

**FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS
HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION**

Little Rock, Arkansas
May 5, 2003

The House was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Mr. Cleveland, the Speaker.
The following members answered to the roll call:

Adams, Agee, Anderson, Bennett, Berry, Biggs, Blair, Bledsoe, Bolin, Bond, Bookout, Boyd, Bradford, Childers, Clemons, Cowling, Creekmore, Dangeau, Dees, Dickinson, Dobbins, Eason, Edwards, Elliott, D.Evans, L. Evans, Ferguson, Fite, Gillespie, Gipson, Goss, Green, Haak, Hardwick, Harris, Hickinbotham, House, Hutchinson, Jackson, Jacobs, Jeffrey, C.Johnson, J. Johnson, Jones, Judy, Kenney, Key, King, Lamoureux, Ledbetter, Lendall, Lewellen, Mack, Mahony, Martin, Matayo, Mathis, Medley, Milligan, Napper, Nichols, Norton, Oglesby, Ormond, Pace, Parks, Petrus, Pickett, L. Prater, S. Prater, Pritchard, Rankin, Roebuck, Schulte, Scrimshire, Scroggin, Seawel, Smith, Stovall, Sullivan, Sumpter, C.Taylor, J.Taylor, Thomas, Thomason, Thyer, Verkamp, Walters, Weaver, White, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

Total92

The following member(s) was absent and did not answer to the roll call:
Borhauer, Bright, Chesterfield, Hathorn, Moore, Pate, Penix, Rosenbaum.

Total8

A quorum was present.

Unanimous leave was granted for Representative(s) Borhauer, Pate, Hathorn, Moore.

The House stood and was led in prayer by House Chaplin, Tim Prock, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Paris, Arkansas.

The House stood and gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Speaker Cleveland recognized House Parliamentarian Tim Massanelli to read the Governor's Proclamation.

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, an extraordinary occasion has arisen making it necessary to convene the 84th General Assembly into extraordinary session; and

WHEREAS, the Regular Session of the 84th General Assembly adjourned sine die on April 16, 2003, without providing appropriation authority, funding and revenue necessary to provide essential and critical services to the citizens of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, there is an immediate and pressing need for appropriations to ensure the continued funding of certain agencies, state constitutional offices, departments, boards, commissions, institutions of higher education, and other programs; and

WHEREAS, there is an immediate and pressing need to provide additional state revenue and funding necessary to pay for essential and critical state services;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mike Huckabee, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution of this State, Article VI, Section 19, do hereby call an Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly to convene at the seat of government in the State Capitol on May 5, 2003, at 11:00 a.m., and I do hereby specify that the General Assembly is convened to consider, and, if so advised, enact laws for the following purposes:

1. To appropriate funds to pay the expenses and per diem of this Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly for the House of Representatives and the Bureau of Legislative Research and to amend Act 4 of 2003 to increase expenditure limits.
2. To confirm gubernatorial appointees.

2003-2005 BIENNIAL BUDGET

3. To consider biennial appropriation bills for the following agencies, boards, commissions, departments and institutions of higher education in their current form as of April 16, 2003, and approved by the Joint Budget Committee during the 84th Session of the General Assembly:
 - Department of Aeronautics
 - Assessment Coordination Department
 - Department of Community Correction
 - Department of Correction
 - Department of Finance & Administration - Disbursing Officer
 - Department of Finance & Administration - Management Services Division
 - Department of Finance & Administration - Revenue Services Division
 - Department of Human Services - Administration
 - Department of Human Services - Division of State Services for the Blind
 - Department of Human Services - Division of Children and Family Services
 - Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations
 - Department of Human Services - Division of Mental Health Services
 - Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services
 - Department of Education - Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences
 - Department of Education - Grants and Aids to Local School Districts
 - Ethics Commission
 - Game and Fish Commission
 - Department of Health
 - Department of Health - The Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Programs
 - Department of Higher Education
 - Arkansas State University - Beebe

