

Journal of the Senate

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

FIFTY-FOURTH DAY - THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Senator Hudson 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 gather in this chamber ahead of Easter weekend, we pause in humility and gratitude, reflecting on the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. In a world longing for peace and healing, we are reminded that through His wounds, we are restored. Lord, let that spirit of restoration guide us throughout the weekend. May we seek unity where there is division, healing where there is hurt, and justice where there is need. Bless our leaders with wisdom, integrity, and compassion, so that the work done here would honor You. 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	Hudson	Lewis	Luetkemeyer	May	McCreery
Moon	Mosley	Nicola	Nurrenbern	O'Laughlin	Roberts	Schnelting
Schroer	Trent	Washington	Webber	Williams—33		

Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senator Hough—1

Vacancies—None

RESOLUTIONS

On behalf of Senator Hough, Senator Luetkemeyer offered Senate Resolution No. 385, regarding Glendale High School library, Springfield, which was adopted.

Senator Gregory (21) offered Senate Resolution No. 386, regarding Liberty Middle School library, Liberty, which was adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senator O'Laughlin, Chair 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:

Michael Matousek, Republican, as a member of the State Board of Education;

Also,

Jon Otto, Independent, as a member of the State Board of Education.

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

Senator O’Laughlin 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 O’Laughlin assumed the Chair.

Senator Bernskoetter, Chair of the Committee on Fiscal Oversight, submitted the following reports:

Madam President: Your Committee on Fiscal Oversight, to which were referred **SS No. 2** for **SB 360** and **HB 68**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bills do pass.

Senator Brattin, Chair of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Madam President: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred **HCS** for **HB 711**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

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

Madam President: Your Committee on Insurance and Banking, to which was referred **HB 754**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

Also,

Madam President: Your Committee on Insurance and Banking, to which was referred **HCS** for **HBs 974, 57, 1032, and 1141**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

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

Madam President: Your Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs, to which was referred **HB 419**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Senator Fitzwater, Chair of the Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety, submitted the following report:

Madam President: Your Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety, to which was referred **HB 225**, 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 Local Government, Elections and Pensions, submitted the following reports:

Madam President: Your Committee on Local Government, Elections and Pensions, to which was referred **HCS** for **HJR**s **23** and **3**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the joint resolution do pass.

Also,

Madam President: Your Committee on Local Government, Elections and Pensions, to which was referred **HB 939**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Also,

Madam President: Your Committee on Local Government, Elections and Pensions, to which were referred **SJR**s **47**, **30**, and **10**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

President Pro Tem O’Laughlin appointed the following conference committee to act with a like committee from the House on **SS** for **HCS** for **HB**s **737** and **486**: Senators Burger, Carter, Fitzwater, May, and McCreery.

Senator Hudson assumed the Chair.

THIRD READING OF CONSENT BILLS

HB 810, with **SCS**, entitled:

An Act to amend chapter 227, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the designation of a memorial highway.

Was called from the Consent Calendar and taken up by Senator Schnelting.

SCS for **HB 810**, entitled:

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 810

An Act to amend chapter 227, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the designation of a memorial highway.

Was taken up.

Senator Schnelting moved that **SCS** for **HB 810** be adopted, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Schnelting, **SCS** for **HB 810** was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators

Bean	Beck	Bernskoetter	Black	Brattin	Brown (16)	Brown (26)
Burger	Carter	Cierpiot	Coleman	Crawford	Fitzwater	Gregory (15)
Gregory (21)	Henderson	Hudson	Lewis	Luetkemeyer	May	McCreery
Moon	Mosley	Nicola	Nurrenbern	O'Laughlin	Roberts	Schnelting
Schroer	Trent	Washington	Webber	Williams—33		

NAYS—Senators—None

Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senator Hough—1

Vacancies—None

The President declared the bill passed.

On motion of Senator Schnelting, title to the bill was agreed to.

Senator Schnelting moved that the vote by which the bill passed be reconsidered.

Senator Luetkemeyer moved that motion lay on the table, which motion prevailed.

THIRD READING OF SENATE BILLS

SS for SCS for SB 271, introduced by Senator Black, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 271

An Act to repeal sections 87.140, 87.145, 87.155, 87.260, 87.350, 144.757, 190.053, 190.101, 190.109, 190.800, 197.135, 321.220, 321.552, 321.554, and 321.556, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty new sections relating to emergency services, with penalty provisions.

Was taken up.

On motion of Senator Black, **SS for SCS for SB 271** was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators

Bean	Beck	Bernskoetter	Black	Brown (16)	Burger	Cierpiot
Crawford	Fitzwater	Gregory (21)	Henderson	Lewis	Luetkemeyer	May
McCreery	Mosley	Nicola	Nurrenbern	O'Laughlin	Roberts	Schnelting
Trent	Washington	Webber	Williams—25			

NAYS—Senators

Brattin	Brown (26)	Carter	Coleman	Gregory (15)	Hudson	Moon
Schroer—8						

Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senator Hough—1

Vacancies—None

The President declared the bill passed.

