

Journal of the Senate

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

FORTY-THIRD DAY - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Senator Hudson in the Chair.

Senator Hudson offered the following prayer:

Proverbs 1:7 “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

God of the universe,

Thank You for keeping us in mind. In comparison to all of creation which is before Your eyes, we are so small, and yet we can call upon Your name, and You hear us. We ask for health, strength, help, and forgiveness, and You deliver. Thank You for Your mercy and grace. Forgive us when we are foolish and lead us to wisdom. Your steady, strong hand has brought us this far, and we pray that guidance will continue.

In Jesus name, 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

RESOLUTIONS

Senator Mosley offered Senate Resolution No. 860, regarding the death of Sandra D. Jimmerson, Jefferson City, which was adopted.

Senator Luetkemeyer offered Senate Resolution No. 861, regarding Elizabeth Landuyt, Riverside, which was adopted.

Senator Beck offered Senate Resolution No. 862, regarding Dr. Patrick Nakashima-Moran, DO, St. Louis, which was adopted.

Senator Black offered Senate Resolution No. 863, regarding Duncan Jackson, Marceline, which was adopted.

Senator O'Laughlin offered Senate Resolution No. 864, regarding Dana Crutchfield, Cairo, which was adopted.

Senator O'Laughlin offered Senate Resolution No. 865, regarding Barbara Brucks, Macon, which was adopted.

Senators Gregory (15) and McCreery offered Senate Resolution No. 866, regarding Dr. Heidi Sallee, St. Louis, which was adopted.

Senator Crawford offered Senate Resolution No. 867, regarding Windsor High School Boys Basketball Team, Windsor, which was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

Senator Trent offered the following Concurrent resolution:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

Whereas, the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution reserves powers not delegated to the federal government to the states, and education is not enumerated as a responsibility of the federal government; and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Education's creation in 1980 has led to significant federal overreach in education through burdensome regulations and one-size-fits-all mandates; and

Whereas, despite an annual budget of \$60 billion and another \$276 billion in one-time spending for COVID-19 recovery efforts, 4th and 8th grade reading scores remain roughly unchanged since the early 1990s when national measurements first began; and

Whereas, states and local communities possess unique knowledge of their students' educational needs and are best positioned to develop the curriculum and policies that reflect their values and priorities; and

Whereas, President Trump has publicly expressed a desire to eliminate the U.S. Department of Education and rightfully put the states back in charge of education; and

Whereas, the elimination of the U.S. Department of Education is not only a constitutional necessity, but will also cause taxpayer dollars to be spent more efficiently and lead to better outcomes:

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the members of the Missouri Senate of the One Hundred Third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby support federal efforts to eliminate the U.S. Department of Education and urges the United States Congress to fully cooperate with these efforts; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for each member of Missouri's Congressional delegation.

REFERRALS

President Pro Tem O'Laughlin referred **HB 2180**, with **SCS**, to the Committee on Fiscal Oversight.

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 **HB 2934** and **HB 2423**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bills do pass.

HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING

HB 2934, introduced by Representative Christ, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 67.601, 67.604, 67.607, 67.651, 67.652, 67.653, 67.657, and 99.585, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof nine new sections relating to the governance and funding of the regional convention and visitors commission and the regional convention and sports complex authority, with penalty provisions.

Was taken up by Senator Williams.

On motion of Senator Williams, **HB 2934** 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
Hudson	Lewis	Luetkemeyer	May	McCreery	Moon	Mosley
Nicola	Nurrenbern	O'Laughlin	Schnelting	Schroer	Trent	Webber

Williams—29

NAYS—Senator Coleman—1

Absent—Senators

Brattin Hough Washington—3

Absent with leave—Senator Roberts—1

Vacancies—None

The President declared the bill passed.

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

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

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

HB 2423, introduced by Representative Oehlerking, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 361.170, 361.749, 364.020, 364.030, 364.105, 365.030, 367.110, 367.120, 367.130, 367.140, 367.160, 367.170, 367.190, 367.509, 407.640, 408.500, and 436.570, RSMo , and to enact in lieu thereof fifteen new sections relating to the division of finance, with penalty provisions.

Was taken up by Senator Crawford.

