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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker Vescovo in the Chair.

Prayer by Reverend Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicky, Chaplain.

Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established. (Proverbs 16:3)

Almighty creator of our souls, as we bow on this majestic House floor, grant us a realization of Your presence and the assurance that, as we face the duties of this day, You are with us. As we turn to You, may we find wisdom to make wise decisions, strength to stand for what is correct for all, and humility to motivate all for our endeavors.

May we think of You – not only at this moment – but all throughout this cold day, and from these moments may there come a confidence and a courage which will enable us to lead the state of Missouri to better days, to a greater spirit between our citizens, and to finer relationships between us, as God’s children.

And the House says, “Amen!”

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

The Speaker appointed the following to act as an Honorary Page for the Day, to serve without compensation: Maria Thomas.

The Journal of the twentieth day was approved as printed.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following House Concurrent Resolution was read the first time and copies ordered printed:

HCR 35, introduced by Representative Proudie, relating to lupus awareness month and lupus awareness day.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS

The following House Bills were read the first time and copies ordered printed:

HB 1129, introduced by Representative Haley, relating to tax credits for contributions to certain benevolent organizations.

HB 1130, introduced by Representative Dinkins, relating to prohibiting certain businesses from receiving public funds.

HB 1131, introduced by Representative Merideth, relating to parole eligibility.

HB 1132, introduced by Representative Knight, relating to the compensation of sheriffs.

HB 1133, introduced by Representative Black (7), relating to teacher career plans.

HB 1134, introduced by Representative Bland Manlove, relating to possession of certain weapons, with penalty provisions.

HB 1135, introduced by Representative Hardwick, relating to liens on stored property.

HB 1136, introduced by Representative Mackey, relating to foreign ownership of agricultural land.

HB 1137, introduced by Representative Stacy, relating to instant runoff voting.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

The following House Bills were read the second time:

HB 1122, relating to the subdivision property owners' protection act.

HB 1123, relating to the protection of children.

HB 1124, relating to real estate licensees.

HB 1125, relating to pesticide certification and training, with penalty provisions and a delayed effective date.

HB 1126, relating to insurance holding companies.

HB 1127, relating to the office of administration.

HB 1128, relating to medical care authority.

THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HCS HB 350, relating to kratom products, was taken up by Representative Christofanelli.

On motion of Representative Christofanelli, **HCS HB 350** was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

AYES: 144

Adams	Anderson	Andrews	Appelbaum	Atchison
Aune	Baker	Bangert	Baringer	Barnes
Billington	Black 137	Black 7	Bosley	Bromley
Brown 16	Brown 27	Brown 70	Buchheit-Courtway	Burger
Burnett	Burton	Busick	Butz	Chipman
Christofanelli	Clemens	Coleman 32	Coleman 97	Cook
Copeland	Cupps	Davidson	Davis	Deaton
DeGroot	Dinkins	Dogan	Doll	Eggleston
Ellebracht	Evans	Fishel	Fitzwater	Fogle
Francis	Gray	Gregory 51	Grier	Griesheimer
Griffith	Gunby	Haden	Haffner	Haley
Hannegan	Hardwick	Henderson	Hicks	Hill
Houx	Hovis	Hudson	Hurlbert	Ingle
Johnson	Kalberloh	Kelley 127	Kelly 141	Kidd
Knight	Lewis 25	Lewis 6	Lovasco	Mackey
Mayhew	McCreery	McGaugh	McGirl	Merideth
Morse	Mosley	Murphy	Nurrenbern	O'Donnell
Owen	Patterson	Perkins	Person	Phifer
Pike	Plocher	Pollitt 52	Porter	Pouche
Price IV	Proudie	Quade	Railsback	Reedy
Richey	Riggs	Riley	Roberts	Roden
Roeber	Rogers	Rone	Rowland	Ruth
Sander	Sassmann	Schnelting	Schroer	Schwadron
Sharp 36	Sharpe 4	Shaul	Shields	Simmons
Smith 155	Smith 163	Smith 67	Stacy	Stephens 128
Stevens 46	Tate	Taylor 139	Taylor 48	Terry
Thomas	Trent	Turnbaugh	Unsicker	Van Schoiack
Veit	Wallingford	Walsh Moore 93	Weber	West
Wiemann	Windham	Young	Mr. Speaker	

NOES: 000

PRESENT: 007

Bland Manlove	Boggs	Derges	Pollock 123	Seitz
Toalson Reisch	Walsh 50			

ABSENT WITH LEAVE: 011

Aldridge	Bailey	Basye	Collins	Falkner
Gregory 96	McDaniel	Pietzman	Sauls	Thompson
Wright				

VACANCIES: 001

Speaker Vescovo declared the bill passed.

