works, and change or adjust what doesn't.
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26 This is one of many ways I am partnering with governors - both Democrats and
27 Republicans, from states across the country - to tackle the challenges and
28 embrace the opportunities that cross state lines and unify us as a nation.
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30 That means stepping up to support one another. We are sending critical
31 firefighting resources including Multi Mission Aircraft, fire engines, and
32 firefighters to California as they face devastating fires. In Colorado we are
33 unfortunately no stranger to wildfires, and we work better together in our times
34 of need. Every step of the way, we take lessons and inspiration from the
35 breathtaking nature around us.
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37 The thin bark of the Lodgepole Pine is quickly burnt when wildfire strikes. But
38 instead of destroying the trees, fire melts a resin that seals shut the cones. When
39 the resin melts, the seeds open and spread, returning life to the burn scar.
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41 This is the perspective - finding opportunity in obstacles - that I am taking with
42 me as we drive progress and prosperity - as we climb higher - in the year ahead.
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44 Nearly 130 years ago, Katharine Lee Bates wrote the iconic words of "America
45 the Beautiful," from atop Pikes Peak. Pikes Peak remains a national treasure
46 today, and I am excited that Colorado Parks and Wildlife is partnering to better
47 care for and expand recreational opportunities on America's peak.
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49 Nearly a century and a half later, Colorado continues to lead and inspire. Next
50 year, we will celebrate our great State's 150th birthday, the same year America
51 celebrates our 250th birthday.
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53 Over the last 150 years, we have faced trials and tests. We have weathered
54 challenges and risen above, always coming out on the side of freedom.

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

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

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

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

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14 The Joint Committee escorted the Governor from the Chamber.

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

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

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25 House reconvened.
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29 **PRINTING REPORT**

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31 The Chief Clerk reports the following bills been correctly printed:
32 **HB25-1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010,**
33 **1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021,**
34 **1022, 1023, 1024, 1025, 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030, 1031, 1032,**
35 **1033, 1034, 1035, 1036, 1037, 1038, 1039, 1040, 1041, 1042, 1043,**
36 **1044, 1045, 1046, 1047, 1048, 1049, 1050, 1051, 1052, 1053, 1054,**
37 **1055, 1056, 1057, 1058, 1059, 1060, 1061, 1062, 1063, 1064, 1065,**
38 **1066, 1067, 1068, 1069, 1070, 1071, 1072, 1073, 1074, 1075, 1076,**
39 **1077, 1078.**

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43 **SIGNING OF BILLS - RESOLUTIONS - MEMORIALS**

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

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49 **MESSAGE(S) FROM THE SENATE**

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

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53 The Senate has adopted and returns herewith: **HJR25-1001.**
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INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

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

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

House in recess. House reconvened.

REMOTE PARTICIPATION

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

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

Approved:
Julie McCluskie,
Speaker

Attest:
Vanessa Reilly,
Chief Clerk

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1 Prayer by Del Farris, State Capitol Minister, Denver.

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

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

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8 The roll was called with the following result:

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10 Present--56.

11 Excused--Representative(s) Bacon, Carter, English, Mauro,
12 McCormick, Richardson, Ricks, Story--8.

13 Vacant--1.

14 Present after roll call--Representative(s) Bacon, Carter, English,
15 Richardson, Ricks.

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17 The Speaker declared a quorum present.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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LAY OVER OF CALENDAR ITEM(S)

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

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

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House in recess for Joint Session.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ADDRESS BY THE HONORABLE
Chief Justice Monica M. Marquez**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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32 The last five years have also brought an influx of new people and new leaders
33 throughout the Branch. Much of our core work force (judicial clerks and
34 probation officers) has joined the Branch within the last five years. More than
35 50% of our judges were appointed in 2020 or later. And roughly 80% of our
36 chief judges have been in their leadership roles for only a handful of years.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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38 Thank you.

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41 The Joint Committee escorted the Chief Justice from the Chamber.

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

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

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MESSAGE(S) FROM THE SENATE

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

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

Approved:
Julie McCluskie,
Speaker

Attest:
Vanessa Reilly,
Chief Clerk

