

Journal of the Senate

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

THIRTY-NINTH DAY - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Wasinger in the Chair.

Senator Hudson offered the following prayer:

Matthew 7:8, "For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

Dear Heavenly Father,

You are the giver of every good and perfect gift. We humbly come before You today in obedience to Your word, to ask, to seek, and to knock. We ask that You would help each and every one of us in this work that You have called us to do. We seek to honor You and we pray that You'll help us to do just that. We knock on the doors that are before us in anticipation that You will open and guide us in Your perfect will. Please bless our colleagues, our staff, our constituents, and our families.

In Jesus name we pray. 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	Schnelting
Schroer	Trent	Washington	Webber	Williams—33		

Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senator Roberts—1

Vacancies—None

The Lieutenant Governor was present.

RESOLUTIONS

Senator Fitzwater offered Senate Resolution No. 827, regarding Rebecca Erisman, Centralia, which was adopted.

Senator Nurrenbern offered Senate Resolution No. 828, regarding Peggy Hauser, Kansas City, which was adopted.

Senator Bean offered Senate Resolution No. 829, regarding Dr. Michael Malone, Poplar Bluff, which was adopted.

Senator Bean offered Senate Resolution No. 830, regarding Melissa Woolard, Poplar Bluff, which was adopted.

Senators Mosley and May offered Senate Resolution No. 831, regarding Annie Malone Film Project LLC, which was adopted.

Senator Washington offered Senate Resolution No. 832, regarding Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., which was adopted.

Senator Cierpiot offered Senate Resolution No. 833, regarding Reece Carter, 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 report:

Madam President: Your Committee on Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics, to which was referred **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 1001**, 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.

Senator Burger assumed the Chair.

THIRD READING OF SENATE BILLS

SS for **SB 834**, introduced by Senator Crawford, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 834

An Act to amend chapters 442 and 443, RSMo, by adding thereto seven new sections relating to mortgage modifications, with a severability clause.

Was taken up.

On motion of Senator Crawford, **SS** for **SB 834** was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators

Bean	Beck	Bernskoetter	Black	Brattin	Brown (16)	Brown (26)
Burger	Carter	Cierpiot	Coleman	Crawford	Fitzwater	Gregory (15)
Gregory (21)	Henderson	Hudson	Lewis	Luetkemeyer	May	McCreery
Moon	Mosley	Nicola	Nurrenbern	O'Laughlin	Schnelting	Schroer
Trent	Washington	Webber	Williams—32			

NAYS—Senators—None

Absent—Senator Hough—1

Absent with leave—Senator Roberts—1

Vacancies—None

Senator Bean assumed the Chair.

The President declared the bill passed.

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

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

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

SB 1119, introduced by Senator Trent, entitled:

An Act to amend chapter 21, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the appointment and duties of commissioners to attend an Article V convention.

Was taken up.

On motion of Senator Trent, **SB 1119** was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators

Bean	Bernskoetter	Black	Brattin	Brown (16)	Brown (26)	Burger
Carter	Cierpiot	Coleman	Crawford	Fitzwater	Gregory (15)	Gregory (21)
Henderson	Hough	Hudson	Luetkemeyer	McCreery	O'Laughlin	Schnelting
Schroer	Trent	Williams—24				

NAYS—Senators

Beck	Lewis	May	Moon	Mosley	Nicola	Nurrenbern
Washington—8						

Absent—Senator Webber—1

Absent with leave—Senator Roberts—1

Vacancies—None

The President declared the bill passed.

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

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

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

SS for SCS for SB 1383, introduced by Senator Washington, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 1383

An Act to repeal section 178.530, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to agricultural education.

Was taken up.

On motion of Senator Washington, **SS for SCS for SB 1383** was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—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	Nurrenbern	O'Laughlin	Schroer	Trent
Washington	Webber	Williams—31				

NAYS—Senator Nicola—1

Absent—Senator Schnelting—1

Absent with leave—Senator Roberts—1

Vacancies—None

The President declared the bill passed.

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

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

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

SCS for SB 959, entitled:

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 959

An Act to amend chapter 37, RSMo, by adding thereto three new sections relating to the Missouri GIS advisory council.

Was taken up.

On motion of Senator May, **SCS for SB 959** was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—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	Schroer
Trent	Washington	Webber	Williams—32			

NAYS—Senators—None

Absent—Senator Schnelting—1

Absent with leave—Senator Roberts—1

Vacancies—None

The President declared the bill passed.

