

Journal of the Senate

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Wasinger in the Chair.

Senator Bernskoetter offered the following prayer:

Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Almighty God, today we pray for clarity and insight as we discuss and debate legislation. Help us to see beyond the immediate and understand the long-term consequences of our action. Guide and lead us with Your divine wisdom. 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	Gregory (15)	Gregory (21)
Henderson	Hough	Hudson	Lewis	Luetkemeyer	May	McCreery
Moon	Mosley	Nicola	Nurrenbern	O'Laughlin	Schnelting	Schroer
Trent	Washington	Webber	Williams—32			

Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senators

Fitzwater Roberts—2

Vacancies—None

The Lieutenant Governor was present.

The Senate observed a moment of silence for Deputy Gabriel Ramirez and Deputy Michael Hislope.

RESOLUTIONS

On behalf of Senator Fitzwater, Senator Luetkemeyer offered Senate Resolution No. 685, regarding Ronnie Brooks, Wentzville, which was adopted.

On behalf of Senator Fitzwater, Senator Luetkemeyer offered Senate Resolution No. 686, regarding Joe Willie Jefferson, Wentzville, which was adopted.

Senator Beck offered Senate Resolution No. 687, regarding Robert John "Bob" Cusimano, St. Louis, which was adopted.

Senator Beck offered Senate Resolution No. 688, regarding Jerry Louis Gillman, St. Louis, which was adopted.

Senator Beck offered Senate Resolution No. 689, regarding William Raymon "Bill" Wlodarczyk, St. Louis, which was adopted.

Senator Brattin offered Senate Resolution No. 690, regarding Eagle Scout Ryan Thomas McQueary, Holden, which was adopted.

Senator Brattin offered Senate Resolution No. 691, regarding Eagle Scout Benjamin James West, Holden, which was adopted.

Senator Brattin offered Senate Resolution No. 692, regarding Eagle Scout Cooper William Redhair, Holden, which was adopted.

Senator Brattin offered Senate Resolution No. 693, regarding Eagle Scout Sean Conner Anstine, Holden, which was adopted.

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 **SB 938** and **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 1087**, begs leave to report that it has examined the same and finds that the bills have been truly perfected and that the printed copies furnished the Senators are correct.

REFERRALS

President Pro Tem O’Laughlin referred **SB 938** to the Committee on Fiscal Oversight.

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

The following Bill was read the 2nd time and referred to the Committee indicated:

HCS for **HB 2014**—Appropriations.

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

Senator Crawford moved that **SB 1019** be taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

Senator Hudson assumed the Chair.

Senator Lewis offered **SA 1**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend Senate Bill No. 1019, Page 6, Section 208.158, Line 22, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“376.1245. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) “Anesthesia time”, the period during which an anesthesia practitioner is present with the patient, starting when the anesthesia practitioner begins to prepare the patient for anesthesia

services in the operating room or an equivalent area and ending when the anesthesia practitioner is no longer furnishing anesthesia services to the patient because the patient may be placed safely under postoperative or postanesthesia care. The term “anesthesia time” includes, if counted by the anesthesia practitioner, blocks of time around an interruption in anesthesia time provided the anesthesia practitioner is furnishing continuous anesthesia care within the time periods around the interruption;

(2) “Anesthesia time units”, time units recognized with appropriate time intervals that do not exceed fifteen minutes in length for each interval and that, taken together, represent the total anesthesia time for a particular anesthesia service;

(3) “Excepted benefit plan”, the same meaning given to the term in section 376.998;

(4) “Health benefit plan”, the same meaning given to the term in section 376.1350. The term “health benefit plan” shall also include the Missouri consolidated health care plan established under chapter 103;

(5) “Health carrier”, the same meaning given to the term in section 376.1350;

(6) “Payment of anesthesia services”, an amount paid for anesthesia services:

(a) Determined by using prevailing medical coding and billing standards in the professional medical billing community, such as the Current Procedural Terminology code book published by the American Medical Association, the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, or guidance from nationally recognized anesthesia organizations; and

(b) Calculated as the product obtained by multiplying the following together:

a. The sum of the base units for the appropriate medical code plus anesthesia time units and modifying units; and

b. An anesthesia conversion factor that is defined in the individual contract between the health carrier or health benefit plan and the anesthesia practitioner or group.

2. No health carrier or health benefit plan shall establish, implement, or enforce any policy, practice, or procedure that imposes a time limit for the payment of anesthesia services provided during a medical or surgical procedure.

3. No health carrier or health benefit plan shall establish, implement, or enforce any policy, practice, or procedure that restricts or excludes all anesthesia time in calculating the payment of anesthesia services.

4. Excepted benefit plans shall be subject to the requirements of this section.

5. The provisions of this section shall apply to health carriers that offer or issue health benefit plans that are delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this state on or after August 28, 2026.”; and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

Senator Burger assumed the Chair.

Senator Lewis moved that the above amendment be adopted and requested a roll call vote be taken. She was joined in her request by Senators May, McCreery, Nurrenbern, and Williams.

At the request of Senator Crawford, **SB 1019**, with **SA 1** (pending), was placed on the Informal Calendar.

At the request of Senator Brown (26), **SB 1064** was placed on the Informal Calendar.

Senator Carter moved that **SB 1062** be taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

Senator Carter offered **SS** for **SB 1062**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 1062

An Act to amend chapter 660, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of an assistance program within the department of social services.

Senator Carter moved that **SS** for **SB 1062** be adopted.

Senator Lewis raised the point of order that pursuant to Senate Rule 54, **SS** for **SB 1062** is not germane to the original purpose of the bill.

The point of order was referred to the President Pro Tem.

At the request of Senator Carter, **SB 1062**, with **SS** and point of order (pending), was placed on the Informal Calendar.

Senator Moon moved that **SB 1032** be taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

Senator Moon offered **SS** for **SB 1032**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 1032

An Act to repeal section 143.161, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to an income tax exemption for certain dependents.

Senator Moon moved that **SS** for **SB 1032** be adopted.

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

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1032, Page 2, Section 143.161, Line 30, by inserting after "birth" the following: "**or adopts**"; and further amend line 37 by inserting after "to" the following: "**or adopts**"; and further amend line 40 by inserting after "birth" the following: "**or adopts**".

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

Senator McCreery offered **SA 2**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1032, Page 2, Section 143.161, Line 43, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“(4) The deduction authorized in this subsection may be claimed either by:

(a) The taxpayer giving birth to the child;

(b) The taxpayer's spouse if the taxpayer files married filing jointly; or

(c) Any other taxpayer that is entitled to a dependency exemption for the child for federal income tax purposes, regardless of whether the exemption amount as defined under 26 U.S.C. Section 151 is zero.”.

Senator McCreery moved that the above amendment be adopted.

Senator Coleman 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. 1032, Page 1, Line 5, by inserting after “to” the following: **“or adopting”**.

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

Senator McCreery moved that **SA 2**, as amended, be adopted, which motion prevailed.

Senator Moon moved that **SS** for **SB 1032**, as amended, be adopted, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Moon, **SS** for **SB 1032**, as amended, was declared perfected and ordered printed.

Senator Black moved that **SB 975** be taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

Senator Black offered **SS** for **SB 975**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 975

An Act to repeal sections 190.050, 190.051, 190.052, 190.070, and 190.090, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof five new sections relating to ambulance districts.

Senator Black moved that **SS** for **SB 975** be adopted.