HB 153, relating to farm vehicle fleet registration, was taken up by Representative Rone.

On motion of Representative Rone, **HB 153** was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

AYES: 153

Adams	Aldridge	Anderson	Andrews	Appelbaum
Atchison	Aune	Bailey	Baker	Bangert
Baringer	Barnes	Billington	Black 137	Black 7
Bland Manlove	Boggs	Bosley	Bromley	Brown 16
Brown 27	Brown 70	Buchheit-Courtway	Burger	Burnett
Burton	Busick	Butz	Chipman	Christofanelli
Clemens	Coleman 32	Coleman 97	Cook	Copeland
Cupps	Davidson	Davis	Deaton	DeGroot
Derges	Dinkins	Dogan	Doll	Eggleston
Ellebracht	Evans	Falkner	Fishel	Fitzwater
Fogle	Francis	Gray	Gregory 51	Grier
Griesheimer	Griffith	Gunby	Haden	Haffner
Haley	Hannegan	Hardwick	Henderson	Hill
Houx	Hovis	Hudson	Hurlbert	Ingle
Johnson	Kalberloh	Kelley 127	Kelly 141	Kidd
Knight	Lewis 25	Lewis 6	Lovasco	Mackey
Mayhew	McCreery	McGaugh	McGill	Merideth
Morse	Mosley	Murphy	Nurrenbern	O'Donnell
Owen	Patterson	Perkins	Person	Phifer
Pike	Plocher	Pollitt 52	Pollock 123	Porter
Pouche	Price IV	Proudie	Quade	Railsback
Reedy	Richey	Riggs	Riley	Roberts
Roden	Roeber	Rogers	Rone	Rowland
Ruth	Sander	Sassmann	Schnelting	Schwadron
Seitz	Sharp 36	Sharpe 4	Shaul	Shields
Simmons	Smith 155	Smith 163	Smith 67	Stacy
Stephens 128	Stevens 46	Tate	Taylor 139	Taylor 48
Terry	Thomas	Toalson Reisch	Trent	Turnbaugh
Unsicker	Van Schoiack	Veit	Wallingford	Walsh 50
Walsh Moore 93	Weber	West	Wiemann	Windham
Wright	Young	Mr. Speaker		

NOES: 000

PRESENT: 000

ABSENT WITH LEAVE: 009

Basye	Collins	Gregory 96	Hicks	McDaniel
Pietzman	Sauls	Schroer	Thompson	

VACANCIES: 001

Speaker Vescovo declared the bill passed.

HCS HB 574, relating to the inspection of grounds or facilities used for certain agricultural purposes, was taken up by Representative Haden.

On motion of Representative Haden, **HCS HB 574** was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

AYES: 109

Andrews	Atchison	Bailey	Baker	Billington
Black 137	Black 7	Boggs	Bromley	Brown 16
Buchheit-Courtway	Burger	Busick	Chipman	Christofanelli
Coleman 32	Coleman 97	Cook	Copeland	Cupps
Davidson	Davis	Deaton	DeGroot	Derges
Dinkins	Dogan	Eggleston	Evans	Falkner
Fishel	Fitzwater	Francis	Gregory 51	Grier
Griesheimer	Griffith	Haden	Haffner	Haley
Hannegan	Hardwick	Henderson	Hicks	Hill
Houx	Hovis	Hudson	Hurlbert	Kalberloh
Kelley 127	Kelly 141	Kidd	Knight	Lewis 6
Lovasco	Mayhew	McGaugh	McGill	Morse
Murphy	O'Donnell	Owen	Patterson	Perkins
Pike	Plocher	Pollitt 52	Pollock 123	Porter
Pouche	Price IV	Railsback	Reedy	Richey
Riggs	Riley	Roberts	Roden	Roeber
Rone	Ruth	Sander	Sassmann	Schnelting
Schwadron	Seitz	Sharpe 4	Shaul	Shields
Simmons	Smith 155	Smith 163	Stacy	Stephens 128
Tate	Taylor 139	Taylor 48	Thomas	Toalson Reisch
Trent	Van Schoiack	Veit	Wallingford	Walsh 50
West	Wiemann	Wright	Mr. Speaker	

NOES: 043

Adams	Aldridge	Appelbaum	Aune	Bangert
Baringer	Barnes	Bland Manlove	Bosley	Brown 27
Brown 70	Burnett	Burton	Butz	Clemens
Doll	Ellebracht	Fogle	Gray	Gunby
Ingle	Johnson	Lewis 25	Mackey	McCreery
Merideth	Mosley	Nurrenbern	Person	Proudie
Quade	Rogers	Rowland	Sharp 36	Smith 67
Stevens 46	Terry	Turnbaugh	Unsicker	Walsh Moore 93
Weber	Windham	Young		

PRESENT: 002

Anderson Phifer

ABSENT WITH LEAVE: 008

Basye	Collins	Gregory 96	McDaniel	Pietzman
Sauls	Schroer	Thompson		

VACANCIES: 001

Speaker Vescovo declared the bill passed.

REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

The following House Resolution was referred to the Committee indicated:

HR 173 - Administration and Accounts

REFERRAL OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following House Concurrent Resolutions were referred to the Committee indicated:

- HCR 1** - Local Government
- HCR 16** - Special Committee on Tourism
- HCR 31** - Health and Mental Health Policy

REFERRAL OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following House Joint Resolutions were referred to the Committee indicated:

- HJR 13** - Ways and Means
- HJR 28** - General Laws
- HJR 49** - Elections and Elected Officials

REFERRAL OF HOUSE BILLS

The following House Bills were referred to the Committee indicated:

- HB 31** - Public Safety
- HB 104** - Elections and Elected Officials
- HB 108** - Elementary and Secondary Education
- HB 140** - Conservation and Natural Resources
- HB 148** - Special Committee on Litigation Reform
- HB 154** - General Laws
- HB 167** - Transportation
- HB 217** - General Laws
- HB 246** - Rural Community Development
- HB 248** - Ways and Means
- HB 274** - Local Government
- HB 286** - Public Safety
- HB 297** - Higher Education
- HB 298** - Veterans
- HB 313** - Crime Prevention
- HB 338** - Professional Registration and Licensing
- HB 339** - Rural Community Development
- HB 363** - Special Committee on Litigation Reform
- HB 381** - Elections and Elected Officials
- HB 382** - Local Government
- HB 393** - Rural Community Development
- HB 398** - Health and Mental Health Policy
- HB 446** - Conservation and Natural Resources
- HB 449** - Health and Mental Health Policy
- HB 450** - Public Safety
- HB 475** - Professional Registration and Licensing

- HB 496** - Elementary and Secondary Education
- HB 501** - Downsizing State Government
- HB 507** - General Laws
- HB 524** - Utilities
- HB 525** - Conservation and Natural Resources
- HB 526** - General Laws
- HB 541** - Elementary and Secondary Education
- HB 549** - Corrections and Public Institutions
- HB 558** - Pensions
- HB 563** - Local Government
- HB 564** - Conservation and Natural Resources
- HB 639** - Elementary and Secondary Education
- HB 640** - Health and Mental Health Policy
- HB 664** - Downsizing State Government
- HB 701** - Pensions
- HB 769** - Workforce Development
- HB 825** - Emerging Issues
- HB 834** - Health and Mental Health Policy
- HB 835** - Utilities
- HB 839** - Public Safety
- HB 872** - Elementary and Secondary Education
- HB 904** - Public Safety
- HB 914** - Special Committee on Small Business
- HB 922** - Special Committee on Litigation Reform
- HB 927** - Financial Institutions
- HB 928** - Financial Institutions
- HB 940** - General Laws
- HB 945** - General Laws
- HB 949** - Special Committee on Government Accountability
- HB 980** - Emerging Issues
- HB 991** - Ways and Means
- HB 996** - Transportation
- HB 998** - Crime Prevention
- HB 1010** - Conservation and Natural Resources
- HB 1015** - Special Committee on Government Accountability
- HB 1023** - Special Committee on Small Business
- HB 1029** - Transportation
- HB 1030** - Special Committee on Government Accountability
- HB 1032** - Corrections and Public Institutions
- HB 1039** - Ways and Means
- HB 1042** - Professional Registration and Licensing
- HB 1046** - Corrections and Public Institutions
- HB 1053** - Health and Mental Health Policy
- HB 1070** - Special Committee on Tourism
- HB 1071** - Elementary and Secondary Education

HB 1088 - Crime Prevention
HB 1095 - Economic Development
HB 1111 - Transportation

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Elections and Elected Officials, Chairman Shaul reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Elections and Elected Officials, to which was referred **HB 556**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute**, and pursuant to Rule 24(28)(b) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (7): Coleman (32), McGaugh, Schwadron, Shaul, Simmons, Stacy and Toalson Reisch

Noes (3): Adams, Baringer and Windham

Absent (0)

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Elections and Elected Officials, to which was referred **HB 685**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute**, and pursuant to Rule 24(28)(b) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (10): Adams, Baringer, Coleman (32), McGaugh, Schwadron, Shaul, Simmons, Stacy, Toalson Reisch and Windham

Noes (0)

Absent (0)

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Elections and Elected Officials, to which was referred **HB 850**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass**, and pursuant to Rule 24(28)(b) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (7): Coleman (32), McGaugh, Schwadron, Shaul, Simmons, Stacy and Toalson Reisch

