

Journal of the Senate

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SIXTIETH DAY - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Wasinger in the Chair.

The Reverend Stephen George offered the following prayer:

“With God all things are possible.” (Mark 10:27 NKJV)

Almighty God, we come before You acknowledging that human wisdom alone cannot resolve all of the great questions that come before us—but with You, all obstacles can be overcome. Help us to trust not in our own might but in Your divine wisdom and providence. Let our efforts today lean upon Your provision, and may our vision not shrink before obstacles, but expand through faith. 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.

Photographers from KOMU 8 News were given permission to take pictures in the Senate Chamber.

Senator Luetkemeyer requested unanimous consent of the Senate to allow members of the Kansas City Police Department to enter the Chamber with side arms, which request was granted.

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 Nurrenbern offered Senate Resolution No. 427, regarding Alanna Nguyen, which was adopted.

Senator Webber offered Senate Resolution No. 428, regarding the death of Augustus “Gus” Hern, Jr., Columbia, which was adopted.

Senator Burger offered Senate Resolution No. 429, regarding Gregory “Greg” J. Foote, Jr., Sikeston, which was adopted.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives through its Chief:

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House refuses to adopt **SS** for **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 2**, and requests the Senate to recede from its position and failing to do so grant the House a conference thereon.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House refuses to adopt **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 3**, and requests the Senate to recede from its position and failing to do so grant the House a conference thereon.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House refuses to adopt **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 4**, and requests the Senate to recede from its position and failing to do so grant the House a conference thereon.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House refuses to adopt **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 5**, and requests the Senate to recede from its position and failing to do so grant the House a conference thereon.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House refuses to adopt **SS** for **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 6**, and requests the Senate to recede from its position and failing to do so grant the House a conference thereon.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House refuses to adopt **SS** for **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 7**, and requests the Senate to recede from its position and failing to do so grant the House a conference thereon.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House refuses to adopt **SS** for **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 8**, and requests the Senate to recede from its position and failing to do so grant the House a conference thereon.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House refuses to adopt **SS** for **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 9**, and requests the Senate to recede from its position and failing to do so grant the House a conference thereon.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House refuses to adopt **SS** for **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 10**, and requests the Senate to recede from its position and failing to do so grant the House a conference thereon.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House refuses to adopt **SS** for **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 11**, and requests the Senate to recede from its position and failing to do so grant the House a conference thereon.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House refuses to adopt **SS** for **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 12**, and requests the Senate to recede from its position and failing to do so grant the House a conference thereon.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House refuses to adopt **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 13**, and requests the Senate to recede from its position and failing to do so grant the House a conference thereon.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House refuses to adopt **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 17**, and requests the Senate to recede from its position and failing to do so grant the House a conference thereon.

PRIVILEGED MOTIONS

Senator Hough requested unanimous consent of the Senate to vote on **SS** for **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 2**, **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 3**, **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 4**, **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 5**, **SS** for **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 6**, **SS** for **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 7**, **SS** for **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 8**, **SS** for **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 9**, **SS** for **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 10**, **SS** for **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 11**, **SS** for **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 12**, **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 13**, and **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 17** in one motion, which request was granted.

Senator Hough moved that the Senate refuse to recede from its position on **SS** for **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 2**, **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 3**, **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 4**, **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 5**, **SS** for **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 6**, **SS** for **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 7**, **SS** for **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 8**, **SS** for **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 9**, **SS** for **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 10**, **SS** for **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 11**, **SS** for **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 12**, **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 13**, and **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 17**, and grant the House a conference thereon, which motion prevailed.

HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING

HCS for **HB 711**, with **SCS**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 167.020 and 167.151, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof fourteen new sections relating to admission of nonresident pupils.

Was called from the Informal Calendar and taken up by Senator Trent.

SCS for **HCS** for **HB 711**, entitled:

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 711

An Act to repeal sections 167.020 and 167.151, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof fourteen new sections relating to admission of nonresident pupils, with penalty provisions.

Was taken up.

Senator Trent moved that **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 711** be adopted.

Senator Trent offered **SS** for **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 711**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 711

An Act to repeal sections 160.480, 160.660, 160.2700, 160.2705, 160.2710, 161.670, 163.045, 167.020, 167.022, 167.115, 167.117, 167.151, 167.164, 167.624, 168.021, 168.025, 168.036, 168.407, 168.409, 168.500, 170.014, 170.315, and 177.086, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof forty new sections relating to elementary and secondary education, with penalty provisions.

