

**TWELFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS
HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Little Rock, Arkansas

December 19, 2003

The House was called to order at 10:00 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, Borhauer, Boyd, Bradford, Bright, Chesterfield, Childers, Clemons, Cowling, Creekmore, Dangeau, Dees, Dickinson, Eason, Edwards, Elliott, D.Evans, L. Evans, Ferguson, Fite, Gillespie, Gipson, Goss, Green, Haak, Hardwick, 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, J.Taylor, Thomas, Thomason, Thyer, Verkamp, Walters, Weaver, White, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

Total97

The following member(s) was absent and did not answer to the roll call:
Dobbins, Harris, C. Taylor.

Total3

A quorum was present.

Unanimous leave was granted for Representative(s) Dobbins, Harris, C. Taylor.

The House stood and was led in prayer by Representative House.

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

	December 19, 2003
AGING, CHILDREN AND YOUTH, LEGISLATIVE AND MILITARY AFFAIRS	JOYCE DEES CHAIRPERSON
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1007 BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFREY	DO PASS
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1008 BY REPRESENTATIVE ROSENBAUM	DO PASS
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1009 BY REPRESENTATIVE PICKETT	DO PASS

COMMITTEE REPORT

	December 19, 2003
CITY, COUNTY AND LOCAL AFFAIRS	PHILLIP JACOBS CHAIRPERSON
SENATE BILL NO. 2 BY SENATOR LUKER	DO PASS

COMMITTEE REPORT

	December 19, 2003
JOINT BUDGET	PAUL WEAVER CHAIRPERSON
SENATE BILL NO. 15 BY SENATOR BISBEE	DO PASS

Upon motion of Representative House, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1052** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1052

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1052** as originally introduced:

Page 2, line 15, delete the period and underline "." and substitute "as allocated by the Department of Education.".

/s/ Don House

/s/ J. Bolin

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

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw

Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Mathis, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1038** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1038

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1038** as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 32 delete "state"

AND

Page 1, delete line 33 and substitute the following:

"federal funds.

(c) Nothing in this section shall permit the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts to receive funds from the Public School Fund except pursuant to a line item appropriation."

AND

Page 2, delete line 3 and substitute the following:

"Schools Act of 1999. If the petition is granted, funding for the charter school shall be made pursuant to an appropriation by the General Assembly for the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts."

/s/ Bob Mathis

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

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw

Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Boyd, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1018** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1018

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1018** as engrossed, H12/16/03 (version:12-16-2003 08:45):

Add Representative Norton as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 2, delete lines 9 through 18, and substitute the following:

- "(18) Omaha School District;
(19) Paron School District;
(20) Randolph County School District;
(21) Rural Special School District;
(22) Scotland School District;
(23) Sparkman School District;
(24) St. Joe School District;
(25) St. Paul School District;
(26) Stone County School District;
(27) Taylor School District;
(28) Umpire School District;
(29) Williford School District; and
(30) Winslow School District."

/s/ Travis Boyd

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

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw

Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative King, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1058** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1058

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1058** as originally introduced:

Page 11, delete line 8 and substitute the following:

"provisions of this subchapter are properly enforced."

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-23-501(a), concerning funding for open-enrollment charter schools, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) An open-enrollment charter school shall receive funds equal to the amount that the open-enrollment charter school would receive under §§ 6-20-2001 through 6-20-2011 if it were treated as a public school within a school district ~~the minimum state and local revenue per average daily membership as defined in § 6-20-303.~~

(2) Funding for an open-enrollment charter school shall be based upon the current year three-quarter average daily membership of the open-enrollment charter school as follows:

(A) The initial funding estimate for each school year shall be based on enrollment as of April 15 preceding the school year in which the students are to attend;

(B) In December, funding will be adjusted based on the first quarter average daily membership; and

(C) A final adjustment will be made after the current year three-quarter average daily membership is established.

(3) Funding for an open-enrollment charter school shall be paid in twelve (12) equal installments each fiscal year."

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent sections of the bill.

/s/ Barbara King

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

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw

Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative C. Johnson, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1056** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1056

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1056** as originally introduced:

Add Representatives Chesterfield, Clemmons, Dobbins, Eason, Elliott, Green, Jones, Thomas, and White as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Add Senators Wilkins and Steele as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Page 3, line 27, delete "(A)" and substitute "(A)(i)"

AND

Page 3, delete line 29 and substitute the following:

"school is a part.

(ii) Public schools designated by the Department of Education as a school in school improvement or a school in a school district designated by the department as being in academic distress shall participate in an education renewal zone and the office shall establish education renewal zones for those schools."

