

Journal of the Senate

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

FORTY-FIRST DAY - THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Senator Rowden in the Chair.

The Reverend Stephen George offered the following prayer:

“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5 NIV)

Heavenly Father, as we conclude this week’s work and prepare to go home for the weekend, we remember that both Good Friday and Easter Sunday lie before us. We thank You for the grace You have shown us through Your Son. We ask that You would protect us as we travel and give us peace as we are with our families. In Your Holy Name we pray, 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.

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

Present—Senators

Arthur	Bean	Beck	Bernskoetter	Black	Brattin	Brown (16th Dist.)
Brown (26th Dist.)	Carter	Cierpiot	Coleman	Crawford	Eigel	Eslinger
Fitzwater	Gannon	Hoskins	Hough	Koenig	Luetkemeyer	May
McCreery	Moon	Mosley	O’Laughlin	Rizzo	Roberts	Rowden
Schroer	Thompson Rehder	Trent	Washington	Williams—33		

Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senator Razer—1

Vacancies—None

RESOLUTIONS

Senator May offered Senate Resolution No. 829, regarding Eagle Scout John Wesley Posey, St. Louis, which was adopted.

Senator Rizzo offered Senate Resolution No. 830, regarding Bri Thurmon, which was adopted.

Senator Black offered Senate Resolution No. 831, regarding Terry Hopkins, Maryville, which was adopted.

Senator Black offered Senate Resolution No. 832, regarding Carol Bunse, Cosby, which was adopted.

Senator Black offered Senate Resolution No. 833, regarding Mary Ann Pardo, Big Lake, which was adopted.

Senator Fitzwater offered Senate Resolution No. 834, regarding Margie Hagenhoff, Holts Summit, which was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

Senators Moon, Eigel, Carter, and Schroer offered the following concurrent resolution:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36

Whereas, American farmers and ranchers raise the best meat in the world; and

Whereas, Americans should have the right to knowingly buy made-in-America products; and

Whereas, American farmers, ranchers, workers, and consumers benefit from transparency on the origins of their food; and

Whereas, consumers have repeatedly and overwhelmingly expressed their support for country of origin labeling of food products in the United States; and

Whereas, in 2008, the United States Congress overwhelmingly passed mandatory country of origin labeling for muscle cuts and ground meat sold at retail, requiring meat produced from imported livestock or imported boxed meat to bear a different label from meat produced from United States born, raised, and slaughtered livestock; and

Whereas, trade groups and the organizations representing multinational meat packers worked predominantly with Canada, as well as Mexico, to bring a World Trade Organization case against the United States for the removal of the country of origin labeling requirements; and

Whereas, in 2015, the United States Congress repealed the country of origin labeling law for beef and pork, reducing the competitive advantage of products born, raised, and slaughtered in the United States; and

Whereas, the United States has the highest food safety standards in the world, while other countries place less emphasis on food safety; and

Whereas, foreign commodities like beef and pork are misleadingly labeled "Product of the USA" if they are processed or packed in the United States; and

Whereas, country of origin labeling gives producers and consumers the ability to distinguish true American products from foreign imported meat; and

Whereas, technological advancements make it possible to accurately and efficiently identify the origins of beef and pork without costly separation of imported and domestic commodities; and

Whereas, country of origin labeling is good for farmers, ranchers, workers, and meat packers because it allows them to identify their products as born, raised, and slaughtered in the United States; and

Whereas, the Missouri General Assembly supports American products, and consumers deserve the right to know the origins of their food:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, One Hundred Second General Assembly, second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby support the right of consumers to know the origins of their food, support the use of country of origin labels, and urge the United States Congress to reinstate mandatory country of origin labeling; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for each member of Missouri's Congressional delegation.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senator O'Laughlin, Chair of the Committee on Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics, submitted the following report:

Mr. President: Your Committee on Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics, to which were referred **SS No. 2** for **SB 872**, **SS** for **SB 1111**, and **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 835** begs leave to report that it has examined the same and finds that the bills have been truly perfected and that the printed copies furnished the Senators are correct.