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

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

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

SS for SCS for SBs 907, 1154, and 1272, introduced by Senator Hudson, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILLS NOS. 907, 1154, and 1272

An Act to amend chapter 537, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to abusive website access litigation.

Was taken up.

On motion of Senator Hudson, SS for SCS for SBs 907, 1154, and 1272 was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—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	Schnelting
Schroer	Trent	Washington	Webber—32			

NAYS—Senators—None

Absent—Senator Williams—1

Absent with leave—Senator Roberts—1

Vacancies—None

Senator Burger assumed the Chair.

The President declared the bill passed.

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

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

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Madam President: Your Committee on Fiscal Oversight, to which were referred SS for SJR 87, SS for SCS for SBs 1066 and 1088, SS for SCS for SB 1015, and SS for SB 1421, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the joint resolution and bills do pass.

THIRD READING OF SENATE BILLS

SS for SCS for SBs 1066 and 1088, introduced by Senator Brown (26), entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILLS NOS. 1066 and 1088

An Act to repeal section 137.016, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to classification of certain residential real property.

Was taken up.

On motion of Senator Brown (26), **SS** for **SCS** for **SBs 1066** and **1088** was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators

Bean	Bernskoetter	Black	Brattin	Brown (16)	Brown (26)	Burger
Carter	Cierpiot	Coleman	Crawford	Fitzwater	Gregory (15)	Gregory (21)
Henderson	Hough	Lewis	Luetkemeyer	May	McCreery	Moon
Mosley	Nicola	Nurrenbern	O'Laughlin	Schnelting	Schroer	Trent
Webber	Williams—30					

NAYS—Senators

Beck	Hudson	Washington—3
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Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senator Roberts—1

Vacancies—None

The President declared the bill passed.

On motion of Senator Brown (26), title to the bill was agreed to.

Senator Brown (26) moved that the vote by which the bill passed be reconsidered.

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

SS for **SJR 87**, introduced by Senator Carter, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 87

Joint Resolution submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment to article VII of the Constitution of Missouri, by adding thereto one new section relating to sheriffs.

Was taken up.

On motion of Senator Carter, **SS** for **SJR 87** was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators

Bean	Bernskoetter	Black	Brattin	Brown (16)	Brown (26)	Burger
Carter	Cierpiot	Coleman	Crawford	Fitzwater	Gregory (15)	Gregory (21)
Henderson	Hudson	Luetkemeyer	May	Nicola	Nurrenbern	O'Laughlin
Schnelting	Schroer	Trent—24				

NAYS—Senators

Beck	Lewis	McCreery	Moon	Mosley	Webber	Williams—7
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Absent—Senators

Hough	Washington—2
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Absent with leave—Senator Roberts—1

Vacancies—None

The President declared the joint resolution passed.

On motion of Senator Carter, title to the joint resolution was agreed to.

Senator Carter moved that the vote by which the joint resolution passed be reconsidered.

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

SS for SB 1421, introduced by Senator Schroer, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 1421

An Act to repeal section 577.800, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to the unlawful use of unmanned aircraft in certain areas, with penalty provisions and an emergency clause.

Was taken up.

On motion of Senator Schroer, SS for SB 1421 was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—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	Schnelting
Schroer	Trent	Washington	Webber	Williams—33		

NAYS—Senators—None

Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senator Roberts—1

Vacancies—None

The President declared the bill passed.

The emergency clause was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—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	Schnelting
Schroer	Trent	Washington	Webber	Williams—33		

NAYS—Senators—None

Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senator Roberts—1

Vacancies—None

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

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

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

SB 945, introduced by Senator May, entitled:

An Act to repeal section 488.426, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to court filing surcharges.

Was taken up.

On motion of Senator May, **SB 945** was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators

Bean	Beck	Bernskoetter	Black	Brown (16)	Brown (26)	Burger
Carter	Cierpiot	Crawford	Fitzwater	Gregory (15)	Gregory (21)	Henderson
Hough	Hudson	Lewis	May	Moon	Mosley	Nicola
Nurrenbern	Schnelting	Schroer	Trent	Washington	Webber	Williams—28

NAYS—Senators

Brattin	Coleman	Luetkemeyer	McCreery	O'Laughlin—5
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Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senator Roberts—1

Vacancies—None

The President declared the bill passed.

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

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

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

SS for SCS for SB 1015, introduced by Senator Nurrenbern, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 1015

An Act to repeal section 632.305, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof nine new sections relating to court-ordered mental health treatment.

