

Journal of the Senate

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

TWENTY-THIRD DAY - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Senator Hudson in the Chair.

Senator Mosley offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father,

We come before You today acknowledging that You are God — sovereign, just, merciful, and no respecter of persons.

You created every one of us in Your image. Not some of us. Not those who look like us, vote like us, worship like us, or love like us — but all of us. Every race. Every background. Every story. Every soul.

Lord, forgive us when we misuse Your name to advance our own agendas. Forgive us when we quote Scripture but forget compassion. Forgive us when we speak of righteousness yet fail to practice justice.

Your Word tells us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Not to judge our neighbor. Not to exclude our neighbor. Not to legislate harm against our neighbor — but to love.

If there is any prejudice in our hearts, expose it. If there is any pride in our leadership, humble it. If there is any fear driving our decisions, replace it with courage. If there is any misuse of religion to divide rather than unite, convict us deeply.

Lord, let us remember that power is a stewardship, not a weapon. Let us remember that faith without love is noise. Let us remember that history will record how we treated the least, the marginalized, and the vulnerable.

Give us wisdom that is pure. Give us leadership that reflects Your heart. Give us the strength to stand for justice — even when it is uncomfortable. May our laws reflect dignity. May our debates reflect respect. May our votes reflect conscience.

And when we leave this chamber, may we be able to say we served not just our districts — but humanity. Search us, O God. Correct us where we are wrong. And align our work with Your will. In Jesus 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

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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

RESOLUTIONS

Senator Mosley offered Senate Resolution No. 678, regarding the passing of Connie Jean (Smith) Jefferies, Spanish Lake, which was adopted.

Senator Bernskoetter offered Senate Resolution No. 679, regarding the Class 3 State Champion Helias Catholic High School Lady Crusaders volleyball team, which was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

Senator McCreery offered the following Concurrent Resolution:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

Whereas, government of, by, and for the people has long been a fundamental American value and We The People's fundamental and inalienable right to self govern, and thereby secure rights to life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness is guaranteed in the United States Constitution and Declaration of Independence; and

Whereas, free and fair elections are essential to democracy and effective self governance; and

Whereas, persons are rightfully recognized as human beings whose essential needs include clean air, clean water, and safe and secure food; and

Whereas, corporations are entirely human-made legal fictions created by express permission of We The People and our government; and

Whereas, in addition to these advantages, the great wealth of large corporations allows them to wield coercive force of law to overpower human beings and communities, thus denying We The People's exercise of our constitutional rights; and

Whereas, corporations are not mentioned in the United States Constitution and We The People have never granted constitutional rights to corporations, nor have We The People decreed that corporations have authority that exceeds the authority of We The People of the United States; and

Whereas, interpretation of the United States Constitution by appointed United States Supreme Court justices to include corporations in the term "persons" has denied We The People's exercise of self governance by endowing corporations with constitutional protections intended for We The People; and

Whereas, the judicial bestowal of civil and political rights upon corporations usurps basic human and constitutional rights guaranteed to human persons, and also empowers corporations to sue municipal and state governments for adopting laws that violate "corporate rights" even when those laws serve to protect and defend the rights of human persons and communities; and

Whereas, corporations are not and have never been human beings, and therefore are rightfully subservient to human beings and governments as our legal creations; and

Whereas, large corporations' profits and survival are often in direct conflict with the essential needs and rights of human beings; and

Whereas, the United States Supreme Court decision in *Citizens United v. the Federal Election Commission*, which rolled back the legal limits on corporate spending in the electoral process, creates an unequal playing field and allows unlimited corporate spending to influence elections, candidate selection, and policy decisions, and forces elected officials to divert their attention from We The People's business or even vote against the interest of their human constituents in order to raise competitive campaign funds for their own re-election; and

Whereas, the monopolization of public speech by corporations neither promotes nor protects free speech due to the proliferation of anonymous contributions and spending for political gain that promotes dishonesty and corruption, preventing We The People from assessing the true motives of the speaker; and