Noes (3): Adams, Baringer and Windham

Absent (0)

Committee on Financial Institutions, Chairman Francis reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Financial Institutions, to which was referred **HB 478**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass**, and pursuant to Rule 24(28)(b) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (14): Adams, Billington, Butz, Clemens, DeGroot, Francis, McGirl, O'Donnell, Owen, Railsback, Rowland, Sander, Shaul and Trent

Noes (0)

Absent (1): Thompson

Committee on Judiciary, Chairman Evans reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred **HB 69**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute**, and pursuant to Rule 24(28)(b) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (11): Anderson, Coleman (97), Davis, Ellebracht, Evans, Mackey, Reedy, Schroer, Veit, Walsh (50) and Wiemann

Noes (0)

Absent (1): Sauls

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred **HB 157**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute**, and pursuant to Rule 24(28)(b) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (10): Anderson, Coleman (97), Ellebracht, Evans, Mackey, Reedy, Schroer, Veit, Walsh (50) and Wiemann

Noes (1): Davis

Absent (1): Sauls

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred **HB 530**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass**, and pursuant to Rule 24(28)(b) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (11): Anderson, Coleman (97), Davis, Ellebracht, Evans, Mackey, Reedy, Schroer, Veit, Walsh (50) and Wiemann

Noes (0)

Absent (1): Sauls

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred **HB 531**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass**, and pursuant to Rule 24(28)(b) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (11): Anderson, Coleman (97), Davis, Ellebracht, Evans, Mackey, Reedy, Schroer, Veit, Walsh (50) and Wiemann

Noes (0)

Absent (1): Sauls

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred **HB 585**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass - Consent**, and pursuant to Rule 24(5) be referred to the Committee on Consent and House Procedure by the following vote:

Ayes (10): Anderson, Coleman (97), Davis, Ellebracht, Evans, Mackey, Reedy, Schroer, Veit and Wiemann

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Sauls and Walsh (50)

Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing, Chairman Coleman (32) reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing, to which was referred **HB 500**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass**, and pursuant to Rule 24(28)(c) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (9): Coleman (32), Cook, Davidson, Davis, Dinkins, Grier, Kelley (127), Riley and Roberts

Noes (4): Brown (27), Doll, Lewis (25) and Smith (67)

Absent (1): Thomas

Committee on Rural Community Development, Chairman Pollitt (52) reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rural Community Development, to which was referred **HB 652**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass**, and pursuant to Rule 24(28)(c) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (13): Appelbaum, Buchheit-Courtway, Burton, Copeland, Haffner, Hovis, Kalberloh, Lewis (25), Lewis (6), Pollitt (52), Reedy, Sharpe (4) and Turnbaugh

Noes (0)

Absent (3): Bosley, Morse and Stephens (128)

Special Committee on Criminal Justice, Chairman Dogan reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Special Committee on Criminal Justice, to which was referred **HB 316**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass**, and pursuant to Rule 24(28)(a) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (10): Anderson, Copeland, Dogan, Hannegan, Hardwick, Lovasco, Perkins, Stevens (46), Van Schoiack and Young

Noes (0)

Absent (1): Evans

Mr. Speaker: Your Special Committee on Criminal Justice, to which was referred **HB 504**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute**, and pursuant to Rule 24(28)(a) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (10): Anderson, Copeland, Dogan, Hannegan, Hardwick, Lovasco, Perkins, Stevens (46), Van Schoiack and Young

Noes (0)

Absent (1): Evans

Committee on Transportation, Chairman Ruth reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred **HB 570**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass**, and pursuant to Rule 24(28)(c) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (14): Bangert, Bromley, Buchheit-Courtway, Burger, Busick, Butz, Griesheimer, Hurlbert, Mosley, Porter, Pouche, Ruth, Smith (67) and Taylor (48)

Noes (0)

Absent (0)

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred **HB 661**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass**, and pursuant to Rule 24(28)(c) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (13): Bangert, Bromley, Buchheit-Courtway, Burger, Busick, Butz, Griesheimer, Hurlbert, Porter, Pouche, Ruth, Smith (67) and Taylor (48)

Noes (0)

Absent (1): Mosley

Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight, Chairman Eggleston reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight, to which was referred **HCS HB 334**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (6): Eggleston, Fitzwater, Hudson, McGaugh, Patterson and Ruth

Noes (5): Bosley, Dogan, Ingle, Mackey and Phifer

Absent (2): Gregory (96) and McDaniel

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight, to which was referred **HCS HB 527**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Bosley, Dogan, Eggleston, Fitzwater, Hudson, McGaugh, Patterson and Ruth