Senator Crawford offered **SS** for **HB 2423**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2423

An Act to repeal sections 361.170, 361.749, 364.020, 364.030, 364.105, 365.030, 367.110, 367.120, 367.130, 367.140, 367.160, 367.170, 367.190, 367.509, 407.640, 408.500, and 436.570, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof fifteen new sections relating to the division of finance, with penalty provisions.

Senator Crawford moved that **SS** for **HB 2423** be adopted, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Crawford, **SS** for **HB 2423** was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators

Bean	Beck	Bernskoetter	Black	Brown (26)	Burger	Carter
Cierpiot	Coleman	Crawford	Fitzwater	Gregory (15)	Gregory (21)	Henderson
Hough	Hudson	Lewis	Luetkemeyer	May	McCreery	Moon
Mosley	Nicola	Nurrenbern	Schnelting	Schroer	Trent	Webber

Williams—29

NAYS—Senators—None

Absent—Senators

Brattin	Brown (16)	O'Laughlin	Washington—4
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Absent with leave—Senator Roberts—1

Vacancies—None

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.

Senator Burger assumed the Chair.

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

Senator Hudson moved that **SB 1442**, with **SCS**, be called from the Informal Calendar and taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

SCS for **SB 1442**, entitled:

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1442

An Act to repeal sections 161.097, 161.241, 167.268, and 167.645, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof four new sections relating to literacy of elementary school students.

Was taken up.

Senator Hudson moved that **SCS** for **SB 1442** be adopted.

Senator Hudson offered **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 1442**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1442

An Act to repeal sections 161.097, 161.241, 167.268, 167.340, 167.645, and 170.014, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof seven new sections relating to literacy of elementary school students.

Senator Hudson moved that **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 1442** be adopted.

Senator May offered SA 1:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1442, Page 1, In the Title, Lines 4-5, by striking “literacy of elementary school students” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “education”; and

Further amend said bill and page, section A, line 5, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“67.547. 1. In addition to the tax authorized by section 67.505, any county as defined in section 67.750 may, by a majority vote of its governing body, impose an additional county sales tax on all sales which are subject to taxation under the provisions of sections 144.010 to 144.525. The tax authorized by this section shall be in addition to any and all other sales tax allowed by law; except that no ordinance or order imposing a sales tax under the provisions of this section shall be effective unless the governing body of the county submits to the voters of the county, at a county or state general, primary or special election, a proposal to authorize the governing body of the county to impose such tax.

2. The ballot of submission shall contain, but need not be limited to the following language:

Shall the county of _____ (county's name) impose a countywide sales tax of _____ (insert rate) percent for the purpose of _____ (insert purpose)?

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 governing body of the county shall have no power to impose the sales tax as herein authorized unless and until the governing body of the county submits another proposal to authorize the governing body of the county to impose the sales tax under the provisions of this section and such proposal is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon. A county shall not submit to the voters a proposed sales tax under this section for a period of two years from the date of an election in which the county previously submitted to the voters a proposed sales tax under this section, regardless of whether the initial proposed sales tax was approved or disapproved by the voters. The revenue collected from the sales tax authorized under this section shall only be used for the purpose approved by voters of the county.

3. (1) The sales tax may be imposed at a rate of one-eighth of one percent, one-fourth of one percent, three-eighths of one percent, or one-half of one percent on the receipts from the sale at retail of all tangible personal property or taxable services at retail within any county adopting such tax if such property and services are subject to taxation by the state of Missouri under the provisions of sections 144.010 to 144.525. In any city not within a county or any county described in subsection 5 of this section, no sales tax for the purpose of funding zoological activities and zoological facilities as those terms are defined in

section 184.500 shall exceed a rate of one-eighth of one percent unless the sales tax was levied and collected before August 28, 2017. Beginning August 28, 2017, no county shall submit to the voters any proposal that results in a combined rate of sales taxes adopted under this section in excess of one percent.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection to the contrary, beginning August 28, 2025, a county with more than eight thousand but fewer than eight thousand nine hundred inhabitants and with a county seat with more than seven hundred thirty but fewer than eight hundred inhabitants may impose a sales tax that results in a combined rate of sales tax adopted pursuant to this section in excess of one percent, but not in excess of one and one-half percent, provided that any such sales tax shall be for the purpose of providing law enforcement services. All sales tax elections conducted during the November 8, 2022, general election shall be deemed in compliance with this subdivision, provided that the total combined sales tax rate adopted pursuant to this section does not exceed one and one-half percent.