AND

Page 5, delete line 7, and substitute the following:

"education renewal zones within any single education service cooperative area.

(C) The membership and staff of local advisory groups shall be reflective of the diversity of the population being served by the education renewal zone."

/s/ Calvin Johnson

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

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw

Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Sumpter, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1039** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1039

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1039** as originally introduced:

Add the following Representative as a cosponsor of the bill: Edwards

/s/ Denny Sumpter

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

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw
Chief Clerk

ENGROSSED BILL REPORTS

HERSCHEL W. CLEVELAND, CHAIRMAN

December 19, 2003

The following bill(s) reported correctly engrossed:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1018 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD, ET AL
HOUSE BILL NO. 1038 BY REPRESENTATIVE MATHIS
HOUSE BILL NO. 1039 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE SUMPTER, ET AL
HOUSE BILL NO. 1052 BY REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE, ET AL
HOUSE BILL NO. 1056 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE C. JOHNSON, ET AL
HOUSE BILL NO. 1057 BY REPRESENTATIVE WHITE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1058 BY REPRESENTATIVE KING

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1018

BY: REPRESENTATIVES BOYD, CLEVELAND, MILLIGAN, *JACOBS, SEAWEL, HATHORN, HOUSE, BENNETT, KING, FITE, WEAVER, RANKIN, ADAMS, BERRY, GILLESPIE, NORTON*

BY: *SENATORS GULLETT, HORN, LAVERTY, WOOLDRIDGE*

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

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1039

BY: REPRESENTATIVES SUMPTER, KING, *EDWARDS*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR STATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1056

BY: REPRESENTATIVES C. JOHNSON, *CHESTERFIELD, CLEMONS, DOBBINS, EASON, ELLIOTT, GREEN, JONES, THOMAS, WHITE*

BY: *SENATORS WILKINS, STEELE*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION RENEWAL ZONES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Upon motion of Representative White, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1057** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1057

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1057** as originally introduced:

Page 3, line 18, delete "Division of Early" and substitute "Division Child Care and Early"

AND

Page 3, line 19, delete "Childhood Education" and substitute "Childhood Education within the Department of Human Services"

AND

Page 3, line 24, delete "Division of Early Childhood Education" and substitute "Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education within the Department of Human Services"

AND

Page 3, line 28, delete "Division of Early Childhood Education" and substitute "Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education within the Department of Human Services"

AND

Page 4, line 4, delete "Division of Early Childhood Education" and substitute "Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education within the Department of Human Services"

/s/ Robert J. White

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

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw
Chief Clerk

Morning Hour Expired.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1028

BY: REPRESENTATIVE BOND

Was read the third time and placed on final passage, the question being shall the Bill pass. The vote was as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE: Adams, Agee, Anderson, Bennett, Berry, Biggs, Blair, Bledsoe, Bond, P. Bookout, Borhauer, Boyd, Bradford, Bright, Chesterfield, Childers, Clemons, Cowling, Creekmore, Dangeau, Dees, Dickinson, Eason, Edwards, Elliott, D. Evans, L. Evans, Ferguson, Fite, Gillespie, Gipson, Goss, Green, Haak, Hardwick, 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, Napper, Nichols, Oglesby, Ormond, Pace, Parks, Pate, Petrus, Pickett, L. Prater, S. Prater, Pritchard, Rankin, Roebuck, Rosenbaum, Schulte, Scrimshire, Scroggin, Seawel, R. Smith, Sullivan, Sumpter, J. Taylor, Thomas, Thomason, Thyer, Verkamp, Walters, Weaver, White, Wood.

Total91

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Bolin, Dobbins, Harris, Moore, Norton, Penix, Stovall, C. Taylor, Mr. Speaker.

Total9

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....91

Total number voting in the affirmative91

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

So the Bill passed and the title as read was agreed to.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1051

BY: REPRESENTATIVE CREEKMORE

Was read the third time and placed on final passage, the question being shall the Bill pass. The vote was as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE: Adams, Agee, Anderson, Bennett, Berry, Biggs, Blair, Bledsoe, Bolin, Bond, P. Bookout, Borhauer, Boyd, Bradford, Bright, Chesterfield, Childers, Clemons, Cowling, Creekmore, Dangeau, Dees, Dickinson, Eason, Edwards, Elliott, D. Evans, L. Evans, Ferguson, Fite, Gillespie, Gipson, Goss, Green, Haak, Hardwick, 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, Napper, Nichols, Norton, Oglesby, Ormond, Pace, