

Journal of the Senate

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY - TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Wasinger in the Chair.

The Reverend Stephen George offered the following prayer:

“You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.” (Galatians 5:13 NIV)

Heavenly Father, as we open this session, we acknowledge that Your word tells us that true leadership is not about power, but about service. Galatians 5:13 reminds us that we are called to freedom, not for self-interest, but to serve one another humbly in love. May we approach our work today with humility, setting aside personal ambition in favor of the greater good. Give us wisdom to govern with integrity, patience to listen with understanding, and courage to act justly. May our efforts be guided by compassion and a sincere desire to uplift the people we represent. We ask this in Jesus’ 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.

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

Present—Senators

Bean	Beck	Bernskoetter	Black	Brattin	Brown (16)	Brown (26)
Burger	Carter	Cierpiot	Coleman	Crawford	Fitzwater	Gregory (15)
Gregory (21)	Henderson	Hough	Hudson	Lewis	Luetkemeyer	May
McCreery	Moon	Mosley	Nicola	Nurrenbern	O’Laughlin	Roberts
Schnelting	Schroer	Trent	Washington	Webber	Williams—34	

Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senators—None

Vacancies—None

The Lieutenant Governor was present.

RESOLUTIONS

Senator Black offered Senate Resolution No. 241, regarding Eve Carolanne Townsend, which was adopted.

Senator Carter offered Senate Resolution No. 242, regarding Daniel Ray Cowin, Anderson, which was adopted.

Senator Hudson offered Senate Resolution No. 243, regarding Deana Sillyman, Bucyrus, which was adopted.

Senator Luetkemeyer offered Senate Resolution No. 244, regarding the One Hundred and Sixty-Fifth Anniversary of the Pony Express, Saint Joseph, which was adopted.

Senator Luetkemeyer offered Senate Resolution No. 245, regarding the Twentieth Anniversary of the Platte County Community Center, Parkville, which was adopted.

Senators Mosley and Williams offered Senate Resolution No. 246, regarding Grand Master Torres Beckley, Bridgeton, which was adopted.

Senator Bean offered Senate Resolution No. 247, regarding Adam Clark, Dexter, which was adopted.

Senator Bean offered Senate Resolution No. 248, regarding Dexter Elks Lodge #2439, Dexter, which was adopted.

Senator Bean offered Senate Resolution No. 249, regarding Sue Ann Williams, Dexter, which was adopted.

Senator Bean offered Senate Resolution No. 250, regarding Autry Morlan Chevrolet, Dexter, which was adopted.

Senator Bean offered Senate Resolution No. 251, regarding Elliott Furlow, Kennett, which was adopted.

Senators Mosley and Roberts offered Senate Resolution No. 252, regarding Journey Against Domestic and Sexual Assault (JADASA), Florissant, which was adopted.

HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING

HCS for HBs 594 and 508, entitled:

An Act to repeal section 143.121, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to an income tax deduction for capital gains.

Was taken up by Senator Trent.

Senator Bean assumed the Chair.

Senator Hudson assumed the Chair.

Senator Beck offered **SA 1**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend House Committee Substitute for House Bills Nos. 594 and 508, Page 5, Section 143.121, Line 132, by striking “1, 2025” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: **“first of the tax year following the tax year in which the top rate of tax imposed pursuant to section 143.011 is lower than one percent”**.

Senator Beck moved that the above amendment be adopted.

At the request of Senator Trent, **HCS for HBs 594 and 508**, with **SA 1** (pending), was placed on the Informal Calendar.

HCS for HBs 737 and 486, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 210.110, 210.560, 211.221, 568.060, and 578.421, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof five new sections relating to the protection of children, with penalty provisions.

Was taken up by Senator Burger.

Senator Burger offered **SS** for **HCS** for **HBs 737** and **486**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILLS NOS. 737 and 486

An Act to repeal sections 135.460, 210.110, 210.112, 210.145, 210.160, 210.560, 210.565, 210.762, 211.032, 211.211, 211.221, 211.261, 211.462, 451.040, 451.080, 451.090, 537.046, 568.045, 568.060, and 578.421, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty-five new sections relating to the protection of children, with penalty provisions.

Senator Burger moved that **SS** for **HCS** for **HBs 737** and **486** be adopted.

