

Journal of the Senate

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

FIFTY-SEVENTH DAY - THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Wasinger in the Chair.

The Reverend Stephen George offered the following prayer:

“May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!” (Psalm 29:11 ESV)

Heavenly Father, as we conclude this week’s work and prepare to return to our homes and families, we thank You for sustaining us through Your strength. We pray that You would bless each senator, each staff member, and every family represented here with peace and rest this weekend. Grant that we would be able to return next week with restored energy and a renewed sense of purpose. 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.

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 McCreery offered Senate Resolution No. 393, regarding the Rockwood Summit High School library, Fenton, which was adopted.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

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

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI
April 24, 2025

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

I hereby withdraw from your consideration the following appointment:

Thomas Prater, Independent, 1133 South Weller Avenue, Springfield, Greene County, Missouri 65804, as a member of the State Board of Education, for a term ending July 1, 2031, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified; vice, Peter Herschend, term expired.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Kehoe
Governor

President Pro Tem O'Laughlin moved that the above appointment be returned to the Governor per his request, which motion prevailed.

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:

Kenneth Brooks Miller, Republican, as a member of the State Board of Education;

Also,

Steven Oslica, as a member of the Missouri Community Service Commission;

Also,

Brian Strider, Republican, as a member of the Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority; and

Tom Werdenhouse, Republican, as a member of the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts.

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 was referred **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 711**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Also,

Madam President: Your Committee on Fiscal Oversight, to which was referred **SS** for **SCS** for **SJR 40**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the joint resolution do pass.

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

Madam President: Your Committee on Insurance and Banking, to which was referred **HB 618**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Senator Brown (16), Chair of the Committee on Emerging Issues and Professional Registration, submitted the following report:

Madam President: Your Committee on Emerging Issues and Professional Registration, to which was referred **HB 269**, 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 262**, 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 reports:

Madam President: Your Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety, to which was referred **HCS for HB 1346**, 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 Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety, to which was referred **HCS for HBs 296 and 438**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Also,

Madam President: Your Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety, to which was referred **HCS for HBs 799, 334, 424, and 1069**, 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 report:

Madam President: Your Committee on Local Government, Elections and Pensions, to which was referred **HB 1086**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

Senator Carter, Chair of the Committee on Families, Seniors, and Health, submitted the following reports:

Madam President: Your Committee on Families, Seniors, and Health, to which was referred **HB 121**, 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 Families, Seniors, and Health, to which was referred **HCS** for **HBs 177** and **469**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Senator Trent, Chair of the Committee on General Laws, submitted the following report:

Madam President: Your Committee on General Laws, to which was referred **HB 147**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

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

Madam President: Your Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred **HCS** for **HB 2**, 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 Appropriations, to which was referred **HCS** for **HB 3**, 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 Appropriations, to which was referred **HCS** for **HB 4**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

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Madam President: Your Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred **HCS** for **HB 5**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

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Madam President: Your Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred **HCS** for **HB 6**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

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Madam President: Your Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred **HCS** for **HB 7**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

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Madam President: Your Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred **HCS** for **HB 8**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

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Madam President: Your Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred **HCS for HB 9**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

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Madam President: Your Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred **HCS for HB 10**, 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 Appropriations, to which was referred **HCS for HB 11**, 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 Appropriations, to which was referred **HCS for HB 12**, 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 Appropriations, to which was referred **HCS for HB 13**, 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 Appropriations, to which was referred **HCS for HB 17**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

REFERRALS

President Pro Tem O’Laughlin referred **HCS for HB 1175** to the Committee on Fiscal Oversight.

President Wasinger assumed the Chair.

