

Journal of the Senate

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

TWENTY-SECOND DAY - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Wasinger in the Chair.

Senator Carter offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we humbly ask Your guidance upon the Missouri Senate. Grant our Senators wisdom, integrity, and clarity of mind as they deliberate for the good of our state. May they serve with justice, compassion, and unity, putting the welfare of every Missourian first. Bless their work this day, and may all they do honor You. 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

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 Coleman offered Senate Resolution No. 672, regarding Maeve Long, Arnold, which was adopted.

Senator Gregory (15) offered Senate Resolution No. 673, regarding William Lee "Bill" Asbury, Ballwin, which was adopted.

Senator Gregory (15) offered Senate Resolution No. 674, regarding Peter Rolf "Pete" Hoyer, Ballwin, which was adopted.

Senator Gregory (15) offered Senate Resolution No. 675, regarding John Charles Cooper, Manchester, which was adopted.

Senator Gregory (15) offered Senate Resolution No. 676, regarding Walter Bisch, Chesterfield, which was adopted.

Senator Bean offered Senate Resolution No. 677, regarding Stacey Burkey, Poplar Bluff, which was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

SB 1675 – By Lewis.

An Act to repeal section 182.711, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to urban library districts.

SB 1676 – By Burger.

An Act to amend chapter 301, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to persons with impaired or limited ability to communicate with law enforcement.

SB 1677 – By Schnelting.

An Act to repeal section 302.020, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to child passengers on motorcycles and motortricycles, with penalty provisions and an effective date.

SB 1678 – By Gregory (21).

An Act to amend chapter 135, RSMo, by adding thereto three new sections relating to tax credits for child care.

SB 1679 – By Gregory (21).

An Act to repeal section 32.310, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the department of revenue.

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

Senator Fitzwater assumed the Chair.

Senator Hudson moved that **SB 1000** be taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

Senator Hudson offered **SS** for **SB 1000**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1000

An Act to repeal section 620.467, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the division of tourism supplemental revenue fund.

Senator Hudson moved that **SS** for **SB 1000** be adopted.

Senator Nurrenbern offered **SA 1**, which was read:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1000, Page 1, Section 620.467, Line 4, by striking “special”.

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

Senator Hudson moved that **SS** for **SB 1000**, as amended, be adopted, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Hudson, **SS** for **SB 1000**, as amended, was declared perfected and ordered printed.

At the request of Senator Crawford, **SB 836**, with **SCS**, was placed on the Informal Calendar.

Senator Crawford moved that **SBs 835** and **1111**, with **SCS**, be taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

SCS for **SBs 835** and **1111**, entitled:

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.

Senator Crawford moved that **SCS** for **SBs 835** and **1111** be adopted.

Senator Crawford offered **SS** for **SCS** for **SBs 835** and **1111**, 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.

Senator Crawford moved that **SS** for **SCS** for **SBs 835** and **1111** be adopted.

Senator Hudson assumed the Chair.

Senator Webber offered **SA 1**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bills Nos. 835 and 1111, Page 10, Section 525.235, Line 33, by striking all of said line and inserting in lieu thereof the following: **“from any accounts identified in the order of garnishment and such accounts may”**; and further amend line 42, by striking all of said line and inserting in lieu thereof the following: **“garnishment. The garnishee shall provide a copy of the order of garnishment to each account holder within two days to the address provided to the garnishee by each account holder by mail or electronically if authorized by the account holder. Each account holder may file an objection or request of exemption of all or a portion of the account with the court that issued the order of garnishment within thirty days of the date the garnishment attaches and serve their objection or request for exemption on the garnishor and the garnishee. If the objection or request of exemption is not resolved within thirty days, the garnishee may pay the garnished funds to the circuit court to be held for pending resolution of the objection or request. The garnishee shall not”**.

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

Senator Gregory (21) assumed the Chair.

Senator Crawford moved that **SS** for **SCS** for **SBs 835** and **1111**, as amended, be adopted, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Crawford, **SS** for **SCS** for **SBs 835** and **1111**, as amended, was declared perfected and ordered printed.