- Arkansas State University
- Arkansas State University - Newport
- Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas
- North Arkansas College
- Ouachita Technical College
- University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton
- Southern Arkansas University - Technical Branch
- South Arkansas Community College
- Southeast Arkansas College
- University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville
- University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
- University of Arkansas at Monticello
- University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
- University of Central Arkansas
- Office of Lieutenant Governor
- Department of Parks and Tourism
- Public Employees Retirement System
- Social Work Licensing Board
- Board of Examiners in Psychology

4. To consider supplemental appropriation bills for fiscal year 2003 for the following agencies, commissions, and departments in their current form as of April 16, 2003, and approved by the Joint Budget Committee during the 84th Session of the General Assembly:

- Department of Correction
- Department of Community Correction
- Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer
- Department of Economic Development
- Department of Education - Educational Television Division
- Claims Commission
- Auditor of State

5. To consider a biennial appropriation bill for the Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities Services.

6. To consider a biennial appropriation bill for the Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services.
7. To consider a biennial appropriation bill for the Department of Veteran's Affairs payable from the General Improvement Fund.
8. To consider a biennial appropriation bill for the Department of Economic Development payable from the General Improvement Fund.
9. To consider a supplemental appropriation bill for the Department of Correction - Jail Reimbursements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, payable from the General Improvement Fund.
10. To consider a biennial appropriation bill for the Department of Correction - Lease Payments payable from the General Improvement Fund.
11. To consider a biennial appropriation bill for the Department of Finance & Administration - Disbursing Officer for Department of Correction farm receipts replacement payable from the General Improvement Fund.
12. To consider a biennial appropriation bill for the Department of Health payable from the General Improvement Fund.
13. To consider a biennial appropriation bill for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff payable from the General Improvement Fund.
14. To consider a biennial appropriation bill for the Department of Education payable from the General Improvement Fund.
15. To consider a bill for amendments to the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act in its current form as of April 16, 2003, and approved by the Joint Budget Committee in Senate Bill 755 of the 84th Session of the General Assembly.

FINANCING OF THE 2003-2005 BIENNIAL BUDGET

16. To amend the Revenue Stabilization Law by providing for the allocation and distribution of general revenue and other specified revenues to various state agencies and programs for the 2003-2005 biennium.
17. To consider legislation to provide additional revenue and funding sources necessary to fund the state budget that may include but shall not be limited to, sales taxes (gross receipts and compensating use tax), wholesale cigarette and tobacco taxes, retail cigarette and tobacco taxes and income tax surcharges.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused to be
affixed the Great Seal of the State of
Arkansas. Done in Office at Little
Rock, Arkansas the 2nd day of May, 2003.

/s/ Mike Huckabee, Governor

/s/ Charlie Daniels, Secretary of State

Speaker Cleveland announced that in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 19 of the Arkansas Constitution, no business other than that which is germane to the items in the Call of the Governor will be considered until all items in the Call have been disposed of.

Speaker Cleveland appointed the following named Representatives as the Committee to notify the Senate that the House is in session and ready for business.

Representative Jeff Gillespie, Chairperson
 Representative Steven B. Jones
 Representative Jim Lendall
 Representative Steve Napper
 Representative John A. Eason
 Representative Don R. House
 Representative Roger Smith
 Representative John Lewellen
 Representative David M. Haak
 Representative Marvin Parks
 Representative Billy O. Gipson
 Representative Paul Bookout

Speaker Cleveland appointed the following named Representatives as the Committee to notify Governor Huckabee that the House is in session and ready for business:

Representative Russell Bennett, Chairperson
 Representative Bill Scrimshire
 Representative Mike Hathorn
 Representative Chaney Taylor, Jr.
 Representative Mike Creekmore
 Representative Gary Biggs
 Representative Calvin Johnson
 Representative Cecile Bledsoe
 Representative Jimmy "Red" Milligan
 Representative Sarah S. Agee
 Representative Robert J. White

Presentation of House Concurrent Resolution 1001 by Representative Mike Creekmore, calling for a Joint Session of the House and Senate at 11:30 a.m., Monday, May 5, 2003.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1001

BY: REPRESENTATIVE CREEKMORE

FOR A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE IN THE HOUSE CHAMBER AT 11:30 A.M., MONDAY, MAY 5, 2003.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, rules suspended, read the third time without objection, adopted and ordered transmitted to the Senate.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ AND ADOPTED BY MORE THAN 51 VOTES.