RESOLUTIONS

Senator Luetkemeyer offered the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 394

WHEREAS, the Missouri General Assembly has compiled a long tradition of rendering assistance to those programs aimed at developing exemplary qualities of citizenship and leadership within our youth; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Girls State program of the American Legion Auxiliary has earned considerable recognition for its success in providing young women with a unique and valuable insight into the process of democratic government through a format of direct role-playing experience; and

WHEREAS, during June 2025, the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Missouri, is conducting the annual session of Missouri Girls State; and

WHEREAS, an important highlight of this event would be conducting a mock legislative session in the Senate Chamber at our State Capitol where participants could gather to gain a more realistic insight into official governmental and electoral proceedings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Missouri Senate, One Hundred and Third General Assembly, hereby grant the adult leaders and participants of Missouri Girls State permission to use the Senate Chamber for the purpose of swearing in mock legislative officials and conducting a mock legislative session from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on June 26, 2025.

Senator Luetkemeyer requested unanimous consent of the Senate that the rules be suspended for the purpose of taking **SR 394** up for adoption, which request was granted.

On motion of Senator Luetkemeyer, **SR 394** was adopted.

Senator Luetkemeyer offered the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 395

WHEREAS, the Missouri Senate recognizes the importance of empowering citizens to actively participate in the democratic process; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Senate has a long tradition of rendering assistance to those organizations that sponsor projects in the interest of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Missouri Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities, sponsored by the Governor's Council on Disability and the Missouri Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities, is an educational experience in state government for high school juniors and seniors with disabilities by allowing such youth to participate in the democratic process:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Missouri Senate, One Hundred Third General Assembly, hereby grant the 2025 Missouri Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities permission to use the Senate Chamber on Thursday, July 17, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a mock legislative session.

Senator Luetkemeyer requested unanimous consent of the Senate that the rules be suspended for the purpose of taking **SR 395** up for adoption, which request was granted.

On motion of Senator Luetkemeyer, **SR 395** was adopted.

Senator Luetkemeyer offered the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 396

WHEREAS, the General Assembly deems it worthy to support and encourage any of those programs which exist to provide Missouri's senior citizens with an opportunity to utilize their experience and knowledge in a positive and meaningful way; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly also deems it worthy to support those programs which are designed to provide participants with opportunities to develop better citizenship and leadership qualities; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Haired Legislature is a program which helps to ensure that senior citizens have a voice in state government while giving its participants a unique insight into the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has a long tradition of granting the use of its Chambers to such programs:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Missouri Senate hereby grant the participants of the Silver Haired Legislature permission to use the Senate Chamber for the purpose of their regular session from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2025.

Senator Luetkemeyer requested unanimous consent of the Senate that the rules be suspended for the purpose of taking **SR 396** up for adoption, which request was granted.

On motion of Senator Luetkemeyer, **SR 396** was adopted.

Senator Luetkemeyer offered the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 397

WHEREAS, the Missouri Senate fully recognizes the importance of organizations whose members work to promote the health and welfare of Missouri Citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri State Medical Association is comprised of hundreds of dedicated physicians and staff who work to maintain medical standards and ethics to ensure Missourians' access to quality health care; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons has been the voice of osteopathic physicians in Missouri for 125 years, assisting and advocating for doctors of osteopathic medicine within the Show-Me State; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri State Medical Association and the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons serve thousands of physicians patients, and communities on issues at the local level:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Missouri Senate, One Hundred Third General Assembly, hereby grant the Missouri State Medical Association and the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons permission to use the Senate Chamber for the purpose of conducting their Joint Advocacy Training Day on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Senator Luetkemeyer requested unanimous consent of the Senate that the rules be suspended for the purpose of taking **SR 397** up for adoption, which request was granted.

On motion of Senator Luetkemeyer, **SR 397** was adopted.

Senator Luetkemeyer offered the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 398

WHEREAS, the General Assembly fully recognizes the importance of preparing our youth to become active and productive citizens through worthwhile governmental or citizenship projects; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has a long tradition of rendering assistance to those organizations who sponsor these projects in the interest of our young people; and

WHEREAS, one clear example of such an organization is the Missouri YMCA, which has become widely recognized for its sponsorship of the Youth and Government program; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri YMCA Youth and Government program provides its participants with a unique insight into the day to day operation of our state government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Missouri Senate that the Missouri YMCA be hereby granted permission to use the Senate Chamber and Hearing rooms for the purposes of its Youth and Government program on November 13, 2025, through November 15, 2025, and December 4, 2025, through December 6, 2025.

