

Journal of the Senate

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

FORTY-SEVENTH DAY - MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Wasinger in the Chair.

The Reverend Stephen George offered the following prayer:

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV)

Almighty God, we stand together today, inspired by Your words in 2 Chronicles. We humble ourselves before You, asking for the courage to turn from division and injustice toward unity and renewal. Hear our prayers for healing for our state and our country. Guide us to govern with compassion and integrity, ensuring every voice is valued and every community lifted up. May our decisions reflect Your will, fostering liberty, opportunity, and a renewed spirit across our communities. 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 for Thursday, April 3, 2025, 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	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—33		

Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senator Cierpiot—1

Vacancies—None

The Lieutenant Governor was present.

RESOLUTIONS

Senator Bernskoetter offered Senate Resolution No. 304, regarding Carol J. Bates, Jefferson City, which was adopted.

Senator Bean offered Senate Resolution No. 305, regarding Lauren Baird, which was adopted.

Senator Nurrenbern offered Senate Resolution No. 306, regarding Obiamaka Obiesie, which was adopted.

Senator Brown (16) offered Senate Resolution No. 307, regarding Olivia Andrews, which was adopted.

Senator Brown (16) offered Senate Resolution No. 308, regarding Jane Al-Ramahi, which was adopted.

Senator Bernskoetter offered Senate Resolution No. 309, regarding Bennett Gatlin, which was adopted.

Senator Bernskoetter offered Senate Resolution No. 310, regarding Alisa Ernst, which was adopted.

Senator McCreery offered Senate Resolution No. 311, regarding Isabella Dodson, which was adopted.

Senator McCreery offered Senate Resolution No. 312, regarding Mackenzie McClanahan, which was adopted.

Senator Henderson offered Senate Resolution No. 313, regarding Mallory Felker, which was adopted.

Senator Fitzwater offered Senate Resolution No. 314, regarding Kaylin Connor, which was adopted.

Senator Brown (16) offered Senate Resolution No. 315, regarding Alyssa Gosche, Rolla, which was adopted.

Senator Carter offered Senate Resolution No. 316, regarding Natalie Brueggermann, which was adopted.

Senator Luetkemeyer offered Senate Resolution No. 317, regarding Macie Garland, which was adopted.

Senator Black offered Senate Resolution No. 318, regarding Kenzie Milligan, which was adopted.

Senator Black offered Senate Resolution No. 319, regarding Kaitlyn Smith, which was adopted.

Senator Schroer offered Senate Resolution No. 320, regarding Adam Romero, O'Fallon, which was adopted.

Senator Schroer offered Senate Resolution No. 321, regarding Diego Romero, O'Fallon, which was adopted.

Senator Crawford offered Senate Resolution No. 322, regarding Connie McLaughlin, Sedalia, which was adopted.

Senator Washington offered Senate Resolution No. 323, regarding Emerson Strahm, which was adopted.

Senator Washington offered Senate Resolution No. 324, regarding Catalina Campos, Kansas City, which was adopted.

Senator Williams offered Senate Resolution No. 325, regarding Tatiana Floyd, which was adopted.

Senator Williams offered Senate Resolution No. 326, regarding Ludivine "Ludi" Renaud, which was adopted.

Senator Gregory (15) offered Senate Resolution No. 327, regarding Luke Hinton, Wildwood, which was adopted.

Senator Gregory (21) offered Senate Resolution No. 328, regarding Ruth Neri Flores, which was adopted.

Senator Bernskoetter offered Senate Resolution No. 329, regarding the Class 2 State Champion Eugene Eagles basketball team, which was adopted.

Senator Brattin offered Senate Resolution No. 330, regarding Eagle Scout William Fredrick Pera, Newburg, which was adopted.

Senator Trent offered Senate Resolution No. 331, regarding Katie L. Davenport-Kabonic, Springfield, which was adopted.

Senator Trent offered Senate Resolution No. 332, regarding Katie Shields, Lamar, which was adopted.

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 was referred **HCS No. 2** for **HBs 567, 546, 758, and 958**, 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 No. 2** for **HCS** for **HBs 594 and 508**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Senator Henderson assumed the Chair.

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

At the request of Senator Crawford, **SB 99**, with **SCS**, was placed on the Informal Calendar.

At the request of Senator Brown (26), **SB 230** was placed on the Informal Calendar.

SB 185 was placed on the Informal Calendar.

At the request of Senator Schroer, **SB 485** was placed on the Informal Calendar.