Senator Trent moved that **SB 1233** be taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

Senator Trent offered **SS** for **SB 1233**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 1233

An Act to repeal sections 326.256, 326.277, 326.280, 326.283, 326.286, 326.289, and 326.292, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof seven new sections relating to the licensing of accountants, with penalty provisions.

Senator Trent moved that **SS** for **SB 1233** be adopted.

Senator McCreery offered **SA 1**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1233, Page 1, In the Title, Line 5, by striking the word “accountants” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “certain professionals”; and

Further amend said bill, page 29, section 326.292, line 228, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“345.050. To be eligible for licensure by the board by examination, each applicant shall submit the application fee and shall furnish evidence of such person's current competence and shall:

(1) Hold a master's or a doctoral degree from a program that was awarded “accreditation candidate” status or is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or other accrediting agency approved by the board in the area in which licensure is sought;

(2) Submit official transcripts from one or more accredited colleges or universities presenting evidence of the completion of course work and clinical practicum requirements equivalent to that required by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or other accrediting agency approved by the board;

(3) Present written evidence of completion of a clinical fellowship from supervisors. The experience required by this subdivision shall follow the completion of the requirements of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section. This period of employment shall be under the direct supervision of a [person who is licensed by the state of Missouri in the profession in which the applicant seeks to be] licensed **speech-language**

pathologist in good standing. Persons applying with an audiology clinical doctoral degree are exempt from this provision; and

(4) Pass an examination promulgated or approved by the board. The board shall determine the subject and scope of the examinations.”; and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

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

Senator Moon offered SA 2, which was read:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1233, Page 29, Section 326.292, Line 228, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“Section 1. 1. As used in this section, the term “AI” means any software, machine, or system capable of simulating human-like cognitive functions including, but not limited to, learning or problem solving, and producing outputs based on data driven algorithms, rules-based logic, or other computational methods, regardless of non-legally defined classifications such as artificial general intelligence (AGI), artificial superintelligence (ASI), or generative artificial intelligence (GAI).

2. No AI system shall be granted the status of a person or any form of legal personhood for the purposes of obtaining a license under chapter 326.”; and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

Senator Moon moved that the above amendment be adopted.

Senator Beck offered SA 1 to SA 2, which was read:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO
SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amend Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1233, Page 1, Line 14, by inserting after “326.” the following:

“3. It shall be the unlawful practice of public accounting for any certified public accountant or certified public accounting firm to perform public accounting with the use of artificial intelligence. Any violation of this subsection shall be a class A misdemeanor.”.

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

Senator Moon moved that SA 2, as amended, be adopted, and requested a roll call vote be taken. He was joined in his request by Senators Beck, Lewis, Roberts, and Schroer.

SA 2, as amended, was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators

Beck	Brown (26)	Carter	Lewis	May	McCreery	Moon
Mosley	Nicola	Nurrenbern	Roberts	Schnelting	Schroer	Washington
Webber	Williams—16					

NAYS—Senators

Bean	Black	Burger	Cierpiot	Coleman	Crawford	Gregory (15)
Gregory (21)	Hudson	Luetkemeyer	O'Laughlin	Trent—12		

Absent—Senators

Bernskoetter	Brattin	Brown (16)	Fitzwater	Henderson	Hough—6
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Absent with leave—Senators—None

Vacancies—None

Senator Washington offered **SA 3**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 3

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1233, Page 1, In the Title, Line 5, by striking “the licensing of accountants” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “professional licensing”; and

Further amend said bill, page 29, section 326.292, line 228, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“329.010. As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following words and terms mean:

(1) “Accredited school of cosmetology or school of manicuring”, an establishment operated for the purpose of teaching cosmetology as defined in this section and meeting the criteria set forth under 34 C.F.R. Part 600, Sections 600.1 and 600.2;

(2) “Apprentice” or “student”, a person who is engaged in training within a cosmetology establishment or school, and while so training performs any of the practices of the classified occupations within this chapter under the immediate direction and supervision of a licensed cosmetologist or instructor;

