# Journal of the Senate

#### FIRST REGULAR SESSION

### THIRTY-FOURTH DAY - MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Wasinger in the Chair.

The Reverend Stephen George offered the following prayer:

"And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth." (Deuteronomy 28:1 NIV)

Almighty God, we gather in this chamber acknowledging that all authority comes from You. As Your word declares in Deuteronomy 28:1, blessings follow those who listen and walk in obedience to You. May we, as leaders, honor You in our decisions and legislation, seeking policies that protect our citizens, promote strong families, and uphold the freedoms upon which this nation was founded. Strengthen our people, Lord—our workers, our families, and our communities. May Your favor rest upon this state, and may we never forget that true prosperity comes not from government alone, but from Your hand. We pray 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 for Thursday, March 6, 2025 was read and approved.

Photographers from KSDK were given permission to take pictures in the Senate Chamber.

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

Present—Senators	
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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.

Senator Bean assumed the Chair.

#### RESOLUTIONS

Senator Williams offered Senate Resolution No. 225, regarding Lena Sanaa Williams, Berkley, which was adopted.

Senator Williams offered Senate Resolution No. 226, regarding Kyliyah Walker, St. Ann, which was adopted.

Senators Washington and Bean offered Senate Resolution No. 227, regarding the death of Alex Axel Cooper, Sr., which was adopted.

Senator Schnelting offered Senate Resolution No. 228, regarding Nathan Unger, which was adopted.

Senator Lewis offered Senate Resolution No. 229, regarding Kailynn Barnt, Kansas City, which was adopted.

Senator Lewis offered Senate Resolution No. 230, regarding Alessandra Smith, Kansas City, which was adopted.

Senator Lewis offered Senate Resolution No. 231, regarding Theo Raitzer, Kansas City, which was adopted.

Senator Lewis offered Senate Resolution No. 232, regarding Emmanuel Fabian, Kansas City, which was adopted.

Senator Carter offered Senate Resolution No. 233, regarding Autumn Dawn Palmer, Carthage, which was adopted.

Senator Burger offered Senate Resolution No. 234, regarding Raechel Cantoni, Cape Girardeau, which was adopted.

Senator Burger offered Senate Resolution No. 235, regarding Patrick Furniture and Mattress, Cape Girardeau, which was adopted.

Senator Burger offered Senate Resolution No. 236, regarding Brittney Swicionis, Cape Girardeau, which was adopted.

Senator Burger offered Senate Resolution No. 237, regarding The TeeHouse Complex, Cape Girardeau, which was adopted.

Senator Burger offered Senate Resolution No. 238, regarding Dr. Tonya Buttry, Cape Girardeau, which was adopted.

Senator Moon offered Senate Resolution No. 239, regarding Preston Carroll, Nixa, which was adopted.

Senator Moon offered Senate Resolution No. 240, regarding Jaron VanHouden, Oldfield, which was adopted.

President Pro Tem O'Laughlin assumed the Chair.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Madam President: Your Committee on Fiscal Oversight, to which were referred HCS for HBs 737 and 486, HCS for HBs 594 and 508, and SS No. 2 for SCS for HCS No. 2 for HB 495, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bills 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 **SJR 62**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the joint resolution 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 **SB 225**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Senator Coleman, Chair of the Committee on Government Efficiency, submitted the following report:

Madam President: Your Committee on Government Efficiency, to which was referred **SB 223**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

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

Madam President: Your Committee on Families, Seniors, and Health, to which was referred **SB 45**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Senator Bean assumed the Chair.

#### HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING

Senator Schroer moved that SS No. 2 for SCS for HCS No. 2 for HB 495 be called from the Informal Calendar and again taken up for 3rd reading and final passage, which motion prevailed.

SS No. 2 for SCS for HCS No. 2 for HB 495 was again taken up.

Senator Schroer requested unanimous consent to allow the secretary to make a technical correction to SS No. 2 for SCS for HCS No. 2 for HB 495, page 23, line 29 by inserting after "city" the word: "not", which request was granted.

