

Journal of the Senate

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

THIRTIETH DAY - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Wasinger in the Chair.

Senator Hudson offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father,

As we begin our work in this chamber today, we call upon You in faith. We can't see You, but we know You're there. Evidence of Your handiwork is all around us. The warmth of the sun, the rain that waters the earth, the beauty of a night sky, and the beating of our very hearts all declare Your existence. May the presence of Your holy fingerprints embolden us to do the people's work with honor. Strengthen us with Your mighty hand. Soften our hearts as needed. Encourage us to be steadfast. Help us to be committed to truth and to be unwavering in that commitment.

In the words of 1 Timothy 1:17 "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. 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	Black	Brattin	Brown (26)	Burger	Cierpiot
Coleman	Crawford	Fitzwater	Gregory (15)	Gregory (21)	Henderson	Hough
Hudson	Lewis	Luetkemeyer	May	McCreery	Moon	Mosley
Nicola	Nurrenbern	O'Laughlin	Schnelting	Schroer	Trent	Washington
Webber	Williams—30					

Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senators

Bernskoetter	Brown (16)	Carter	Roberts—4
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Vacancies—None

The Lieutenant Governor was present.

RESOLUTIONS

Senator Gregory (15) offered Senate Resolution No. 710, regarding Andrew "Andy" Balch, Chesterfield, which was adopted.

Senator Gregory (15) offered Senate Resolution No. 711, regarding Michael William "Mike" Piel, Ellisville, which was adopted.

Senator Gregory (15) offered Senate Resolution No. 712, regarding Jerome Warren "Jerry" Brooks, Chesterfield, which was adopted.

Senator Gregory (15) offered Senate Resolution No. 713, regarding Donald Wayne "Don" Kirlin, Manchester, which was adopted.

Senator Gregory (15) offered Senate Resolution No. 714, regarding John Walter Klos, Ballwin, which was adopted.

Senator Gregory (15) offered Senate Resolution No. 715, regarding David Lee "Dave" Gibbons, Ballwin, which was adopted.

Senator Gregory (15) offered Senate Resolution No. 716, regarding Donald Lee "Don" Higgins, Ballwin, which was adopted.

Senator Gregory (15) offered Senate Resolution No. 717, regarding Vincent Cornelius Phillips Sr., Ballwin, which was adopted.

Senator Gregory (15) offered Senate Resolution No. 718, regarding Roy Clifford "Cliff" Weeks, Chesterfield, which was adopted.

Senator Hudson assumed the Chair.

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 982** and **SB 1351**, 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.

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

Senator Burger moved that **SB 1408** be called from the Informal Calendar and taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Burger, **SB 1408** was declared perfected and ordered printed.

Senator Fitzwater moved that **SB 970**, with **SCS**, be called from the Informal Calendar and taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

SCS for **SB 970**, entitled:

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 970

An Act to amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to cost-sharing under health benefit plans.

Was taken up.

Senator Fitzwater moved that **SCS** for **SB 970** be adopted.

Senator Fitzwater offered SS for SCS for **SB 970**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 970

An Act to amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to cost-sharing under health benefit plans.

Senator Fitzwater moved that **SS for SCS for SB 970** be adopted.

Senator Lewis offered **SA 1**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 970, Page 1, In the Title, Line 2, by striking “cost-sharing under”; and

Further amend said bill, page 3, section 376.448, line 68, 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 Lewis moved that the above amendment be adopted, which motion failed on a standing division vote.

Senator Beck offered SA 2:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 970, Page 3, Section 376.488, Line 59, By inserting after all of said line the following:

“8. The provisions of this section shall apply to any health care plans issued to employees and their dependents under the Missouri consolidated health care plan established pursuant to chapter 103 that are delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this state on or after August 28, 2026. The terms “employees” and “health care plans” shall have the same meaning ascribed to them in section 103.003.”; and

Further renumber the remaining subsections accordingly.

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

Senator Gregory (21) assumed the Chair.