Senator Trent moved that **SS** for **SCS** for **HCS** for **HB 711** be adopted.

Senator Bean assumed the Chair.

Senator Burger assumed the Chair.

Senator Black assumed the Chair.

Senator Burger assumed the Chair.

Senator Hudson assumed the Chair.

Senator Nicola offered **SA 1**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 711, Page 40, Section 161.670, Line 551, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“162.481. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and sections 162.492 and 162.563, all elections of school directors in urban school districts shall be held biennially at the same times and places as municipal elections.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3, 4, [and] 5, **and 7** of this section, hereafter when a seven-director district becomes an urban school district, the directors of the prior seven-director district shall continue as directors of the urban school district until the expiration of the terms for which they were elected and until their successors are elected as provided in this subsection. The first biennial school

election for directors shall be held in the urban school district at the time provided in subsection 1 which is on the date of or subsequent to the expiration of the terms of the directors of the prior district which are first to expire, and directors shall be elected to succeed the directors of the prior district whose terms have expired. If the terms of two directors only have expired, the directors elected at the first biennial school election in the urban school district shall be elected for terms of six years. If the terms of four directors have expired, two directors shall be elected for terms of six years and two shall be elected for terms of four years. At the next succeeding biennial election held in the urban school district, successors for the remaining directors of the prior seven-director district shall be elected. If only two directors are to be elected they shall be elected for terms of six years each. If four directors are to be elected, two shall be elected for terms of six years and two shall be elected for terms of two years. After seven directors of the urban school district have been elected under this subsection, their successors shall be elected for terms of six years.

3. In any school district in which a majority of the district is located in any home rule city with more than one hundred fifty-five thousand but fewer than two hundred thousand inhabitants, elections shall be held annually at the same times and places as general municipal elections for all years where one or more terms expire, and the terms shall be for three years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified for all directors elected on and after August 28, 1998.

4. For any school district which becomes an urban school district by reason of the 2000 federal decennial census, elections shall be held annually at the same times and places as general municipal elections for all years where one or more terms expire, and the terms shall be for three years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified for all directors elected on and after August 28, 2001.

5. In any school district in any county with a charter form of government and with more than three hundred thousand but fewer than four hundred fifty thousand inhabitants which becomes an urban school district by reason of the 2010 federal decennial census, elections shall be held annually at the same times and places as general municipal elections for all years where one or more terms expire, and the terms shall be for three years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified for all directors elected on and after April 2, 2012.

6. In any urban school district in a county of the first classification with more than eighty-three thousand but fewer than ninety-two thousand inhabitants and with a home rule city with more than seventy-six thousand but fewer than ninety-one thousand inhabitants as the county seat, elections shall be held annually at the same times and places as general municipal elections for all years where one or more terms expire, and upon expiration of any term after August 28, 2015, the term of office shall be for three years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

7. In any school district in which a majority of the district is located in a city with more than one hundred five thousand but fewer than one hundred twenty-five thousand inhabitants, elections shall be held annually at the same times and places as general municipal elections for all years where one or more terms expire, and upon the expiration of any term after August 28, 2025, the term of office shall be for three years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.”; and

Further amend said bill, page 41, section 163.045, line 50, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“3. Any school district, located within a city not within a county or wholly or partially located within a county with more than one million inhabitants, with a preceding year board-approved

school calendar that provided for one hundred sixty-nine school days or more of planned attendance shall be exempt from the requirement to set an opening date each year no earlier than fourteen calendar days prior to the first Monday in September pursuant to subsection 2 of section 171.031.”; and

Further amend said bill, page 106, section 170.315, line 80, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“171.027. Any provision of state law that requires a school district to conduct an election of the voters of the school district in order to adopt a four-day school week shall not apply to any school district that had a four-day school week in the 2023-24 school year [and] **or** that contains all of a city with more than two thousand one hundred fifty but fewer than two thousand four hundred inhabitants and is located in a county with more than nineteen thousand but fewer than twenty-two thousand inhabitants and with a county seat with more than two thousand two hundred twenty but fewer than two thousand five hundred inhabitants.”; and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

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

Senator Hough offered SA 2:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 711, Page 81, Section 167.1230, Lines 1-2, by striking all of said lines and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“167.1230. 1. No student shall be enrolled under sections 167.1200 to 167.1230 in any school year immediately subsequent to a school year in which funds for any of the following are not fully appropriated by the general assembly and allocated to LEAs by the department of elementary and secondary education:

(1) Foundation formula payments pursuant to the provisions of section 163.031, prior to any adjustment of the state adequacy target pursuant to subdivision (18) of section 163.011; or

(2) The teacher baseline salary grant program, as provided in subsection 8 of section 163.172.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this section to the contrary, any student who is enrolled in a nonresident LEA under sections 167.1200 to 167.1230 may complete all remaining school years in such nonresident LEA without reapplying each school year.”.