Whereas, We The People must be able to hold accountable, by means of laws passed by elected state legislators, those who fund political speech when their messages prove false or misleading; and

Whereas, those laws may reasonably regulate how money is used to influence the outcomes of elections in order to secure the interests of We The People to be represented and participate in elections and self-government and protect the integrity of elections and government

against out-of-state and foreign interests and undue influence of wealthy special interests, whether of corporations, unions, or other artificial entities; and

Whereas, tens of thousands of people and municipalities across the nation are joining together to call for an amendment to the United States Constitution to abolish corporate personhood:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, One Hundred Third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby strongly urge the United States Congress to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution, in accordance with Article V of the Constitution, which would put to a vote of We The People a constitutional amendment that provides that the states, within their respective jurisdictions, may reasonably regulate and limit the spending of money to influence campaigns, elections, or ballot measures, and that in doing so may distinguish between natural persons and artificial entities, such as corporations, unions, and artificial intelligence; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate and United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills and Joint Resolution were read the 1st time and ordered printed:

SB 1680 – By McCreery.

An Act to repeal section 208.247, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

SB 1681 – By McCreery.

An Act to amend chapter 217, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to parole eligibility.

SB 1682 – By McCreery.

An Act to repeal section 191.480, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to alternative therapies.

SB 1683 – By McCreery.

An Act to repeal sections 208.215, 473.398, and 473.399, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof four new sections relating to estates of persons receiving public benefits.

SB 1684 – By McCreery.

An Act to amend chapter 442, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to sale leaseback transactions, with penalty provisions.

SB 1685 – By McCreery.

An Act to repeal section 144.805, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to a sales tax exemption for certain aviation jet fuel.

SB 1686 – By McCreery.

An Act to repeal section 100.240, RSMo, relating to the repeal of certain tax incentives for professional sports teams.

SB 1687 – By McCreery.

An Act to repeal section 208.215, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to MO HealthNet third party liability.

SB 1688 – Gregory (15).

An Act to amend chapter 99, RSMo, by adding thereto six new sections relating to incentives for downtown redevelopment.

SB 1689 – By Gregory (15).

An Act to repeal section 321.220, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to a fire protection district service fee.

SB 1690 – By Gregory (15).

An Act to amend chapter 474, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the effect of homicide on benefits received from a decedent.

SB 1691 – By Burger.

An Act to repeal section 324.009, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to licensure reciprocity.

SB 1692 – By Lewis.

An Act to repeal sections 188.015, 188.017, 188.020, 188.021, 188.027, 188.030, 188.033, 188.038, 188.039, 188.047, 188.052, 188.056, 188.057, 188.058, 188.075, 188.080, 188.230, 188.375, 192.665, 192.667, 197.150, 197.152, 197.158, 197.160, 197.165, 197.200, 197.205, 197.215, 197.220, 197.225, 197.230, 197.235, 197.240, 197.285, 197.287, 197.289, 197.293, 197.295, 334.100, 334.245, 334.735, 574.200, and 595.027, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty-four new sections relating to abortion.

SB 1693 – By Lewis.

An Act to repeal sections 571.060 and 571.070, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to firearms, with penalty provisions.

SB 1694 – By Roberts.

An Act to amend chapter 99, RSMo, by adding thereto six new sections relating to incentives for downtown redevelopment.

SB 1695 – By Webber.

An Act to repeal section 537.035, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the admissibility of evidence resulting from peer review committees for health care professionals.

SB 1696 – By Webber.

An Act to amend chapter 172, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to powers of the University of Missouri board of curators.

SJR 119 – By Lewis.

Joint Resolution submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 23 of article I of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to firearms.

President Pro Tem O’Laughlin assumed the Chair.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senator Cierpiot, Chair of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment, submitted the following reports:

Madam President: Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment, to which was referred **SB 838**, 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 Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment, to which was referred **SB 903**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

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

Madam President: Your Committee on Fiscal Oversight, to which was referred **SB 953**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Senator Luetkemeyer, Chair of the Committee on Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions, and Ethics, submitted the following report:

Madam President, your Committee on Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics, to which was referred **SS** for **SB 1233**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill has been truly perfected and that the printed copies furnished the Senators are correct.