At the request of Senator Fitzwater, **SB 970**, with **SCS** and **SS** for **SCS** (pending), was placed on the Informal Calendar.

Senator Schroer moved that **SB 888**, with **SS** and **SA 1** (pending), be called from the Informal Calendar and again taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

At the request of Senator Schroer, **SS** for **SB 888** was withdrawn, rendering **SA 1** moot.

Senator Schroer offered **SS No. 2** for **SB 888**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE NO. 2 FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 888

An Act to repeal sections 43.503, 211.021, 211.071, 211.319, 211.331, 211.341, 211.436, 217.362, 217.655, 217.690, 217.760, 556.061, 557.011, 557.021, 558.011, 558.016, 558.019, 558.026, 558.031, 558.046, 559.115, 566.030, 566.032, 566.060, 566.067, 566.103, 566.125, 566.151, 566.203, 566.209, 566.210, 566.211, 568.060, 571.015, and 589.425, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof thirty-seven new sections relating to the criminal justice system, with penalty provisions and an effective date for certain sections.

Senator Schroer moved that **SS No. 2** for **SB 888** be adopted.

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

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend Senate Substitute No. 2 for Senate Bill No. 888, Page 63, Section 558.031, Line 106, by striking the word “of” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “**or**”.

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

Senator Henderson assumed the Chair.

Senator May offered **SA 2**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amend Senate Substitute No. 2 for Senate Bill No. 888, Pages 28-33, Section 217.690, by striking all of said section from the bill; and

Further amend said bill, pages 47-48, section 557.021 by striking all of said section from the bill; and

Further amend said bill, pages 48-52, section 558.011 by striking all of said section from the bill; and

Further amend said bill, pages 53-59, section 558.019 by striking all of said section from the bill; and

Further amend said bill, pages 59-60, section 558.026 by striking all of said section from the bill; and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

Senator May moved that the above amendment be adopted.

Senator Gregory (21) assumed the Chair.

Senator Crawford assumed the Chair.

Senator Hudson assumed the Chair.

On motion of Senator Luetkemeyer, the Senate recessed until 11:00 p.m., which placed **SB 888**, with **SS No. 2** and **SA 2** (pending), on the Informal Calendar.

RECESS

The time of recess having expired, the Senate was called to order by Senator Hudson.

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 1408**, 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 1408** to the Committee on Fiscal Oversight.

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

Senator Schroer moved that **SB 888**, with **SS No. 2** and **SA 2** (pending), be called from the Informal Calendar and again taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

At the request of Senator Schroer, **SS No. 2** for **SB 888** was withdrawn, rendering **SA 2** moot.

Senator Schroer offered **SS No. 3** for **SB 888**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE NO. 3 FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 888

An Act to repeal sections 43.503, 211.021, 211.071, 211.319, 211.331, 211.341, 211.436, 217.362, 217.690, 217.760, 556.061, 557.011, 557.021, 558.011, 558.016, 558.019, 558.026, 558.031, 558.046, 559.115, 566.030, 566.032, 566.060, 566.103, 566.125, 566.203, 566.209, 566.210, 566.211, 568.045, 568.060, and 589.425, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof thirty-four new sections relating to the criminal justice system, with penalty provisions and an effective date for certain sections.

Senator Schroer moved that **SS No. 3** for **SB 888** be adopted, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Schroer, **SS No. 3** for **SB 888** 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 report:

Madam President: Your Committee on Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions, and Ethics, to which was referred **SS No. 3** for **SB 888**, 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

On behalf of President Pro Tem O’Laughlin, Senator Luetkemeyer referred **SS No. 3** for **SB 888** to the Committee on Fiscal Oversight.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Senator Bean introduced to the Senate, 4-H Legislative member, Adeline Buchheit, Perry County.

Senator Cierpiot introduced to the Senate, Jake Shipley; and his mom, Rebecca Shipley, Lee's Summit.

Senator Brattin introduced to the Senate, Annie Steil; her children, Colton and Millie Steil; and Colleen Schaaf; and Kristina Dunn, Harrisonville; and Colton and Millie were made honorary pages.