Was taken up.

On motion of Senator Nurrenbern, **SS for SCS for SB 1015** was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—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	Schnelting
Schroer	Trent	Washington	Webber	Williams—33		

NAYS—Senators—None

Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senator Roberts—1

Vacancies—None

The President declared the bill passed.

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

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

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

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

Senator Henderson moved that **SB 1605** be called from the Informal Calendar and taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

Senator Henderson offered **SS** for **SB 1605**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1605

An Act to repeal section 195.017, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to 7-hydroxymitragynine.

Senator Henderson moved that **SS** for **SB 1605** be adopted.

Senator Gregory (21) assumed the Chair.

At the request of Senator Henderson, **SB 1605**, with **SS** (pending), was placed on the Informal Calendar.

Senator Bean assumed the Chair.

Senator Fitzwater moved that **SB 1576** be taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Fitzwater, **SB 1576** was declared perfected and ordered printed.

Senator Gregory (15) moved that **SB 905**, with **SCS**, be called from the Informal Calendar and taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

SCS for **SB 905**, entitled:

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 905

An Act to repeal sections 160.665, 170.315, 590.010, and 590.205, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof five new sections relating to school safety.

Was taken up.

Senator Gregory (15) moved that **SCS** for **SB 905** be adopted.

Senator Gregory (15) offered **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 905**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 905

An Act to amend chapter 590, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a training program for Missouri rangers.

Senator Gregory (15) moved that **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 905** be adopted.

Senator Gregory (21) assumed the Chair.

Senator Schroer offered **SA 1**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 905, Page 3, Section 590.1300, Line 58, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“5. The POST commission shall promulgate rules for continuing education training for all Missouri rangers. 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.”; and further amend by renumbering the remaining subsections accordingly.

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

Senator May offered **SA 2**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 905, Page 1, In the Title, Lines 3-4, by striking “a training program for Missouri rangers” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “protecting children from violence”; and

Further amend said bill and page 1, section A, line 3, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“571.068. 1. A person who is less than eighteen years of age commits the offense of unlawful possession of a firearm by a minor if such person knowingly possesses a handgun or ammunition that is only suitable for a handgun.

2. The offense of unlawful possession of a firearm by a minor is a class A misdemeanor.

3. This offense shall not apply to:

(1) A temporary transfer of a handgun or ammunition to a person under the age of eighteen or the possession or use of a handgun or ammunition by a person under the age of eighteen if the handgun and ammunition are possessed and used by such person in accordance with state law and any ordinances of a political subdivision:

(a) In the course of employment;

(b) In the course of ranching or farming related to activities at the residence of the person or on property used for ranching or farming at which the person, with the permission of the property owner or lessee, is performing activities related to the operation of the farm or ranch; or

(c) In the course of target practice, hunting, or during instruction in the safe and lawful use of a handgun.

The person under the age of eighteen shall have the prior written consent of the person's parent or guardian who is not prohibited by federal or state law or any ordinance from possessing a firearm and shall transport the handgun unloaded and in a locked container directly from the place of transfer to the place at which the activity in this subdivision is to take place;

(2) A person under the age of eighteen who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard who possesses or is armed with a handgun in the line of duty;

(3) A transfer by inheritance of title of a handgun or ammunition to a person under the age of eighteen; or

(4) The possession of a handgun or ammunition by a person under the age of eighteen taken in defense of the person or other persons against an intruder into the residence of the person or a residence in which the person is invited as a guest.

4. As used in this section, "handgun" shall mean a firearm which has a short stock and is designed to be held and fired by the use of a single hand, and shall not include an antique firearm as defined in section 571.010.

571.095. **1.** Upon conviction for or attempting to commit a felony in violation of any law perpetrated in whole or in part by the use of a firearm, the court may, in addition to the penalty provided by law for such offense, order the confiscation and disposal or sale or trade to a licensed firearms dealer of firearms and ammunition used in the commission of the crime or found in the possession or under the immediate control of the defendant at the time of his or her arrest.

2. A firearm or ammunition which is in the possession of a minor in violation of section 571.068, the possession of which is transferred to the minor in circumstances in which the transferor is not in violation of section 571.060 or section 571.080, shall not be subject to permanent confiscation if its possession by the minor subsequently becomes unlawful because of the conduct of the minor, but shall be returned to the lawful owner when such firearm is no longer required for the purposes of investigation or prosecution.

