

Journal of the Senate

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

TWENTY-FIRST DAY - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Wasinger in the Chair.

Senator Nicola offered the following prayer:

Father, it is an honor to serve You and to serve the people of Missouri by protecting their freedom and liberty. As we begin this short week, I pray that we all remember the purpose of government and why we are here.

Proverbs 15:33, “The fear of the Lord is the instruction for wisdom, and before honor comes humility.”

We look to You for all our wisdom and understanding.

We submit ourselves to You Father knowing that You see all and hear all. I pray for the salvation of each of my colleagues and for healing for those who are not feeling well. May You be glorified in all we say and do.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

A quorum being established, the Senate proceeded with its business.

The Journal for Thursday, February 12, 2026, was read and approved.

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

Present—Senators

Bean	Beck	Bernskoetter	Black	Brattin	Brown (16)	Brown (26)
Burger	Carter	Cierpiot	Coleman	Crawford	Fitzwater	Gregory (15)
Gregory (21)	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 Henderson—1

Vacancies—None

The Lieutenant Governor was present.

RESOLUTIONS

Senator Washington offered Senate Resolution No. 670, regarding the passing of M.C. Richardson, Kansas City, which was adopted.

Senator Mosley offered Senate Resolution No. 671, regarding the passing of Reverend Dr. Sammie E. Jones, Florissant, which was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

SB 1671 – By Gregory (21).

An Act to repeal section 94.900, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to a public safety sales tax.

Senator Hudson assumed the Chair.

SB 1672 – By Brown (16).

An Act to amend chapter 334, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the practice of medicine.

SB 1673 – By Burger.

An Act to amend chapter 324, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to licensure of massage therapists.

SB 1674 – By Burger.

An Act to repeal section 173.005, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to student representation on the coordinating board for higher education, with penalty provisions.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

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

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI
February 13, 2026

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

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith for your advice and consent the following appointment:

Brian E. Eyestone, Republican, 5138 Tealby Lane, St. Louis, St. Louis County, Missouri 63128, as a member of the Credit Union Commission, for a term ending January 1, 2029, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified; vice, Harold E. James, term expired.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Kehoe
Governor

Also,

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI
February 13, 2026

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

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith for your advice and consent the following appointment:

Jennifer L. Sweeney, Democrat, 502 West Woodbine Road, Nixa, Christian County, Missouri 65714, as a member of the Credit Union Commission, for a term ending January 1, 2031, and until her successor is duly appointed and qualified; vice, Chris McCreary, term expired.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Kehoe
Governor

Also,

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI
February 13, 2026

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

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith for your advice and consent the following appointment:

Michael A. Flagg, Independent, 4014 Abbington Terrace, Columbia, Boone County, Missouri 65203, as a member of the Credit Union Commission, for a term ending January 1, 2029, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified; vice, Pat Ann Danner Meyer, resigned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Kehoe
Governor

Also,

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI
February 13, 2026

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

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith for your advice and consent the following appointment:

Frederick R. Kostecki, 49 Muirfield Lane, St. Louis, St. Louis County, Missouri 63141, as a member of the Missouri State Board of Accountancy, for a term ending July 1, 2027, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified; vice, Frederick R. Kostecki, reappointed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Kehoe
Governor

Also,

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI
February 13, 2026

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

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith for your advice and consent the following appointment:

Jason G. Napuli, 543 Roaring Fork Drive, Wildwood, St. Louis County, Missouri 63040, as a member of the Missouri State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, for a term ending December 12, 2029, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified; vice, Gary L. Carter, term expired.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Kehoe
Governor

President Pro Tem O’Laughlin referred the above appointments and reappointment to the Committee on Gubernatorial appointments.

