

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS
HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Little Rock, Arkansas

January 10, 2007

The House was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Mr. Petrus, the Speaker. The following members answered to the roll call:

Abernathy, Adcock, Allen, Anderson, T. Baker, Berry, Blount, Bond, T. Bradford, Breedlove, E. Brown, J. Brown, Burkes, Burris, Cash, Cheatham, Chesterfield, Cook, Cooper, Cornwell, L. Cowling, D. Creekmore, Davenport, Davis, Dickinson, S. Dobbins, Dunn, Edwards, D. Evans, L. Evans, Everett, Flowers, Garner, Gaskill, George, Glidewell, Green, Greenberg, Hall, Hardwick, Hardy, Harrelson, Harris, Hawkins, House, Hoyt, D. Hutchinson, Hyde, Jeffrey, D. Johnson, J. Johnson, Kenney, Key, Kidd, King, Lamoureux, W. Lewellen, Lovell, Lowery, Maloch, M. Martin, Maxwell, Medley, Moore, Norton, Overbey, Pace, Pate, Patterson, Pennartz, Pickett, Pierce, Powers, S. Prater, Pyle, Ragland, Rainey, Reep, Reynolds, J. Roebuck, Rogers, Rosenbaum, Sample, Saunders, Schulte, Shelby, L. Smith, Stewart, Sullivan, Sumpter, Thyer, Wagner, Walters, Webb, Wells, Wills, Wood, Woods, Wyatt, Mr. Speaker.

Total100

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

Total0

A quorum was present.

The House stood and was led in prayer by Dr. Tom Deere, Pastor, Dover Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Dover, 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.

COMMITTEE REPORT

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
HOUSE BILL NO. 1005
BY REPRESENTATIVE WELLS

January 10, 2007
TOMMY DICKINSON
CHAIRPERSON
DO PASS

COMMITTEE REPORT

JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1057
BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

January 10, 2007
CHRIS THYER
DO PASS

Upon motion of Representative George, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1028** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1028

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1028** as originally introduced:

Add Representative Wood as a cosponsor of the bill

/s/ Nathan George

The Amendment was read and adopted by more than 51 votes.

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Walters, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1041** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1041

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1041** as originally introduced:

Add Representative Creekmore as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Add Senator Madison as a cosponsor of the bill

/s/ Shirley Walters

The Amendment was read and adopted by more than 51 votes.

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw

Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Pyle, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1011** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1011

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1011** as originally introduced:

Page 2, line 10, delete "contracts" and insert "current contracts"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 11 and 12 and substitute the following:

"school district employees, except that no employees' social security numbers, addresses, or signatures shall be published; and"

/s/ Beverly Pyle

The Amendment was read and adopted by more than 51 votes.

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw

Chief Clerk

ENGROSSED BILL REPORTS

BENNY C. PETRUS, CHAIRMAN

January 10, 2007

The following bill(s) reported correctly engrossed:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1011 BY REPRESENTATIVE PYLE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1028 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE, ET AL

HOUSE BILL NO. 1041 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS, ET AL

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED

HOUSE BILL NO. 1028

BY: REPRESENTATIVES GEORGE, WELLS, OVERBEY, DUNN, *WOOD*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A STUDENT WHOSE SPOUSE IS CALLED INTO MILITARY SERVICE TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR THE RESULTING MONETARY LOSS OF CEASING ATTENDANCE AT A STATE-SUPPORTED POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION WITHOUT COMPLETING THE COURSE OR RECEIVING A GRADE IF THE STUDENT OR THE STUDENT'S SPOUSE HAS DEPENDENT CHILDREN WHO RESIDE IN THE HOUSEHOLD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED

HOUSE BILL NO. 1041

BY: REPRESENTATIVES WALTERS, HARDWICK, *CREEKMORE*

BY: SENATORS WILKINSON, *MADISON*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPROVE SAFETY IN ARKANSAS SCHOOLS; TO PROVIDE SCHOOLS WITH INFORMATION REGARDING THE ARREST, DETENTION, AND COURT PROCEEDINGS REGARDING STUDENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

BY: SENATOR BISBEE

PROVIDING THAT THE SENATE RECESS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2007, AND RECONVENE ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2007.