Senator May offered **SA 1**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 975, Page 14, Section 190.090, Line 226, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“190.098. 1. As used in this section, the term “community paramedic services” means services that are:

(1) Provided by any entity that:

(a) Employs licensed paramedics who are certified as community paramedics by the department; and

- (b) **Has received an endorsement by the department as a community paramedic service entity;**
- (2) **Provided in a nonemergent setting, independent of a 911 system or emergency summons;**
- (3) **Consistent with the training and education, as well as within the scope of skill and practice, of the personnel and with the supervisory standard approved by the medical director; and**
- (4) **Reflected and documented in the entity's patient care plans or protocols approved by the medical director in accordance with section 190.142.**

2. In order for a person to be eligible for certification by the department as a community paramedic, an individual shall:

- (1) Be currently [certified] **licensed** as a paramedic;
- (2) Successfully complete or have successfully completed a community paramedic certification program from a college, university, or educational institution that has been approved by the department or accredited by a national accreditation organization approved by the department; and
- (3) Complete an application form approved by the department.

[2.] **3. A community paramedic shall practice in accordance with protocols and supervisory standards established by the medical director[. A community paramedic shall provide services of a health care plan if the plan has been developed by the patient's physician or by an advanced practice registered nurse through a collaborative practice arrangement with a physician or a physician assistant through a collaborative practice arrangement with a physician and there is no duplication of services to the patient from another provider] in collaboration with the ambulance service or emergency medical response agency administrator. Patient care plans that are developed by the patient's physician, advanced practice nurse practitioner, or physician assistant shall be implemented through a collaboration with the medical director and emergency response agency or ambulance service.**

[3.] **4. (1) Any ambulance service [shall enter into a written contract to provide community paramedic services in another ambulance service area, as that term is defined in section 190.100. The contract that is agreed upon may be for an indefinite period of time, as long as it includes at least a sixty-day cancellation notice by either ambulance service] that seeks to provide community paramedic services outside of its ambulance service area, as described in subdivision (5) of section 190.100 and section 190.109, and administered by the department, and in the service area of another ambulance service that currently provides community paramedic services shall be required to have a memorandum of understanding with that ambulance service regarding the provision of such community paramedic services. An ambulance service that provides community paramedic services may provide community paramedic services without a memorandum of understanding in the ambulance service area of an ambulance service that is not providing community paramedic services, but the ambulance service providing community paramedic services shall provide notification, within ninety days, to the ambulance service with emergency service responsibilities in the service area of the general community paramedic activities being performed.**

(2) **An ambulance service that provides community paramedic services and that has executed formal contracts or agreements with health care institutions, hospitals, health clinics, or insurance**

companies for the provision of community paramedic services shall be permitted to honor those agreements.

(3) For sustained services provided outside the county of the ambulance services' primary 911 response territory where another licensed ambulance service also offers community paramedic services, the community paramedic program shall coordinate with the local ambulance service.

(4) Any emergency medical response agency seeking to provide community paramedic services within its designated response service area may do so if the ground ambulance service covering the area within which the emergency medical response agency is located does not provide community paramedic services. If such ground ambulance service does provide community paramedic services, the ground ambulance service may establish, at its sole discretion, a memorandum of understanding with the emergency medical response agency planning to offer community paramedic services in order to coordinate programs and avoid service duplication. If an emergency medical response agency is providing community paramedic services in a service area before the ground ambulance service in that service area begins offering community paramedic services, the emergency medical response agency and the ground ambulance service shall establish a memorandum of understanding for the coordination of services.

(5) A community paramedic program shall notify the appropriate local ambulance service when providing services within the service area of an ambulance service.

(6) The department shall establish regulations for the purpose of recognizing community paramedic service entities that have met the standards necessary to provide community paramedic services, including physician medical oversight, training, patient record keeping, formal relationships with primary care services where necessary, and quality improvement policies. The department shall issue an endorsement to any community paramedic service entity that meets such standards that allow the entity to provide community paramedic services for a period of five years.

[4.] 5. A community paramedic is subject to the provisions of sections 190.001 to 190.245 and rules promulgated under sections 190.001 to 190.245.

[5.] 6. No person shall hold himself or herself out as a community paramedic or provide the services of a community paramedic unless such person is certified by the department.