Senator Henderson assumed the Chair.

Senator May offered **SA 1**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend Senate Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bills Nos. 737 and 486, Page 43, Section 210.762, Line 44, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“210.1012. 1. There is hereby created a statewide program called the “Amber Alert System” referred to in this section as the “system” to aid in the identification and location of an abducted child **or an abducted or missing African American youth**.

2. For the purposes of this section, **the following terms mean:**

(1) “Abducted child” [means], a child whose whereabouts are unknown and who is:

[(1)] (a) Less than eighteen years of age and reasonably believed to be the victim of the crime of kidnapping or kidnapping in the first degree as defined by section 565.110 as determined by local law enforcement;

[(2)] (b) Reasonably believed to be the victim of the crime of child kidnapping as defined by section 565.115 as determined by local law enforcement; or

[(3)] (c) Less than eighteen years of age and at least fourteen years of age and who, if under the age of fourteen, would otherwise be reasonably believed to be a victim of child kidnapping as defined by section 565.115 as determined by local law enforcement;

(2) “Abducted or missing African American youth”, an African American individual whose whereabouts are unknown and who is:

(a) Less than eighteen years of age and reasonably believed to be the victim of the offense of kidnapping or kidnapping in the first degree as defined by section 565.110 as determined by local law enforcement;

(b) Reasonably believed to be the victim of the offense of child kidnapping as defined by section 565.115 as determined by local law enforcement;

(c) Less than eighteen years of age and at least fourteen years of age and who, if under the age of fourteen, would otherwise be reasonably believed to be a victim of child kidnapping as defined by section 565.115 as determined by local law enforcement; or

(d) Reasonably believed to be a victim of an offense of trafficking pursuant to sections 566.206, 566.209, 566.210, or 566.211.

3. The department of public safety shall develop regions to provide the system. The department of public safety shall coordinate local law enforcement agencies and public commercial television and radio broadcasters to provide an effective system. In the event that a local law enforcement agency opts not to set up a system and an abduction occurs within the jurisdiction, it shall notify the department of public safety who will notify local media in the region.

4. The Amber alert system shall include all state agencies capable of providing urgent and timely information to the public together with broadcasters and other private entities that volunteer to participate in the dissemination of urgent public information. At a minimum, the Amber alert system shall include the department of public safety, highway patrol, department of transportation, department of health and senior services, and Missouri lottery.

5. The department of public safety shall have the authority to notify other regions upon verification that the criteria established by the oversight committee has been met.

6. Participation in an Amber alert system is entirely at the option of local law enforcement agencies and federally licensed radio and television broadcasters.

7. Any person who knowingly makes a false report that triggers an alert pursuant to this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

8. The department of public safety shall not discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, disability, or familial status when coordinating with local law enforcement agencies and public commercial television and radio broadcasters to provide an effective system.”; and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

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

Senator Burger moved that **SS for HCS for HBs 737 and 486**, as amended, be adopted, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Burger, **SS for HCS for HBs 737 and 486**, as amended, be read a 3rd time and passed and was recognized to close.

Senator Luetkemeyer referred **SS for HCS for HBs 737 and 486**, as amended, to the Committee on Fiscal Oversight.

Senator Fitzwater assumed the Chair.

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

Senator Carter moved that **SB 150** be taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

Senator Carter offered **SS** for **SB 150**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 150

An Act to amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the career-tech certificate program.

Senator Carter moved that **SS** for **SB 150** be adopted, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Carter, **SS** for **SB 150** was declared perfected and ordered printed.

Senator Gregory (15) moved that **SB 71**, with **SCS**, be taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

SCS for **SB 71**, entitled:

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 71

An Act to amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to college tuition for public safety personnel.

Was taken up.

Senator Gregory (15) moved that **SCS** for **SB 71** be adopted.

Senator Gregory (15) offered **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 71**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 71

An Act to amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to college tuition for public safety personnel.

Senator Gregory (15) moved that **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 71** be adopted.