THE RESOLUTION RECEIVED MORE THAN 51 VOTES.

The House stood in recess at 1:37 p.m.

This Joint Session is convened at 1:51 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1003.

JOINT SESSION

The Joint Session was called to order by the Speaker of the House, The Honorable Benny C. Petrus.

Ms. Ann Cornwell, Secretary of the Senate, called the role for the Senate. The following members answered to the roll call:

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

Total.....35

Ms. Jo Renshaw, Chief Clerk for the House of Representatives, called the roll for the House. The following members answered to the roll call:

Abernathy, Adcock, Allen, Anderson, T. Baker, Berry, Blount, Bond, Bradford, Breedlove, E. Brown, J. Brown, Burkes, Burris, Cash, Cheatham, Chesterfield, Cook, Cooper, Cornwell, Cowling, Creekmore, Davenport, Davis, Dickinson, Dobbins, Dunn, Edwards, D. Evans, L. Evans, Everett, Flowers, Garner, Gaskill, George, Glidewell, Green, Greenberg, Hall, Hardwick, Hardy, Harrelson, Harris, Hawkins, House, Hoyt, Hutchinson, Hyde, Jeffrey, D. Johnson, J. Johnson, Kenney, Key, Kidd, King, Lamoureux, Lewellen, Lovell, Lowery, Maloch, Martin, Maxwell, Medley, Moore, Norton, Overbey, Pace, Pate, Patterson, Pennartz, Pickett, Pierce, Powers, Prater, Pyle, Ragland, Rainey, Reep, Reynolds, Roebuck, Rogers, Rosenbaum, Sample, Saunders, Schulte, Shelby, Smith, Stewart, Sullivan, Sumpter, Thyer, Wagner, Walters, Webb, Wells, Wills, Wood, Woods, Wyatt, Mr. Speaker.

Total.....100

The Resolution states that we hear a message from the Governor. So, at this time, I present to you Arkansas' 45th Governor, The Honorable Mike Beebe.

State of the State Address

Governor Mike Beebe

January 10, 2007

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, Mr. President Pro-Tempore, Constitutional Officers, Mr. Chief Justice, Members of the Court; and distinguished guests, friends, and fellow Arkansans: I am honored to uphold our constitutional tradition and bring to you today *an account of* the State of our State.

Ginger and I congratulate the new members of this hall, the new constitutional officers, and all those returning to the service of our State.

It was in 1983 that I first sat in this room to hear the Governor's Address. I've heard three governors perform this task. I've listened as Senator, as Attorney General, as a business person, a husband, a father, and as a citizen of our State.

Yesterday, many of us... along with people from every corner of Arkansas... witnessed the time-honored tradition of Democracy in action and the peaceful transfer of elected office.

Those of us who participated in that awesome electoral process humbly accept the mandate of our ultimate bosses, the People of Arkansas.

Today, we begin the work we have been tasked to do... we must all undertake the great challenge of moving Arkansas forward, working together for the good of the Natural State... working beyond partisan and regional boundaries ...working as one people... as one spirit... to make Arkansas everything we know she can be.

That means breaking the negative stereotypes of our State.

As we reflect on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Central High crisis, let us take stock of how far we've come and yet realize how far we have to go. Who would have thought that 50 years ago there would be statues just outside this building commemorating those courageous nine young people and the countless black and white, men and women – everyday people -- throughout this State, who helped to usher in a time of greater equality and a more just society?

As we gather today, taking stock of our resources, our people, our achievements, and our challenges, I am proud to say that ours is a State of optimism and determination.

Optimism, because we are a State and a people proud of who we are, our traditions, and our heritage. And yet, we recognize all that we still can be.

Determination, because we will not be dissuaded from fulfilling the potential that we know is inside every individual and every community.

For more than a year, I've worked with many of the people here today... and with countless others across our State... to craft a vision for that optimism and a framework to go forth with that determination.

As Governor, I will go about the business of making a reality of that vision and making use of that framework by making the office of governor an office of ideas, direction and leadership.

The first part of making that vision real will be ensuring that our young people receive only the best from our schools, not just because it is a legally mandated first priority, but because it is the right thing to do and the most important task at hand.