(3) “Board”, the state board of cosmetology and barber examiners;

(4) “Cosmetologist”, any person who, for compensation, engages in the practice of cosmetology, as defined in subdivision (5) of this section;

(5) “Cosmetology” includes performing or offering to engage in any acts of the classified occupations of cosmetology for compensation, which shall include:

(a) “Class CH - hairdresser” includes arranging, dressing, curling, singeing, waving, permanent waving, cleansing, cutting, bleaching, tinting, coloring or similar work upon the hair of any person by any means; or removing superfluous hair from the body of any person by means other than electricity, or any other means of arching or tinting eyebrows or tinting eyelashes. Class CH - hairdresser also includes any person who either with the person's hands or with mechanical or electrical apparatuses or appliances, or by the use of cosmetic preparations, antiseptics, tonics, lotions or creams engages for compensation in any one or any combination of the following: massaging, cleaning, stimulating, manipulating, exercising, beautifying or similar work upon the scalp, face, neck, arms or bust;

(b) “Class MO - manicurist” includes cutting, trimming, polishing, coloring, tinting, cleaning or otherwise beautifying a person's fingernails, applying artificial fingernails, massaging, cleaning a person's hands and arms; pedicuring, which includes cutting, trimming, polishing, coloring, tinting, cleaning or

otherwise beautifying a person's toenails, applying artificial toenails, massaging and cleaning a person's legs and feet;

(c) "Class CA - hairdressing and manicuring" includes all practices of cosmetology, as defined in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subdivision;

(d) "Class E - estheticians" includes the use of mechanical, electrical apparatuses or appliances, or by the use of cosmetic preparations, antiseptics, tonics, lotions or creams, not to exceed ten percent phenol, engages for compensation, either directly or indirectly, in any one, or any combination, of the following practices: massaging, cleansing, stimulating, manipulating, exercising, beautifying or similar work upon the scalp, face, neck, ears, arms, hands, bust, torso, legs or feet and removing superfluous hair by means other than electric needle or any other means of arching or tinting eyebrows or tinting eyelashes, of any person;

(e) "Class EA - esthetics and manicuring" includes all practices of cosmetology, as described in paragraphs (b) and (d) of this subdivision;

(6) "Cosmetology establishment", that part of any building wherein or whereupon any of the classified occupations are practiced including any space rented within a licensed establishment by a person licensed under this chapter, for the purpose of rendering cosmetology services;

(7) "Cross-over license", a license that is issued to any person who has met the licensure and examination requirements for both barbering and cosmetology;

(8) "Hair braider", any person who, for compensation, engages in the practice of hair braiding;

(9) "Hair braiding", in accordance with the requirements of section 329.275, the use of techniques that result in tension on hair strands or roots by twisting, wrapping, waving, extending, locking, or braiding of the hair by hand or mechanical device, but does not include the application of dyes, reactive chemicals, or other preparations to alter the color of the hair or to straighten, curl, or alter the structure of the hair;

(10) "Hairdresser", any person who, for compensation, engages in the practice of cosmetology as defined in paragraph (a) of subdivision (5) of this section;

(11) "Instructor", any person who is licensed to teach cosmetology or any practices of cosmetology pursuant to this chapter;

(12) "Manicurist", any person who, for compensation, engages in any or all of the practices in paragraph (b) of subdivision (5) of this section;

(13) "Parental consent", the written informed consent of a minor's parent or legal guardian that must be obtained prior to providing body waxing on or near the genitalia;

(14) "School of cosmetology" or "school of manicuring", an establishment operated for the purpose of teaching cosmetology as defined in subdivision (5) of this section.