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

Madam President: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred **SB 1029**, 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 Education, to which were referred **SB 971** and **SB 906**, 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 Education, to which was referred **SB 1351**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

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

Madam President: Your Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety, to which was referred **SB 1408**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Senator Schroer, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence, submitted the following report:

Madam President: Your Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence, to which was referred **SB 982**, 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 reports:

Madam President: Your Committee on Families, Seniors and Health, to which was referred **SB 887**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Also,

Madam President: Your Committee on Families, Seniors and Health, to which was referred **SB 970**, 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 **SB 999**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Senator Brown (26), Chair of the Committee on Economic and Workforce Development, submitted the following reports:

Madam President: Your Committee on Economic and Workforce Development, to which was referred **SJR 95**, 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 Economic and Workforce Development, to which was referred **SB 931**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

REFERRALS

President Pro Tem O’Laughlin referred **SS** for **SB 1000** to the Committee on Fiscal Oversight.

Senator Hudson assumed the Chair.

THIRD READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 953, introduced by Senator Bean, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 640.220 and 643.350, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the expenditure of moneys in certain funds by the department of natural resources.

Was taken up.

On motion of Senator Bean, **SB 953** was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators

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| Bean | Bernskoetter | Black | Brattin | Brown (16) | Brown (26) | Burger |
| Carter | Cierpiot | Coleman | Crawford | Fitzwater | Gregory (15) | Gregory (21) |
| Henderson | Hough | Hudson | Luetkemeyer | McCreery | Moon | Nicola |
| O'Laughlin | Schnelting | Schroer | Trent—25 | | | |

NAYS—Senators

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| Beck | Lewis | May | Mosley | Nurrenbern | Roberts | Washington |
| Webber—8 | | | | | | |

Absent—Senator Williams—1

Absent with leave—Senators—None

Vacancies—None

The President declared the bill passed.

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

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

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

SS for SCS for SBs 835 and 1111, introduced by Senator Crawford, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILLS NOS. 835 and 1111

An Act to repeal sections 513.380, 513.430, and 513.475, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof five new sections relating to garnishments, with an effective date for certain sections.

Was taken up.

On motion of Senator Crawford, **SS for SCS for SBs 835 and 1111** was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators

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| Bean | Beck | Bernskoetter | Black | 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—32 | | | |

NAYS—Senators—None

Absent—Senators

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| Brattin | Williams—2 |
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Absent with leave—Senators—None

Vacancies—None

The President declared the bill passed.

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

Senator Crawford 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 **HB 1766**, entitled:

An Act to repeal section 137.073, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section 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 **HCS for HB 2989**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 313.805, 313.820, 313.835, 572.010, 572.020, 572.070, and 572.100, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty-five new sections relating to gaming, with penalty provisions and a delayed effective date for certain sections.

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 2596**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 376.1000, 376.1012, and 376.1017, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to multiple employer self-insured health plans.

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 1644**, entitled:

An Act to amend chapter 285, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the employer-employee relationship.

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 2423**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 361.170, 361.749, 364.020, 364.030, 364.105, 365.030, 367.110, 367.120, 367.130, 367.140, 367.160, 367.170, 367.190, 367.509, 407.640, 408.500, and 436.570, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof fifteen new sections relating to the division of finance, with penalty provisions.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Senator Schroer introduced to the Senate Congressman, Bob Onder, Augusta.

Senator Fitzwater introduced to the Senate, Leadership Callaway.

Senator Bean introduced to the Senate, ALOT class.

On motion of Senator Luetkemeyer, the Senate adjourned until 4:00 p.m., Monday, February 23, 2026.