No one appreciates more than I do the General Assembly's role as the policy-maker of Arkansas. I envision that we will have a genuine partnership, but one forged by leadership on my part.

As Governor, I will offer that leadership on the issues facing our State. As we look to the future and begin the great undertaking of moving Arkansas forward, I intend to be especially involved in the most critical issues of educational advancement, economic development, the well-being of our future, and meaningful tax relief.

Education is the hinge on which our future swings.

Excellence in education will be one of our greatest challenges, and it will be one of our most important victories.

Everyone wants to talk about excellence in education. But it will take all of us: parents, educators, and legislators – every Arkansan – to combine our efforts and achieve that excellence.

Just as the number-one priority of the federal government is protecting the Nation from threats, both foreign and domestic, so too is our State's primary responsibility the education of our people. Under the Constitution, it is our first legal obligation. Under the mandate of preparing for our future, it is our first moral obligation.

The first demand on a substantial portion of the surplus will be to fulfill our obligation to school facilities, the one major area of education left to be addressed.

Education is the seed from which our future grows.

Let us no longer be satisfied with the legal requirement of adequacy, but strive for the moral imperative of excellence.

Today, I propose approximately \$19 million in additional revenue for public education above that recommended by the education committees. This support will be devoted to school districts and students with special needs.

Education is not a process that should end at the schoolhouse door. It is about continuous, lifelong learning. Education encompasses everything from pre-school to the end of life.

Just as we provide ARKids First for children in need of health care so that they can lead healthy lives, we will provide pre-kindergarten education to at-risk children to help them begin school ready to learn.

We'll make this a reality by investing an additional \$40-million into the Arkansas Better Chance program to provide voluntary, top-quality pre-school classes to all children whose families earn up to 200% of the poverty level. Total funding will now be \$111 million.

And we'll create partnerships with industry to expand opportunities for parents or guardians to be able to attend parent-teacher conferences and volunteer at their children's schools with paid leave. That means leading by example.

We will propose, by legislation or rule, as appropriate, to permit state employees in the executive branch one day of paid leave each year to volunteer in their children's schools or attend parent-teacher conferences.

And because we must strive to connect one lesson to the next and one school year to the next, I will convene a taskforce composed of parents, teachers, school administrators, child advocates, and the State Department of Education to assess the best practices of after-school and summer programs.

And in today's world, just learning to type on the keyboard won't suffice. Our kids deserve broadband infrastructure that connects them to the Internet and provides technology equity.

Our students deserve the best and the newest learning tools that we can provide. It's essential that all of our students have Internet access and current technology to maximize it.

Therefore, we will undertake an up-to-date assessment of all technology resources in our schools, showing us where we need to improve, and how these resources are used. With that, the Arkansas Department of Education and the Department of Information Systems will formulate a timeline to ensure that every child has SAFE access to the online world.

And no education plan would address the needs of our children without working to ensure teacher quality.

That means building a Traveling Teachers program so that schools can pool their resources to share teachers in specialized subject areas, primarily to assist our small or rural schools.

Ensuring teacher quality means attracting and retaining quality teachers by continually upgrading the teacher-mentor model and launching a pilot program for comprehensive alternative pay.

And education shouldn't have to end when high school ends.

Young people with the talent and the ability to pursue higher education in Arkansas should not be hindered by a lack of resources.

Those whose families earn less than \$25,000 a year will be eligible for a \$1,000 state scholarship each year for a maximum of four years.

Realizing that not everyone will be able to attend school full-time, part-time students will also benefit with pro-rated aid over a longer period of time.

And not everyone has the opportunity to immediately pursue higher education after high school. I'll work with the legislature to further increase opportunity for higher education by expanding the Career Pathways Initiative from the current 11 community colleges to all 22.

And we'll expand educational access to more young people and adults through our public libraries.

The old image of people reading books in a quiet library isn't the only reality anymore. Public libraries bring children's reading programs, the Internet, and today's technology to countless Arkansans.

So, to make sure that the resources are available for the task our public libraries are charged with, we'll increase funding for them by \$1.7 million.

But the best schools and educational opportunities in the world are useless without good-paying jobs here at home. Otherwise, we are preparing our best and brightest for jobs in Chicago, Dallas, Atlanta, or other big cities.