[6.] 7. The medical director shall approve the implementation of the community paramedic program.

[7.] 8. 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, 2013, shall be invalid and void.

190.165. 1. The department may refuse to issue or deny renewal of any **endorsement**, certificate, permit or license required pursuant to sections [190.100] **190.098** to 190.245 for failure to comply with the provisions of sections [190.100] **190.098** to 190.245 or any lawful regulations promulgated by the

department to implement its provisions as described in subsection 2 of this section. The department shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal and shall advise the applicant of his or her right to file a complaint with the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621.

2. The department may cause a complaint to be filed with the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621 against any holder of any **endorsement**, certificate, permit or license required by sections [190.100] **190.098** to 190.245 or any person who has failed to renew or has surrendered his or her certificate, permit or license for failure to comply with the provisions of sections [190.100] **190.098** to 190.245 or any lawful regulations promulgated by the department to implement such sections. Those regulations shall be limited to the following:

(1) Use or unlawful possession of any controlled substance, as defined in chapter 195, or alcoholic beverage to an extent that such use impairs a person's ability to perform the work of any activity licensed or regulated by sections [190.100] **190.098** to 190.245;

(2) Being finally adjudicated and found guilty, or having entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in a criminal prosecution under the laws of any state or of the United States, for any offense reasonably related to the qualifications, functions or duties of any activity licensed or regulated pursuant to sections [190.100] **190.098** to 190.245, for any offense an essential element of which is fraud, dishonesty or an act of violence, or for any offense involving moral turpitude, whether or not sentence is imposed;

(3) Use of fraud, deception, misrepresentation or bribery in securing any **endorsement**, certificate, permit or license issued pursuant to sections [190.100] **190.098** to 190.245 or in obtaining permission to take any examination given or required pursuant to sections [190.100] **190.098** to 190.245;

(4) Obtaining or attempting to obtain any fee, charge, tuition or other compensation by fraud, deception or misrepresentation;

(5) Incompetency, misconduct, gross negligence, fraud, misrepresentation or dishonesty in the performance of the functions or duties of any activity licensed or regulated by sections [190.100] **190.098** to 190.245;

(6) Violation of, or assisting or enabling any person to violate, any provision of sections [190.100] **190.098** to 190.245, or of any lawful rule or regulation adopted by the department pursuant to sections [190.100] **190.098** to 190.245;

(7) Impersonation of any person holding [a] **an endorsement**, certificate, permit or license or allowing any person to use his or her **endorsement**, certificate, permit, license or diploma from any school;

(8) Disciplinary action against the holder of a license or other right to practice any activity regulated by sections [190.100] **190.098** to 190.245 granted by another state, territory, federal agency or country upon grounds for which revocation or suspension is authorized in this state;

(9) For an individual being finally adjudged insane or incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction;

(10) Assisting or enabling any person to practice or offer to practice any activity licensed or regulated by sections [190.100] **190.098** to 190.245 who is not licensed and currently eligible to practice pursuant to sections [190.100] **190.098** to 190.245;

(11) Issuance of [a] **an endorsement**, certificate, permit or license based upon a material mistake of fact;

(12) Violation of any professional trust, confidence, or legally protected privacy rights of a patient by means of an unauthorized or unlawful disclosure;

(13) Use of any advertisement or solicitation which is false, misleading or deceptive to the general public or persons to whom the advertisement or solicitation is primarily directed;

(14) Violation of the drug laws or rules and regulations of this state, any other state or the federal government;

(15) Refusal of any applicant or licensee to respond to reasonable department of health and senior services' requests for necessary information to process an application or to determine license status or license eligibility;

(16) Any conduct or practice which is or might be harmful or dangerous to the mental or physical health or safety of a patient or the public;

(17) Repeated acts of negligence or recklessness in the performance of the functions or duties of any activity licensed or regulated by sections [190.100] **190.098** to 190.245.