Senator Hough moved that the above amendment be adopted.

Senator Hough offered SA 1 to SA 2:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amend Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 711, Page 1, Line 13, striking the word “or”; and further amend line 15 by inserting after the number “163.172” the following:

“or;

(3) State aid for transportation of pupils pursuant to the provisions of section 163.161”.

Senator Hough moved that the above amendment be adopted, which motion prevailed on a standing division vote.

Senator Hough moved that **SA 2**, as amended, be adopted.

Senator Coleman raised the point of order that the Senate Rule states that when your name is called, you must offer your vote. A standing division would not require a senator to vote.

The point of order was referred to the President Pro Tem, who ruled it well taken.

SA 2, as amended, was adopted on a standing division vote.

Senator Nurrenbern offered **SA 3**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 3

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 711, Page 58, Section 167.1200, Line 13, by inserting after “LEA” the following: “, **but not including a charter school**”; and

Further amend said bill, page 68, section 167.1210, lines 62-69, by striking all of said lines; and

Further amend said bill and section, pages 68-69, lines 75-88, by striking said lines and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “**which the student is enrolled.**”; and

Further amend said bill, page 79, section 167.1225, line 51, by striking “that is not a charter school”; and

Further amend said bill and section, page 80, lines 54-55, by striking “that is not a charter school”; and further amend line 60, by striking “that is not a charter school”; and further amend lines 74-75, by striking “is not a charter school and”.

Senator Nurrenbern moved that the above amendment be adopted.

At the request of Senator Trent, **HCS** for **HB 711**, with **SCS**, **SS** for **SCS**, and **SA 3** (pending), was placed on the Informal Calendar.

REFERRALS

President Pro Tem O’Laughlin referred **HCS** for **HBs 1524** and **1580**, **HB 233**, with **SCS**, **HBs 44** and **426**, with **SCS**, and **HB 199**, with **SCS**, to the Committee on Fiscal Oversight.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives through its Chief:

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and adopted **SS** for **HCS** for **HBs 974, 57, 1032, and 1141** and has taken up and passed **SS** for **HCS** for **HBs 974, 57, 1032, and 1141**.

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 **SS** for **SB 63**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 167.012, 167.013, 167.042, and 167.850, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof five new sections relating to participation of certain students in nontraditional educational settings.

With HA 1.

HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 63, Page 2, Section 167.013, Line 10, by deleting the word "[and]" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "and"; and

Further amend said bill and section, Page 3, Lines 13-14, by deleting all of the said lines and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"background check."

Further amend said bill, Page 4, Section 167.790, Line 23, by inserting after the word "**participate**" the phrase "**, contingent upon the successful completion of a tryout if applicable,**"; and

Further amend said bill and section, Page 5, Line 48, by inserting after the word "**for**" the phrase "**trying out for or**"; and

Further amend said bill, page, and section, Line 49, by inserting after the word "**who**" the phrase "**try out for or**"; and

Further amend said bill and section, Page 6, Line 69, by inserting after the phrase "**eligible to**" the phrase "**try out for and, contingent upon the successful completion of a tryout if applicable,**"; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Senator Nicola introduced to the Senate, Amanda Spight; and her parents, Harry and Jackie Dorman, Independence.

Senator Lewis introduced to the Senate, Scott Boswell; Major Josh Heinen; and Major Ryan Mills, Kansas City.

Senator Williams introduced to the Senate, Jasmin Patel, St. Louis.

Senator May introduced to the Senate, Racheal Johnson; and Kristina Presley.

Senator McCreery introduced to the Senate, Patty Prewitt.

Senator Gregory (21) introduced to the Senate, Roger Gregory, Blackburn.

Senator Carter introduced to the Senate, Missouri Sheriffs.

Senator Nurrenbern introduced to the Senate, Amanda Beardan; Joaquin Cuni, Kansas City.

Senator Schroer introduced to the Senate, 8th grade class from St. Paul Catholic School; and Josephville, O'Fallon.

