

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

Little Rock, Arkansas
December 8, 2003

The House was called to order at 12:04 p.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, Borhauer, Boyd, Bradford, Bright, Chesterfield, Childers, Clemons, Cowling, Creekmore, Dangeau, Dees, Dickinson, Dobbins, Eason, Edwards, Elliott, D.Evans, L. Evans, Ferguson, Fite, Gipson, Goss, Green, Haak, Hardwick, Harris, Hathorn, 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, Moore, Napper, Nichols, Norton, Oglesby, Ormond, Pace, Parks, Pate, Penix, Petrus, Pickett, L. Prater, S. Prater, Pritchard, Rankin, Roebuck, Rosenbaum, Schulte, Scrimshire, Scroggin, Seawel, Smith, Stovall, Sullivan, Sumpter, C.Taylor, J.Taylor, Thomas, Thomason, Thyer, Verkamp, Walters, Weaver, White, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

Total99

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

Total1

A quorum was present.

Unanimous leave was granted for Representative Gillespie.

The House stood and was led in prayer by Reverend Tim Prock, House Chaplain, Paris, Arkansas.

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

The reading of the Journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

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

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
P R O C L A M A T I O N

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 Arkansas Constitution calls for the maintenance of "a general, suitable and efficient system of free public schools" for all the citizens of the State; and

WHEREAS, the power to appropriate and provide sufficient funding for a system of free public schools rests with the General Assembly and there is an immediate and pressing need for appropriations and funds to ensure the continued operation of the state's education system, and other agencies and programs; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Supreme Court has ruled in Lake View School District No. 25 v. Huckabee that the Governor and General Assembly must address the deficiencies in the current state education system and must do so no later than January 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Supreme Court, in staying the mandate in the Lake View case, has clearly indicated that an "equitable" distribution formula of education funding must be established by the General Assembly no later than January 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, a need has arisen to address non-controversial items and to make technical amendments to various laws as specified herein; 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 December 8, 2003, at 12:00 noon, 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 Senate, the Bureau of Legislative Research and the Office of the Governor.
2. To confirm gubernatorial appointees.

STATE EDUCATION SYSTEM

3. To appropriate funds from the Public School Fund for the purpose of insuring the continued operation of the state's education system.
4. To consider legislation to meet the mandate of the Arkansas Supreme Court in *Lake View School District No. 25 v. Huckabee* in order to provide each public school child in Arkansas an opportunity for an adequate education, for an equitable distribution of funds, and to correct other deficiencies in the public school system, including but not limited to, consideration of new school funding systems and changes to school districts.
5. To consider legislation reorganizing and/or restructuring the Department of Education including but not limited to an Office of Accountability and to provide appropriations for the Department of Education.

FINANCING OF THE STATE EDUCATION SYSTEM

6. To consider legislation providing additional revenue to fund the state education system and to establish the Educational Adequacy Trust Fund for distribution of special revenue to the Public School Fund. This may include legislation to increase taxes, to reduce or eliminate tax credits, deductions, exemptions, or other tax benefits currently provided by law, or any other legislation designed to provide additional revenues for the state education system.

NON-CONTROVERSIAL AND TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

7. To transfer funds from the Industry and Aerospace Development Fund to the General Improvement Fund.
8. To reappropriate general improvement funds for the Secretary of State.
9. To provide funds to and make an appropriation for the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs.
10. To consider an appropriation bill to pay various claims against the State.
11. To consider an appropriation bill for the Office of Information Technology for the Geographic Information System.
12. To consider an appropriation bill for the Arkansas Department of Health for the Marine Sanitation Board.
13. To consider legislation to clarify use of the County Jail Backup Fund by the Department of Correction and the Department of Community Correction.
14. To provide a supplemental appropriation to the Department of Workforce Education for use in complying with the provisions of the Omnibus Education Act of 2003.
15. To provide a growth pool of positions for two-year institutions of higher education to address the unprecedented growth rate in students seeking the services of the two-year institutions.
16. To consider legislation to add Prairie Township No. 3 to the newly created Prairie Grove District Court.
17. To consider legislation to make technical corrections for the Department of Correction.
18. To consider legislation removing the requirement that a person be a resident of the State of Arkansas in order to obtain a commercial driver's license from this state.