3. If the department conducts investigations, the department, prior to interviewing a licensee who is the subject of the investigation, shall explain to the licensee that he or she has the right to:

(1) Consult legal counsel or have legal counsel present;

(2) Have anyone present whom he or she deems to be necessary or desirable; and

(3) Refuse to answer any question or refuse to provide or sign any written statement.

The assertion of any right listed in this subsection shall not be deemed by the department to be a failure to cooperate with any department investigation.

4. After the filing of such complaint, the proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 621. Upon a finding by the administrative hearing commission that the grounds, provided in subsection 2 of this section, for disciplinary action are met, the department may, singly or in combination, censure or place the person named in the complaint on probation on such terms and conditions as the department deems appropriate for a period not to exceed five years, or may suspend, for a period not to exceed three years, or revoke the license, certificate **endorsement**, or permit. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the department shall be authorized to impose a suspension or revocation as a disciplinary action only if it first files the requisite complaint with the administrative hearing commission. The administrative hearing commission shall hear all relevant evidence on remediation activities of the licensee and shall make a recommendation to the department of health and senior services as to licensure disposition based on such evidence.

5. An individual whose license has been revoked shall wait one year from the date of revocation to apply for relicensure. Relicensure shall be at the discretion of the department after compliance with all the requirements of sections [190.100] **190.098** to 190.245 relative to the licensing of an applicant for the first time. Any individual whose license has been revoked twice within a ten-year period shall not be eligible for relicensure.

6. The department may notify the proper licensing authority of any other state in which the person whose license was suspended or revoked was also licensed of the suspension or revocation.

7. Any person, organization, association or corporation who reports or provides information to the department pursuant to the provisions of sections [190.100] **190.098** to 190.245 and who does so in good faith shall not be subject to an action for civil damages as a result thereof.

8. The department of health and senior services may suspend any **endorsement**, certificate, permit or license required pursuant to sections [190.100] **190.098** to 190.245 simultaneously with the filing of the complaint with the administrative hearing commission as set forth in subsection 2 of this section, if the department finds that there is an imminent threat to the public health. The notice of suspension shall include the basis of the suspension and notice of the right to appeal such suspension. The licensee may appeal the decision to suspend the license, certificate **endorsement**, or permit to the department. The appeal shall be filed within ten days from the date of the filing of the complaint. A hearing shall be conducted by the department within ten days from the date the appeal is filed. The suspension shall continue in effect until the conclusion of the proceedings, including review thereof, unless sooner withdrawn by the department, dissolved by a court of competent jurisdiction or stayed by the administrative hearing commission.

590.192. 1. There is hereby established the “Critical Incident Stress Management Program” within the department of public safety. The program shall provide services for peace officers and first responders to assist in coping with stress and potential psychological trauma resulting from a response to a critical incident or emotionally difficult event. Such services may include consultation, risk assessment, education, intervention, and other crisis intervention services provided by the department to peace officers and first responders affected by a critical incident. For purposes of this section, a “critical incident” shall mean any event outside the usual realm of human experience that is markedly distressing or evokes reactions of intense fear, helplessness, or horror and involves the perceived threat to a person's physical integrity or the physical integrity of someone else. For purposes of this section, the term “first responder” shall have the same meaning as first responder in section 190.1010.

2. All peace officers and first responders shall be required to meet with a program service provider once every three to five years for a mental health check-in, **or a department established behavioral health or mental health program that meets the requirements of subsection 1 which shall satisfy this requirement.** The program service provider shall send a notification to the peace officer's commanding officer, **or first responder's commanding officer**, or first responder's director or supervisor that he or she completed such check-in.

3. Any information disclosed by a peace officer or first responder shall be privileged and shall not be used as evidence in criminal, administrative, or civil proceedings against the peace officer or first responder unless:

- (1) A program representative reasonably believes the disclosure is necessary to prevent harm to a person who received services or to prevent harm to another person;
- (2) The person who received the services provides written consent to the disclosure; or
- (3) The person receiving services discloses information that is required to be reported under mandatory reporting laws.

4. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the “988 Public Safety Fund”, which shall consist of moneys appropriated by the general assembly. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and moneys in the fund shall be used solely by the department of public safety for the purposes of providing services for peace officers and first responders to assist in coping with stress and potential psychological trauma resulting from a response to a critical incident or emotionally difficult event pursuant to subsection 1 of this section. Such services may include consultation, risk assessment, education, intervention, and other crisis intervention services provided by the department to peace officers or first responders affected by a critical incident. The director of public safety may prescribe rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. 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, 2021, shall be invalid and void.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund.

(3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.”; and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

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

Senator Hough offered **SA 2**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 975, Page 13, Section 190.090, Lines 213-223, by striking all of said lines from the bill; and further amend said bill and section, page 14, lines 224-226, by striking all of said lines from the bill.

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

Senator Black moved that **SS** for **SB 975**, as amended, be adopted, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Black, **SS** for **SB 975**, as amended, was declared perfected and ordered printed.

Senator Brown (16) moved that **SB 1023**, with **SCS**, be taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

SCS for **SB 1023**, entitled:

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 1023

An Act to repeal sections 182.802 and 488.426, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to funding for certain libraries.

Was taken up.

Senator Brown (16) moved that **SCS** for **SB 1023** be adopted.

Senator Brown (16) offered **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 1023**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 1023

An Act to repeal sections 182.802 and 488.426, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to funding for certain libraries.

Senator Brown (16) moved that **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 1023** be adopted.

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

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1023, Page 7, Section 182.802, Line 203, by inserting after “inhabitants” the following: “;

(aaa) Any county with more than four hundred thousand but fewer than five hundred thousand inhabitants”; and

Further amend said bill and section, page 8, line 221, by inserting after “2.” the following: “(1)”; and further amend line 238, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“(2) (a) For any district located in a county with more than four hundred thousand but fewer than five hundred thousand inhabitants, any sales tax imposed pursuant to this section shall be in conjunction with a real and personal property tax reduction for each year in which the sales tax is imposed. The ballot of submission for such district shall contain, but need not be limited to, the following language:

Shall the _____ library district impose a district-wide sales tax of _____ (insert amount) and reduce its total real and personal property tax levy annually by one hundred percent of the total amount of sales tax revenue collected in the same tax year for the purpose of providing funding for _____ library district?

YES **NO**

If you are in favor of the question, place an “X” in the box opposite “YES”. If you are opposed to the question, place an “X” in the box opposite “NO”.

If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of the proposal, then the ordinance or order and any amendments thereto shall be in effect. If a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters voting are opposed to the proposal, then the board of directors shall have no power to impose the sales tax and reduce the property tax as herein authorized unless and until the board of directors shall again have submitted another proposal to authorize board of directors to impose the sales tax and reduce the property tax under the provisions of this section and such proposal is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon.

(b) Each year in which a sales tax is imposed pursuant to this section, the board of directors shall, after determining its budget, within the limits set by the constitution and laws of this state for the following calendar year and the total property tax levy needed to raise the revenues required by such budget, reduce that total real and personal property tax levy in an amount sufficient to decrease the total property taxes it will collect by an amount equal to one hundred percent of the sales tax revenue collected in the tax year for which the property taxes are being levied, provided that for the first three years following the adoption of the sales tax pursuant to this section, the reduction made pursuant to this subdivision shall be equal to thirty-three percent, sixty-six percent, and one hundred percent, respectively, of the sales tax revenue collected.”.