On motion of Senator Schroer, SS No. 2 for SCS for HCS No. 2 for HB 495 was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senat	tors					
Bean	Beck	Bernskoetter	Black	Brattin	Brown (16)	Brown (26)
Burger	Carter	Cierpiot	Coleman	Crawford	Fitzwater	Gregory (15)
Gregory (21)	Henderson	Hough	Hudson	Lewis	Luetkemeyer	McCreery
Nicola	Nurrenbern	O'Laughlin	Schnelting	Schroer	Trent—27	
NAYS—Senators						
May	Moon	Roberts	Webber	Williams—5		
Absent—Senators						
Mosley	Washington—2					
Absent with leave—Senators—None						
Vacancies—None						

The President declared the bill passed.

The emergency clause was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators

Beck Bernskoetter Black Brattin Bean Brown (16) Brown (26) Carter Cierpiot Coleman Crawford Fitzwater Gregory (15) Burger Gregory (21) Henderson Hough Hudson Luetkemeyer Moon Nicola

O'Laughlin Schnelting Schroer Trent—25

NAYS—Senators Lewis May McCreery Nurrenbern Roberts Webber Williams—7

Absent—Senators

Mosley Washington—2

Absent with leave—Senators—None

Vacancies-None

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

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

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

#### SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

Senator Roberts moved that SB 35, with SCS, be taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

SCS for SB 35, entitled:

# SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 35

An Act to amend chapter 99, RSMo, by adding thereto six new sections relating to tax credits for downtown revitalization.

Was taken up.

Senator Roberts moved that SCS for SB 35 be adopted.

Senator Roberts offered SS for SCS for SB 35, entitled:

# SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 35

An Act to amend chapter 99, RSMo, by adding thereto six new sections relating to tax credits for downtown revitalization.

Senator Roberts moved that SS for SCS for SB 35 be adopted.

Senator Brattin offered **SA 1**:

## SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 35, Page 13, Section 99.730, Line 89, by inserting after all of said line the following:

- **"6. Pursuant to section 23.253 of the Missouri Sunset Act:**
- (1) The program authorized pursuant to sections 99.720 to 99.730 shall automatically sunset on December 31, 2031, unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly; and
- (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized pursuant to sections 99.720 to 99.730 shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization;
- (3) Sections 99.720 to 99.730 shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized pursuant to sections 99.720 to 99.730 is sunset; and
- (4) The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to limit or in any way impair the department of revenue's ability to redeem tax credits authorized on or before the date the program authorized pursuant to sections 99.720 to 99.730 expires, or a taxpayer's ability to redeem such tax credits.".

Senator Brattin moved that the above amendment be adopted, which motion failed.

Senator Henderson assumed the Chair.

Senator Brattin offered SA 2:

#### SENATE AMENDMENT NO. &

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 35, Page 13, Section 99.730, Line 89, by inserting after all of said line the following:

- "6. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 23.253 of the Missouri Sunset Act to the contrary:
- (1) The program authorized pursuant to sections 99.720 to 99.730 shall automatically sunset on December 31, 2033, unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly; and
- (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized pursuant to sections 99.720 to 99.730 shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization;
- (3) Sections 99.720 to 99.730 shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized pursuant to sections 99.720 to 99.730 is sunset; and
  - (4) The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to limit or in any way impair:
- (a) A taxpayer's ability to complete a project and receive authorization for tax credits pursuant to sections 99.720 to 99.730 for any project for which the taxpayer has submitted an initial application on or before the date the program authorized pursuant to sections 99.720 to 99.730 expires; or
- (b) The department of revenue's ability to redeem tax credits authorized on or before the date the program authorized pursuant to sections 99.720 to 99.730 expires, or a taxpayer's ability to redeem such tax credits."

Senator Brattin moved that the above amendment be adopted.

Senator Hudson assumed the Chair.

Senator Brattin moved that **SA 2** be adopted, which motion prevailed.

Senator Roberts moved that SS for SCS for SB 35, as amended, be adopted, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Roberts, **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 35**, as amended, was declared perfected and ordered printed.

#### **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 **HB 629**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 137.073 and 137.115, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to personal property assessments.

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 **HB 1086**, entitled:

An Act to repeal section 137.016, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to classification of certain residential real property.

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 **HB 225**, entitled:

An Act to repeal section 300.100, RSMo, and section 304.022 as enacted by house bill no. 1606, one hundred first general assembly, second regular session, and section 304.022 as enacted by senate bill no. 26 merged with senate bills nos. 53 and 60, one hundred first general assembly, first regular session, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to law enforcement practices, with penalty provisions.