Senator Crawford, Chair of the Committee on Insurance and Banking, submitted the following reports:

Mr. President: Your Committee on Insurance and Banking, to which was referred **SB 753**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Also,

Mr. President: Your Committee on Insurance and Banking, to which was referred **SB 826**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Also,

Mr. President: Your Committee on Insurance and Banking, to which was referred **HB 1803**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Senator Cierpiot, Chair of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment, submitted the following reports:

Mr. President: Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment, to which was referred **SB 789**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Also,

Mr. President: Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment, to which was referred **SB 829**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

Senator Arthur, Chair of the Committee on Progress and Development, submitted the following reports:

Mr. President: Your Committee on Progress and Development, to which was referred **SB 969**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Also,

Mr. President: Your Committee on Progress and Development, to which was referred **SB 1099**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Senator Hough, Chair of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

Mr. President: Your Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred **HCS for HB 2016**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Senator Luetkemeyer, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence, submitted the following reports:

Mr. President: Your Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence, to which was referred **SB 1468**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

Also,

Mr. President: Your Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence, to which was referred **SB 1200**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

Also,

Mr. President: Your Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence, to which was referred **SB 1070**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

Senator Black, Chair of the Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Pensions, submitted the following report:

Mr. President: Your Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Pensions, to which was referred **HB 1495**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

On behalf of Senator Eslinger, Chair of the Committee on Governmental Accountability, Senator Brown (26) submitted the following reports:

Mr. President: Your Committee on Governmental Accountability, to which was referred **SB 817**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Also,

Mr. President: Your Committee on Governmental Accountability, to which was referred **SB 1340**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Senator Fitzwater assumed the Chair.

Senator Rowden, Chairman of the Committee on Gubernatorial Appointments, submitted the following reports, reading of which was waived:

Mr. President: Your Committee on Gubernatorial Appointments, to which were referred the following appointments, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate do give its advice and consent to the following:

Todd Hays, Independent, and Ed Adams, Republican, as members of the State Fair Commission;

Also,

Chelsea Landgraf as a member of the Drug Utilization Review Board; and

Madeline Romious, as a member of the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners.

Senator Rowden requested unanimous consent of the Senate to vote on the above reports in one motion. There being no objection, the request was granted.

Senator Rowden moved that the committee report be adopted, and the Senate do give its advice and consent to the above appointments, which motion prevailed.

President Pro Tem Rowden assumed the Chair.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

Senator Trent, Chair of the Committee on Select Committee on Empowering Missouri Parents and Children, submitted the following reports:

Mr. President: Your Committee on Select Committee on Empowering Missouri Parents and Children, to which was referred **SB 819**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

Also,

Mr. President: Your Committee on Select Committee on Empowering Missouri Parents and Children, to which was referred **SB 812**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

SCR 21, introduced by Senator O'Laughlin, entitled:

Relating to hypertrophic cardiomyopathy awareness day.

Was taken up.

On motion of Senator O'Laughlin, **SCR 21** was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators

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

NAYS—Senators—None

Absent—Senator Eslinger—1

Absent with leave—Senator Razer—1

Vacancies—None

The President declared the concurrent resolution passed.

On motion of Senator O'Laughlin, title to the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

Senator O'Laughlin moved that the vote by which the concurrent resolution passed be reconsidered.

Senator O'Laughlin moved that motion lay on the table, which motion prevailed.

Senator Coleman moved that **SCRs 24** and **25**, with **SCS**, be taken up for adoption, which motion prevailed.

SCS for SCRs 24 and 25 was taken up.