Senator Webber offered **SA 1**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 71, Page 1, Section 173.2655, Lines 11-12, by striking said lines; and further renumber the subdivisions accordingly; and

Further amend said bill and section, page 2, lines 44-45, by striking “emergency medical dispatcher” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “**telecommunicator first responder**”; and further amend line 48, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“(12) “**Telecommunicator first responder**”, as such term is defined in section 650.320;” and

Further amend said bill and section, page 3, line 74, by striking “an emergency medical dispatcher course and”; and

Further amend said bill and section, page 4, line 104, by striking “emergency medical dispatchers” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “**telecommunicator first responders**”.

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

Senator Nicola offered **SA 2**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 71, Page 2, Section 173.2655, Line 42, by inserting immediately after “university” the following: “**located in Missouri**”.

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

Senator Gregory (15) offered **SA 3**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 3

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 71, Page 8, Section 173.2655, Line 239, by inserting after the word “assembly” the following: “**or any gifts, donations, or bequests**”.

Senator Gregory (15) moved that the above amendment be adopted, which motion prevailed.

Senator Gregory (15) moved that **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 71**, as amended, be adopted, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Gregory (15), **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 71**, as amended, was declared perfected and ordered printed.

President Pro Tem O’Laughlin assumed the Chair.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senator Luetkemeyer, Chair of the Committee on Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics, submitted the following reports:

Madam President: Your Committee on Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics, to which were referred **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 35** and **SS** for **SB 150**, 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.

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

Madam President: Your Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred **HCS** for **HB 14**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

REFERRALS

President Pro Tem O’Laughlin referred **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 35** and **SS** for **SB 150** to the Committee on Fiscal Oversight.

Senator Fitzwater assumed the Chair.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives through its Chief Clerk:

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **HCS** for **HBs 296** and **438**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 302.177, 302.272, and 302.735, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to school bus endorsements.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The President introduced to the Senate, North Shelby high school junior government class, Shelbyville.

Senator Washington introduced to the Senate, Art Still; and Mike Lane.

Senator Williams introduced to the Senate, former representative, Barbara Fraser; her great nephew, Walker Riley; and her grandchildren, William, Cardwell and Ainsley Akins, Clayton; and John Bowman; Nicole Jenkins; Briana Garza; Bryan Sanger, St. Louis City.

Senator Carter introduced to the Senate, Colby Westhoff, Carl Junction; Jim Davis; Kyle Swagerty; Jonathan Russell; Sean Wilson; Roberto Diaz Armenta; Chas Igisomar; Ali Espinoza; Jessica Galvan; and Savay Vizuet, Neosho.

Senator Bernskoetter introduced to the Senate, Nichols Career Center culinary chef, Amber Moore; class, Miles Sweazea; Skylar Backers; Leandrew Narvqez; Sol Andrade; and Madison Townley.

Senator Nurrenbern introduced to the Senate Liberty School Board members, Jenn Bauer; Karen Rogers; and AJ Bird, Liberty.

Senator Bean introduced to the Senate, Mayor Denton Kooyman, Malden.

Senator Roberts introduced to the Senate, Blake Hamilton; and Krissy Durant.

Senator Henderson introduced to the Senate, Ste. Genevieve public school board president, Dave Bova; and members.

Senator Mosley introduced to the Senate, Hazelwood school board secretary, Sparkl Pruitt; Riverview Garden school board president, Dr. Niketia Coleman; director, Monica Williams; Treasurer, Wanda Lane; and superintendent, Dr. Tanya Patton.

On motion of Senator Luetkemeyer, the Senate adjourned under the rules.