4. Except as modified in this section, all provisions of sections 32.085 and 32.087 shall apply to the tax imposed under this section.

5. In any first class county having a charter form of government and having a population of nine hundred thousand or more, the proceeds of the sales tax authorized by this section shall be distributed so that an amount equal to three-eighths of the proceeds of the tax shall be distributed to the county and the remaining five-eighths shall be distributed to the cities, towns and villages and the unincorporated area of the county on the ratio that the population of each bears to the total population of the county. Three-eighths of the tax rate adopted by such a county shall be included in the calculation of the county's one percent combined tax rate ceiling provided in subsection 3 of this section. The population of each city, town or village and the unincorporated area of the county and the total population of the county shall be determined on the basis of the most recent federal decennial census. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply if the revenue collected is used to support zoological activities of the zoological subdistrict as defined under section 184.352. **The provisions of this subsection shall not apply if the revenue collected is used for the purpose of early childhood education or child care services, and such revenues shall be deposited in the early childhood education and child care fund and administered pursuant to section 67.5420.**

6. Except as prohibited under section 184.353, residents of any county that does not adopt a sales tax under this section for the purpose of supporting zoological activities may be charged an admission fee for zoological facilities, programs, or events that are not part of the zoological subdistrict defined under subdivision (15) of section 184.352 as of August 28, 2017.

7. In any county of the second classification with more than nineteen thousand seven hundred but fewer than nineteen thousand eight hundred inhabitants, the proceeds of the sales tax authorized by this section shall be distributed so that an amount equal to three-fourths of the proceeds of the tax shall be distributed to the county and the remaining one-fourth shall be distributed equally among the incorporated cities, towns, and villages of the county. Upon request from any city, town, or village within the county, the county shall make available for inspection the distribution report provided to the county by the department of revenue. Any expenses incurred by the county in supplying such report to a city, town, or village shall be paid by such city, town, or village.

8. In any first class county having a charter form of government and having a population of nine hundred thousand or more, no tax shall be imposed pursuant to this section for the purpose of funding in whole or in part the construction, operation or maintenance of a sports stadium, field house, indoor or outdoor recreational facility, center, playing field, parking facility or anything incidental or necessary to a complex suitable for any type of professional sport or recreation, either upon, above or below the ground.

9. No county in this state, other than a county with a charter form of government and with more than nine hundred fifty thousand inhabitants and a city not within a county, shall impose a tax under this section for the purpose of funding in whole or in part the construction, operation, or maintenance of any zoological activities, zoological facilities, zoological organizations, the metropolitan zoological park and museum district as created under section 184.350, or any zoological boards.

10. The director of revenue may authorize the state treasurer to make refunds from the amounts in the trust fund and credited to any county for erroneous payments and overpayments made, and may redeem dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of such counties. If any county abolishes the tax, the county shall notify the director of revenue of the action at least ninety days prior to the effective date of the repeal and the director of revenue may order retention in the trust fund, for a period of one year, of two percent of the amount collected after receipt of such notice to cover possible refunds or overpayment of the tax and to redeem dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of such accounts. After one year has elapsed after the effective date of abolition of the tax in such county, the director of revenue shall remit the balance in the account to the county and close the account of that county. The director of revenue shall notify each county of each instance of any amount refunded or any check redeemed from receipts due the county.

11. No revenue received from a tax for the purpose of funding zoological activities in any county shall be used for the benefit of any entity that has ever been named Grant's Farm or is located at ten thousand five hundred one Gravois Road, Saint Louis, Missouri, or successor address, or to supplant any funding received from the metropolitan zoological park and museum district established under section 184.350.

67.5420. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

- (1) "Board", the board of directors appointed pursuant to section 210.861;**
- (2) "Child care provider", any entity that is licensed under section 210.221 and that provides early childhood education services;**
- (3) "County", any county with more than one million inhabitants and any city not within a county;**
- (4) "Early childhood education services", the same as defined in section 161.244, which may include transportation related to such services;**
- (5) "Early childhood education service provider", any public school or charter school that is contracted with the department of elementary and secondary education to provide early childhood education services that adhere to the quality standards as provided in section 161.213.**

2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, all revenues generated by any tax imposed by a county and approved by the voters for the purposes of establishing an early childhood

education and child care services fund to improve the quality of, affordability of, and access to early childhood development programs and child care for children aged five years and younger shall be deposited in the county treasury to the credit of a special “Early Childhood Education and Child Care Fund” to accomplish the purposes set out in this section and shall be used for no other purpose.