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

Senator Brattin offered SA 2:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1023, Page 7, Section 182.802, Line 207, by inserting after “cent” the following: “, or for any county with more than one hundred thousand but fewer than one hundred twenty thousand inhabitants and with a county seat with more than nine thousand but fewer than eleven thousand inhabitants or any county with more than fifty thousand but fewer than sixty thousand inhabitants, not to exceed one-third of one cent,”; and

Further amend said bill and section, page 8, line 221, by inserting after “2.” the following: “(1)”; and further amend line 238, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“(2) For any district located in a county with more than one hundred thousand but fewer than one hundred twenty thousand inhabitants and with a county seat with more than nine thousand but fewer than eleven thousand inhabitants or any county with more than fifty thousand but fewer than sixty thousand inhabitants and with a county seat with more than seventeen thousand but fewer than twenty-one thousand inhabitants, any sales tax imposed pursuant to this section shall be in conjunction with the elimination of all real and personal property tax levies imposed by the district for each year in which the sales tax is imposed. The ballot of submission for such district shall contain, but need not be limited to, the following language:

Shall the _____ library district impose a district-wide sales tax of _____ (insert amount) and eliminate its total real and personal property tax levy for the purpose of providing funding for _____ library district?

YES NO

If you are in favor of the question, place an “X” in the box opposite “YES”. If you are opposed to the question, place an “X” in the box opposite “NO”.

If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of the proposal, then the ordinance or order and any amendments thereto shall be in effect. If a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters voting are opposed to the proposal, then the board of directors shall have no power to impose the sales tax and eliminate the property tax as herein authorized unless and until the board of directors shall again have submitted another proposal to authorize board of directors to impose the sales tax and eliminate the property tax under the provisions of this section and such proposal is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon.”.

Senator Brattin moved that the above amendment be adopted.

Senator Hudson assumed the Chair.

At the request of Senator Brown (16), **SB 1023**, with SCS, SS for SCS, and SA 2 (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 SS for **SB 1032**, 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 SS for **SB 1032** to the Committee on Fiscal Oversight.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Chair introduced to the Senate, Dan Wagner.

Senator Nurrenbern introduced to the Senate, MO Academy of Family Physicians, her mother, Dr. Debra Ahern; Dr. Chad Sullivan; Dr. Brady Kiracofe; Dr. Jolene Glaude; Dr. Karstan Luchini; Dr. Beth Rosemergy; Dr. Tiffany Dattel; and Dr. Ed Kraemer; and Youth With Vision chair, Addisyn Davis; executive team, John Dotson; Adreana Oropeza; Aleah Johnson; Harper Sollars; and Lily Gareeb, Kansas City; and Truman State University professor, Dr. Michael Seipel; and students, Ava Williams; Ellie Goehl; Gina Williams.

Senator May introduced to the Senate, McDonald's Corporation owners and operators; and Ronald McDonald; and Shante Duncan; Charmane Honorable; Ausar Duncan; Truth Tsenane; Amir Duncan; Moses Duncan; and Bobby Best.

Senator Williams introduced to the Senate, Liz Austin; and her children, Reagan and Ryan Austin; and Florida M. Cargill; Alison Reed; Elaine Reed; Kristi Frazier Murdock; Doris A. Fiddmont Fraizer; Max Spies; Tracy Fantini; and Sophia Spies, St. Louis.

Senator Nicola introduced to the Senate, Tony and Kim Taylor; and their children, Jonah and Jaylee.

On motion of Senator Luetkemeyer, the Senate adjourned until 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

SENATE CALENDAR

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY—WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026

FORMAL CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 1658-Nurrenbern	SB 1677-Schnelting
SB 1659-Nurrenbern	SB 1678-Gregory (21)
SB 1660-Nurrenbern	SB 1679-Gregory (21)
SB 1661-Black	SB 1680-McCreery
SB 1662-May	SB 1681-McCreery
SB 1663-Crawford	SB 1682-McCreery
SB 1664-Coleman	SB 1683-McCreery
SB 1665-Coleman	SB 1684-McCreery
SB 1666-Coleman	SB 1685-McCreery
SB 1667-Gregory (21)	SB 1686-McCreery
SB 1668-Gregory (21)	SB 1687-McCreery
SB 1669-Carter	SB 1688-Gregory (15)
SB 1670-Beck	SB 1689-Gregory (15)
SB 1671-Gregory (21)	SB 1690-Gregory (15)
SB 1672-Brown (16)	SB 1691-Burger
SB 1673-Burger	SB 1692-Lewis
SB 1674-Burger	SB 1693-Lewis
SB 1675-Lewis	SB 1694-Roberts
SB 1676-Burger	SB 1695-Webber