3. The proceeds of any sale or gains from trade shall be the property of the police department or sheriff's department responsible for the defendant's arrest or the confiscation of the firearms and ammunition. If such firearms or ammunition are not the property of the convicted felon, they shall be

returned to their rightful owner if he or she is known and was not a participant in the crime. Any proceeds collected under this section shall be deposited with the municipality or by the county treasurer into the county sheriff's revolving fund established in section 50.535.”; and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

Senator May moved that the above amendment be adopted.

Senator Gregory (15) raised a point of order that **SA 2** goes beyond the scope of the underlying bill.

The point of order was referred to the President Pro Tem, who ruled it well taken.

Senator Gregory (15) moved that **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 905**, as amended, be adopted, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Gregory (15), **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 905**, 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 report:

Madam President: Your Committee on Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics, to which was referred **SB 1576**, 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.

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

Senator Nicola moved that **SB 1534**, with **SCS**, be taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

SCS for **SB 1534**, entitled:

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1534

An Act to repeal section 144.010, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the taxability of certain card processing fees.

Was taken up.

Senator Nicola moved that **SCS** for **SB 1534** be adopted.

Senator Nicola offered **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 1534**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1534

An Act to repeal section 144.010, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the taxability of certain card processing fees.

Senator Nicola moved that **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 1534** be adopted.

Senator Hudson assumed the Chair.

Senator Lewis offered **SA 1**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1534, Page 1, In the Title, Lines 3-4, by striking “the taxability of certain card processing fees” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “the exclusion of certain transactions from sales tax”; and

Further amend said bill, page 7, section 144.010, line 204, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“144.014. 1. Notwithstanding other provisions of law to the contrary, [beginning October 1, 1997, the tax levied and imposed under this chapter on] all retail sales of food shall be [at the rate of one percent. The revenue derived from the one percent rate pursuant to this section shall be deposited by the state treasurer in the school district trust fund and shall be distributed as provided in section 144.701] **exempted from the provisions of and from the computation of the tax levied, assessed, or payable pursuant to this chapter. The provisions of this subsection are intended to exempt the sale of food from the state sales tax imposed pursuant to this chapter, and the department of revenue shall not construe the provisions of this subsection as an exemption from the local sales tax law, as defined in section 32.085. As required in sections 43(a) and 47(a) of article IV of the Missouri constitution, the sales tax imposed pursuant to such sections shall be imposed upon the sales and services that are taxable pursuant to this chapter, which shall not include the retail sale of food as exempted in this section.**

2. For the purposes of this section, the term “food” shall include only those products and types of food for which food stamps may be redeemed pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Food Stamp Program as contained in 7 U.S.C. Section 2012, as that section now reads or as it may be amended hereafter, and shall include food dispensed by or through vending machines. For the purpose of this section, except for vending machine sales, the term “food” shall not include food or drink sold by any establishment where the gross receipts derived from the sale of food prepared by such establishment for immediate consumption on or off the premises of the establishment constitutes more than eighty percent of the total gross receipts of that establishment, regardless of whether such prepared food is consumed on the premises of that establishment, including, but not limited to, sales of food by any restaurant, fast food restaurant, delicatessen, eating house, or café.

144.020. 1. A tax is hereby levied and imposed for the privilege of titling new and used motor vehicles, trailers, boats, and outboard motors purchased or acquired for use on the highways or waters of this state which are required to be titled under the laws of the state of Missouri and, except as provided in subdivision (9) of this subsection, upon all sellers for the privilege of engaging in the business of selling tangible personal property or rendering taxable service at retail in this state. The rate of tax shall be as follows:

(1) Upon every retail sale in this state of tangible personal property, excluding motor vehicles, trailers, motorcycles, mopeds, motortricycles, boats and outboard motors required to be titled under the laws of the state of Missouri and subject to tax under subdivision (9) of this subsection, a tax equivalent to four percent of the purchase price paid or charged, or in case such sale involves the exchange of property, a tax equivalent to four percent of the consideration paid or charged, including the fair market value of the

property exchanged at the time and place of the exchange, except as otherwise provided in section 144.025;

(2) A tax equivalent to four percent of the amount paid for admission and seating accommodations, or fees paid to, or in any place of amusement, entertainment or recreation, games and athletic events, except amounts paid for any instructional class;

(3) A tax equivalent to four percent of the basic rate paid or charged on all sales of electricity or electrical current, water and gas, natural or artificial, to domestic, commercial or industrial consumers;