House recessed at 11:13 a.m. until Joint Session at 11:30 a.m.

Proceedings for the Joint Session of the First Extraordinary Session of the 84th General Assembly Monday, May 5, 2003 at 11:30 a.m.

The Joint Session of the House and Senate was called to order by Speaker of the House, Herschel W. Cleveland, and President Pro Tem of the Senate, Jim Hill.

The Secretary of the Senate called the roll and the following members answered the roll call. The roll call was as follows:

Altes, Argue, Baker, Bisbee, J. Bookout, Broadway, Brown, Bryles, Capps, Critcher, Faris, Glover, Gullett, Hendren, Higginbothom, Hill, Holt, Horn, G. Jeffress, J. Jeffress, Johnson, Laverty, Luker, Madison, Malone, Miller, Salmon, Smith, Steele, Trusty, Whitaker, Wilkins, Wilkinson, Womack, Wooldridge.

Total.....35

The following member(s) was absent and did not answer to the roll call:

Total.....0

The House roll was called and the following members were present:

Adams, Agee, Anderson, Bennett, Berry, Biggs, Blair, Bledsoe, Bolin, Bond, Bookout, Boyd, Bradford, Chesterfield, Childers, Clemons, Cowling, Creekmore, Dangeau, Dees, Dickinson, Dobbins, Eason, Edwards, Elliott, D.Evans, L. Evans, Ferguson, Fite, Gillespie, Gipson, Goss, Green, Haak, Hardwick, Harris, Hickenbotham, House, Hutchinson, Jackson, Jacobs, Jeffrey, C.Johnson, J. Johnson, Jones, Judy, Kenney, Key, King, Lamoureux, Ledbetter, Lendall, Lewellen, Mack, Mahony, Martin, Matayo, Mathis, Medley, Milligan, Napper, Nichols, Norton, Oglesby, Ormond, Pace, Pate, Petrus, Pickett, L. Prater, S. Prater, Pritchard, Rankin, Roebuck, Schulte, Scrimshire, Scroggin, Seawel, Smith, Stovall, Sullivan, Sumpter, C.Taylor, J.Taylor, Thomas, Thomason, Thyer, Verkamp, Walters, Weaver, White, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

Total92

The following member(s) was absent and did not answer to the roll call:

Borhauer, Bright, Hathorn, Moore, Parks, Pate, Penix, Rosenbaum

Total8

Unanimous leave was granted for Representative(s) Borhauer, Pate, Hathorn, Moore.

Invocation was given by House Chaplain, Reverend Tim Prock, Paris, Arkansas.

President Pro Tem of the Senate, Jim Hill appointed the following named Senators as the Committee to escort the Governor to the House Chamber:

- Senator Ruth R. Whitaker, Chairperson
- Senator Gilbert Baker
- Senator Denny Altes
- Senator James Argue
- Senator Kim Hendren
- Senator Terry Smith
- Senator Shawn A. Womack
- Senator Barbara Horn

Speaker Herschel W. Cleveland appointed the following named Representatives as the Committee to escort Governor Huckabee to the House Chamber.

- Representative Paul Weaver, Chairperson
- Representative Danny Ferguson
- Representative Jan A. Judy
- Representative Mary Beth Green
- Representative Phillip T. Jacobs
- Representative Steve Oglesby
- Representative Joyce Dees
- Representative Larry Prater
- Representative Barbara King
- Representative Lindbergh Thomas
- Representative Boyd Hickenbotham
- Representative Harmon R. Seawel

Governor Mike Huckabee was presented to the General Assembly by Speaker Herschel W. Cleveland.

Governor Huckabee addressed the Joint Session.

Joint Session adjourned.

House reconvened at 12:07 p.m.

House recessed at 12:14 p.m.

House reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

House recessed at 2:45 p.m.

House reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

STATE OF ARKANSAS
ARKANSAS SENATE

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1001

May 05, 2003

MR. SPEAKER:

I am instructed by the Senate to inform Your Honorable Body of the concurrence in House Concurrent Resolution No. 1001 by Representative Creekmore, the same being a Resolution

FOR A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND
THE SENATE IN THE HOUSE CHAMBER AT 11:30 A.M., MONDAY, MAY 5,
2003.

and I herewith **Return** same.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ann Cornwell, Secretary of the Senate

ENROLLED AND DELIVERY TO GOVERNOR REPORTS

Little Rock, Arkansas

May 5, 2003

MR. SPEAKER:

We, your committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred the following:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1001

beg leave to report that we have carefully compared the enrolled copies with the original and we find the same correctly enrolled and have at 1:44 p.m. delivered them to the Governor for his approval.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Herschel W. Cleveland

Chairman

RECEIPT FROM THE GOVERNOR

RECEIVED FROM THE HOUSE:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1001

/s/ Mike Huckabee - Governor

TIME: 1:44 p.m.

By: Cory Cox

COMMITTEE REPORT

	May 5, 2003
JOINT BUDGET	PAUL WEAVER CHAIRPERSON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1004	DO PASS
BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE	
HOUSE BILL NO. 1011	DO PASS
BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE	
HOUSE BILL NO. 1013	DO PASS
BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE	
HOUSE BILL NO. 1016	DO PASS
BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE	
HOUSE BILL NO. 1017	DO PASS, AS AMENDED #1
BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE	
HOUSE BILL NO. 1018	DO PASS
BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE	
HOUSE BILL NO. 1019	DO PASS
BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE	
HOUSE BILL NO. 1021	DO PASS
BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE	
HOUSE BILL NO. 1022	DO PASS
BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE	
HOUSE BILL NO. 1023	DO PASS
BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE	
HOUSE BILL NO. 1024	DO PASS
BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE	
HOUSE BILL NO. 1025	DO PASS
BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE	
HOUSE BILL NO. 1026	DO PASS
BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE	
HOUSE BILL NO. 1032	DO PASS
BY REPRESENTATIVE JUDY	

COMMITTEE REPORT

May 5, 2003

REVENUE AND TAXATION

BOYD HICKINBOTHAM

CHAIRPERSON

HOUSE BILL NO. 1029

DO PASS

BY REPRESENTATIVE HICKINBOTHAM

HOUSE BILL NO. 1039

DO PASS, AS AMENDED #1

BY REPRESENTATIVE FERGUSON

HOUSE BILL NO. 1001

BY: REPRESENTATIVE DEES

BY: SENATOR GULLETT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LEVY A NEW EXCISE TAX OF SIXTEEN PERCENT (16%) ON THE SALE OF CIGARETTES BY A WHOLESALER; TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL EXCISE TAX OF SIXTEEN PERCENT (16%) ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on RULES.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1002

BY: REPRESENTATIVE DEES

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL SALES TAX ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on RULES.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1003

BY: REPRESENTATIVE NAPPER

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE STATE GROSS RECEIPTS AND USE TAX RATE BY THREE-EIGHTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.375%); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on REVENUE AND TAXATION.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1004

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - ADMINISTRATION FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1005

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF A PORTION OF FULL-TIME JUVENILE PROBATION AND INTAKE OFFICERS' SALARIES WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY ACT 351 OF 2001; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1006

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A TECHNICAL VIOLATOR PROGRAM FACILITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY CORRECTION WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY ACT 284 OF 2001; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1007

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1008

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE/FISHERIES, HUMAN SCIENCES RESEARCH AND EXTENSION PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO MATCH FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1009

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO COUNTIES HOUSING STATE INMATES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY ACT 1672 OF 2001; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1010

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS AND EXPENSES AND VARIOUS AGENCY TRANSFERS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1011

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF COUNTY OPERATIONS FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1012

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR FARM RECEIPTS REPLACEMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1013

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE COSSATOT COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1014

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR LOAN PAYMENTS TO THE TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPUTER NETWORK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1015

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION FOR LEASE PAYMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1016

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1017

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1018

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1019

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - REVENUE SERVICES DIVISION FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1020

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PAYMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY ACT 1666 OF 2001; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1021

