

Journal of the Senate

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

NINETEENTH DAY - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Kehoe in the Chair.

The Reverend Steven George offered the following prayer:

“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:7 NIV)

Almighty God, as we finish this week’s work and prepare to go home for the weekend, we ask for Your peace to guard the hearts and minds of each senator and staff member. Guard our hearts and minds against discord and division, and grant us a peaceful weekend with our families. We ask this in Your Holy Name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

A quorum being established, the Senate proceeded with its business.

The Journal of the previous day was read and approved.

Photographers from KOMU-8 and Gray TV were given permission to take pictures in the Senate Chamber.

The following Senators were present during the day’s proceedings:

Present—Senators

Arthur	Beau	Beck	Bernskoetter	Black	Brattin	Brown (16th Dist.)
Brown (26th Dist.)	Carter	Cierpiot	Coleman	Crawford	Eigel	Fitzwater
Gannon	Hoskins	Hough	Koenig	Luetkemeyer	McCreery	Moon
Mosley	O’Laughlin	Razer	Rizzo	Roberts	Rowden	Schroer
Thompson Rehder	Trent	Washington	Williams—32			

Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senators

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Vacancies—None

The Lieutenant Governor was present.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

Senator Rowden offered the following concurrent resolution:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32

Whereas, the Office of Broadband Development was established in 2018 as a partnership between the Department of Economic Development and the Department of Agriculture to build and strengthen partnerships between public and private stakeholders and align efforts statewide to improve broadband access; and

Whereas, the Office of Broadband Development is focused on addressing broadband availability and noninfrastructure barriers to full participation in the digital economy in Missouri by working with providers, communities, and stakeholders to expand and accelerate broadband deployment across the state; and

Whereas, in 2021, as part of the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act's historic investment in broadband infrastructure and digital equity, Congress appropriated more than fourteen billion dollars for the Affordable Connectivity Program; and

Whereas, Congress assigned the Federal Communications Commission to administer the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), the successor program to the Emergency Broadband Benefit, which helped almost nine million households afford internet access during the pandemic; and

Whereas, under the ACP, eligible households can receive a discount of up to thirty dollars per month toward internet services and up to seventy-five dollars per month for households on qualifying tribal lands; and

Whereas, eligible households may also receive a one-time discount of up to one hundred dollars to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers; and

Whereas, currently there are more than four hundred thousand eligible households within the state of Missouri that may qualify for the ACP; and

Whereas, based on current take rates, the more than fourteen billion dollars in funding appropriated for the ACP could be exhausted in the spring of 2024; and

Whereas, the ACP has been a critical tool in helping bridge the "digital divide" that exists between those who have access to modern information and communications technology and those who do not:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, One Hundred and Second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby urge each member of the Missouri congressional delegation to support continued funding of the ACP so that low-income Missourians can continue to receive the support they need to participate in the digital marketplace; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Speaker of the House of Representatives Mike Johnson, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, and the members of the Missouri congressional delegation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills and Joint Resolution were read the 1st time and ordered printed:

SB 1393—By O’Laughlin.

An Act to repeal section 167.850, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to recovery high schools.

SB 1394—By O’Laughlin.

An Act to repeal section 168.021, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to teacher certification.

Senator Rowden assumed the Chair.

SB 1395—By Brown (16).

An Act to repeal sections 49.266, 253.195, 320.106, 320.111, 320.116, 320.121, 320.126, 320.131, 320.141, 320.146, 320.151, 320.371, and 568.070, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof thirteen new sections relating to fireworks protections, with penalty provisions.

SB 1396—By Fitzwater.

An Act to amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to covenants not to compete for physicians.

SB 1397—By Brattin.

An Act to amend chapter 34, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to firearms discrimination.

SB 1398—By Brown (26).