On motion of Senator Black, title to the bill was agreed to.

Senator Black moved that the vote by which the bill passed be reconsidered.

Senator Luetkemeyer moved that motion lay on the table, which motion prevailed.

SS No. 2 for SB 360, introduced by Senator Carter, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE NO. 2 FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 360

An Act to repeal sections 160.518, 160.522, and 161.092, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to assessment of public elementary and secondary schools.

Was taken up.

On motion of Senator Carter **SS No. 2 for SB 360** was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators

Bean	Beck	Bernskoetter	Black	Brattin	Brown (16)	Brown (26)
Burger	Carter	Cierpiot	Crawford	Fitzwater	Gregory (15)	Gregory (21)
Henderson	Hudson	Lewis	Luetkemeyer	May	McCreery	Moon
Mosley	Nicola	Nurrenbern	O'Laughlin	Roberts	Schnelting	Schroer
Trent	Washington	Webber	Williams—32			

NAYS—Senator Coleman—1

Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senator Hough—1

Vacancies—None

The President declared the bill passed.

On motion of Senator Carter, title to the bill was agreed to.

Senator Carter moved that the vote by which the bill passed be reconsidered.

Senator Luetkemeyer moved that motion lay on the table, which motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages were received from the Governor, reading of which was waived:

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI
April 16, 2025

To the Senate of the 103rd General Assembly of the State of Missouri:

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith for your advice and consent the following

Scott S. Boswell, 1240 West 61st Terrace, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri 64113, as a member of the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners, for a term ending March 7, 2028, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified; vice, Cathy J. Dean, term expired.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Kehoe
Governor

Also,

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI
April 16, 2025

To the Senate of the 103rd General Assembly of the State of Missouri:

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith for your advice and consent the following appointment:

Alphonso Hogan II, 40398 Delmar Boulevard, St. Louis City, Missouri 63108, as a member of the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission, for a term ending October 3, 2028, and until her successor is duly appointed and qualified; vice, Aimee Agderian, term expired.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Kehoe
Governor

Also,

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI
April 16, 2025

To the Senate of the 103rd General Assembly of the State of Missouri:

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith for your advice and consent the following appointment:

Thomas Leasor, 1842 Hackmann Hollow Drive, Wentzville, St. Charles County, Missouri 63385, as a member of the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission, for a term ending October 3, 2027, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified; vice, John W. Worden, term expired.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Kehoe
Governor

Also,

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI
April 16, 2025

To the Senate of the 103rd General Assembly of the State of Missouri:

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith for your advice and consent the following

Tracey S.C. Lewis, Independent, 3950 Bell Street, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri 64111, as a member of the Missouri Housing Development Commission, for a term ending October 13, 2028, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified; vice, Tracey S.C. Lewis, reappointed.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Kehoe
Governor

Also,

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI
April 16, 2025

To the Senate of the 103rd General Assembly of the State of Missouri:

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith for your advice and consent the following

Paul Ogier, Independent, 418 Greenstone Drive, Chesterfield, Saint Louis County, Missouri 63017, as a member of the Health and Educational Facilities Authority of the State of Missouri, for a term ending July 30, 2029, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified; vice, Michael Henze, term expired.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Kehoe
Governor

Also,

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI
April 16, 2025

To the Senate of the 103rd General Assembly of the State of Missouri:

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith for your advice and consent the following

Brian C. Strider, Republican, 10375 Harrison Lane, Richmond, Ray County, Missouri 64085, as a member of the Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority, for a term ending June 30, 2028, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified; vice, Brian Gerau, term expired.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Kehoe
Governor

Also,

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI
April 16, 2025

To the Senate of the 103rd General Assembly of the State of Missouri:

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith for your advice and consent the following

William R. Thiel, 26249 Durango Avenue, Marshall, Saline County, Missouri 65340, as a member of the Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority, for a term ending June 30, 2029, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified; vice, William R. Thiel, reappointed.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Kehoe
Governor

Also,

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI
April 16, 2025

To the Senate of the 103rd General Assembly of the State of Missouri:

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith for your advice and consent the following

Tom S. Werdenhouse, Republican, 2114 Windriver Drive, Jefferson City, Cole County, Missouri 65101, as a member of the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts, for a term ending September 3, 2026, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified; vice, Sarah M. Martin-Anderson, term expired.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Kehoe
Governor

President Pro Tem O’Laughlin referred the above appointments and reappointments to the Committee on Gubernatorial Appointments.

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

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

HB 992—Emerging Issues and Professional Registration.

HCS for HB 1346—Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety.

HCS for HBs 1524 and 1580—Economic and Workforce Development.

HCS for HB 328—Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety.

HCS for HB 565—Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources.

HCS for HBs 516, 290, and 778—Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment.

HCS for HBs 735 and 686—Local Government, Elections and Pensions.

HB 56—Emerging Issues and Professional Registration.

HCS for HB 927—Progress and Development.

HCS for HB 33—Education.

HCS for HB 572—Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety.

HB 232—Education.

HCS for HB 937—General Laws.