(4) (a) A tax equivalent to four percent on the basic rate paid or charged on all sales of local and long distance telecommunications service to telecommunications subscribers and to others through equipment of telecommunications subscribers for the transmission of messages and conversations and upon the sale, rental or leasing of all equipment or services pertaining or incidental thereto; except that, the payment made by telecommunications subscribers or others, pursuant to section 144.060, and any amounts paid for access to the internet or interactive computer services shall not be considered as amounts paid for telecommunications services;

(b) If local and long distance telecommunications services subject to tax under this subdivision are aggregated with and not separately stated from charges for telecommunications service or other services not subject to tax under this subdivision, including, but not limited to, interstate or international telecommunications services, then the charges for nontaxable services may be subject to taxation unless the telecommunications provider can identify by reasonable and verifiable standards such portion of the charges not subject to such tax from its books and records that are kept in the regular course of business, including, but not limited to, financial statement, general ledgers, invoice and billing systems and reports, and reports for regulatory tariffs and other regulatory matters;

(c) A telecommunications provider shall notify the director of revenue of its intention to utilize the standards described in paragraph (b) of this subdivision to determine the charges that are subject to sales tax under this subdivision. Such notification shall be in writing and shall meet standardized criteria established by the department regarding the form and format of such notice;

(d) The director of revenue may promulgate and enforce reasonable rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this subdivision. 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, 2019, shall be invalid and void;

(5) A tax equivalent to four percent of the basic rate paid or charged for all sales of services for transmission of messages of telegraph companies;

(6) A tax equivalent to four percent on the amount of sales or charges for all rooms, meals and drinks furnished at any hotel, motel, tavern, inn, restaurant, eating house, drugstore, dining car, tourist cabin, tourist camp or other place in which rooms, meals or drinks are regularly served to the public. The tax

imposed under this subdivision shall not apply to any automatic mandatory gratuity for a large group imposed by a restaurant when such gratuity is reported as employee tip income and the restaurant withholds income tax under section 143.191 on such gratuity;

(7) A tax equivalent to four percent of the amount paid or charged for intrastate tickets by every person operating a railroad, sleeping car, dining car, express car, boat, airplane and such buses and trucks as are licensed by the division of motor carrier and railroad safety of the department of economic development of Missouri, engaged in the transportation of persons for hire;

(8) A tax equivalent to four percent of the amount paid or charged for rental or lease of tangible personal property, provided that if the lessor or renter of any tangible personal property had previously purchased the property under the conditions of sale at retail or leased or rented the property and the tax was paid at the time of purchase, lease or rental, the lessor, sublessor, renter or subrenter shall not apply or collect the tax on the subsequent lease, sublease, rental or subrental receipts from that property. The purchase, rental or lease of motor vehicles, trailers, motorcycles, mopeds, motortricycles, boats, and outboard motors shall be taxed and the tax paid as provided in this section and section 144.070. In no event shall the rental or lease of boats and outboard motors be considered a sale, charge, or fee to, for or in places of amusement, entertainment or recreation nor shall any such rental or lease be subject to any tax imposed to, for, or in such places of amusement, entertainment or recreation. Rental and leased boats or outboard motors shall be taxed under the provisions of the sales tax laws as provided under such laws for motor vehicles and trailers. Tangible personal property which is exempt from the sales or use tax under section 144.030 upon a sale thereof is likewise exempt from the sales or use tax upon the lease or rental thereof;

(9) A tax equivalent to four percent of the purchase price, as defined in section 144.070, of new and used motor vehicles, trailers, boats, and outboard motors purchased or acquired for use on the highways or waters of this state which are required to be registered under the laws of the state of Missouri. This tax is imposed on the person titling such property, and shall be paid according to the procedures in section 144.070 or 144.440.

2. All tickets sold which are sold under the provisions of this chapter which are subject to the sales tax shall have printed, stamped or otherwise endorsed thereon, the words "This ticket is subject to a sales tax."

3. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, of the four percent rate imposed pursuant to this section, the revenue derived from a rate of two tenths of one percent shall be deposited by the state treasurer in the school district trust fund and shall be distributed as provided in section 144.701. The remaining portion of the revenue derived from the rate imposed pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the general revenue fund."; and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

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

Senator Washington offered SA 2:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1534, Page 2, Section 144.010, Line 51, by inserting after “fees” the following: **“not to exceed three percent of the purchase price or the merchant discount fee, whichever is less”**.