329.050. 1. Applicants for examination or licensure pursuant to this chapter shall possess the following qualifications:

(1) They shall provide documentation of successful completion of courses approved by the board, have an education equivalent to the successful completion of the tenth grade, and be at least seventeen years of age;

(2) If the applicants are apprentices, they shall have served and completed, as an apprentice under the supervision of a licensed cosmetologist, the time and studies required by the board which shall be no less than three thousand hours for cosmetologists, and no less than eight hundred hours for manicurists and no less than fifteen hundred hours for esthetics. **When the classified occupation of manicurist is apprenticed in conjunction with the classified occupation of esthetician, the apprentice shall be required to successfully complete an apprenticeship of no less than a total of two thousand three hundred hours.** However, when the classified occupation of manicurist is apprenticed in conjunction with the classified occupation of cosmetologist, the apprentice shall be required to successfully complete an apprenticeship of no less than a total of three thousand hours;

(3) If the applicants are students, they shall have had the required time in a licensed school of no less than one thousand five hundred hours training or the credit hours determined by the formula in Subpart A of Part 668 of Section 668.8 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended, for the classification of cosmetologist, with the exception of public vocational technical schools in which a student shall complete no less than one thousand two hundred twenty hours training. All students shall complete no less than four hundred hours or the credit hours determined by the formula in Subpart A of Part 668 of Section 668.8 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended, for the classification of manicurist. All students shall complete no less than seven hundred fifty hours or the credit hours determined by the formula in Subpart A of Part 668 of Section 668.8 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended, for the classification of esthetician. **When the classified occupation of manicurist is taken in conjunction with the classified occupation of esthetician, the student shall be required to complete the hours required for both occupations.** However, when the classified occupation of manicurist is taken in conjunction with the classified occupation of cosmetologist, the student shall not be required to serve the extra four hundred hours or the credit hours determined by the formula in Subpart A of Part 668 of Section 668.8 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended, otherwise required to include manicuring of nails; and

(4) They shall have passed an examination to the satisfaction of the board.

2. A person may apply to take the examination required by subsection 1 of this section if the person is a graduate of a school of cosmetology or apprentice program in another state or territory of the United States which has substantially the same requirements as an educational establishment licensed pursuant to this chapter. A person may apply to take the examination required by subsection 1 of this section if the person is a graduate of an educational establishment in a foreign country that provides training for a classified occupation of cosmetology, as defined by section 329.010, and has educational requirements that are substantially the same requirements as an educational establishment licensed under this chapter. The board has sole discretion to determine the substantial equivalency of such educational requirements. The board may require that transcripts from foreign schools be submitted for its review, and the board may require that the applicant provide an approved English translation of such transcripts.

3. Each application shall contain a statement that, subject to the penalties of making a false affidavit or declaration, the application is made under oath or affirmation and that its representations are true and correct to the best knowledge and belief of the person signing the application.

4. The sufficiency of the qualifications of applicants shall be determined by the board, but the board may delegate this authority to its executive director subject to such provisions as the board may adopt.

5. Applications for examination or licensure may be denied if the applicant has pleaded guilty to, entered a plea of nolo contendere to, or been found guilty of any of the following offenses or offenses of a similar nature established under the laws of this state, any other state, the United States, or any other country, notwithstanding whether sentence is imposed:

(1) Any dangerous felony as defined under section 556.061 or murder in the first degree;

(2) Any of the following sexual offenses: rape in the first degree, forcible rape, rape, statutory rape in the first degree, statutory rape in the second degree, rape in the second degree, sexual assault, sodomy in the first degree, forcible sodomy, statutory sodomy in the first degree, statutory sodomy in the second degree, child molestation in the first degree, child molestation in the second degree, sodomy in the second degree, deviate sexual assault, sexual misconduct involving a child, sexual misconduct in the first degree under section 566.090 as it existed prior to August 28, 2013, sexual abuse under section 566.100 as it existed prior to August 28, 2013, sexual abuse in the first or second degree, enticement of a child, or attempting to entice a child;

(3) Any of the following offenses against the family and related offenses: incest, abandonment of a child in the first degree, abandonment of a child in the second degree, endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree, abuse of a child, using a child in a sexual performance, promoting sexual performance by a child, or trafficking in children; and

(4) Any of the following offenses involving child pornography and related offenses: promoting obscenity in the first degree, promoting obscenity in the second degree when the penalty is enhanced to a class E felony, promoting child pornography in the first degree, promoting child pornography in the second degree, possession of child pornography in the first degree, possession of child pornography in the second degree, furnishing child pornography to a minor, furnishing pornographic materials to minors, or coercing acceptance of obscene material.”; and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

Senator Washington moved that the above amendment be adopted and requested a roll call vote be taken. She was joined in her request by Senators Mosley, Nurrenbern, Roberts, and Webber.