HB 1218—Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence.

HCS for HB 344—General Laws.

HB 969—Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety.

HB 1298—Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources.

HB 499—Economic and Workforce Development.

HCS for HB 991—Insurance and Banking.

HB 37—Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety.

HCS for HB 828—Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources.

HB 199—Local Government, Elections and Pensions.

HCS for HBs 126 and 367—Local Government, Elections and Pensions.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were 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 HB 18**, entitled:

An Act to appropriate money for the several departments and offices of state government and the several divisions and programs thereof: for the purchase of equipment; planning, expenses, and capital improvement projects involving the maintenance, repair, replacement, and improvement of state buildings and facilities, including installation, modification, and renovation of facility components, equipment or systems; grants, refunds, distributions, planning, expenses, and land improvements; and to transfer money among certain funds; to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **HCS for HB 19**, entitled:

An Act to appropriate money for the several departments and offices of state government, and the several divisions and programs thereof, for planning and capital improvements, including but not limited to, major additions and renovations, new structures, and land improvements or acquisitions, to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **HCS for HB 20**, entitled:

An Act to appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, distributions, purchase of equipment, planning expenses, capital improvement projects, including but not limited to major additions and renovation of facility components, and equipment or systems for the several departments and offices of state government and the several divisions and programs thereof, and to transfer money among certain funds, to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the Speaker has appointed the following members to act with a like committee from the Senate pursuant to

SS for HCS for HBs 737 and 486, as amended: Representatives: Schmidt, Jones (88), Hausman, Fogle, and Jamison.

BILLS DELIVERED TO THE GOVERNOR

SS No. 2 for SCS for SB 22 and SS for SCS for SB 47, after having been duly signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in open session, was delivered to the Governor by the Secretary of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Senator Hudson introduced to the Senate, Ozark Christian Academy.

Senator Brown (26) introduced to the Senate, Glenn Jacobs, Bowling Green.

On motion of Senator Luetkemeyer, the Senate adjourned until 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

SENATE CALENDAR

FIFTY-FIFTH DAY—TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025

FORMAL CALENDAR

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

HCS for HB 18
HCS for HB 19

HCS for HB 20

THIRD READING OF SENATE BILLS

SS for SCS for SJR 40-Carter
(In Fiscal Oversight)

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

SB 506-Schroer
SB 196-Moon
SB 100-Cierpiot
SB 83-Burger, with SCS
SB 85-Nicola, with SCS

SB 162-Schnelting
SB 586-Hough
SB 753-Hough
SJRs 47, 30 & 10-Carter, with SCS

HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING

1. HCS for HBs 595 & 343 (Schroer)
2. HB 742-Baker, with SCS (Brattin)
3. HB 68-Overcast (Trent)

4. HCS for HB 711, with SCS (Trent)
5. HB 754-Oehlerking, with SCS (Crawford)
6. HCS for HBs 974, 57, 1032 & 1141 (Crawford)

7. HB 419-Mayhew

8. HB 225-Myers, with SCS (Brown (16))

9. HCS for HJR 23 & 3 (Nicola)

10. HB 939-Jones (12) (Brown (26))

INFORMAL CALENDAR

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

SB 5-Cierpiot

SB 6-Cierpiot

SB 8-Bernskoetter

SB 14-Brown (16)

SB 23-Brattin, with SCS

SB 31-Beck

SB 45-Fitzwater and Carter

SB 46-Trent and Coleman

SBs 52 & 44-Schroer and Carter, with SCS,
SS for SCS & SA 3 (pending)

SB 54-Schroer, with SCS, SS for SCS &
SA 3 (pending)

SB 58-Carter and Moon, with SCS

SB 62-Brown (26), with SCS

SB 69-Henderson, with SS, SA 1 &
SA 1 to SA 1 (pending)

SB 77-Schnelting, et al, with SS, SA 1 &
SA 1 to SA 1 (pending)

SB 84-Burger

SB 87-Nicola, with SCS, SS for SCS & SA 1
(pending)

SB 99-Crawford, with SCS

SBs 101 & 64-Cierpiot, with SCS

SB 104-Bernskoetter, with SCS

SB 107-Brown (16) and Black, with SS (pending)

SB 185-Cierpiot

SB 190-Brown (16) and Gregory (21),
with SS & SA 2 (pending)

SBs 215 & 70-Trent, with SCS

SB 217-Black, with SCS

SB 223-Coleman

SB 225-Coleman

SB 230-Brown (26)

SB 240-Burger, with SS & SA 1 (pending)

SB 485-Schroer and Schnelting

SJR 62-Cierpiot

HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING

HCS for HB 75 (Schnelting)

HCS#2 for HBs 567, 546, 758 & 958,
with SS, SA 1 & SA 1 to SA 1 (pending)
(Bernskoetter)

BILLS IN CONFERENCE AND BILLS CARRYING REQUEST MESSAGES

In Conference

HCS for HBs 737 & 486, with SS, as amended
(Burger)

RESOLUTIONS

SR 18-May

SR 32-Moon

SR 39-Nurrenbern

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