3. The administrative control and management of the funds in the early childhood education and child care fund and all programs to be funded therefrom shall rest solely with the board and shall be expended for early childhood education services and child care services. The board shall not be mandated to expend funds by an act of the general assembly without a majority vote of the voters of the county. The board shall use or disburse the funds in the early childhood education and child care fund to provide and administer programs improving the quality, affordability, and access to early childhood development and child care programs for children aged five years and younger. The funds may be used for early childhood education services provided by early childhood education service providers and child care providers.

4. (1) The board may contract with any provider to provide early childhood education services and child care services and may place conditions on the use of such funds. The board shall reserve the right to audit the expenditure of any and all funds. The board may establish eligibility standards for the receipt and use of such funds. No member of the board shall serve on the governing body, have any financial interest in, or be employed by any entity that is a recipient of funds from the early childhood education and child care fund.

(2) Funds expended by the board pursuant to this section shall be expended in the following order of priority:

(a) For children in financial or familial need, as determined by the board;

(b) For all other services provided pursuant to this section.

(3) In addition to the priorities provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, a child care provider shall prioritize the placement of children from families who can document that they are on a waitlist for the department of elementary and secondary education's child care subsidy program.

5. The board shall only provide funding for early childhood education services or child care services to providers who serve children residing in the county.

6. The board may accept any gift of property or moneys for the use and benefit of the persons to be served through the programs established and funded under this section and may sell or exchange any such property so long as such sale or exchange is in the best interests of the programs provided under this section and the proceeds from such sale or exchange are used exclusively to fund such programs. The board may solicit, accept, and expend grants from private or public entities and enter into agreements to effectuate such grants so long as the transaction is in the best interest of the programs provided by the board and the proceeds are used exclusively to fund such programs.

7. The provisions of subsections 3 to 6 of section 210.861 shall not apply to revenues deposited into the early childhood education and child care fund and administered pursuant to this subsection.”; and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

Senator May moved that the above amendment be adopted.

Senator Hudson raised a point of order that **SA 1** goes beyond the scope of the underlying bill.

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

At the request of Senator Hudson, **SB 1442**, with **SCS** and **SS** for **SCS** (pending), was placed on the Informal Calendar.

Senator Brown (16) moved that **SB 1023**, with **SCS**, **SS** for **SCS**, and **SA 2** (pending), be called from the Informal Calendar and again taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

At the request of Senator Brown (16), **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 1023** was withdrawn, rendering **SA 2** moot.

Senator Brown (16) offered **SS No. 2** for **SCS** for **SB 1023**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE NO. 2 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 No. 2** for **SCS** for **SB 1023** be adopted.

Senator Lewis offered **SA 1**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend Senate Substitute No. 2 for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1023, Page 1, In the Title, Line 4, by striking “funding for certain”; and

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

“182.711. 1. The fiscal year for each urban public library district shall be July first to June thirtieth, **unless otherwise set by the board of trustees**, and each year the librarian shall submit to the board of trustees a budget for the forthcoming fiscal year. The board of trustees shall approve the budget after making any changes therein that it deems necessary. The budget shall be approved on or before [June thirtieth] **the last day of the fiscal year** preceding the fiscal year for which the budget was prepared. The board of trustees on its own motion or at the request of the librarian, from time to time, may amend or modify the approved budget. A copy of the approved budget shall be filed with the state auditor.

2. The treasurer of the board of trustees of an urban public library district shall receive and be the custodian of all money belonging to the district from whatever source derived. All funds of the urban public library district derived from local taxation to be used for normal operations of the district shall be kept in a library operating fund. All funds belonging to the district which are to be used for building

purposes shall be kept in a library building fund; all funds derived from state aid or federal grants, other than land, building and furnishing grants, shall be kept in the library operating fund; and the board of trustees may establish any other funds that it deems necessary. The treasurer shall deposit all moneys belonging to the urban public library district in the depositories that are selected by the board of trustees. The treasurer shall also be the custodian of all bonds or other securities belonging to the urban public library district.