SENATE CALENDAR

 THIRTY-SIXTH DAY—WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025

FORMAL CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 567-Gregory (21)	SB 604-McCreery
SB 568-Gregory (21)	SB 605-McCreery
SB 569-Roberts	SB 606-McCreery
SB 570-Hough	SB 607-McCreery
SB 571-Coleman	SB 608-Lewis
SB 572-Coleman	SB 609-Lewis
SB 573-Coleman	SB 610-Gregory (21)
SB 574-Schroer	SB 611-May
SB 575-Schroer	SB 612-May
SB 576-Schroer	SB 613-Schnelting
SB 577-Schroer	SB 614-Fitzwater
SB 578-Bernskoetter	SB 615-Fitzwater
SB 579-Hudson	SB 616-Webber
SB 580-Hudson	SB 617-Webber
SB 581-Henderson	SB 618-Cierpiot
SB 582-Nurrenbern	SB 619-Moon
SB 583-Gregory (15)	SB 620-Gregory (15)
SB 584-Gregory (21)	SB 621-Gregory (15)
SB 585-Brown (16)	SB 622-Gregory (15)
SB 586-Hough	SB 623-Hudson
SB 587-Hudson	SB 624-Hudson
SB 588-Hudson	SB 625-Moon
SB 589-Hudson and Coleman	SB 626-Carter
SB 590-Hudson and Coleman	SB 627-Webber
SB 591-Hudson	SB 628-Webber
SB 592-Carter	SB 629-Webber
SB 593-Burger	SB 630-Cierpiot
SB 594-Burger	SB 631-Brattin
SB 595-Burger	SB 632-Schroer
SB 596-Gregory (15)	SB 633-Bernskoetter
SB 597-Gregory (15)	SB 634-Brown (16)
SB 598-Gregory (15)	SB 635-Gregory (21)
SB 599-Gregory (15)	SB 636-Gregory (21)
SB 600-Schnelting	SB 637-Roberts
SB 601-Gregory (21)	SB 638-Brattin
SB 602-Gregory (21)	SB 639-Henderson
SB 603-McCreery	SB 640-Henderson

SB 641-May	SB 689-Coleman
SB 642-Hudson	SB 690-Gregory (21)
SB 643-Hudson	SB 691-May
SB 644-Crawford	SB 692-May
SB 645-Schroer	SB 693-May
SB 646-Carter	SB 694-May
SB 647-Trent	SB 695-Nurrenbern
SB 648-Trent	SB 696-Lewis, et al
SB 649-Trent	SB 697-Henderson
SB 650-Gregory (15)	SB 698-Moon
SB 651-Gregory (15)	SB 699-Moon
SB 652-Gregory (15)	SB 700-Moon
SB 653-Cierpiot	SB 701-Moon
SB 654-Burger	SB 702-Brattin
SB 655-Burger	SB 703-Burger
SB 656-Bean	SB 704-Nicola
SB 657-Crawford	SB 705-Lewis
SB 658-Crawford	SB 706-Hudson
SB 659-Webber	SB 707-Hudson, et al
SB 660-Williams	SB 708-Black
SB 661-Williams	SB 709-Black
SB 662-Brattin	SB 710-Nurrenbern
SB 663-Brattin	SB 711-Nicola
SB 664-Brattin	SB 712-Nicola
SB 665-Nicola	SB 713-Gregory (21)
SB 666-Crawford	SB 714-Gregory (21)
SB 667-Henderson	SB 715-Gregory (21)
SB 668-Hudson	SB 716-Fitzwater
SB 669-Gregory (15)	SB 717-Trent
SB 670-Gregory (15)	SB 718-Roberts
SB 671-Gregory (15)	SB 719-Coleman
SB 672-Gregory (15)	SB 720-Coleman
SB 673-Gregory (21)	SB 721-Coleman
SB 674-Gregory (21)	SB 722-Coleman
SB 675-Gregory (15)	SB 723-Coleman
SB 676-Schroer	SB 724-Coleman
SB 677-Hudson	SB 725-Coleman
SB 678-Hudson	SB 726-Henderson
SB 679-Nurrenbern	SB 727-Hudson
SB 680-Carter	SB 728-Coleman
SB 681-Carter	SB 729-Coleman
SB 682-Hudson	SB 730-Schroer
SB 683-Beck	SB 731-Webber
SB 684-Bernskoetter	SB 732-Webber
SB 685-Brown (16)	SB 733-Webber
SB 686-Carter	SB 734-Webber
SB 687-Hudson	SB 735-Brown (16)
SB 688-Lewis	SB 736-Brown (16)