Senator Eigel offered SA 1:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Concurrent Resolutions Nos. 24 and 25, as it appears on Page 582 of the Senate Journal for Wednesday, March 27, 2024, Line 11 of said journal page, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“Whereas, Israel has been granted her lands under and through the oldest deed, as recorded in the Torah or Old Testament, a tome of scripture held sacred and revered by Jews and Christians alike; and

Whereas, Missouri recognizes the claim and presence of the Jewish people in Israel that has remained constant throughout the past four thousand years; and

Whereas, Missouri recognizes Israel's declared independence and self-governance that began on May 14, 1948, with the goal of reestablishing its legally recognized lands as a homeland for the Jewish people; and

Whereas, Missouri's son, U.S. President Harry S. Truman, was the first world leader to officially recognize Israel as a legitimate Jewish state on May 14, 1948, only eleven minutes after its creation; and

Whereas, Missouri agrees with and supports the U.S. presidential decision on December 6, 2017, to recognize Jerusalem as the eternal capital of Israel; and

Whereas, the United States of America and the state of Missouri have enjoyed a close and mutually beneficial relationship with Israel and its people; and

Whereas, Israel is a great friend and ally of the United States of America in the Middle East; and”; and further amend line 14, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“Whereas, Missouri aims to express solidarity with the people of Israel in its fight against terrorism; and

Whereas, civilian casualties are a concern in any conflict, and holding those responsible for such casualties accountable is a shared value; and

Whereas, Missouri acknowledges Israel's sovereign right and duty to defend its citizens and therefore to prosecute the war until the threat posed by Hamas and other terrorist organizations is eradicated; and

Whereas, Israel has a long history of standing in strong support of the United States, its people, and its democratic values, in stark contrast to the extremist regimes that are providing financing and other support for the terrorist organizations that threaten Israel; and”; and

Further amend line 18, by inserting after “hereby” the following: “commend Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States of America and the state of Missouri since 1948 and believe that the relationship shall continue to strengthen and be valued in this state and in this country, in all its dimensions; and

Be It Further Resolved that the General Assembly supports Israel's right to exist and recognizes Jerusalem as the eternal capital of Israel; and

Be It Further Resolved that the General Assembly stands in unequivocal support of Israel in its efforts to defend its citizens and eliminate the threat posed by Hamas and other terrorist organizations, including Islamic Jihad; and

Be It Further Resolved that the General Assembly supports Israel's inalienable right to prosecute the war until the threat posed by Hamas and other terrorist organizations is eradicated, with the hope for a swift and just resolution to the conflict; and

Be It Further Resolved that the General Assembly”; and further amend said line by striking “urge” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “urges”; and further amend line 22, by inserting after “delegation” the following; “and the Israeli Consulate General to the Midwest in Miami, Florida”.

Senator Eigel moved that the above amendment be adopted, which motion prevailed.

Senator Coleman moved that **SCS** for **SCRs 24** and **25**, as amended, be adopted, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Coleman, **SCRs 24** and **25**, as amended by the **SCS**, was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators

Bean	Beck	Bernskoetter	Black	Brattin	Brown (16th Dist.)	Brown (26th Dist.)
Carter	Cierpiot	Coleman	Crawford	Eigel	Fitzwater	Gannon
Hoskins	Hough	Koenig	Luetkemeyer	May	Moon	Mosley
O'Laughlin	Rizzo	Roberts	Rowden	Schroer	Thompson Rehder	Trent
Washington	Williams—30					

NAYS—Senators—None

Absent—Senators

Arthur	Eslinger	McCreery—3
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Absent with leave—Senator Razer—1

Vacancies—None

SCR 27, introduced by Senator Arthur, entitled:

Relating to SCN2A awareness day.

Was taken up.

On motion of Senator Arthur, **SCR 27** was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators

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

NAYS—Senators—None

Absent—Senator Eslinger—1

Absent with leave—Senator Razer—1

Vacancies—None

The President declared the concurrent resolution passed.

On motion of Senator Arthur, title to the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

Senator Arthur moved that the vote by which the concurrent resolution passed be reconsidered.

Senator O'Laughlin moved that motion lay on the table, which motion prevailed.

THIRD READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 1453, introduced by Senator Brown (16), entitled:

An Act to amend chapter 227, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to designations marked by the department of transportation.

Was called from the Consent Calendar and taken up.

On motion of Senator Brown (16), **SB 1453** was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators

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

NAYS—Senators—None

Absent—Senator Eslinger—1

Absent with leave—Senator Razer—1

Vacancies—None

The President declared the bill passed.

On motion of Senator Brown (16), title to the bill was agreed to.

Senator Brown (16) moved that the vote by which the bill passed be reconsidered.

Senator O'Laughlin moved that motion lay on the table, which motion prevailed.

Senator Bean assumed the Chair.

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

The following Bills and Joint Resolution were read the 2nd time and referred to the Committee indicated:

HCS for HB 1569—Select Committee on Empowering Missouri Parents and Children.

HCS for HJR 68 and 79—Local Government and Elections.

HB 2287—Select Committee on Empowering Missouri Parents and Children.

HB 2111—Governmental Accountability.

HCS for HBs 2322 and 1774—Governmental Accountability.

HB 2282—Emerging Issues.

HB 2385—Emerging Issues.

HCS for HB 2431—Veterans, Military Affairs and Pensions.

HB 1751—Local Government and Elections.

HB 1518—Governmental Accountability.

HCS for HB 2352—Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources.

HCS for HB 2279—Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety.

HB 1486—Select Committee on Empowering Missouri Parents and Children.

HB 1604—Local Government and Elections.

HB 1713—Veterans, Military Affairs and Pensions.

HCS for HB 2065—Emerging Issues.

HB 1496—Veterans, Military Affairs and Pensions.

REFERRALS

President Pro Tem Rowden referred **SS for SCS for SJR 50**, **SS No. 2 for SB 872**, **SS for SCS for SB 835**, **SS for SCS for SB 834**, and **SS for SB 1359** to the Committee on Fiscal Oversight.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Senator Fitzwater introduced to the Senate, Steve and Becky Lilley, Elsberry; Soleil and Kaelen Saabye, St. Peters; Landry Smith, Holts Summit, and Landry was made honorary page of the day.

Senator Moon introduced to the Senate, Ryan McGaughey, Independence.

Brown (16) introduced to the Senate, his mother, Kathy; his daughter, Kennedy; and his sister, Danette Sherrell.

Senator Hoskins introduced to the Senate, Johnny and Miette Bell, Folk; and Johnny and Miette were made honorary pages.

Senator Coleman introduced to the Senate, Emma Wilson, Lake St. Louis; Chelsea Boyd, St. Louis County; Kennedy Weiland, Imperial; and Hayden Cooper, Arnold.

On motion of Senator O’Laughlin, the Senate adjourned until 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

SENATE CALENDAR

 FORTY-SECOND DAY—TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

FORMAL CALENDAR

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

HCS HBs 2432, 2482 & 2543	HB 2170-Gregory
HB 2142-Baker	HB 2082-Gregory
HCS for HBs 2628 & 2603	HB 2320-Seitz
HCS for HBs 1948, 2066, 1721 & 2276	HCS for HB 1483
HB 2274-Smith (155)	HCS for HBs 1900, 1591 & 2515
HCS for HB 2227	HCS for HRB 1
HB 1516-Murphy	HCS for HB 1533
HCS for HB 1413	HB 1870-Taylor (48)
HCS for HBs 2626 & 1918	HB 2084-Banderman
HCS for HBs 1692 & 1748	HCS for HBs 1777, 2203, 2059 & 2502
HCS for HB 1746	

THIRD READING OF SENATE BILLS

SS#2 for SB 862-Thompson Rehder (In Fiscal Oversight)	SS for SCS for SJR 50-Koenig (In Fiscal Oversight)
SS for SCS for SBs 894 & 825-Fitzwater (In Fiscal Oversight)	SS#2 for SB 872-Eslinger (In Fiscal Oversight)
SS for SB 1359-Trent (In Fiscal Oversight)	SS for SB 1111-Black
SS for SCS for SB 834-Crawford (In Fiscal Oversight)	SS for SCS for SB 835-Crawford (In Fiscal Oversight)