Noes (3): Ingle, Mackey and Phifer

Absent (2): Gregory (96) and McDaniel

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight, to which was referred **HCS HB 548**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (11): Bosley, Dogan, Eggleston, Fitzwater, Hudson, Ingle, Mackey, McGaugh, Patterson, Phifer and Ruth

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Gregory (96) and McDaniel

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight, to which was referred **HB 657**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (11): Bosley, Dogan, Eggleston, Fitzwater, Hudson, Ingle, Mackey, McGaugh, Patterson, Phifer and Ruth

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Gregory (96) and McDaniel

Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight, Chairman Christofanelli reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight, to which was referred **HCS HB 75**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **be returned to committee of origin as HB 75** by the following vote:

Ayes (9): Aune, Bailey, Christofanelli, Griesheimer, Haffner, Hill, Kelly (141), Richey and Rogers

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Basye and Proudie

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight, to which was referred **HB 139**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (9): Aune, Bailey, Christofanelli, Griesheimer, Haffner, Hill, Kelly (141), Richey and Rogers

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Basye and Proudie

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight, to which was referred **HB 152**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (9): Aune, Bailey, Christofanelli, Griesheimer, Haffner, Hill, Kelly (141), Richey and Rogers

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Basye and Proudie

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight, to which was referred **HCS HBs 288, 444 & 392**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **be returned to committee of origin as HB 288, HB 444, and HB 392** by the following vote:

Ayes (9): Aune, Bailey, Christofanelli, Griesheimer, Haffner, Hill, Kelly (141), Richey and Rogers

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Basye and Proudie

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight, to which was referred **HCS HB 349**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (7): Bailey, Christofanelli, Griesheimer, Haffner, Hill, Kelly (141) and Richey

Noes (2): Aune and Rogers

Absent (2): Basye and Proudie

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight, to which was referred **HB 474**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (7): Bailey, Christofanelli, Griesheimer, Haffner, Hill, Kelly (141) and Richey

Noes (2): Aune and Rogers

Absent (2): Basye and Proudie

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight, to which was referred **HB 513**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (9): Aune, Bailey, Christofanelli, Griesheimer, Haffner, Hill, Kelly (141), Richey and Rogers

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Basye and Proudie

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight, to which was referred **HCS HB 572**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **be returned to committee of origin as HB 572** by the following vote:

Ayes (9): Aune, Bailey, Christofanelli, Griesheimer, Haffner, Hill, Kelly (141), Richey and Rogers

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Basye and Proudie

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight, to which was referred **HB 602**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **be returned to committee of origin as HB 602** by the following vote:

Ayes (9): Aune, Bailey, Christofanelli, Griesheimer, Haffner, Hill, Kelly (141), Richey and Rogers

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Basye and Proudie

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight, to which was referred **HB 670**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (9): Aune, Bailey, Christofanelli, Griesheimer, Haffner, Hill, Kelly (141), Richey and Rogers

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Basye and Proudie

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight, to which was referred **HCS HB 942**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** by the following vote:

Ayes (7): Bailey, Christofanelli, Griesheimer, Haffner, Hill, Kelly (141) and Richey

Noes (2): Aune and Rogers

Absent (2): Basye and Proudie

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

February 10, 2021

Rob Vescovo, Speaker
House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Mister Speaker:

The Special Committee on Government Oversight has met, taken testimony, deliberated and concluded its review of the unemployment overpayments and subsequent request for reimbursement by the Department of Labor. The below listed committee members are pleased to submit the attached report:

/s/ Representative Jered Taylor, Chairman

/s/ Representative Dave Evans

/s/ Representative J. Eggleston

/s/ Representative Tony Lovasco

/s/ Representative Bill Falkner

/s/ Representative Raychel Proudie, Ranking Minority Member

/s/ Representative Mark Ellebracht

/s/ Representative Scott Cupps

/s/ Representative Wes Rogers

Sincerely,

/s/ Representative Jered Taylor
Committee Chair

INTRODUCTION

In early 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic caused many businesses in Missouri to either shutdown or limit the employees that could work there, resulting in many Missourians being laid-off. Due to this, hundreds of thousands of Missouri citizens had to enroll in Unemployment through the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (MODOLIR). In order to help states struggling to meet the rising need for unemployment benefits, the Federal government provided for additional assistance through the Lost Wage Assistance program, Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation, and the supplemental Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation.

The Division of Employment Security (DES) within the Department of Labor paid over \$5 billion in unemployment benefits to Missouri citizens in 2020, using a combination of state and federal funds. Currently, approximately 3% of the total amount has been classified as an overpayment of benefits. DES has sent billing statements to collect the overpayments from over 40,000 Missouri citizens.