SB 737-Henderson	SB 786-Nicola
SB 738-Nurrenbern	SB 787-Nicola
SB 739-Schnelting	SB 788-Bernskoetter
SB 740-Schnelting	SB 789-Fitzwater
SB 741-Schroer	SB 790-Gregory (21)
SB 742-Schroer	SB 791-Henderson
SB 743-Brown (16)	SB 792-Brattin
SB 744-Schroer	SB 793-Brattin
SB 745-Burger	SB 794-Brattin
SB 746-Schnelting	SB 795-Brattin
SB 747-Schnelting	SB 796-Brattin
SB 748-Carter	SB 797-Schroer
SB 749-Crawford	SB 798-Schroer
SB 750-McCreery	SB 799-Schroer
SB 751-McCreery	SB 800-May
SB 752-Gregory (21)	SB 801-Brown (16)
SB 753-Hough	SB 802-Hudson
SB 754-Carter	SB 803-Hudson
SB 755-Carter	SB 804-Beck
SB 756-Coleman	SB 805-Nurrenbern
SB 757-Coleman	SB 806-Bernskoetter
SB 758-Beck	SB 807-Bernskoetter
SB 759-Brown (26)	SB 808-O'Laughlin
SB 760-Burger	SB 809-Carter
SB 761-Hudson	SB 810-Carter
SB 762-Cierpiot	SB 811-Carter
SB 763-Nicola	SB 812-Carter
SB 764-Nicola	SB 813-Black
SB 765-Nicola	SB 814-May
SB 766-Lewis	SB 815-Williams
SB 767-Moon	SB 816-McCreery
SB 768-Moon	SB 817-McCreery
SB 769-Moon	SB 818-Washington
SB 770-Moon	SB 819-Washington
SB 771-Moon	SB 820-Washington
SB 772-Moon	SB 821-Washington
SB 773-Moon	SB 822-Washington
SB 774-Moon	SB 823-Washington
SB 775-Moon	SB 824-Mosley
SB 776-Gregory (21)	SB 825-Gregory (21)
SB 777-Mosley	SB 826-Gregory (21)
SB 778-Trent	SB 827-Gregory (21)
SB 779-Trent	SB 828-Gregory (21)
SB 780-Black	SB 829-Gregory (21)
SB 781-Black	SB 830-Bean
SB 782-Roberts	SB 831-Fitzwater
SB 783-Lewis	SB 832-Black
SB 784-Henderson	SB 833-Luetkemeyer
SB 785-Hudson	

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

HB 544-Diehl
HB 68-Overcast
HCS for HB 339
HCS for HB 247
HCS for HBs 243 & 280
HB 875-Chappell
HCS for HBs 850, 53 & 482
HB 269-Shields
HCS for HBs 177 & 469
HCS for HJR 23 & 3
HB 810-Baker
HCS for HB 943

HB 121-Murphy
HB 939-Jones (12)
HCS for HJR 4
HCS for HB 999
HB 352-McGaugh
HB 816-Reedy
HB 629-McGill
HB 1086-Brown, C. (16)
HB 225-Myers
HB 233-Gallick
HCS for HB 538
HCS for HBs 296 & 438

THIRD READING OF SENATE BILLS

SS for SCS for SB 35-Roberts
(In Fiscal Oversight)

SS for SB 150-Carter
(In Fiscal Oversight)

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

1. SB 77-Schnelting, et al
2. SB 61-Brown (26)
3. SB 54-Schroer, with SCS
4. SB 190-Brown (16)
5. SB 23-Brattin, with SCS
6. SB 152-Brown (26)
7. SBs 101 & 64-Cierpiot, with SCS
8. SJR 62-Cierpiot
9. SB 225-Coleman
10. SB 223-Coleman
11. SB 45-Fitzwater and Carter

HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING

HCS for HB 14 (Hough)

INFORMAL CALENDAR

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

SB 5-Cierpiot
SB 6-Cierpiot
SB 8-Bernskoetter
SB 14-Brown (16)
SB 31-Beck
SB 46-Trent and Coleman
SBs 52 & 44-Schroer and Carter, with SCS,
SS for SCS & SA 3 (pending)

SB 58-Carter and Moon, with SCS
SB 62-Brown (26), with SCS
SB 79-Gregory (21)
SB 84-Burger
SB 87-Nicola, with SCS, SS for SCS &
SA 1 (pending)
SB 107-Brown (16)
SBs 215 & 70-Trent, with SCS

HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING

HCS for HBs 594 & 508, with
SA1 (pending) (Trent)

SS for HCS for HBs 737 &
486 (Burger) (In Fiscal Oversight)

RESOLUTIONS

SR 18-May
SR 32-Moon

SR 39-Nurrenbern