3. Urban public library district moneys shall be disbursed by the treasurer by appropriate instrument of payment only upon due authorization of the board of trustees and duly certified for payment by the president. The certification shall specify the amount to be paid, to whom payment is to be made and the purpose for which payment is being made. The board of trustees by resolution may direct that the signature of the president or treasurer be a facsimile signature in the manner provided by sections 105.272 to 105.278.

4. No authorization or certification shall be made, and no instrument of payment shall be issued for the payment of any urban public library district indebtedness unless there is sufficient money in the treasury and the proper fund for the payment of the indebtedness and the indebtedness is in the proper form.

5. The treasurer of the board of trustees shall submit to the board of trustees, at each regularly scheduled meeting thereof, an accounting reflecting receipt and disbursement of funds belonging to the urban public library district.”; and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

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

Senator Brown (16) moved that **SS No. 2** for **SCS** for **SB 1023**, as amended, be adopted, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Brown (16), **SS No. 2** for **SCS** for **SB 1023**, as amended, was declared perfected and ordered printed.

At the request of Senator Carter, **SBs 984** and **968**, with **SCS**, was placed on the Informal Calendar.

At the request of Senator Bernskoetter, **SB 841**, with **SCS**, was placed on the Informal Calendar.

Senator Henderson moved that **SB 1196** be taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

At the request of Senator Henderson, **SB 1196** was placed on the Informal Calendar.

Senator Gregory (21) moved that **SB 1553** be taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

Senator Gregory (21) offered **SS** for **SB 1553**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 1553

An Act to repeal section 144.054, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to incentives for producing certain critical materials and pharmaceuticals.

Senator Gregory (21) moved that **SS** for **SB 1553** be adopted.

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

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1553, Page 5, Section 620.1641, Line 31, by inserting after “amended,” the following: “**that is owned wholly by a United States citizen or citizens,**”.

Senator Moon moved that the above amendment be adopted.

At the request of Senator Moon, **SA 1** was withdrawn.

Senator Lewis offered **SA 2**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1553, Page 1, Section 144.054, Line 3, by inserting after “complexes” the following: “**included on the list of critical materials as published by the United States Department of the Interior**”; and further amend line 11 by inserting after “disruption” the following: “**as included on the list published by the United States Food and Drug Administration**”; and

Further amend said bill, page 5, section 620.1641, line 4, by inserting after “complexes” the following: “**included on the list of critical materials as published by the United States Department of the Interior**”; and further amend line 12 by inserting after “disruption” the following: “**as included on the list published by the United States Food and Drug Administration**”.

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

Senator Beck offered **SA 3**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 3

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1553, Pages 5-6, Section 620.1641, Lines 33-44, by striking all of said lines and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“(8) **“Qualified project costs”:**

(a) **Costs incurred by a qualified company for the construction, expansion, or conversion of facilities and acquisition of equipment for the production of critical materials or critical pharmaceuticals, including, but not limited to:**

- a. **Site preparation;**
- b. **Building construction or renovation;**
- c. **Machinery and equipment acquisition and installation, including any specialized manufacturing equipment;**
- d. **Utility infrastructure; and**
- e. **Environmental compliance systems;**

(b) **“Qualified project costs” shall not include any costs incurred by a qualified company utilizing a contractor unless:**

a. Such contractor is selected through an open bidding process and is headquartered in Missouri and for whom at least eighty-five percent of the workforce used for any work performed by the contractor for a qualified company reside within fifty miles of the site of such work; and

b. Such contractor maintains an existing United States Department of Labor registered apprenticeship program;”.

Senator Beck moved that the above amendment be adopted.

Senator Gregory (21) offered **SA 1 to SA 3**, which was read:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO
SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 3

Amend Senate Amendment No. 3 to Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1553, Page 1, Line 24, by striking all of said line and inserting in lieu thereof the following: **“within Missouri; and”**.

Senator Gregory (21) moved that the above amendment be adopted, which motion prevailed.

Senator Beck moved that **SA 3**, as amended, be adopted, which motion prevailed.