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

Senator Bean moved that **SB 953** be taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

Senator Roberts offered **SA 1**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend Senate Bill No. 953, Page 1, In the Title, Line 3, by striking the words “the expenditure of moneys in certain funds by”; and

Further amend said bill, page 4, section 643.350, line 37 by inserting after all of said line the following:

“644.021. 1. There is hereby created a water contaminant control agency to be known as the “Clean Water Commission of the State of Missouri”, whose domicile for the purposes of sections 644.006 to 644.141 shall be deemed to be that of the department of natural resources. The commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. No more than four of the members shall belong to the same political party. All members shall be representative of the general interest of the public and shall have an interest in and knowledge of conservation and the effects and control of water contaminants. [At least two members shall be knowledgeable concerning the needs of agriculture, industry or mining and interested in protecting these needs] **Each member of the commission shall serve** in a manner consistent with the purposes of sections 644.006 to 644.141]. One member shall be knowledgeable concerning the needs of publicly owned wastewater treatment works. No more than four members shall represent the public. No member shall receive, or have received during the previous two years, a significant portion of his or her income directly or indirectly from permit holders or applicants for a permit pursuant to any federal water pollution control act as amended and as applicable to this state] **and the commission shall be comprised of the following members:**

- (1) **One member knowledgeable concerning the needs of agriculture;**
- (2) **One member knowledgeable concerning the needs of industry or mining;**
- (3) **One member knowledgeable concerning the needs of publicly owned wastewater treatment works; and**
- (4) **Four members representing the public.**

All members appointed on or after August 28, 2002, shall have demonstrated an interest and knowledge about water quality. All members appointed on or after August 28, 2002, shall be qualified by interest, education, training or experience to provide, assess and evaluate scientific and technical information concerning water quality, financial requirements and the effects of the promulgation of standards, rules and regulations. At the first meeting of the commission and [at yearly intervals] **annually** thereafter, the members shall select from among themselves a chairman and a vice chairman. **The governor shall not appoint any person who has a substantial interest, as defined in section 105.450, in any business entity regulated under this chapter or any business entity which would be regulated under this chapter if located in the state. The commission shall establish rules which specify when members shall exempt themselves from participating in discussions and from voting on issues before the commission due to potential conflict of interest. Prior to any vote on any variance, appeal, or order, the commission shall adopt a rule to exclude from such vote any member with a conflict of interest. Any person may appeal the appointment of a member on the grounds of conflict of interest. A member of the commission has a conflict of interest when he or she is able to utilize the commission to obtain a personal or professional benefit outside the jurisdiction of the commission. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the**

provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2026, shall be invalid and void.

2. The members' terms of office shall be four years and until their successors are selected and qualified. Provided, however, that the first three members appointed shall serve a term of two years, the next three members appointed shall serve a term of four years, thereafter all members appointed shall serve a term of four years. There is no limitation on the number of terms any appointed member may serve. If a vacancy occurs the governor may appoint a member for the remaining portion of the unexpired term created by the vacancy. The governor may remove any appointed member for cause. The members of the commission shall be reimbursed for travel and other expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

3. The commission shall hold at least four regular meetings each year and such additional meetings as the chairman deems desirable at a place and time to be fixed by the chairman. Special meetings may be called by three members of the commission upon delivery of written notice to each member of the commission. Reasonable written notice of all meetings shall be given by the director to all members of the commission. Four members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. All powers and duties conferred specifically upon members of the commission shall be exercised personally by the members and not by alternates or representatives. All actions of the commission shall be taken at meetings open to the public. Any member absent from [six] **four** consecutive regular commission meetings for any cause whatsoever shall be deemed to have resigned and the vacancy shall be filled immediately in accordance with subsection [1] **2** of this section.”; and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

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

On motion of Senator Bean, **SB 953** was declared perfected and ordered printed.

At the request of Senator Brattin, **SB 856** was placed on the Informal Calendar.

Senator Trent moved that **SB 973**, with **SCS**, be taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

SCS for **SB 973**, entitled:

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 973

An Act to amend chapter 407, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to certain disclosures by a real estate wholesaler.

Was taken up.

Senator Trent moved that **SCS** for **SB 973** be adopted.

Senator Trent offered **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 973**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 973

An Act to amend chapter 407, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to certain disclosures by a real estate wholesaler.

Senator Trent moved that **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 973** be adopted.

Senator Bean assumed the Chair.

At the request of Senator Trent, **SB 973**, with **SCS**, and **SS** for **SCS** (pending), was placed on the Informal Calendar.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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 **SB 953**, begs leave to report that it has examined the same and finds that the bill has been truly perfected and that the printed copies furnished the Senators are correct.