SA 3 failed of adoption by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators

Beck	Lewis	May	McCreery	Mosley	Nurrenbern	Roberts
Washington	Webber	Williams—10				

NAYS—Senators

Bean	Bernskoetter	Black	Brown (26)	Burger	Carter	Coleman
Crawford	Gregory (15)	Gregory (21)	Hudson	Luetkemeyer	Moon	Nicola
O’Laughlin	Schnelting	Schroer	Trent—18			

Absent—Senators
 Brattin Brown (16) Cierpiot Fitzwater Henderson Hough—6

Absent with leave—Senators—None

Vacancies—None

Senator Trent moved that **SS** for **SB 1233**, as amended, be adopted, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Trent, **SS** for **SB 1233**, as amended, was declared perfected and ordered printed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Madam President, your Committee on Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics, to which were referred **SS** for **SB 1000**, and **SS** for **SCS** for **SBs 835** and **1111**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bills have been truly perfected and that the printed copies furnished the Senators are correct.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Senator Carter introduced to the Senate, Ellen Vogt; Ashlee Pahlow; Abby Brower; Becky Burns; and her son, Hiram Carter.

Senator Crawford introduced to the Senate, Eric Kirchberg, Buffalo.

Senator Bernskoetter introduced to the Senate, Capital City CASA executive director, Gina Clement; outreach manager, D'Arcy Crane; and volunteers, Bonni Herman; Carrie Couch; Julie Koesterer; and Tammy Wood.

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

SENATE CALENDAR

TWENTY-THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 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
SB 1675-Lewis
SB 1676-Burger
SB 1677-Schnelting
SB 1678-Gregory (21)
SB 1679-Gregory (21)
SJR 118-Nurrenbern

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

HCS for HBs 1667 & 2294
HCS for HBs 1694, 1674, 1780, 2056, 2312 & 1755
HCS for HBs 2273, 1946, 1814 & 2551
HCS for HB 1757
HCS for HB 2375
HCS for HB 1788
HB 1628-Haley
HCS for HBs 2033, 1608, 1672 & 1854
HB 1847-Hewkin
HCS for HB 1866

HCS for HBs 1908 & 2337
HB 2180-Griffith
HB 2591-Stinnett
HB 1961-Peters
HCS for HBs 1838, 1692, 1695, 1983, 2036,
2662 & 2743
HB 1917-Casteel
HB 2061-Hruza
HCS for HB 2384

THIRD READING OF SENATE BILLS

SS for SCS for SB 974-Black
(In Fiscal Oversight)
SB 953-Bean (In Fiscal Oversight)

SS for SB 1000-Hudson
SS for SCS for SBs 835 & 1111-Crawford

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

SB 998-Hudson, with SCS
SB 938-Bernskoetter
SB 1087-Nicola, with SCS
SB 1019-Crawford
SB 1064-Brown (26)

SB 1062-Carter
SB 1032-Moon
SB 975-Black
SB 1023-Brown (16), with SCS

INFORMAL CALENDAR

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

SB 836-Crawford, with SCS
SB 856-Brattin and Coleman

SB 863-Bean, with SS & SA 1 (pending)
SB 888-Schroer, with SS & SA 1 (pending)

SB 889-Coleman

SB 904-Gregory (15), with SS & SA 1 (pending)

SB 917-Burger, with SS & SA 1 (pending)

SB 948-Brattin, with SS & SA 3 (pending)

SB 973-Trent, with SCS & SS for SCS (pending)

SB 1003-Schnelting, with SCS, SS for SCS &

SA 4 (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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