Senator Nicola offered **SA 4**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 4

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1553, Page 5, Section 620.1641, Line 32, by inserting after “costs” the following: “. **“Qualified company” shall not include any company headquartered in a country identified by the United States Director of National Intelligence as a country that poses a risk to the national security of the United States in at least one of the three most recent annual threat assessments of the U.S. intelligence community issued pursuant to Section 108B, federal National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. Section 3043b)**”.

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

Senator Gregory (21) moved that **SS for SB 1553**, as amended, be adopted, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Gregory (21), **SS for SB 1553**, as amended, was declared perfected and ordered printed.

Senator Crawford moved that **SB 1094**, with **SCS**, be taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

SCS for SB 1094, entitled:

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 1094

An Act to repeal sections 108.240 and 115.127, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to elections.

Was taken up.

Senator Crawford moved that **SCS** for **SB 1094** be adopted.

Senator Crawford offered **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 1094**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 1094

An Act to repeal sections 108.240, 115.125, 115.127, 115.233, 115.277, 115.284, 115.427, 115.430, and 115.453, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof nine new sections relating to elections.

Senator Crawford moved that **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 1094** be adopted.

Senator Gregory (21) assumed the Chair.

Senator Crawford offered **SA 1**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1094, Page 4, Section 115.127, Lines 3-4, by striking “submitted pursuant to subsection 2 of section 115.125”.

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

Senator Hough assumed the Chair.

Senator Beck offered **SA 2**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1094, Page 31, Section 115.453, Line 86, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“115.637. The following offenses, and any others specifically so described by law, shall be class four election offenses and are deemed misdemeanors not connected with the exercise of the right of suffrage. Conviction for any of these offenses shall be punished by imprisonment of not more than one year or by a fine of not more than two thousand five hundred dollars or by both such imprisonment and fine:

(1) Stealing or willfully concealing, defacing, mutilating, or destroying any sample ballots that may be furnished by an organization or individual at or near any voting place on election day, except that this subdivision shall not be construed so as to interfere with the right of an individual voter to erase or cause to be erased on a sample ballot the name of any candidate and substituting the name of the person for whom he or she intends to vote; or to dispose of the received sample ballot;

(2) Printing, circulating, or causing to be printed or circulated, any false and fraudulent sample ballots which appear on their face to be designed as a fraud upon voters;

(3) Purposefully giving a printed or written sample ballot to any qualified voter which is intended to mislead the voter;

(4) On the part of any candidate for election to any office of honor, trust, or profit, offering or promising to discharge the duties of such office for a less sum than the salary, fees, or emoluments as

fixed by law or promising to pay back or donate to any public or private interest any portion of such salary, fees, or emolument as an inducement to voters;

(5) On the part of any canvasser appointed to canvass any registration list, willfully failing to appear, refusing to continue, or abandoning such canvass or willfully neglecting to perform his duties in making such canvass or willfully neglecting any duties lawfully assigned to him or her;

(6) On the part of any employer, making, enforcing, or attempting to enforce any order, rule, or regulation or adopting any other device or method to prevent an employee from engaging in political activities, accepting candidacy for nomination to, election to, or the holding of, political office, holding a position as a member of a political committee, soliciting or receiving funds for political purpose, acting as chairman or participating in a political convention, assuming the conduct of any political campaign, signing, or subscribing his or her name to any initiative, referendum, or recall petition, or any other petition circulated pursuant to law;

(7) On the part of any person authorized or employed to print official ballots, or any person employed in printing ballots, giving, delivering, or knowingly permitting to be taken any ballot to or by any person other than the official under whose direction the ballots are being printed, any ballot in any form other than that prescribed by law, or with unauthorized names, with names misspelled, or with the names of candidates arranged in any way other than that authorized by law;

(8) On the part of any election authority or official charged by law with the duty of distributing the printed ballots, or any person acting on his or her behalf, knowingly distributing or causing to be distributed any ballot in any manner other than that prescribed by law;

(9) Any person having in his or her possession any official ballot, except in the performance of his or her duty as an election authority or official, or in the act of exercising his or her individual voting privilege;

(10) Willfully mutilating, defacing, or altering any ballot before it is delivered to a voter;

(11) On the part of any election judge, being willfully absent from the polls on election day without good cause or willfully detaining any election material or equipment and not causing it to be produced at the voting place at the opening of the polls or within fifteen minutes thereafter;