An Act to repeal sections 190.142, 210.1505, 211.326, 337.618, 491.075, 492.304, 566.151, 567.030, and 590.050, RSMo, and section 56.265 as enacted by senate bill no. 672, ninety-seventh general assembly, second regular session, and section 56.265 as enacted by senate bill no. 275, ninetieth general assembly, first regular session, and to enact in lieu thereof thirteen new sections relating to the protection of children and vulnerable persons, with penalty provisions.

SB 1399—By Brown (26).

An Act to repeal sections 137.275 and 138.430, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to property tax assessments.

SB 1400—By Brown (26).

An Act to repeal section 565.240, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the offense of unlawful posting of certain information over the internet, with penalty provisions.

SB 1401—By Black.

An Act to repeal sections 104.436 and 104.1066, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the employer contribution rate for certain higher education institutions.

SJR 88—By Washington.

Joint Resolution submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 13 of article I of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to statutes of limitations.

Senator Bean assumed the Chair.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following Bills and Joint Resolutions were read the 2nd time and referred to the Committees indicated:

SB 1372—General Laws.

SB 1373—General Laws.

SB 1374—Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety.

SB 1375—Select Committee on Empowering Missouri Parents and Children.

SB 1376—Select Committee on Empowering Missouri Parents and Children.

SB 1377—Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety.

SB 1378—Select Committee on Empowering Missouri Parents and Children.

SB 1379—Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence.

SB 1380—Economic Development and Tax Policy.

SB 1381—Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety.

SB 1382—Governmental Accountability.

SB 1383—Emerging Issues.

SB 1384—Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence.

SB 1385—Health and Welfare.

SB 1386—Economic Development and Tax Policy.

SB 1387—Health and Welfare.

SB 1388—Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment.

SB 1389—Local Government and Elections.

SB 1390—Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence.

SB 1391—Select Committee on Empowering Missouri Parents and Children.

SB 1392—Select Committee on Empowering Missouri Parents and Children.

SJR 84—Local Government and Elections.

SJR 85—Local Government and Elections.

SJR 86—Fiscal Oversight.

SJR 87—Fiscal Oversight.

SECOND READING OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following Concurrent Resolution was read the 2nd time and referred to the Committee indicated:

SCR 27—Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics.

REFERRALS

President Pro Tem Rowden referred **SCR 31** to the Committee on Rules, Joint Rules, Joint Resolutions and Ethics.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Pro Tem Rowden submitted the following:

February 8, 2024

Ms. Kristina Martin
Secretary of the Senate
State Capitol
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Ms. Martin;

Please be advised that I am hereby appointing Senator Ben Brown as an additional member to the Select Committee on Empowering Missouri Parents and Children.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any assistance.

Sincerely,



Caleb Rowden
Presiden Pro Tem

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Senator Rowden introduced to the Senate, Missouri Chapter, Academy of Pediatrics pediatricians.

On motion of Senator O'Laughlin, the Senate adjourned until 4:00 p.m., Monday, February 12, 2024.

SENATE CALENDAR

TWENTIETH DAY-MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024

FORMAL CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 1393-O'Laughlin
SB 1394-O'Laughlin
SB 1395-Brown (16)
SB 1396-Fitzwater
SB 1397-Brattin

SB 1398-Brown (26)
SB 1399-Brown (26)
SB 1400-Brown (26)
SB 1401-Black
SJR 88-Washington

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

HCS for HB 1989

INFORMAL CALENDAR

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

SB 727-Koenig, with SCS
SB 739-Cierpiot
SB 745-Bernskoetter
SB 748-Hough
SBs 754, 746, 788, 765, 841, 887 &
861-Luetkemeyer, with SCS

SB 799-Fitzwater, with SCS
SB 802-Trent
SBs 1168 & 810-Coleman, with SCS, SS for
SCS, SA 2, SA 1 to SA 2 & point of order
(pending)
SJRs 74, 48, 59, 61 & 83-Coleman, with SCS

RESOLUTIONS

SR 557-Eigel
SR 558-Eigel
SR 561-Moon
SR 562-Moon

SR 563-Moon
SR 631-May
SR 647-Coleman

To be Referred

SCR 32-Rowden

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