SB 1696-Webber	SB 1709-McCreery
SB 1697-Schroer	SB 1710-McCreery
SB 1698-Schroer	SB 1711-McCreery
SB 1699-Gregory (21)	SB 1712-McCreery
SB 1700-Henderson	SB 1713-McCreery
SB 1701-Nurrenbern	SB 1714-McCreery
SB 1702-Nurrenbern	SB 1715-McCreery
SB 1703-Carter	SB 1716-McCreery
SB 1704-Gregory (15)	SJR 118-Nurrenbern
SB 1705-Lewis	SJR 119-Lewis
SB 1706-Lewis	SJR 120-Lewis
SB 1707-McCreery	SJR 121-McCreery
SB 1708-McCreery	

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

HCS for HBs 1667 & 2294	HB 1917-Casteel
HCS for HBs 1694, 1674, 1780, 2056, 2312 & 1755	HB 2061-Hruza
HCS for HBs 2273, 1946, 1814 & 2551	HCS for HB 2384
HCS for HB 1757	HB 1766-McGill
HCS for HB 2375	HCS for HB 2989
HCS for HB 1788	HCS for HB 2596
HB 1628-Haley	HB 1644-Overcast
HCS for HBs 2033, 1608, 1672 & 1854	HB 2423-Oehlerking
HB 1847-Hewkin	HCS for HB 2641
HCS for HB 1866	HB 2498-Christ
HCS for HBs 1908 & 2337	HCS for HBs 2637 & 3155
HB 2180-Griffith	HCS for HJR 154
HB 2591-Stinnett	HB 2189-Bromley
HB 1961-Peters	HCS for HB 1790
HCS for HBs 1838, 1692, 1695, 1983, 2036, 2662 & 2743	HB 1844-Gallick
	HCS for HB 2178

THIRD READING OF SENATE BILLS

SS for SCS for SB 974-Black (In Fiscal Oversight)	SB 938-Bernskoetter (In Fiscal Oversight)
SS for SB 1000-Hudson (In Fiscal Oversight)	SS for SCS for SB 1087-Nicola
SS#2 for SB 1233-Trent	SS for SB 1032-Moon (In Fiscal Oversight)

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

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| 1. SB 838-Cierpiot, with SCS | 8. SB 887-Schroer |
| 2. SB 903-Henderson, with SCS | 9. SB 970-Fitzwater, with SCS |
| 3. SB 1029-Brattin, with SCS | 10. SB 999-Hudson |
| 4. SBs 971 & 906-Trent, with SCS | 11. SJR 95-Schnelting, with SCS |
| 5. SB 1351-Nicola | 12. SB 931-Crawford |
| 6. SB 1408-Burger | 13. SB 849-O'Laughlin |
| 7. SB 982-Coleman | 14. SB 879-Fitzwater |

INFORMAL CALENDAR

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

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| SB 836-Crawford, with SCS | SB 998-Hudson, with SCS |
| SB 856-Brattin and Coleman | SB 1003-Schnelting, with SCS, SS for SCS &
SA 4 (pending) |
| SB 863-Bean, with SS & SA 1 (pending) | SB 1019-Crawford, with SA 1 (pending) |
| SB 888-Schroer, with SS & SA 1 (pending) | SB 1023-Brown (16), with SCS,
SS for SCS & SA 2 (pending) |
| SB 889-Coleman | SB 1062-Carter, with SS & point of order (pending) |
| SB 904-Gregory (15), with SS & SA 1 (pending) | SB 1064-Brown (26) |
| 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) | |

RESOLUTIONS

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

ACTIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 27

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