19. To consider legislation amending the Arkansas Motor Vehicle Commission Act to address compliance with orders issued by the commission and to address issues concerning payments to motor vehicle dealers and motor home dealers by a manufacturer, distributor, second-stage manufacturer, importer or converter following the termination, cancellation or non-renewal of the motor vehicle dealer's or motor home dealer's franchise.

20. To consider amendments to Amendment 51 of the Arkansas constitution to ensure compliance with the federal Help America Vote Act.

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 3rd day of December, 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 Steven B. Jones, Chairperson
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 12:30 p.m., Monday, December 8, 2003.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1001

BY: REPRESENTATIVE CREEKMORE

PROVIDING FOR A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE AT 12:30 P.M. MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2003, TO HEAR AN ADDRESS BY GOVERNOR MIKE HUCKABEE.

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.

House recessed at 12:13 p.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Proceedings for the Joint Session of the Second Extraordinary Session of the 84th General Assembly Monday, December 8, 2003 at 12:37 p.m.

The Joint Session of the House and Senate was called to order by Speaker of the House, Herschel W. Cleveland, and President of the Senate, Winthrop Rockefeller.

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, P. Bookout, Borhauer, Boyd, Bradford, Bright, Chesterfield, Childers, Clemons, Cowling, Creekmore, Dangeau, Dees, Dickinson, Dobbins, Eason, Edwards, Elliott, D. Evans, L. Evans, Ferguson, Fite, Gipson, Goss, Green, Haak, Hardwick, Harris, Hathorn, 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, Moore, Napper, Nichols, Norton, Oglesby, Ormond, Pace, Parks, Pate, Penix, Petrus, Pickett, L. Prater, S. Prater, Pritchard, Rankin, Roebuck, Rosenbaum, Schulte, Scrimshire, Scroggin, Seawel, R. Smith, Stovall, Sullivan, Sumpter, C.Taylor, J.Taylor, Thomas, Thomason, Thyer, Verkamp, Walters, Weaver, White, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

Total 99

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

Gillespie.

Total 1

Unanimous leave was granted for Representative(s) Gillespie.

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

President of the Senate, Winthrop Paul Rockefeller, appointed the following named Senators as the Committee to escort Governor Huckabee to the House Chamber:

- Senator David Bisbee, Chairperson
- Senator Denny Altes
- Senator Gilbert Baker
- Senator Jerry Bookout
- Senator Jack Critcher
- Senator Steve Faris
- Senator Jim Holt
- Senator Bob Johnson
- Senator Tim Wooldridge

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.

Mr. Speaker, Governor Rockefeller, Members of the 84th General Assembly, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Slightly more than one year ago, our State Supreme Court presented to us the dilemma of providing an adequate education to every student in our public schools and doing it equitably.....they reminded us of our duty under the solemn oath by which we took office to uphold the Constitution of our state, whether or not we liked it or even agreed with it. And they gave us a very clear and firm deadline by which to do it and you have exactly 23 days from today to face the dilemma, do your duty, and meet the deadline.

Almost 12 months ago, I laid forth a detailed plan for meeting this challenge. In the months following, there have been numerous changes, compromises, and concessions. I have traveled in virtually every county to every part of the state, have met with almost every legislator and spoken to literally thousands of Arkansans in every setting imaginable seeking to lead us to a court compliant resolution. After 94 days in regular session and 5 in special session, we were unable to agree on a plan. Exactly 60 days ago, I presented another detailed plan for consideration. In the Senate today, a further compromise will be introduced that will mean I will give up about 2/3 of what I have believed we ought to do. In the 23 days which remain, I can only hope that at least 51% of this legislature will yield on the other 1/3.