Senator Moon introduced to the Senate, 4-H Legislative member, Caydance Welters, Verona.

Senator Nurrenbern introduced to the Senate, Mizzou Occupational Therapy professor, Meghan Doherty, St. Louis.

Senator Beck introduced to the Senate, Affton High School AP government and politics class teacher's Tony Muyco; and Elizabeth Koerber; and students, Logan Mendenhall; Jacou Hydar; Will Weiss; Patrick Hopfinger; Spencer Roudebush; Weston Bethel; Elliana Casey; Sarah Maue; Owen Henderson; and Samantha Jenish.

Senator Lewis introduced to the Senate, Special Olympics athlete of the year winner, Namande Campbell; and Mariel Foulke, Kansas City.

Senator Gregory (21) introduced to the Senate, Morgan Nelson, Concordia.

Senator Fitzwater introduced to the Senate, his wife, Amy; and their children Hazel, Sadie and Eliza; and Hazel was made an honorary page.

Senator Williams introduced to the Senate, 4-H legislative member, Alexis Kimani, St. Louis.

Senator Bean introduced to the Senate, JAG students, Neelyville.

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

SENATE CALENDAR

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THIRTY-FIRST DAY—THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026

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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 1709-McCreery
SB 1665-Coleman	SB 1710-McCreery
SB 1666-Coleman	SB 1711-McCreery
SB 1667-Gregory (21)	SB 1712-McCreery
SB 1668-Gregory (21)	SB 1713-McCreery
SB 1669-Carter	SB 1714-McCreery
SB 1670-Beck	SB 1715-McCreery
SB 1671-Gregory (21)	SB 1716-McCreery
SB 1672-Brown (16)	SB 1717-Nurrenbern
SB 1673-Burger	SB 1718-Hudson
SB 1674-Burger	SB 1719-Schroer
SB 1675-Lewis	SB 1720-Schroer
SB 1676-Burger	SB 1721-Schroer
SB 1677-Schnelting	SB 1722-Gregory (21)
SB 1678-Gregory (21)	SB 1723-Brown (16)
SB 1679-Gregory (21)	SB 1724-Brown (16)
SB 1680-McCreery	SB 1725-Beck
SB 1681-McCreery	SB 1726-Carter
SB 1682-McCreery	SB 1727-Carter
SB 1683-McCreery	SB 1728-Carter
SB 1684-McCreery	SB 1729-Henderson
SB 1685-McCreery	SB 1730-Henderson
SB 1686-McCreery	SB 1731-May
SB 1687-McCreery	SB 1732-Trent
SB 1688-Gregory (15)	SB 1733-Gregory (15)
SB 1689-Gregory (15)	SB 1734-Gregory (15)
SB 1690-Gregory (15)	SB 1735-Washington
SB 1691-Burger	SB 1736-Washington
SB 1692-Lewis	SB 1737-Washington
SB 1693-Lewis	SB 1738-Washington
SB 1694-Roberts	SB 1739-Washington
SB 1695-Webber	SB 1740-Washington
SB 1696-Webber	SB 1741-Washington
SB 1697-Schroer	SB 1742-Lewis
SB 1698-Schroer	SB 1743-Lewis
SB 1699-Gregory (21)	SB 1744-Lewis
SB 1700-Henderson	SB 1745-Lewis
SB 1701-Nurrenbern	SB 1746-Moon
SB 1702-Nurrenbern	SB 1747-McCreery
SB 1703-Carter	SB 1748-McCreery
SB 1704-Gregory (15)	SB 1749-McCreery
SB 1705-Lewis	SB 1750-McCreery
SB 1706-Lewis	SB 1751-Hough
SB 1707-McCreery	SB 1752-Hough
SB 1708-McCreery	SB 1753-Hough