SENATE CALENDAR

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY—MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026

FORMAL CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 1658-Nurrenbern
SB 1659-Nurrenbern
SB 1660-Nurrenbern
SB 1661-Black
SB 1662-May
SB 1663-Crawford

SB 1664-Coleman
SB 1665-Coleman
SB 1666-Coleman
SB 1667-Gregory (21)
SB 1668-Gregory (21)
SB 1669-Carter

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| SB 1670-Beck | SB 1685-McCreery |
| SB 1671-Gregory (21) | SB 1686-McCreery |
| SB 1672-Brown (16) | SB 1687-McCreery |
| SB 1673-Burger | SB 1688-Gregory (15) |
| SB 1674-Burger | SB 1689-Gregory (15) |
| SB 1675-Lewis | SB 1690-Gregory (15) |
| SB 1676-Burger | SB 1691-Burger |
| SB 1677-Schnelting | SB 1692-Lewis |
| SB 1678-Gregory (21) | SB 1693-Lewis |
| SB 1679-Gregory (21) | SB 1694-Roberts |
| SB 1680-McCreery | SB 1695-Webber |
| SB 1681-McCreery | SB 1696-Webber |
| SB 1682-McCreery | SJR 118-Nurrenbern |
| SB 1683-McCreery | SJR 119-Lewis |
| SB 1684-McCreery | |

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

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| HCS for HBs 1667 & 2294 | HB 2591-Stinnett |
| HCS for HBs 1694, 1674, 1780, 2056, 2312 & 1755 | HB 1961-Peters |
| HCS for HBs 2273, 1946, 1814 & 2551 | HCS for HBs 1838, 1692, 1695, 1983, 2036, 2662 & 2743 |
| HCS for HB 1757 | HB 1917-Casteel |
| HCS for HB 2375 | HB 2061-Hruza |
| HCS for HB 1788 | HCS for HB 2384 |
| HB 1628-Haley | HB 1766-McGill |
| HCS for HBs 2033, 1608, 1672 & 1854 | HCS for HB 2989 |
| HB 1847-Hewkin | HCS for HB 2596 |
| HCS for HB 1866 | HB 1644-Overcast |
| HCS for HBs 1908 & 2337 | HB 2423-Oehlerking |
| HB 2180-Griffith | |

THIRD READING OF SENATE BILLS

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| SS for SCS for SB 974-Black (In Fiscal Oversight) | SS for SB 1000-Hudson (In Fiscal Oversight) |
| | SS for SB 1233-Trent |

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

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| 1. SB 998-Hudson, with SCS | 5. SB 1064-Brown (26) |
| 2. SB 938-Bernskoetter | 6. SB 1062-Carter |
| 3. SB 1087-Nicola, with SCS | 7. SB 1032-Moon |
| 4. SB 1019-Crawford | 8. SB 975-Black |

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| 9. SB 1023-Brown (16), with SCS | 16. SB 982-Coleman |
| 10. SB 838-Cierpiot, with SCS | 17. SB 887-Schroer |
| 11. SB 903-Henderson, with SCS | 18. SB 970-Fitzwater, with SCS |
| 12. SB 1029-Brattin, with SCS | 19. SB 999-Hudson |
| 13. SBs 971 & 906-Trent, with SCS | 20. SJR 95-Schnelting, with SCS |
| 14. SB 1351-Nicola | 21. SB 931-Crawford |
| 15. SB 1408-Burger | |

INFORMAL CALENDAR

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

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| SB 836-Crawford, with SCS | SB 917-Burger, with SS & SA 1 (pending) |
| SB 856-Brattin and Coleman | SB 948-Brattin, with SS & SA 3 (pending) |
| SB 863-Bean, with SS & SA 1 (pending) | SB 973-Trent, with SCS & SS for SCS (pending) |
| SB 888-Schroer, with SS & SA 1 (pending) | SB 1003-Schnelting, with SCS, SS for SCS & SA 4 (pending) |
| SB 889-Coleman | |
| SB 904-Gregory (15), with SS & SA 1 (pending) | |

RESOLUTIONS

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| SR 565-Beck | SR 567-Beck |
| SR 566-Beck | SR 668-Moon |

To be Referred

SCR 20-McCreery

ACTIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 27

SS for SB 1 - Hough

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