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

1. SB 845-Bernskoetter	9. SB 1036-Razer, with SCS
2. SB 900-Black	10. SB 1391-Luetkemeyer, with SCS
3. SJR 78-Brown (26)	11. SB 751-Brown (16)
4. SB 1351-Luetkemeyer, with SCS	12. SB 757-O'Laughlin, with SCS
5. SB 782-Bean, with SCS	13. SB 936-Bernskoetter, with SCS
6. SB 898-Black	14. SB 1388-Razer
7. SB 734-Eigel, with SCS	15. SB 1422-Black, with SCS
8. SB 735-Eigel and Moon, with SCS	16. SB 890-Mosley

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| 17. SB 1296-O'Laughlin | 31. SB 753-Brown (16) |
| 18. SB 844-Bernskoetter | 32. SB 826-Koenig |
| 19. SB 768-Thompson Rehder, with SCS | 33. SB 789-Razer |
| 20. SB 1266-Luetkemeyer, with SCS | 34. SB 829-Rowden, with SCS |
| 21. SB 1379-Arthur | 35. SB 969-Washington |
| 22. SB 1362-Crawford | 36. SB 1099-Washington |
| 23. SB 1155-Mosley | 37. SB 1468-Luetkemeyer, with SCS |
| 24. SB 1326-McCreery | 38. SB 1200-Trent, with SCS |
| 25. SB 1277-Black | 39. SB 1070-McCreery, with SCS |
| 26. SB 884-Roberts, with SCS | 40. SB 817-Brown (26) |
| 27. SB 1393-O'Laughlin | 41. SB 1340-Bernskoetter |
| 28. SB 907-Carter | 42. SB 819-Brown (26), with SCS |
| 29. SB 869-Moon, et al | 43. SB 812-Coleman |
| 30. SB 1029-Moon | |

HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING

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| HCS for HB 2634 (Coleman) | HCS for HB 2016 (Hough) |
| HB 1488-Shields (Arthur) (In Fiscal Oversight) | HB 1495-Griffith (Black) |
| HB 1803-Thompson | |

INFORMAL CALENDAR

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

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| SB 739-Cierpiot | SB 830-Rowden, with SS, SA 2 &
point of order (pending) |
| SB 740-Cierpiot, with SCS | SB 847-Hough, with SCS, SS for SCS & SA 1
(pending) |
| SB 742-Arthur, with SS (pending) | SB 848-Hough |
| SB 745-Bernskoetter, with SS & SA 1(pending) | SB 850-Brown (16) |
| SB 748-Hough | SB 876-Bean, with SCS & SS for SCS (pending) |
| SB 750-Hough, with SCS & SA 1 (pending) | SB 903-Schroer |
| SBs 767 & 1342-Thompson Rehder, with SCS | SB 964-Razer, with SS & SA 5 (pending) |
| SB 772-Gannon | SB 984-Schroer, with SS, SA 1 & SA 1 to SA 1
(pending) |
| SB 778-Eslinger, with SS & SA 1 (pending) | SBs 1168 & 810-Coleman, with SCS, SS for
SCS, SA 2, SA 1 to SA 2 & point of order
(pending) |
| SB 799-Fitzwater and Eigel, with SCS &
SS for SCS (pending) | SB 1199-Trent |
| SB 801-Fitzwater, with SCS | SB 1207-Hoskins, with SS & SA 1(pending) |
| SB 811-Coleman, with SCS, SS#2 for SCS &
SA 1 (pending) | |
| SB 818-Brown (26) and Coleman, with SS &
SA 2 (pending) | |

SB 1375-Eslinger

SB 1392-Trent

RESOLUTIONS

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

SR 563-Moon
SR 631-May
SR 647-Coleman
HCR 65-Patterson (O'Laughlin)

To be Referred

SCR 36-Moon, et al

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