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

Senator Washington offered SA 3:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 3

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1534, Page 7, Section 144.010, Line 204, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“4. Any business that charges a credit or debit card processing fee that is excluded from gross receipts shall provide notice to a purchaser of such charges. Such notice shall be posted at a physical point of sale or on the business's webpage on which a sales transaction is completed in a font size no smaller than twelve-point, or the equivalent for digital displays, and shall include the following language:

“NOTICE: PURSUANT TO MISSOURI LAW, PAYMENTS MADE BY A CREDIT AND/OR DEBIT CARD ARE SUBJECT TO A PROCESSING FEE NOT TO EXCEED THREE PERCENT OF THE ACTUAL PURCHASE PRICE.””.

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

Senator Nicola moved that SS for SCS for SB 1534, as amended, be adopted, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Nicola, SS for SCS for SB 1534, as amended, was declared perfected and ordered printed.

Senator Henderson moved that SB 1572 be taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Henderson, SB 1572 was declared perfected and ordered printed.

President Pro Tem O’Laughlin assumed the Chair.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senator Crawford, Chair of the Committee on Select Committee on Property Taxes and the State Tax Commission, submitted the following report:

Madam President: Your Committee on Select Committee on Property Taxes and the State Tax Commission, to which was referred SB 919, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

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

Madam President: Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment, to which was referred **SB 1065**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

Senator Brown (16), Chair of the Committee on Emerging Issues and Professional Registration, submitted the following report:

Madam President: Your Committee on Emerging Issues and Professional Registration, to which was referred **SB 991**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

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

Madam President: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred **SB 1002**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Also,

Madam President: Your Committee on Education, to which were referred **SB 1653** and **SB 1194**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

Senator Williams, Chair of the Committee on Progress and Development, submitted the following report:

Madam President: Your Committee on Progress and Development, to which was referred **HB 2934**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

On behalf of Senator Bean, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources, Senator Burger submitted the following report:

Madam President: Your Committee on Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources, to which was referred **SB 913**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

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

Madam President: Your Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence, to which were referred **SB 977** and **SB 1011**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

Also,

Madam President: Your Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence, to which was referred **SB 1067**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Also,

Madam President: Your Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence, to which was referred **SB 996**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

On behalf of Senator Coleman, Chair of the Committee on Government Efficiency, Senator Hudson submitted the following reports:

Madam President: Your Committee on Government Efficiency, to which was referred **HB 2180**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

Also,

Madam President: Your Committee on Government Efficiency, to which was referred **SB 1470**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Senator Carter, Chair of the Committee on Families, Seniors, and Health, submitted the following reports:

Madam President: Your Committee on Families, Seniors, and Health, to which were referred **SB 984** and **SB 968**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

Also,

Madam President: Your Committee on Families, Seniors, and Health, to which was referred **SB 841**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

On behalf of Senator Brown (26), Chair of the Committee on Economic and Workforce Development, Senator Gregory (21) submitted the following reports:

Madam President: Your Committee on Economic and Workforce Development, to which was referred **SB 1196**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Also,

Madam President: Your Committee on Economic and Workforce Development, to which was referred **SB 1553**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

Senator Henderson, Chair of the Committee on Local Government, Elections, and Pensions, submitted the following report:

Madam President: Your Committee on Local Government, Elections, and Pensions, to which was referred **SB 1094**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate Committee Substitute, hereto attached, do pass.

REFERRALS

President Pro Tem O’Laughlin referred **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 1001** and **HB 2934** to the Committee on Fiscal Oversight.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senator Crawford, Chair of the Committee on Insurance and Banking, submitted the following report:

Madam President: Your Committee on Insurance and Banking, to which was referred **HB 2423**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill do pass.

REFERRALS

President Pro Tem O’Laughlin referred **HB 2423** to the Committee on Fiscal Oversight.

Senator Hudson assumed the Chair.

RESOLUTIONS

Senator Burger offered Senate Resolution No. 834, regarding Bethany Foltz, Sedgewickville, which was adopted.

Senator Burger offered Senate Resolution No. 835, regarding Isabella Foltz, Sedgewickville, which was adopted.

Senators Bernskoetter and Fitzwater offered Senate Resolution No. 836, regarding the death of Caitlin Bartley, Jefferson City, which was adopted.