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 **HB 233**, entitled:

An Act to repeal section 64.231, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to county planning board hearing notices.

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 538**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 168.133, 302.177, 302.272, and 302.735, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof four new sections relating to school transportation.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

#### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Senator Burger introduced to the Senate, Roger and Pam Westrich, Cape Girardeau; Donald and Gera LeGrand; and Lenny and Jane Burford, Benton.

On motion of Senator Luetkemeyer, the Senate adjourned until 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

#### SENATE CALENDAR

# THIRTY-FIFTH DAY—TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

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#### FORMAL CALENDAR

### SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 567-Gregory (21)	SB 573-Coleman
SB 568-Gregory (21)	SB 574-Schroer
SB 569-Roberts	SB 575-Schroer
SB 570-Hough	SB 576-Schroer
SB 571-Coleman	SB 577-Schroer
SB 572-Coleman	SB 578-Bernskoetter

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SB 579-Hudson	SB 627-Webber
SB 580-Hudson	SB 628-Webber
SB 581-Henderson	SB 629-Webber
SB 582-Nurrenbern	SB 630-Cierpiot
SB 583-Gregory (15)	SB 631-Brattin
SB 584-Gregory (21)	SB 632-Schroer
SB 585-Brown (16)	SB 633-Bernskoetter
SB 586-Hough	SB 634-Brown (16)
SB 587-Hudson	SB 635-Gregory (21)
SB 588-Hudson	SB 636-Gregory (21)
SB 589-Hudson and Coleman	SB 637-Roberts
SB 590-Hudson and Coleman	SB 638-Brattin
SB 591-Hudson	SB 639-Henderson
SB 592-Carter	SB 640-Henderson
SB 593-Burger	SB 641-May
SB 594-Burger	SB 642-Hudson
SB 595-Burger	SB 643-Hudson
SB 596-Gregory (15)	SB 644-Crawford
SB 597-Gregory (15)	SB 645-Schroer
SB 598-Gregory (15)	SB 646-Carter
SB 599-Gregory (15)	SB 647-Trent
SB 600-Schnelting	SB 648-Trent
SB 601-Gregory (21)	SB 649-Trent
SB 602-Gregory (21)	SB 650-Gregory (15)
SB 603-McCreery	SB 651-Gregory (15)
SB 604-McCreery	SB 652-Gregory (15)
SB 605-McCreery	SB 653-Cierpiot
SB 606-McCreery	SB 654-Burger
SB 607-McCreery	SB 655-Burger
SB 608-Lewis	SB 656-Bean
SB 609-Lewis	SB 657-Crawford
SB 610-Gregory (21)	SB 658-Crawford
SB 611-May	SB 659-Webber
SB 612-May	SB 660-Williams
SB 613-Schnelting	SB 661-Williams
SB 614-Fitzwater	SB 662-Brattin
SB 615-Fitzwater	SB 663-Brattin
SB 616-Webber	SB 664-Brattin
SB 617-Webber	SB 665-Nicola
SB 618-Cierpiot	SB 666-Crawford
SB 619-Moon	SB 667-Henderson
SB 620-Gregory (15)	SB 668-Hudson
SB 621-Gregory (15)	SB 669-Gregory (15)
SB 622-Gregory (15)	SB 670-Gregory (15)
SB 623-Hudson	SB 671-Gregory (15)
SB 624-Hudson	SB 672-Gregory (15)
SB 625-Moon	SB 673-Gregory (21)
SB 626-Carter	SB 674-Gregory (21)