To inquire on this situation, the Special Committee on Government Oversight held a public hearing on February 2, 2021, where Director Anna Hui of the Department of Labor testified in front of the Committee. The Committee also invited members of the public to testify as to how this situation has affected them.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY

At the February 2, 2021, hearing, the Special Committee on Government Oversight heard testimony from Director Anna Hui regarding the unemployment overpayments by the Department of Labor and the Department's subsequent attempts to recoup the money from the unemployed Missourians who received the benefits. Director Hui explained to the committee the overview of the unemployment benefits program, the increase of the participants in the program in 2020, and the data involving the overpayments made in 2020. The Committee also heard and reviewed testimony from the Public as to how they and their fellow constituents have been affected by DES's demands for them to reimburse DES the funds paid out.

Director Hui noted that, since the COVID-19 pandemic ramped up starting March of 2020, the number of individuals who were paid unemployment compensation in the United States peaked a 31.4 million people. In Missouri, the monthly initial claims significantly increased to over 300,000 in 2020, compared to 2019 where the monthly initial claims were less than 50,000. More than half of the claimants that filed in 2020 were new filers. She further stated that, when distributing funds, the goal was get the money out so that it could be injected into the economy in hopes to increase stabilization.

Additionally, Director Hui stated that overpayments are a regular part of the unemployment program. However, due to the significant increase in the participants of the program, the amount of overpayments (while lower than last year percentage-wise) is significantly larger in quantity of funds. In 2019, DES reports that the overpayment rate of unemployment benefits was 5.3% of the approximately \$236 million of unemployment benefits paid that year. In 2020 however, while the overpayment rate was just under 3%, it was out of the over \$5 billion of unemployment benefits paid that year. Approximately \$150 million of overpayments have occurred in Missouri in 2020. Director Hui testified that this number may go up as more data comes into their office. While she did not have the complete breakdown of the overpayment funds, Director Hui did testify that she believed that majority of the \$150 million was federal money.

DES has requested approximately 46,000 Missouri citizens to pay back over \$150 million in overpayments. Director Hui testified that DES is required by state statute to collect overpayments and provided various documents to show how DES give notice to those who have received overpayments in Missouri. She further stated that the Department would be willing to work with those who received the money to set up a payment plan if they contact them. In response to questions by the Committee, the Director clarified that, while the state has the ability to waive the federal portion of the overpayments, the state portion of the overpayments are governed by statute. She further stated that the directive from the Governor's office has been to collect on all the overpayments.

During the hearing, Chair Taylor requested the following supplemental data from Director Hui:

- (1) Breakdown of which portions of the overpayments are federal and state money; and
- (2) A geographical breakdown of how much of the total amount of the overpayments are owed by the population across Missouri

After Director Hui's testimony, the committee also invited members of the public to testify on how they have been affected due to DES demanding the collection of the overpayments for 2020. There were testimonies on how the amount of overpayments owed by individuals ranged from a couple hundred dollars to a couple thousand dollars,

and one witness testified that she was a school bus driver and received a letter that she had to pay back \$13,000 in overpayments. There were testimonies from witnesses that stated they attempted to contact the Department to discuss this issue but were put on hold for hours just to receive contradictory information. Furthermore, there was testimony that witnesses had just started working again and DES is going to start garnishing their checks. Multiple witnesses stated that they enrolled in unemployment because they were encouraged to by the government and that they did what they were supposed to do. Witnesses felt like they should not be penalized for DES over paying them.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the testimony and responses to committee questions, the committee concluded that legislative action is necessary to rectify this issue. The following bills have been introduced and would require the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to waive overpayments of unemployment benefits that stem from Federal funds:

- (1) HB 1085
- (2) HB 1083
- (3) HB 1050
- (4) HB 1036
- (5) HB 1035
- (6) HB 873
- (7) HCR 30
- (8) HB 1097

The committee is confident that they will be brought to the General Assembly and ultimately through the Senate and Governor's office as this issue has weighed heavily on many Missouri citizens.

The committee requested supplemental information from Director Hui at the hearing and, as of February 10, 2021, has not received such information yet. Therefore, the committee also recommends that Department of Labor and Industrial Relations provide the information that was requested during the hearing.