Senator Fitzwater introduced to the Senate, 8th grade Immaculate Conception of Old Monroe, Old Monroe.

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

SENATE CALENDAR

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SIXTY-FIRST DAY—THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025
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FORMAL CALENDAR

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
SJR 47, 30 & 10-Carter, with SCS

HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING

1. HB 225-Myers, with SCS (Brown (16))
(In Fiscal Oversight)
2. HCS for HB 1175 (Brattin)
(In Fiscal Oversight)
3. HB 618-Stinnett (Brown (26))
(In Fiscal Oversight)
4. HB 269-Shields (Hough)
(In Fiscal Oversight)
5. HB 262-Brown, C. (16) (Brattin)
(In Fiscal Oversight)

6. HCS for HB 1346, with SCS (Gregory (21))
(In Fiscal Oversight)
7. HCS for HBs 799, 334, 424 & 1069,
with SCS (Fitzwater) (In Fiscal Oversight)
8. HB 1086-Brown, C. (16), with SCS
(Brown (26)) (In Fiscal Oversight)
9. HB 121-Murphy, with SCS (Coleman)
(In Fiscal Oversight)
10. HCS for HBs 177 & 469 (Carter)
(In Fiscal Oversight)

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| 11. HB 147-Hovis, with SCS (Black)
(In Fiscal Oversight) | 15. HB 199-Falkner, with SCS (Gregory (15))
(In Fiscal Oversight) |
| 12. HCS for HB 169 (Bean) | 16. HCS for HB 999 (Nicola) |
| 13. HB 233-Gallick, with SCS (Brattin)
(In Fiscal Oversight) | 17. HCS for HBs 1524 & 1580 (Roberts)
(In Fiscal Oversight) |
| 14. HCS for HBs 44 & 426, with SCS
(Gregory (21)) (In Fiscal Oversight) | |

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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| HB 68-Overcast (Trent) | HCS for HB 711, with SCS, SS for SCS &
SA 3 (pending) (Trent) |
| HCS for HB 75 (Schnelting) | HB 742-Baker, with SCS, SS for SCS &
SA 1 (pending) (Brattin) |
| SS#2 for HB 419-Mayhew (Crawford)
(In Fiscal Oversight) | SS for SCS for HB 754-Oehlerking
(Crawford) (In Fiscal Oversight) |
| HCS#2 for HBs 567, 546, 758 & 958,
with SS#2, SA 1 & SA 1 to SA 1 (pending)
(Bernskoetter) | HB 939-Jones (12) (Brown (26)) |

SENATE BILLS WITH HOUSE AMENDMENTS

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| SS for SB 7-Bernskoetter, with HCS, as amended | SS for SCS for SB 98-Crawford, with HA 1,
HA 2, HA 3, HA 4, HA 5, HA 6, HA 7,
HA 8 & HA 9 |
| SS for SB 63-Brown (26), with HCS, as amended | |
| SS for SB 67-Henderson, with HCS, as amended | |

BILLS IN CONFERENCE AND BILLS
CARRYING REQUEST MESSAGES

In Conference

1. SS for SB 28-Bean, with HA 1, HA 2,
HA 1 to HA 3, HA 3, as amended, & HA 4
2. SS for SCS for SBs 81 & 174-Gregory
(21), with HCS, as amended
3. HCS for HB 2, with SS for SCS (Hough)
4. HCS for HB 3, with SCS (Hough)
5. HCS for HB 4, with SCS (Hough)
6. HCS for HB 5, with SCS (Hough)
7. HCS for HB 6, with SS for SCS (Hough)
8. HCS for HB 7, with SS for SCS (Hough)
9. HCS for HB 8, with SS for SCS (Hough)
10. HCS for HB 9, with SS for SCS (Hough)
11. HCS for HB 10, with SS for SCS (Hough)
12. HCS for HB 11, with SS for SCS (Hough)
13. HCS for HB 12, with SS for SCS (Hough)
14. HCS for HB 13, with SCS (Hough)
15. HCS for HB 17, with SCS (Hough)
16. HCS for HBs 595 & 343, with SS,
as amended (Schroer)

BILLS IN CONFERENCE AND BILLS
CARRYING REQUEST MESSAGES

Requests to Recede or Grant Conference

SS for SCS for SB 68-Henderson, with HCS,
as amended

RESOLUTIONS

SR 18-May
SR 32-Moon

SR 39-Nurrenbern

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