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 689-Coleman	SB 737-Henderson
SB 690-Gregory (21)	SB 738-Nurrenbern
SB 691-May	SB 739-Schnelting
SB 692-May	SB 740-Schnelting
SB 693-May	SB 741-Schroer
SB 694-May	SB 742-Schroer
SB 695-Nurrenbern	SB 743-Brown (16)
SB 696-Lewis, et al	SB 744-Schroer
SB 697-Henderson	SB 745-Burger
SB 698-Moon	SB 746-Schnelting
SB 699-Moon	SB 747-Schnelting
SB 700-Moon	SB 748-Carter
SB 701-Moon	SB 749-Crawford
SB 702-Brattin	SB 750-McCreery
SB 703-Burger	SB 751-McCreery
SB 704-Nicola	SB 752-Gregory (21)
SB 705-Lewis	SB 753-Hough
SB 706-Hudson	SB 754-Carter
SB 707-Hudson, et al	SB 755-Carter
SB 708-Black	SB 756-Coleman
SB 709-Black	SB 757-Coleman
SB 710-Nurrenbern	SB 758-Beck
SB 711-Nicola	SB 759-Brown (26)
SB 712-Nicola	SB 760-Burger
SB 713-Gregory (21)	SB 761-Hudson
SB 714-Gregory (21)	SB 762-Cierpiot
SB 715-Gregory (21)	SB 763-Nicola
SB 716-Fitzwater	SB 764-Nicola
SB 717-Trent	SB 765-Nicola
SB 718-Roberts	SB 766-Lewis
SB 719-Coleman	SB 767-Moon
SB 720-Coleman	SB 768-Moon
SB 721-Coleman	SB 769-Moon
SB 722-Coleman	SB 770-Moon
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SB 771-Moon SB 772-Moon SB 773-Moon SB 774-Moon SB 775-Moon SB 776-Gregory (21) SB 777-Mosley SB 778-Trent SB 779-Trent SB 780-Black SB 781-Black SB 782-Roberts SB 783-Lewis SB 784-Henderson SB 785-Hudson SB 786-Nicola SB 787-Nicola SB 788-Bernskoetter SB 789-Fitzwater SB 790-Gregory (21) SB 791-Henderson SB 792-Brattin SB 793-Brattin SB 794-Brattin SB 795-Brattin SB 796-Brattin SB 797-Schroer SB 798-Schroer SB 799-Schroer **SB 800-May** 

SB 803-Hudson SB 804-Beck SB 805-Nurrenbern SB 806-Bernskoetter SB 807-Bernskoetter SB 808-O'Laughlin SB 809-Carter SB 810-Carter SB 811-Carter SB 812-Carter SB 813-Black SB 814-May SB 815-Williams SB 816-McCreery SB 817-McCreery SB 818-Washington SB 819-Washington SB 820-Washington SB 821-Washington SB 822-Washington SB 823-Washington SB 824-Mosley SB 825-Gregory (21) SB 826-Gregory (21) SB 827-Gregory (21) SB 828-Gregory (21) SB 829-Gregory (21) SB 830-Bean SB 831-Fitzwater

#### 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 HJRs 23 & 3 HB 810-Baker HCS for HB 943

SB 801-Brown (16)

SB 802-Hudson

HB 121-Murphy HB 939-Jones (12) HCS for HJR 4 HCS for HB 999 HB 352-McGaugh HB 816-Reedy HB 629-McGirl

SB 832-Black

SB 833-Luetkemeyer

HB 1086-Brown, C. (16) HB 225-Myers HB 233-Gallick

HCS for HB 538

# SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

1. SB 150-Carter	8. SB 152-Brown (26)
2. SB 71-Gregory (15), with SCS	9. SBs 101 & 64-Cierpiot, with SCS
3. SB 77-Schnelting, et al	10. SJR 62-Cierpiot
4. SB 61-Brown (26)	11. SB 225-Coleman
5. SB 54-Schroer, with SCS	12. SB 223-Coleman
6. SB 190-Brown (16)	13. SB 45-Fitzwater and Carter
7. SB 23-Brattin, with SCS	

# HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING

HCS for HBs 594 & 508 (Trent)

HCS for HBs 737 & 486 (Burger)

## INFORMAL CALENDAR

## SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

SB 5-Cierpiot	SB 58-Carter and Moon, with SCS
SB 6-Cierpiot	SB 62-Brown (26), with SCS
SB 8-Bernskoetter	SB 79-Gregory (21)
SB 14-Brown (16)	SB 84-Burger
SB 31-Beck	SB 87-Nicola, with SCS, SS for SCS &
SB 46-Trent and Coleman	SA 1 (pending)
SBs 52 & 44-Schroer and Carter, with SCS,	SB 107-Brown (16)
SS for SCS & SA 3 (pending)	SBs 215 & 70-Trent, with SCS

## **RESOLUTIONS**

SR 18-May SR 39-Nurrenbern SR 32-Moon