That's why we have to focus on job creation and job retention as never before, helping to expand the businesses already here and attracting new ones. It's that simple.

But it will require a change in philosophy, and that must begin at the very core of our efforts.

The mission of the Arkansas Department of Economic Development, first and foremost, should be to aggressively seek to provide better-paying jobs that offer a greater quality of life to our people.

Part of that mission will focus on building stronger relationships between community colleges and economic-development efforts.

The Arkansas Delta Training and Education Consortium in East Arkansas is the model for how we can match the curricula of our community colleges to the needs of potential businesses and area employers in the State.

And this mission will put a greater emphasis on regional partnerships. We are all in this together and what is good for Southeast Arkansas is good for Northwest Arkansas.

We should not be jealous of the success of one region of the State or begrudge helping another. As I have said on many occasions, "When one of us succeeds, we all rejoice. But when one of us hurts, all of us should hurt."

And to give us the ability for aggressive economic development, I'm asking you to dedicate \$50 million of the General Improvement Fund to enable the State to attract new businesses and retain existing ones. If we are going to compete with our sister states and with foreign nations, we must have the ability to aggressively negotiate in real time and good faith.

To help attract new manufacturers and retain the ones we have, we'll phase out the sales tax on utilities for manufacturers, with the first step being a one-sixth reduction.

As we look forward to the future, we must put a special focus on the industries of the 21st century that will ensure our long-term economic success.

I will work with the Legislature and the legislative leadership to roll back the sales tax on off-road diesel fuel and replace it with a per-gallon tax coupled with an incentive to purchase bio-diesel.

And I'll work with the legislative leadership on crafting a tax credit for the construction of crushers and other bio-fuel infrastructure. For an investment today, we can seed the industry of the future right here in our own backyard.

Today, there is the potential to create gasoline – not ethanol, but gasoline – from cellulose products already growing right here in Arkansas.

Imagine stopping at a gas station and filling your tank with fuel made from Arkansas wood products and created at an Arkansas bio-refinery.

Our vision for the future must never be limited by the circumstances of today.

The well-being of our future requires more than just education and jobs. It also depends on the prosperity of our communities.

Working together, we'll increase city and county turn-back by \$8 million – \$4 million for cities and \$4 million for counties – so that our communities have the resources for success.

The well-being of our future depends upon the character of our society. And the character of a society is demonstrated by how it treats its elders.

I'll work with the Department of Health and Human Services to educate our populace about choices between nursing home and community-based or at-home care options under the Elder Choices Medicaid Waiver so that families, doctors, and patients -- not Medicaid regulations -- make choices for seniors based on less restrictive care.

The well-being of our future must be safeguarded in each and every one of our communities.

Dangerous streets are flanked by businesses that will eventually have to shut their doors and families who will retreat to other communities.

To help safeguard our communities, we will increase funding for probation monitoring by \$3.4 million. Our current probation system sees the average caseload for a probation officer at more than 100 cases. We're going to add 60 new officers, taking the average caseload to 85.

We'll increase resources for drug-court counselors to rehabilitate drug offenders and keep prison space open for violent offenders by investing roughly \$5 million in the Drug Court program.

We know that crime today isn't limited to streets and parking lots. The Internet has created a new avenue for the darkest of minds.

That's why the State will work to help local law-enforcement agencies understand computer-based crimes as an integral part of law enforcement.

We'll make it a part of basic law-enforcement training at the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy and the University of Arkansas Criminal Justice Institute.

We will make this a reality by creating a new computer training lab for law enforcement.

We have to do these things because we have to protect our most valuable asset, our children. That's why I plan to work with the Task Force on Abused and Neglected Children on the comprehensive plan they've been developing for addressing child abuse in our State.

Working with them, my administration will explore expansion of the Child Advocacy Centers throughout the State, improved training at our institutions of higher education for students considering careers in a child-protection field, and greater professional development for our child-protection officials.

Because the well-being of our future must be protected against large-scale natural and man-made disasters, we will work to connect all our communities in times of emergency.

We need to facilitate funding to support full-time local emergency-management functions for local governments that have not otherwise had the resources to do so. I'll use the Governor's Office to request federal resources for the positions and will explore options for pooling resources on a regional basis and will examine the potential for state matching funds.