REFERRALS

President Pro Tem O’Laughlin referred **SB 953** to the Committee on Fiscal Oversight.

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 **HBs 2033, 1608, 1672, and 1854**, entitled:

An Act to repeal section 191.1720, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to gender transition procedures.

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 1847**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 332.081, 332.211, and 332.281, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof sixteen new sections relating to the dental professions.

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 1866**, entitled:

An Act to repeal section 590.100, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to peace officer license requirements.

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 1908** and **2337**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 452.305 and 452.310, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to a judgment of dissolution of marriage or legal separation.

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 2180**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 105.963, 143.611, and 209.030, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof four new sections relating to mail sent by state departments.

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 2591**, entitled:

An Act to repeal section 345.050, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to licensure requirements for speech-language pathologists.

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 1961**, entitled:

An Act to amend chapter 324, RSMo, by adding thereto sixteen new sections relating to dietitians.

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 1838, 1692, 1695, 1983, 2036, 2662, and 2743**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 301.020, 301.074, 301.132, 301.147, 301.190, 301.443, 307.350, 307.375, 307.380, and 643.315, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof ten new sections relating to motor vehicle safety inspections, with penalty provisions and a delayed effective date.

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 1917**, entitled:

An Act to amend chapter 247, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to public water supply districts.

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 2061**, entitled:

An Act to amend chapters 160 and 173, RSMo, by adding thereto four new sections relating to prohibiting antisemitic actions that threaten students and staff at educational 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 2384**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 67.280 and 71.948, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to applications for property developments.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Read 1st time.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Senator Mosley introduced to the Senate, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc, Eta Mu Sigma chapter, Sylvia Ross-Toney; and Dr. Felicia Hampton; and members, Black Jack.

Senator Washington introduced to the Senate, Mayor Pro Tem, Ryana Parks-Shaw; councilman Darrell Curls; and Negro Leagues Baseball museum President, Bob Kendrick, Kansas City.

Senator Williams introduced to the Senate, LiUNA Local 110, Jose Hernandez; and Colby Erhart, St. Louis.

Senator Carter introduced to the Senate, Alan Snow; Traci Cox, Carthage; and Mayor Bill Sherman and his wife, Mickey Sherman, Duquesne.

Senator Bean introduced to the Senate, Boy Scouts of America, Troops 4019 and 4041; and girls from Sikeston, Morehouse and Dexter.

Senator Burger introduced to the Senate, Gibson Center for Behavioral Change C.O.O., Ryan Essex, Cape Girardeau.

Senator Lewis introduced to the Senate, Sandra Jones; Irene Kendrick; Anette Turnbaugh; Damond Randolph; John Maloney; Thomas Rousey; Mayor Leonard Jones; and Cemal Gungor, Grandview.

Senator Roberts introduced to the Senate, Wiley Price Sr, St. Louis.

Senator Hough introduced to the Senate, his Aunt, Sally Barnett.

On motion of Senator Luetkemeyer, the Senate adjourned until 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

SENATE CALENDAR

TWENTY-SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 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
SB 1670-Beck
SB 1671-Gregory (21)
SB 1672-Brown (16)
SB 1673-Burger
SB 1674-Burger
SJR 118-Nurrenbern

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

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

THIRD READING OF SENATE BILLS

SS for SCS for SB 974-Black (In Fiscal Oversight)	SB 953-Bean (In Fiscal Oversight)
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SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

1. SB 1000-Hudson	8. SB 1019-Crawford
2. SB 836-Crawford, with SCS	9. SB 1064-Brown (26)
3. SBs 835 & 1111-Crawford, with SCS	10. SB 1062-Carter
4. SB 1233-Trent	11. SB 1032-Moon
5. SB 998-Hudson, with SCS	12. SB 975-Black
6. SB 938-Bernskoetter	13. SB 1023-Brown (16), with SCS
7. SB 1087-Nicola, with SCS	

INFORMAL CALENDAR

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

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

RESOLUTIONS

SR 565-Beck
SR 566-Beck

SR 567-Beck
SR 668-Moon

ACTIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 27

SS for SB 1 - Hough

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