Surely by now, we understand the dilemma, recognize the clear deadline, leaving the only thing remaining is to do your duty. A man with a reputation for fishing and always getting his limit and sometimes more became the target of the local game warden. The game warden called and didn't disclose he was an enforcement officer, but asked to go fishing with him to see how he did it. The fisherman agreed and they were to meet the next morning at the agreed upon launch site. The game officer was surprised to see that the man didn't have a boat full of rod and reels, just a paper sack and a dip net. They motored out in the lake, when the man reached into the sack, took out a stick of dynamite, lit it, tossed it in the water and after the explosion, used the dip net to scoop up the fish. Before the enforcement officer even had time to bring out his badge and stop him, the old

fisherman reached in the sack, got another stick of dynamite, lit it, tossed it over, and the fish came floating up and he scooped them up. The game warden now had regained his composure, pulled out his badge and ordered him to stop immediately as he was going to be under arrest....the fisherman got another stick of dynamite, lit it, handed it to the game warden and said, "Now what do you want to do, talk or fish?"

Ladies and Gentlemen, I'm not going to give you the long speech you expected today....we've been talking for more than a year...it's time to fish.

Joint Session adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

House reconvened at 1:04 p.m.

Senate reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

House stood in recess at 1:10 p.m.

House reconvened at 4:29 p.m.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AND
ORDERED TRANSMITTED TO THE SENATE

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1001
BY REPRESENTATIVE CREEKMORE

ENROLLED AND DELIVERY TO GOVERNOR REPORTS

Little Rock, Arkansas

December 8, 2003

MR. SPEAKER:

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1001

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREEKMORE

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 2:35 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 NO. 1001

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREEKMORE

/s/ Mike Huckabee - Governor

TIME: 2:35 p.m.

By: Stacy DeJarnett

HOUSE BILL NO. 1001

BY: HOUSE MANAGEMENT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY ACT 1 OF 2003 AND ACT 1025 OF 2003; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1002

BY: REPRESENTATIVE DANGEAU

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BETTER ENSURE THAT THE SYSTEM OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN THE STATE OPERATES AS CONSTITUTIONALLY MANDATED BY REORGANIZING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; TO REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1003

BY: REPRESENTATIVE DANGEAU

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN ACADEMIC DISTRESS FROM THE TEACHER RETENTION REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEACHER FAIR DISMISSAL ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1004

BY: REPRESENTATIVE DANGEAU

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ASSESSMENT TEAMS TO ASSIST SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN ACADEMIC OR FINANCIAL DISTRESS AND SCHOOLS IN SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1005

BY: REPRESENTATIVE DANGEAU

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 51 OF THE FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF 2003 TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ACADEMIC DISTRESS REMEDIATION FOR ARKANSAS SCHOOLS; 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: REPRESENTATIVE EDWARDS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD WASHINGTON COUNTY PRAIRIE 3 TOWNSHIP INTO THE JURISDICTION BOUNDARIES OF THE PRAIRIE GROVE DISTRICT COURT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on CITY, COUNTY AND LOCAL AFFAIRS.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1007

BY: REPRESENTATIVE PICKETT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HOURS OF TRAINING THAT MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARDS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE FOLLOWING ELECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1008

BY: REPRESENTATIVE PICKETT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF STATE FUNDS THAT MAY BE USED TO SUPPORT INTERSCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1009

BY: REPRESENTATIVE PICKETT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTABILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1010

BY: REPRESENTATIVES DICKINSON, P. BOOKOUT, CHESTERFIELD, CLEVELAND, DANGEAU, FITE, J. JOHNSON, JACKSON, MOORE, SEAWEL, THOMAS, WEAVER, WHITE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED TO CREATE THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON MATH EXCELLENCE AND IMPROVE MATH EDUCATION IN ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1011

BY: REPRESENTATIVE BOYD

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS INCLUDE AS PART OF A STUDENT'S REPORT CARD THE STUDENT'S ANNUAL BODY MASS INDEX PERCENTILE AND OTHER INFORMATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1012