(12) On the part of any election authority or official, willfully neglecting, refusing, or omitting to perform any duty required of him or her by law with respect to holding and conducting an election, receiving and counting out the ballots, or making proper returns;

(13) On the part of any election judge, or party watcher or challenger, furnishing any information tending in any way to show the state of the count to any other person prior to the closing of the polls;

(14) On the part of any voter, except as otherwise provided by law, allowing his or her ballot to be seen by any person with the intent of letting it be known how he or she is about to vote or has voted, or knowingly making a false statement as to his or her inability to mark a ballot;

(15) On the part of any election judge, disclosing to any person the name of any candidate for whom a voter has voted;

(16) Interfering, or attempting to interfere, with any voter inside a polling place;

(17) On the part of any person at any registration site, polling place, counting location or verification location, causing any breach of the peace or engaging in disorderly conduct, violence, or threats of violence whereby such registration, election, count or verification is impeded or interfered with;

(18) Exit polling, surveying, sampling, electioneering, distributing election literature, posting signs or placing vehicles bearing signs with respect to any candidate or question to be voted on at an election on election day inside the building in which a polling place is located or within [twenty-five] **fifty** feet of the building's outer door closest to the polling place, or, on the part of any person, refusing to remove or permit removal from property owned or controlled by such person, any such election sign or literature located within such distance on such day after request for removal by any person. **Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, a candidate may be up to twenty-five feet from the building's outer door closest to the polling place at any time at which the candidate is not seeking to vote;**

(19) Stealing or willfully defacing, mutilating, or destroying any campaign yard sign on private property, except that this subdivision shall not be construed to interfere with the right of any private property owner to take any action with regard to campaign yard signs on the owner's property and this subdivision shall not be construed to interfere with the right of any candidate, or the candidate's designee, to remove the candidate's campaign yard sign from the owner's private property after the election day.”; and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

Senator Beck moved that the above amendment be adopted.

At the request of Senator Crawford, **SB 1094**, with **SCS, SS** for **SCS**, and **SA 2** (pending), was placed on the Informal Calendar.

Senator Gregory (21) assumed the Chair.

Senator Henderson moved that **SB 1196** be called from the Informal Calendar and again taken up for perfection, which motion prevailed.

Senator Henderson offered **SS** for **SB 1196**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 1196

An Act to repeal sections 173.2553, 620.511, 620.512, and 620.513, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof five new sections relating to grants for certain workforce training programs, with an emergency clause.

Senator Henderson moved that **SS** for **SB 1196** be adopted, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Henderson, **SS** for **SB 1196** 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. 2** for **SCS** for **SB 1023**, 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.

RESOLUTIONS

Senator Schnelting offered Senate Resolution No. 868, regarding Staff Sergeant Daniel Gerwitz, which was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Senator Nurrenbern introduced to the Senate, UAW Local 249, Jay Bosler; Greg Smith; Jon Sowell; Erica Eckart; and Amy Minich.

Senator Schnelting introduced to the Senate, former St. Charles City council member Michael Flandermeyer; and his grandson's, Finn and Knox Kelleher.

Senator Williams introduced to the Senate, Explore STL president and CEO, Brad Dean; and Fire Chief Kevin Stewart, Kinloch; and Dr. Angela Haywood-Gaskin; and John Gaskin II.