We can do all of these things, and with a reasonable approach, we can offer tax relief for working Arkansans within the requirements to balance the budget.

I know there are some people who think we should use our increased revenue for a one-time tax break.

But I believe we can do more. I think we can use it as seed money for permanent, meaningful tax relief.

There are those who think we should spend our increased revenue on one project or another, but I believe it isn't ours to spend. This money belongs to the people of Arkansas and they ought to get it back the same way they spent it. If they paid that money in taxes, then it ought to go back to them in the form of tax relief.

There are those who want to look at our increased revenue as a reason to restructure the tax code. But I believe we have to do first things first. And we have a moral charge to rid our State of its most regressive tax, the state sales tax on food.

We have the opportunity now to begin eliminating it in a responsible way that will end the tax over time and not impede state services in the interim.

We all share a common desire to move our State forward and to offer help to those among us who need it most. That desire is a noble one and should drive us to work together to a common end: never making the perfect the enemy of the good.

Those who seek to inscribe history on their terms rarely succeed.

Instead, we must strive to make our efforts plentiful and beneficial to all, so that when history writes itself, it will have no choice but to reflect favorably upon our accomplishments and upon our State.

Compromise is rarely graceful and often complex. But it can be civil, it can be inspiring, and its results can build a strong and sure-footed foundation for unprecedented achievement.

I will ask you to end the grocery tax with a phase-out that begins now, with a fifty-percent cut -- a three-cent cut.

And we're going to offer real tax relief to Arkansans in the form of reducing property taxes by increasing the homestead credit from \$300 to \$350.

We'll be facing more issues as a State, and there will be more challenges in the Session ... more plans to be formulated and detailed ... more steps we can take in moving Arkansas forward.

Going forward, the word "Arkansas" should be synonymous with the great strides we will make and forever erase these tired negative stereotypes that have hampered us in the past. We must capitalize on the assets we have to map our course for the future.

When people look to Arkansas, they should see the Nano-Technology Center in Fayetteville; the Bio-Sciences Center at ASU, UAMS and the U of A; the Cancer Research Center at UAMS; the Cyber College at UALR; the Forestry Program at UAM; and the Aquaculture Center at UAPB.

When people look from across the globe to South Arkansas, they should see the future of the bio-fuels industry – from cellulose products to animal waste and soy beans – the foundation for our energy needs and conservation stewardship going forward.

When people look to Northwest Arkansas, they should see a natural business incubator with entrepreneurship unmatched anywhere in the global economy.

When people look to Northeast Arkansas and the Delta, they should see a leader in community building and aggressive economic development.

When people look to Arkansas, they should see a leader in the nation – in the world -- and say, "We want to do what they did in Arkansas."

This can be accomplished only by keeping in mind that attitudes follow actions.

If we are going to change the attitudes, we have to take real and meaningful action.

We all believe in Arkansas, but now we must demonstrate the works that prove our faith.

If we are going to make Arkansas the envy of the nation, we must roll up our sleeves and begin our work with the optimism and determination our success will be built on.

So, now we go about that action together.

Let us never lose focus of why we are here, why we are so determined, and why we have such reason for our optimism. We have been entrusted by our people with a call for action today and with the fragile future of generations to come... to serve them at the helm of State, going forward to do man's work and God's will.

Thank you. God bless you and God bless Arkansas.

The Joint Session adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

The House reconvened at 2:33 p.m.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS CONCURRED IN
AND ORDERED RETURNED TO THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 BY SENATOR BISBEE

ARKANSAS SENATE
HOUSE BILLS RETURNED FROM THE SENATE AS PASSED

HOUSE BILL NO. 1001 BY REPRESENTATIVE PETRUS

ARKANSAS SENATE
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS CONCURRED IN
AND RETURNED TO THE HOUSE

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1001
BY REPRESENTATIVE PETRUS

ARKANSAS SENATE
SENATE BILLS RECEIVED FROM SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1 BY SENATE EFFICIENCY

ENROLLED AND DELIVERY TO GOVERNOR REPORTS

Little Rock, Arkansas

January 10, 2007

MR. SPEAKER:

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1002

BY REPRESENTATIVE PETRUS

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1003

BY REPRESENTATIVE PETRUS

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 9:37 a.m. delivered them to the Governor for his approval.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Benny C. Petrus, Chairman

RECEIPT FROM THE GOVERNOR

RECEIVED FROM THE HOUSE:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1002

BY REPRESENTATIVE PETRUS

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1003

BY REPRESENTATIVE PETRUS

/s/ Mike Beebe - Governor

TIME: 9:37 a.m.