Senator Fitzwater moved that **SB 266** be taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

Senator Fitzwater offered **SS** for **SB 266**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 266

An Act to repeal section 161.670, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to assessment of virtual school students.

Senator Fitzwater moved that **SS** for **SB 266** be adopted, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Fitzwater, **SS** for **SB 266** was declared perfected and ordered printed.

HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING

Senator Trent moved that **SS No. 2** for **HCS** for **HBs 594** and **508**, be called from the Informal Calendar and again taken up for 3rd reading and final passage, which motion prevailed.

SS No. 2 for **HCS** for **HBs 594** and **508** was again taken up.

On motion of Senator Trent, **SS No. 2** for **HCS** for **HBs 594** and **508** was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators

Bean	Beck	Bernskoetter	Black	Brattin	Brown (16)	Brown (26)
Burger	Carter	Coleman	Crawford	Fitzwater	Gregory (15)	Gregory (21)
Henderson	Hough	Hudson	Luetkemeyer	May	McCreery	Nicola
O'Laughlin	Schnelting	Schroer	Trent	Webber	Williams—27	

NAYS—Senators

Lewis	Moon	Mosley	Nurrenbern	Roberts	Washington—6
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Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senator Cierpiot—1

Vacancies—None

The President declared the bill passed.

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

Senator Trent 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 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 2**, entitled:

An Act to appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the State Board of Education and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the several divisions and programs thereof, to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the 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 3**, entitled:

An Act to appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development, the several divisions, programs, and institutions of higher education included therein to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the 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 4**, entitled:

An Act to appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Revenue, the Department of Transportation, and the several divisions and programs thereof, to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the 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 5**, entitled:

An Act to appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Office of Administration, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Conservation, the Department of Public Safety, the Chief Executive's Office, and the several divisions and programs thereof to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the 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 6**, entitled:

An Act to appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Agriculture, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Conservation, and the several divisions and programs thereof, and for the expenses, grants, refunds, distributions, and capital improvements projects involving the repair, replacement, and maintenance of state buildings and facilities of the Department of

Natural Resources and the several divisions and programs thereof, to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds, for the 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 7**, entitled:

An Act to appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Economic Development, Department of Commerce and Insurance, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and the several divisions and programs thereof, to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the 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 8**, entitled:

An Act to appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Public Safety and Department of National Guard and the several divisions and programs thereof, to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the 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 9**, entitled:

An Act to appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Corrections, and the several divisions and programs thereof, to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the 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 10**, entitled:

An Act to appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Health and Senior Services, and the several divisions and programs thereof, and the Missouri Health Facilities Review Committee to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the 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 11**, entitled:

An Act to appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Social Services, and the several divisions and programs thereof, to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the 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 12**, entitled:

An Act to appropriate money for expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Chief Executive's Office and Mansion, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Missouri Prosecuting Attorneys and Circuit Attorneys Retirement Systems, and the Judiciary and the Office of the State Public Defender, and the several divisions and programs thereof, and for the payment of salaries and mileage of members of the State Senate and the House of Representatives and contingent expenses of the General Assembly, including salaries and expenses of elective and appointive officers and necessary capital improvements expenditures; for salaries and expenses of members and employees and other necessary operating expenses of the Committee on Legislative Research, various joint committees, for the expenses of the interim committees established by the General Assembly, and for the Missouri State Capitol Commission, 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 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 13**, entitled:

An Act to appropriate money for real property leases, related services, utilities, systems furniture, structural modifications, and related expenses for the several departments of state government and the divisions and programs thereof to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the 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 17**, entitled:

An Act to appropriate money for capital improvement and other purposes for the several departments and offices of state government and the several divisions and programs thereof to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri for the 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 **HBs 1363, 1062, and 1254**, entitled:

An Act to amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to charter school use of 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 1049**, entitled:

An Act to amend chapters 362 and 370, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to financial institutions.

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 507**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 115.105, 115.107, 115.125, 115.127, 115.277, 115.284, 115.306, 115.430, 115.453, and 115.635, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof ten new sections relating to elections, 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 **HCS** for **HBs 493** and **635**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 144.030 and 144.615, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to a sales tax exemption.

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 183**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 178.786 and 178.787, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to higher education core curricula.

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 478**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 324.001, 324.009, 324.010, 333.041, 333.042, 337.600, 337.604, 337.615, 337.627, 337.644, 337.645, 337.647, 338.010, 338.710, 339.845, and 345.050, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof nineteen new sections relating to professional licensing.