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

SENATE CALENDAR

FORTY-FOURTH DAY—THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

FORMAL CALENDAR**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS**

SB 1658-Nurrenbern	SB 1674-Burger
SB 1659-Nurrenbern	SB 1675-Lewis
SB 1660-Nurrenbern	SB 1676-Burger
SB 1661-Black	SB 1677-Schnelting
SB 1662-May	SB 1678-Gregory (21)
SB 1663-Crawford	SB 1679-Gregory (21)
SB 1664-Coleman	SB 1680-McCreery
SB 1665-Coleman	SB 1681-McCreery
SB 1666-Coleman	SB 1682-McCreery
SB 1667-Gregory (21)	SB 1683-McCreery
SB 1668-Gregory (21)	SB 1684-McCreery
SB 1669-Carter	SB 1685-McCreery
SB 1670-Beck	SB 1686-McCreery
SB 1671-Gregory (21)	SB 1687-McCreery
SB 1672-Brown (16)	SB 1688-Gregory (15)
SB 1673-Burger	SB 1689-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 1709-McCreery	SB 1754-Hough
SB 1710-McCreery	SB 1755-Hough
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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 1780-Burger	SB 1797-Trent
SB 1781-Burger	SB 1798-Trent
SB 1782-Schnelting	SB 1799-Trent
SB 1783-Schnelting	SB 1800-Schroer
SB 1784-Schnelting	SB 1801-Schroer
SB 1785-Hudson	SB 1802-Carter
SB 1786-Black	SB 1803-Carter
SB 1787-Black	SB 1804-Beck
SB 1788-Williams	SB 1805-Lewis
SB 1789-Bean	SB 1806-Washington
SB 1790-Bean and Trent	SB 1807-Washington
SB 1791-Cierpiot	SB 1808-Luetkemeyer
SB 1792-Webber	SJR 118-Nurrenbern
SB 1793-Webber	SJR 119-Lewis
SB 1794-Webber	SJR 120-Lewis
SB 1795-Webber	SJR 121-McCreery
SB 1796-Trent	SJR 122-Moon

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

HB 2636-Owen	HCS for HB 1840
HCS for HBs 2120 & 1698	HB 1623-Sassmann
HCS for HBs 2035 & 2350	HB 3279-Shields
HB 2547-Boggs	HCS for HB 2508
HCS for HB 2944	HB 1963-Peters
HCS for HBs 2230 & 2978	HB 1825-Busick

THIRD READING OF SENATE BILLS

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| 1. SS for SCS for SB 1001-Schnelting
(In Fiscal Oversight) | 7. SS for SB 913-Gregory (21)
(In Fiscal Oversight) |
| 2. SS for SCS for SB 1534-Nicola
(In Fiscal Oversight) | 8. SS for SCS for SBs 977 & 1011-Schroer |
| 3. SB 1572-Henderson | 9. SS for SCS for SB 991-McCreery |
| 4. SS for SCS for SB 905-Gregory (15) | 10. SB 1067-Henderson |
| 5. SS for SCS for SB 1652-Mosley
(In Fiscal Oversight) | 11. SB 1470-Bernskoetter |
| 6. SS for SB 1002-Schnelting
(In Fiscal Oversight) | 12. SS#2 for SCS for SB 1023-Brown (16) |

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

SB 1085-Nicola, with SCS

HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING

HB 2061-Hruza (Trent)
(In Fiscal Oversight)

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

INFORMAL CALENDAR

SENATE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

SB 836-Crawford, with SCS	SB 998-Hudson, with SCS
SB 838-Cierpiot, with SCS	SB 999-Hudson, et al, with SS, SA 1 & SA 1 to SA 1 (pending)
SB 841-Bernskoetter, with SCS	SB 1003-Schnelting, with SCS, SS for SCS & SA 4 (pending)
SB 849-O'Laughlin	SB 1012-Nicola, with SCS & SS for SCS (pending)
SB 856-Brattin and Coleman	SB 1029-Brattin, with SCS & SS#2 for SCS (pending)
SB 863-Bean, with SS & SA 1 (pending)	SB 1064-Brown (26)
SB 879-Fitzwater	SB 1065-Brown (26), with SCS
SB 887-Schroer	SB 1094-Crawford, with SCS, SS for SCS & SA 2 (pending)
SB 904-Gregory (15), with SS & SA 2 (pending)	SBs 1410 & 853-Crawford, with SCS
SB 916-Burger, with SCS	SB 1442-Hudson, with SCS & SS for SCS (pending)
SB 917-Burger, with SS & SA 1 (pending)	SB 1586-Brown (26), with SCS & SS for SCS (pending)
SB 918-Burger	SB 1605-Henderson, with SS (pending)
SB 919-Nicola, with SCS	SBs 1653 & 1194-Trent, with SCS
SB 931-Crawford	SJR 111-Hudson, with SCS
SB 948-Brattin, with SS & SA 3 (pending)	
SB 970-Fitzwater, with SCS & SS for SCS (pending)	
SBs 971 & 906-Trent, with SCS	
SBs 984 & 968-Carter, with SCS	
SB 996-Gregory (15)	

RESOLUTIONS

SR 565-Beck
SR 566-Beck

SR 567-Beck
SR 668-Moon

To be Referred

SCR 22-Trent

ACTIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 27

SS for SB 1 - Hough

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