Senator Luetkemeyer requested unanimous consent of the Senate that the rules be suspended for the purpose of taking **SR 398** up for adoption, which request was granted.

On motion of Senator Luetkemeyer, **SR 398** was adopted.

THIRD READING OF SENATE BILLS

SS for **SCS** for **SJR 40**, introduced by Senator Carter, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40

Joint Resolution submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment to article VII of the Constitution of Missouri, by adding thereto one new section relating to sheriffs.

Was taken up.

On motion of Senator Carter, **SS** for **SCS** for **SJR 40** was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators

Bean	Bernskoetter	Black	Brattin	Brown (16)	Brown (26)	Burger
Carter	Cierpiot	Coleman	Crawford	Fitzwater	Gregory (15)	Gregory (21)
Henderson	Hough	Hudson	Luetkemeyer	McCreery	Nicola	Nurrenbern
O'Laughlin	Schnelting	Schroer	Trent	Webber—26		

NAYS—Senators

Beck	Lewis	May	Moon	Mosley	Washington	Williams—7
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Absent—Senator Roberts—1

Absent with leave—Senators—None

Vacancies—None

The President declared the joint resolution passed.

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

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

Senator Coleman offered Senate Resolution No. 399, regarding the Red Barn, Festus, which was adopted.

Senator Carter offered Senate Resolution No. 400, regarding Lana Kay Henry, Neosho, which was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Senator Nurrenbern introduced to the Senate, Yander Shoenrade, Kansas City.

Senator Carter introduced to the Senate, Missouri Sheriffs.

Senator Webber introduced to the Senate, 25 MAC Scholars from Gentry and John Warner Middle School.

Senator Moon introduced to the Senate, Dr. Maryam Mohammadkhani, Springfield.

Senator Bernskoetter introduced to the Senate, Lincoln men's basketball head coach, Jimmy Drew, associate head coach, Nick Carty; graduate assistant coach, Jon Fracnis; and team members, Tyler Chapman; and Franck Yetna; Lincoln University men's track & field head coach, Victor Thomas; assistant coaches, Ailene Smith; and Kizan David; team members Malik Drummond; and Emmanuel Rwotomiya; and women's track field team, Shaneal Clarke Giddings; Shevanae Thomas; Maria Diamond; and Shantae George; and women's golf team members, Divya and Kaathi Gunasegar; and mens golf team member, Henry Mwanza.

On motion of Senator Luetkemeyer, the Senate adjourned until 4:00 p.m., Monday, April 28, 2025.

SENATE CALENDAR

FIFTY-EIGHTH DAY—MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025

FORMAL CALENDAR

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

HCS for HB 18	HCS for HB 1264
HCS for HB 19	HB 200-Falkner
HCS for HB 20	HB 1041-Diehl
HCS for HJR 73	HB 757-Mayhew
HB 709-Seitz	HCS for HB 736
HB 608-Thompson	HB 1284-Hewkin
HCS for HB 918	HCS for HB 326
HB 134-Costlow	

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

SB 506-Schroer	SB 162-Schnelting
SB 196-Moon	SB 586-Hough
SB 100-Cierpiot	SB 753-Hough
SB 83-Burger, with SCS	SJR 47, 30 & 10-Carter, with SCS
SB 85-Nicola, with SCS	

HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING

1. HB 68-Overcast (Trent)	11. HB 269-Shields (Hough)
2. HCS for HB 711, with SCS (Trent)	12. HB 262-Brown, C. (16) (Brattin)
3. HB 754-Oehlerking, with SCS (Crawford)	13. HCS for HB 1346, with SCS
4. HCS for HBs 974, 57, 1032 & 1141 (Crawford)	14. HCS for HBs 296 & 438 (Black)
5. HB 419-Mayhew (Crawford)	15. HCS for HBs 799, 334, 424 & 1069, with SCS (Fitzwater)
6. HB 225-Myers, with SCS (Brown (16)) (In Fiscal Oversight)	16. HB 1086-Brown, C. (16), with SCS (Brown (26))
7. HCS for HJRs 23 & 3 (Nicola) (In Fiscal Oversight)	17. HB 121-Murphy, with SCS (Coleman)
8. HB 939-Jones (12) (Brown (26))	18. HCS for HBs 177 & 469 (Carter)
9. HCS for HB 1175 (Brattin) (In Fiscal Oversight)	19. HB 147-Hovis, with SCS (Black)
10. HB 618-Stinnett (Brown (26))	20. HCS for HB 2, with SCS (Hough)
	21. HCS for HB 3, with SCS (Hough)
	22. HCS for HB 4, with SCS (Hough)

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| 23. HCS for HB 5, with SCS (Hough) | 28. HCS for HB 10, with SCS (Hough) |
| 24. HCS for HB 6, with SCS (Hough) | 29. HCS for HB 11, with SCS (Hough) |
| 25. HCS for HB 7, with SCS (Hough) | 30. HCS for HB 12, with SCS (Hough) |
| 26. HCS for HB 8, with SCS (Hough) | 31. HCS for HB 13, with SCS (Hough) |
| 27. HCS for HB 9, with SCS (Hough) | 32. HCS for HB 17, with SCS (Hough) |

INFORMAL CALENDAR

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

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| SB 5-Cierpiot | SB 84-Burger |
| SB 6-Cierpiot | SB 87-Nicola, with SCS, SS for SCS & SA 1
(pending) |
| SB 8-Bernskoetter | SB 99-Crawford, with SCS |
| SB 14-Brown (16) | SBs 101 & 64-Cierpiot, with SCS |
| SB 23-Brattin, with SCS | SB 104-Bernskoetter, with SCS |
| SB 31-Beck | SB 107-Brown (16) and Black, with SS (pending) |
| SB 45-Fitzwater and Carter | SB 185-Cierpiot |
| SB 46-Trent and Coleman | SB 190-Brown (16) and Gregory (21),
with SS & SA 2 (pending) |
| SBs 52 & 44-Schroer and Carter, with SCS,
SS for SCS & SA 3 (pending) | SBs 215 & 70-Trent, with SCS |
| SB 54-Schroer, with SCS, SS for SCS & SA 3
(pending) | SB 217-Black, with SCS |
| SB 58-Carter and Moon, with SCS | SB 223-Coleman |
| SB 62-Brown (26), with SCS | SB 225-Coleman |
| SB 69-Henderson, with SS, SA 1 &
SA 1 to SA 1 (pending) | SB 230-Brown (26) |
| SB 77-Schnelting, et al, with SS, SA 1 &
SA 1 to SA 1 (pending) | SB 240-Burger, with SS & SA 1 (pending) |
| | SB 485-Schroer and Schnelting |
| | SJR 62-Cierpiot |

HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING

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| HCS for HB 75 (Schnelting) | HB 742-Baker, with SCS, SS for SCS &
SA 1 (pending) (Brattin) |
| HCS#2 for HBs 567, 546, 758 & 958,
with SS#2, 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)

BILLS IN CONFERENCE AND BILLS
CARRYING REQUEST MESSAGES

Requests to Recede or Grant Conference

SS for SB 28-Bean, with HA 1, HA 2,
HA 1 to HA 3, HA 3, as amended, & HA 4

SS for SCS for SBs 81 & 174-Gregory (21),
with HCS, as amended

RESOLUTIONS

SR 18-May
SR 32-Moon

SR 39-Nurrenbern

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