By: Sarah Agee

HOUSE BILL NO. 1068

BY: REPRESENTATIVE RAGLAND

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES; TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR DISTURBING ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1069

BY: REPRESENTATIVES BOND, S. PRATER

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS LONG-TERM CARE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM; 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. 1070

BY: REPRESENTATIVE REEP

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT; TO INCREASE ANNUAL FEES FOR PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS; 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. 1071

BY: REPRESENTATIVES WALTERS, R. GREEN

BY: SENATORS J. JEFFRESS, WILKINSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING INSTRUCTION BY SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS; 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. 1072

BY: REPRESENTATIVES WALTERS, ABERNATHY, COOK, R. GREEN

BY: SENATORS WILKINSON, ALTES

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEFINE BULLYING; TO INCLUDE CYBERBULLYING IN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ANTIBULLYING POLICIES; 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. 1073

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 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2009; 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. 1074

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF SANITARIANS FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2009; 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. 1075

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 CEMETERY BOARD FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2009; 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. 1076

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2009; 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. 1077

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 BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT DISPENSERS FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2009; 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. 1078

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE STATE BOARD OF REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNERS FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2009; 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. 1079

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 STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF FORESTERS FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2009; 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. 1080

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR STATE TURNBACK FOR COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES BY THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER OF STATE FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2009; 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. 1081

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS HOME INSPECTOR REGISTRATION BOARD FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2009; 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. 1082

BY: REPRESENTATIVE RAGLAND

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO PURCHASE SERVICE CREDIT FOR POLICE SERVICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAMS.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1083

BY: REPRESENTATIVE OVERBEY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 16-55-213 CONCERNING VENUE AND THE CIVIL JUSTICE REFORM ACT OF 2003; 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. 1084

BY: REPRESENTATIVE OVERBEY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE §§ 24-12-121 AND 24-12-127 TO PROVIDE DEATH BENEFITS TO A SPOUSE UPON THE DEATH OF ANY CITY CLERK, CITY-TREASURER, RECORDER-TREASURER, OR TREASURER IN CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS AND CITIES OF THE SECOND CLASS AT THE OPTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY'S GOVERNING BODY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAMS.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1085

BY: REPRESENTATIVE OVERBEY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE §§ 24-12-121, 24-12-123, 24-12-124, AND 24-12-127 TO ALLOW FOR COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS FOR THOSE MAYORS, CITY CLERK-TREASURERS, RECORDER-TREASURERS, AND TREASURERS IN CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS AND CITIES OF THE SECOND CLASS WHO RETIRE UNDER STATE-AUTHORIZED LOCAL PLANS WHEN THE AFFECTED MUNICIPALITY IS A MEMBER OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR HAS A PRIVATE PENSION PLAN WITH A COST-OF-LIVING COMPONENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAMS.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1086

BY: REPRESENTATIVE OVERBEY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 26-27-304 TO ALLOW A MAYOR TO DESIGNATE A VOTING REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND THE COUNTY EQUALIZATION BOARD SELECTION MEETING; 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. 1087

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR OPERATING, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS SOYBEAN PROMOTION BOARD FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2009; 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. 1088

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR OPERATING, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS CORN AND GRAIN SORGHUM PROMOTION BOARD FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2009; 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. 1089

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR OPERATING, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS RICE RESEARCH AND PROMOTION BOARD FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2009; 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. 1090

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR OPERATING, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS WHEAT PROMOTION BOARD FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2009; 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. 1091

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SOIL CLASSIFIERS FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2009; 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. 1092

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 STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2009; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 1

BY: SENATE EFFICIENCY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2007; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

Upon motion of Representative David Evans, the House adjourned at 2:45 p.m. until 1:30 p.m., Thursday, January 11, 2007.

ATTEST:

Benny C. Petrus
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Jo Renshaw
Chief Clerk