BY: REPRESENTATIVE PICKETT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARDS OF EDUCATION; TO CREATE MORE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHOUT CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOL FACILITIES; TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL TRAINING FOR MEMBERS OF SCHOOL BOARDS OF EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1013

BY: REPRESENTATIVE ELLIOTT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR REORGANIZING SCHOOL DISTRICTS; TO PROVIDE FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION; TO SUSTAIN STATE-ASSISTED DESEGREGATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1014

BY: REPRESENTATIVE L. PRATER

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO FUND THE STATE EDUCATION SYSTEM BY REDUCING THE EXEMPTION FROM STATE INCOME TAX FOR CAPITAL GAINS TO TWENTY PERCENT (20%); 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. 1015

BY: REPRESENTATIVE L. PRATER

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO FUND THE STATE EDUCATION SYSTEM; TO CREATE A NEW TOP TAX BRACKET FOR PERSONAL INCOME TAX OVER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000); TO APPLY THE NEW TOP TAX BRACKET TO NONRESIDENTS AND FIDUCIARIES; TO INCREASE THE TOP CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE; 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. 1016

BY: REPRESENTATIVE L. PRATER

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO FUND THE STATE EDUCATION SYSTEM; TO INCREASE THE STATE GROSS RECEIPTS AND USE TAX RATE BY SEVEN-EIGHTHS OF ONE PERCENT (7/8 of 1%); TO CREATE THE EDUCATIONAL ADEQUACY TRUST FUND FOR DISTRIBUTION OF SPECIAL REVENUE TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND; TO IMPOSE A GROSS RECEIPTS TAX ON THE SALE OF ADVERTISING SPACE AND TIME INCLUDING NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING SPACE, TELEVISION AND RADIO ADVERTISING TIME, AND BILLBOARD ADVERTISING; TO REPEAL ARKANSAS CODE § 26-52-401(13) TO ELIMINATE THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX EXEMPTION FOR ADVERTISING SPACE IN NEWSPAPERS AND ON BILLBOARDS; TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE §§ 26-52-304 AND 26-53-109 TO PROVIDE THAT GROSS RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF SOFTWARE AND LICENSES ARE TAXABLE WITHOUT REGARD TO THE MANNER OF DELIVERY AND IMPOSING SALES TAX ON SOFTWARE-RELATED SERVICES AND COMPUTER CONSULTING SERVICES; 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. 1017

BY: REPRESENTATIVE MAHONY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE A REPORT CARD TO PARENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1018

BY: REPRESENTATIVES BOYD, CLEVELAND, AND MILLIGAN

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF ISOLATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1019

BY: REPRESENTATIVE MAHONY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND TAX POLICY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1020

BY: REPRESENTATIVE CREEKMORE

BY: SENATOR J. BOOKOUT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION ACT OF 1997; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1021

BY: REPRESENTATIVES WEAVER, SEAWEL, ADAMS, BENNETT, BOLIN, FITE, HICKINBOTHAM, HOUSE, MILLIGAN, OGLESBY, L. PRATER, J. TAYLOR, WALTERS

BY: SENATORS MILLER, CRITCHER, GLOVER, G. JEFFRESS, J. JEFFRESS, LAVERTY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PERTAINING TO STATE SCHOOL STANDARDS AND TEACHERS' SALARIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION IN ARKANSAS SCHOOLS AND TO ADDRESS THE DISPARITY IN TEACHERS' SALARIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1001

BY: REPRESENTATIVE DICKINSON

COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING SINCERE APPRECIATION TO THE SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN OF THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on AGING, CHILDREN AND YOUTH, LEGISLATIVE AND MILITARY AFFAIRS.

Upon motion of Representative Napper, the House adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 9, 2003.

ATTEST:

Herschel W. Cleveland
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Jo Renshaw
Chief Clerk