SB 1754-Hough	SB 1784-Schnelting
SB 1755-Hough	SB 1785-Hudson
SB 1756-Hough	SB 1786-Black
SB 1757-Hough	SB 1787-Black
SB 1758-Hough	SB 1788-Williams
SB 1759-Hough	SB 1789-Bean
SB 1760-Hough	SB 1790-Bean
SB 1761-Hough	SB 1791-Cierpiot
SB 1762-Hough	SB 1792-Webber
SB 1763-Hough	SB 1793-Webber
SB 1764-Hough	SB 1794-Webber
SB 1765-Hough	SB 1795-Webber
SB 1766-Hough	SB 1796-Trent
SB 1767-Brattin	SB 1797-Trent
SB 1768-Brattin	SB 1798-Trent
SB 1769-Brattin	SB 1799-Trent
SB 1770-Brattin	SB 1800-Schroer
SB 1771-Brattin	SB 1801-Schroer
SB 1772-Brattin	SB 1802-Carter
SB 1773-Gregory (21)	SB 1803-Carter
SB 1774-Gregory (21)	SB 1804-Beck
SB 1775-Gregory (21)	SB 1805-Lewis
SB 1776-Coleman	SB 1806-Washington
SB 1777-Coleman	SB 1807-Washington
SB 1778-Mosley	SB 1808-Luetkemeyer
SB 1779-Henderson	SJR 118-Nurrenbern
SB 1780-Burger	SJR 119-Lewis
SB 1781-Burger	SJR 120-Lewis
SB 1782-Schnelting	SJR 121-McCreery
SB 1783-Schnelting	SJR 122-Moon

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

HB 2498-Christ	HCS for HB 2085
HCS for HBs 2637 & 3155	HB 2145-Kalberloh
HCS for HJR 154	HCS for HJR 169
HB 2189-Bromley	HCS for HBs 2097 & 1905
HCS for HB 1790	HB 2167-Dolan
HB 1844-Gallick	HCS for HBs 2747 & 2047
HCS for HB 2178	HCS for HB 2587
HCS for HBs 1663, 1607 & 1973	HB 1977-Cook
HCS for HB 2682	HB 2593-Hardwick
HB 2274-Lewis	HCS for HB 1948
HCS for HB 1883	HB 2473-Voss

THIRD READING OF SENATE BILLS

SS for SB 975-Black	SB 1351-Nicola
SS for SCS for SB 973-Trent	SB 1408-Burger
SS for SCS for SB 903-Henderson	(In Fiscal Oversight)
(In Fiscal Oversight)	SS#3 for SB 888-Schroer
SB 982-Coleman	(In Fiscal Oversight)

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

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| 1. SB 999-Hudson | 6. SB 1605-Henderson |
| 2. SJR 95-Schnelting, with SCS | 7. SB 918-Burger |
| 3. SB 931-Crawford | 8. SB 916-Burger, with SCS |
| 4. SB 849-O'Laughlin | 9. SB 878-Fitzwater, with SCS |
| 5. SB 879-Fitzwater | 10. SBs 1066 & 1088-Brown (26), with SCS |

INFORMAL CALENDAR

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

SB 836-Crawford, with SCS	SBs 971 & 906-Trent, with SCS
SB 838-Cierpiot, with SCS	SB 998-Hudson, with SCS
SB 856-Brattin and Coleman	SB 1003-Schnelting, with SCS, SS for SCS &
SB 863-Bean, with SS & SA 1 (pending)	SA 4 (pending)
SB 887-Schroer	SB 1019-Crawford, with SA 1 (pending)
SB 889-Coleman	SB 1023-Brown (16), with SCS,
SB 904-Gregory (15), with SS & SA 1 (pending)	SS for SCS & SA 2 (pending)
SB 917-Burger, with SS & SA 1 (pending)	SB 1029-Brattin, with SCS & SS for SCS (pending)
SB 948-Brattin, with SS & SA 3 (pending)	SB 1062-Carter, with SS#2 & SA 4 (pending)
SB 970-Fitzwater, with SCS & SS for SCS	SB 1064-Brown (26)
(pending)	

RESOLUTIONS

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

ACTIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 27

SS for SB 1 - Hough

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