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CESSATION PROGRAMS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1022

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1023

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1024

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY CORRECTION FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1025

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1026

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1027

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION FOR OPENING THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BEDS AT THE MALVERN, VARNER AND GRIMES FACILITIES WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY ACT 1672 OF 2001; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1028

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR DIGITAL CONVERSION - PHASE II FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY ACT 387 OF 2001; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1029

BY: REPRESENTATIVE HICKINBOTHAM

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LEVY A SEVEN PERCENT (7%) INCOME TAX SURCHARGE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on REVENUE AND TAXATION.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1030

BY: REPRESENTATIVE DEES

BY: SENATOR GULLETT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LEVY A NEW EXCISE TAX ON THE SALE OF CIGARETTES BY A WHOLESALER; TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL EXCISE TAX ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on RULES.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1031

BY: REPRESENTATIVE DEES

BY: SENATOR GULLETT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LEVY A NEW EXCISE TAX OF EIGHTEEN PERCENT (18%) ON THE SALE OF CIGARETTES BY A WHOLESALER; TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL EXCISE TAX OF EIGHTEEN PERCENT (18%) ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on RULES.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1032

BY: REPRESENTATIVE JUDY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR ASSISTING CHILDREN OF PRISONERS BY THE STATE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION BOARD FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – DISBURSING OFFICER FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1033

BY: REPRESENTATIVES JONES, R. SMITH, MATHIS

BY: SENATORS T. SMITH, HIGGINBOTHOM

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RAISE ADDITIONAL TAX REVENUE BY AUTHORIZING HORSE RACING AND GREYHOUND RACING FRANCHISEES TO CONDUCT WAGERING ON ELECTRONIC GAMES OF SKILL.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on RULES.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1034

BY: REPRESENTATIVE LENDALL

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL ARKANSAS CODE § 26-52-401(13) TO ELIMINATE THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX EXEMPTION FOR ADVERTISING SPACE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on REVENUE AND TAX.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1035

BY: REPRESENTATIVE LENDALL

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 26-58-111 TO REVISE THE RATES FOR SEVERANCE TAX ON NATURAL GAS PRODUCED IN THIS STATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on REVENUE AND TAX.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1036

BY: REPRESENTATIVE JUDY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE THE MAXIMUM MONTHLY DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT OF GROSS RECEIPTS TAX TO ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) PER MONTH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on REVENUE AND TAX.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1037

BY: REPRESENTATIVE MAHONY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LEVY A NEW EXCISE TAX OF SEVENTEEN PERCENT (17%) ON THE SALE OF CIGARETTES BY A WHOLESALER; TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL EXCISE TAX OF SEVENTEEN PERCENT (17%) ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on RULES.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1038

BY: REPRESENTATIVE MAHONY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LEVY A NEW EXCISE TAX ON THE SALE OF CIGARETTES BY A WHOLESALER; TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL EXCISE TAX ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on RULES.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1039

BY: REPRESENTATIVES FERGUSON, R. SMITH, BOLIN, JACKSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RAISE GENERAL REVENUE BY LEVYING ADDITIONAL TOBACCO EXCISE TAXES ON CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS OTHER THAN CIGARETTES AND LEVYING AN INCOME TAX SURCHARGE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on REVENUE AND TAX.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1040

BY: REPRESENTATIVE KING

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE STATE SALES AND USE TAX RATE BY ONE-FOURTH OF ONE PERCENT (1/4 of 1%); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on REVENUE AND TAX.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1041

BY: REPRESENTATIVE SUMPTER

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LEVY ADDITIONAL TAXES UPON CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on RULES.

HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION NO. 1001

BY: REPRESENTATIVE CLEVELAND

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED IN HONOR AND RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF MICHAEL VANN JOHNSON, JR., WHO WAS KILLED IN ACTION IN IRAQ ON MARCH 25, 2003.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and placed on the Calendar.

Upon motion of Representative Gillespie, the House adjourned at 5:45 p.m. until 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 6, 2003.

ATTEST:

Herschel W. Cleveland
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Jo Renshaw
Chief Clerk