Senator Schnelting offered Senate Resolution No. 837, regarding Emily Smith, St. Charles, which was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Senator Moon introduced to the Senate, Freedom of Road Riders, Deanna Rhodes-Widmer; Joe Widmer; and members, Napoleon.

Senator Bean introduced to the Senate, New Madrid County Central School board member, Aaron Griffin; director of Technical Skills Center, Andrea Harris; high school counselor, Dallas Allen; and 13 SOAR students; and Economic Development Specialist, Sarah Ezell.

Senator Nicola introduced to the Senate, Educators from Oak Grove School District, Joanna Smith; Jacquie Butler; Jayme Donovan; Katie Ferbet; and Jana Sattler; Oak Grove.

Senator Bernskoetter introduced to the Senate, Camden County leadership group.

Senator Brown (16) introduced to the Senate, Kai and Erika Jacobs, Rolla; and Kai was made an honorary page.

Senator Mosley introduced to the Senate, Hazelwood Child Development Center CEO and founder, Alkesha Anderson; and Ira Hughes Jr.; and Hubert Mills.

Senator Brown (26) introduced to the Senate, MO Pachyderms Federation; and Amy and Ellie Brown; and Ellie was made an honorary page.

Senator Crawford introduced to the Senate, her husband, John Crawford; members from Leadership Buffalo; and Tracy Strickland, Long Lane.

Senator Washington introduced to the Senate, former Senator, Rita Days; Councilwoman, Shalonda Webb; Tracey Jefferies; and Antoinette Green, Creve Coeur.

Senator Webber introduced to the Senate, Langston Richter; Sadi Steen, Columbia; Case and Wyatt Unger, Ashland.

Senator Trent introduced to the Senate, Garrett, Victoria, and Nolan Depue; and Nolan was made an honorary page.

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

SENATE CALENDAR

FORTIETH DAY—THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026

FORMAL CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 1658-Nurrenbern	SB 1680-McCreery
SB 1659-Nurrenbern	SB 1681-McCreery
SB 1660-Nurrenbern	SB 1682-McCreery
SB 1661-Black	SB 1683-McCreery
SB 1662-May	SB 1684-McCreery
SB 1663-Crawford	SB 1685-McCreery
SB 1664-Coleman	SB 1686-McCreery
SB 1665-Coleman	SB 1687-McCreery
SB 1666-Coleman	SB 1688-Gregory (15)
SB 1667-Gregory (21)	SB 1689-Gregory (15)
SB 1668-Gregory (21)	SB 1690-Gregory (15)
SB 1669-Carter	SB 1691-Burger
SB 1670-Beck	SB 1692-Lewis
SB 1671-Gregory (21)	SB 1693-Lewis
SB 1672-Brown (16)	SB 1694-Roberts
SB 1673-Burger	SB 1695-Webber
SB 1674-Burger	SB 1696-Webber
SB 1675-Lewis	SB 1697-Schroer
SB 1676-Burger	SB 1698-Schroer
SB 1677-Schnelting	SB 1699-Gregory (21)
SB 1678-Gregory (21)	SB 1700-Henderson
SB 1679-Gregory (21)	SB 1701-Nurrenbern

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 1709-McCreery	SB 1754-Hough
SB 1710-McCreery	SB 1755-Hough
SB 1711-McCreery	SB 1756-Hough
SB 1712-McCreery	SB 1757-Hough
SB 1713-McCreery	SB 1758-Hough
SB 1714-McCreery	SB 1759-Hough
SB 1715-McCreery	SB 1760-Hough
SB 1716-McCreery	SB 1761-Hough
SB 1717-Nurrenbern	SB 1762-Hough
SB 1718-Hudson	SB 1763-Hough
SB 1719-Schroer	SB 1764-Hough
SB 1720-Schroer	SB 1765-Hough
SB 1721-Schroer	SB 1766-Hough
SB 1722-Gregory (21)	SB 1767-Brattin
SB 1723-Brown (16)	SB 1768-Brattin
SB 1724-Brown (16)	SB 1769-Brattin
SB 1725-Beck	SB 1770-Brattin
SB 1726-Carter	SB 1771-Brattin
SB 1727-Carter	SB 1772-Brattin
SB 1728-Carter	SB 1773-Gregory (21)
SB 1729-Henderson	SB 1774-Gregory (21)
SB 1730-Henderson	SB 1775-Gregory (21)
SB 1731-May	SB 1776-Coleman
SB 1732-Trent	SB 1777-Coleman
SB 1733-Gregory (15)	SB 1778-Mosley
SB 1734-Gregory (15)	SB 1779-Henderson
SB 1735-Washington	SB 1780-Burger
SB 1736-Washington	SB 1781-Burger
SB 1737-Washington	SB 1782-Schnelting
SB 1738-Washington	SB 1783-Schnelting
SB 1739-Washington	SB 1784-Schnelting
SB 1740-Washington	SB 1785-Hudson
SB 1741-Washington	SB 1786-Black
SB 1742-Lewis	SB 1787-Black
SB 1743-Lewis	SB 1788-Williams
SB 1744-Lewis	SB 1789-Bean
SB 1745-Lewis	SB 1790-Bean and Trent
SB 1746-Moon	SB 1791-Cierpiot