APPENDIX A: HEARING INFO

- I. February 2, 2021
 - A. Location: House Hearing Room 1
 - B. Witnesses
 1. Anna Hui, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
 2. Cindy Knittig
 3. Dan Thacker, Teamsters Local 610
 4. Tracy Anglemeyer
 5. Paul Lynch
 6. Helen Paschke (Written Testimony)
 7. Elizabeth Peterson (Written Testimony)
 8. Brenda Kay Kelley (Written Testimony)
 9. Sandra Griffin (Written Testimony)
 10. Laura Knese (Written Testimony)
 11. Erica Eakes (Written Testimony)
 12. Suanne Stanley (Written Testimony)
 13. D'Anne Khazraeinazmpour (Written Testimony)
 14. Santaisha Laster (Written Testimony)
 15. Marissa Crozier (Written Testimony)
 16. Debra Howard (Written Testimony)
 17. Garry Ward (Written Testimony)
 18. Janeen Osborne (Written Testimony)
 19. Amanda Privitera (Written Testimony)
 20. James Garrett (Written Testimony)
 21. Angela Hays (Written Testimony)
 22. Sue Greenberg (Written Testimony)

23. David Robinette (Written Testimony)
24. Serena Turner (Written Testimony)
25. Scott Fredericks (Written Testimony)

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has taken up and passed **SB 37** entitled:

An act to repeal sections 266.355, 643.050, 643.079, and 643.245, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to anhydrous ammonia.

In which the concurrence of the House is respectfully requested.

Read the first time.

COMMITTEE CHANGES

February 11, 2021

Dana Rademan Miller
Chief Clerk
Missouri House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 310
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Ms. Miller:

I hereby make the following changes to the Committee on Ethics:

I remove Representative Mark Ellebracht from the committee and as ranking member.

I appoint Representative Robert Sauls to the committee and name Representative Richard Brown as ranking member.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Crystal Quade
House Minority Leader
132nd District

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

February 11, 2021

TO THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
STATE OF MISSOURI

Herewith I return to you **House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 16** entitled:

AN ACT

To appropriate money for supplemental purposes for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the several departments and offices of state government and the several divisions and programs thereof, and to transfer money among certain funds, to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri for the fiscal period ending June 30, 2021.

On February 9, 2021, I approved **House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 16**.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Michael L. Parson
Governor

Having been returned from the Governor with his approval, **HCS HB 16** was delivered to the Secretary of State by the Chief Clerk of the House.

The following member's presence was noted: Collins.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Representative Plocher, the House adjourned until 4:00 p.m., Monday, February 15, 2021.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

AGRICULTURE POLICY

Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 8:00 AM, House Hearing Room 1.

Public hearing will be held: HB 440, HB 508, HB 638

Executive session will be held: HB 529, HB 589

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

BUDGET

Monday, February 15, 2021, 11:00 AM, House Chamber.

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

Budget presentations from the State Treasurer, General Assembly, Judiciary and Public Defender. Guest seating will be available in the upper gallery located on the 4th floor. No public testimony will be taken at this hearing.

BUDGET

Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 8:15 AM, House Chamber.

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

Budget presentations from the Lt. Governor, Department of Health & Senior Services and Department of Mental Health. Guest seating will be available in the upper gallery located on the 4th floor. No public testimony will be taken at this hearing.

BUDGET

Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 8:15 AM, House Chamber.

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

Budget presentations from the Attorney General, Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development, Department of Natural Resources and Department of Corrections. Guest seating will be available in the upper gallery located on the 4th floor. No public testimony will be taken at this hearing.

BUDGET

Thursday, February 18, 2021, 8:15 AM, House Chamber.

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

Budget presentations from the Department of Public Safety, Department of Revenue and Department of Corrections (continued from 2/17/21, if needed). Guest seating will be available in the upper gallery located on the 4th floor. No public testimony will be taken at this hearing.

CONSENT AND HOUSE PROCEDURE

Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 12:00 PM or upon adjournment (whichever is later), House Hearing Room 3.

Executive session will be held: HB 76, HB 585

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

Adding HB 585.

AMENDED

CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Monday, February 15, 2021, 6:00 PM or upon adjournment (whichever is later), House Hearing Room 5.

Public hearing will be held: HB 140, HB 1010

Executive session will be held: HJR 23, HJR 38

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

CORRECTIONS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 12:00 PM or upon adjournment (whichever is later), House Hearing Room 5.

Public hearing will be held: HB 318, HB 319, HB 352, HB 469, HB 731, HB 745

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

CRIME PREVENTION

Monday, February 15, 2021, 12:00 PM, House Hearing Room 5.

Public hearing will be held: HB 295, HB 301, HB 876, HB 461

Executive session will be held: HB 292

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

ELECTIONS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 12:00 PM or upon adjournment (whichever is later),
House Hearing Room 6.

Public hearing will be held: HB 738, HB 423, HB 324, HJR 42

Executive session will be held: HB 333, HJR 2, HJR 5, HJR 9, HJR 14, HJR 15, HJR 20,
HJR 22, HJR 25, HJR 26, HJR 27

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 8:00 AM, House Hearing Room 7.