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 262**, entitled:

An Act to amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto seven new sections relating to alternative therapies for veterans.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Pro Tem O’Laughlin submitted the following:

April 3, 2025

Kristina Martin
Secretary of the Senate
201 W Capitol Ave, Room 325
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Secretary Martin,

Pursuant to Chapter 103, Section 008 RSMo, I am making the following changes to the Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan Board of Trustees:

I remove Senator Crawford and I appoint Senator Fitzwater.

Sincerely,



President Pro Tem

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Senator Williams introduced to the Senate, Holocaust Commission chair, Dee Dee Simon; Lolle Boettcher; and Cammy Goucher.

On motion of Senator Luetkemeyer, the Senate adjourned until 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

SENATE CALENDAR

FORTY-EIGHTH DAY—TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025

FORMAL CALENDAR

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

HCS for HB 1116
HB 596-Brown, C. (16)
HB 313-Cook
HCS for HBs 513, 413 & 536
HCS for HB 267

HB 369-Banderman
HB 388-McGaugh
HB 416-Shields
HCS for HBs 575 & 551
HCS for HBs 195 & 1119

HB 437-Hardwick

HB 207-Hinman

HB 825-Stinnett

HCS for HB 268

HB 58-Sassmann

HB 122-Veit

HB 397-Peters

HB 325-Murphy

HB 765-Stinnett

HCS for HB 202

HB 780-Chappell

HCS for HB 1175

HCS for HB 497

HB 1122-Voss

HCS for HB 1037

HCS for HB 176

HB 707-Oehlerking

HCS for HB 378

HB 49-Haley

HB 147-Hovis

HCS for HB 169

HCS for HBs 44 & 426

HCS for HBs 145 & 59

HCS for HB 105

HB 42-Billington

HCS for HB 489

HB 520-Griffith

HCS for HB 794

HB 770-Banderman

HCS for HBs 408, 306 & 854

HB 138-Justus

HB 543-Cook

HCS for HB 2

HCS for HB 3

HCS for HB 4

HCS for HB 5

HCS for HB 6

HCS for HB 7

HCS for HB 8

HCS for HB 9

HCS for HB 10

HCS for HB 11

HCS for HB 12

HCS for HB 13

HCS for HB 17

HCS for HBs 1363, 1062 & 1254

HB 1049-Owen

HCS for HB 507

HCS for HBs 493 & 635

HB 183-Parker

HB 478-Oehlerking

HB 262-Brown, C. (16)

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

1. SB 360-Carter

2. SBs 166 & 155-Gregory (21), with SCS

3. SB 80-Gregory (21), with SCS

4. SB 69-Henderson

5. SJR 46-Carter and Fitzwater

6. SB 120-Bean

7. SB 133-Fitzwater, with SCS

8. SJR 40-Carter, et al, with SCS

9. SB 104-Bernskoetter, with SCS

10. SB 271-Black, with SCS

11. SB 217-Black, with SCS

12. SB 240-Burger

13. SB 506-Schroer

14. SB 196-Moon

15. SB 100-Cierpiot

16. SB 83-Burger, with SCS

17. SB 85-Nicola, with SCS

HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING

HCS for HB 75 (Schnelting)

HCS#2 for HBs 567, 546, 758 & 958 (Bernskoetter)

HCS for HBs 595 & 343 (Schroer)

HB 742-Baker, with SCS (Brattin)

INFORMAL CALENDAR

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

SB 5-Cierpiot	SB 84-Burger
SB 6-Cierpiot	SB 87-Nicola, with SCS, SS for SCS &
SB 8-Bernskoetter	SA 1 (pending)
SB 14-Brown (16)	SB 99-Crawford, with SCS
SB 23-Brattin, with SCS	SBs 101 & 64-Cierpiot, 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),
SBs 52 & 44-Schroer and Carter, with SCS,	with SS & SA 2 (pending)
SS for SCS & SA 3 (pending)	SBs 215 & 70-Trent, with SCS
SB 54-Schroer, with SCS	SB 223-Coleman
SB 58-Carter and Moon, with SCS	SB 225-Coleman
SB 62-Brown (26), with SCS	SB 230-Brown (26)
SB 77-Schnelting, et al, with SS, SA 1 &	SB 485-Schroer
SA 1 to SA 1 (pending)	SJR 62-Cierpiot

RESOLUTIONS

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

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