SB 1792-Webber	SB 1803-Carter
SB 1793-Webber	SB 1804-Beck
SB 1794-Webber	SB 1805-Lewis
SB 1795-Webber	SB 1806-Washington
SB 1796-Trent	SB 1807-Washington
SB 1797-Trent	SB 1808-Luetkemeyer
SB 1798-Trent	SJR 118-Nurrenbern
SB 1799-Trent	SJR 119-Lewis
SB 1800-Schroer	SJR 120-Lewis
SB 1801-Schroer	SJR 121-McCreery
SB 1802-Carter	SJR 122-Moon

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

HCS for HBs 2069 & 2208	HB 1749-Miller
HB 1812-Nolte	HCS for HB 2610
HCS for HB 3308	HCS for HB 1696
HCS for HB 3010	HB 1867-Roberts
HCS for HB 2872	HCS for HB 2742
HCS for HBs 1826, 2560, 2349 & 2194	HCS for HB 2103
HCS for HBs 2642, 2296, 1966 & 1680	HB 2586-Casteel

THIRD READING OF SENATE BILLS

SS for SCS for SB 1001-Schnelting (In Fiscal Oversight)	SB 1576-Fitzwater
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SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

1. SB 1012-Nicola, with SCS	11. SB 913-Gregory (21)
2. SBs 1410 & 853-Crawford, with SCS	12. SBs 977 & 1011-Schroer, with SCS
3. SJR 111-Hudson, with SCS	13. SB 1067-Henderson
4. SB 1442-Hudson, with SCS	14. SB 996-Gregory (15)
5. SB 1652-Mosley, with SCS	15. SB 1470-Bernskoetter
6. SB 919-Nicola, with SCS	16. SBs 984 & 968-Carter, with SCS
7. SB 1065-Brown (26), with SCS	17. SB 841-Bernskoetter, with SCS
8. SB 991-McCreery, with SCS	18. SB 1196-Henderson
9. SB 1002-Schnelting	19. SB 1553-Gregory (21)
10. SBs 1653 & 1194-Trent, with SCS	20. SB 1094-Crawford, with SCS

HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING

HB 2061-Hruza (Trent)
(In Fiscal Oversight)
HCS for HB 2641 (Gregory (15))
(In Fiscal Oversight)
HB 2934-Christ (Williams)
(In Fiscal Oversight)

HB 2180-Griffith (Bernskoetter), with SCS
HB 2423-Oehlerking (Crawford)
(In Fiscal Oversight)

INFORMAL CALENDAR

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

SB 836-Crawford, with SCS
SB 838-Cierpiot, with SCS
SB 849-O'Laughlin
SB 856-Brattin and Coleman
SB 863-Bean, with SS & SA 1 (pending)
SB 879-Fitzwater
SB 887-Schroer
SB 904-Gregory (15), with SS & SA 1 (pending)
SB 916-Burger, with SCS
SB 917-Burger, with SS & SA 1 (pending)
SB 918-Burger
SB 931-Crawford
SB 948-Brattin, with SS & SA 3 (pending)
SB 970-Fitzwater, with SCS & SS for SCS
(pending)

SBs 971 & 906-Trent, with SCS
SB 998-Hudson, with SCS
SB 999-Hudson, et al, with SS, SA 1 &
SA 1 to SA 1 (pending)
SB 1003-Schnelting, with SCS, SS for SCS &
SA 4 (pending)
SB 1023-Brown (16), with SCS,
SS for SCS & SA 2 (pending)
SB 1029-Brattin, with SCS & SS#2 for SCS
(pending)
SB 1064-Brown (26)
SB 1586-Brown (26), with SCS & SS for SCS
(pending)
SB 1605-Henderson, with SS (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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