Public hearing will be held: HB 754, HB 151, HB 306

Executive session will be held: HB 303, HB 543, HB 387

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

ETHICS

Monday, February 15, 2021, 1:30 PM, House Hearing Room 3.

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

Portions of this meeting may be closed under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the
Missouri Constitution, House Rule 37, House Resolution 70 and RSMo 610.021(3) (personnel
matters).

GENERAL LAWS

Monday, February 15, 2021, 6:00 PM or upon adjournment (whichever is later), House Hearing
Room 1.

Public hearing will be held: HB 932, HB 783, HB 482

Executive session will be held: HB 737, HB 359

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH POLICY

Monday, February 15, 2021, 12:00 PM, House Hearing Room 7.

Public hearing will be held: HB 681, HB 755, HB 404

Executive session will be held: HB 495

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Monday, February 15, 2021, 12:30 PM, House Hearing Room 6.

Public hearing will be held: HB 297

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

INSURANCE

Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 12:00 PM, House Hearing Room 1.

Public hearing will be held: HB 239, HB 629

Executive session will be held: HB 604, HB 391

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 8:30 AM, House Hearing Room 5.

Public hearing will be held: HB 904, HB 450, HB 31, HB 286, HB 839, HB 559

Executive session will be held: HB 317, HB 380

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

RULES - LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT

Monday, February 15, 2021, upon adjournment, House Hearing Room 4.

Executive session will be held: HB 249, HB 52, HB 63, HB 138, HCS HB 357, HB 533

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 4:30 PM or upon adjournment (whichever is later), House Hearing Room 6.

Executive session will be held: HB 277, HB 294

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

Discussion on implementation of the raise the age law.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

Monday, February 15, 2021, 6:00 PM or upon adjournment (whichever is later), House Hearing Room 3.

Public hearing will be held: HB 583, HB 1097

Executive session will be held: HB 1097, HB 1085, HB 1083, HB 1050, HB 1036, HB 1035, HB 873, HCR 30

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LITIGATION REFORM

Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 12:00 PM or upon adjournment (whichever is later), House Hearing Room 6.

Public hearing will be held: HB 946

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON URBAN ISSUES

Monday, February 15, 2021, 4:30 PM or upon adjournment (whichever is later), House Hearing Room 6.

Public hearing will be held: HCR 4, HCR 5

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 5:00 PM or upon adjournment (whichever is later), House Hearing Room 1.

Public hearing will be held: HB 829, HB 579, HB 996, HB 708, HB 100

Executive session will be held: HB 687, HB 660, HB 307, HB 92, HB 257

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

VETERANS

Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 4:30 PM, House Hearing Room 5.

Public hearing will be held: HB 298

Executive session will be held: HB 296, HB 262

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

Presentation by Joe Driskill, Missouri Military Advocate and Executive Director, Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission.

WAYS AND MEANS

Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 12:00 PM or upon adjournment (whichever is later), House Hearing Room 7.

Public hearing will be held: HB 555, HB 948, HB 388, HJR 3

Executive session will be held: HB 644, HB 849

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

Added HB 644 and HB 849.

AMENDED

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Monday, February 15, 2021, 12:00 PM, House Hearing Room 1.

Public hearing will be held: HB 689, HB 733, HB 896, HB 353

Executive session will be held: SS SB 2

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

Please note additional procedures will be in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All entrants to the capitol building will be required to submit to screening questions and physical screening. Members of the public must enter the building using the south entrance. Public seating in committees will be socially distanced and therefore limited. Committee hearings will be streamed. Links may be found at <https://www.house.mo.gov>.

HOUSE CALENDAR

TWENTY-SECOND DAY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2021

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

HCR 35

HOUSE BILLS FOR SECOND READING

HB 1129 through HB 1137

HOUSE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

HCS HB 59 - Schnelting

HCS HBs 547 & 752 - Schroer

HB 657 - Trent

HCS HB 527 - Haffner
HCS HB 334 - Simmons
HCS HB 548 - Hovis
HB 139 - Hudson
HB 513 - Smith (155)
HB 152 - Rone
HB 474 - Trent
HB 670 - Houx
HCS HB 942 - Haffner

HOUSE BILLS FOR PERFECTION - INFORMAL

HCS HB 784 - Roberts
HCS HB 785 - Hicks
HB 345 - DeGroot

HOUSE BILLS FOR THIRD READING

HB 476 - Grier
HCS HB 271 - Wiemann
HCS HB 362 - DeGroot

SENATE BILLS FOR SECOND READING

SB 37

ACTIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 27

HCS HB 2001 - Smith (163)
CCS SCS HS HCS HB 2002 - Smith (163)
CCS SCS HS HCS HB 2003 - Smith (163)
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HCS HB 2019 - Smith (163)
HCS HB 14, (2020, 2nd Extra) - Smith (163)

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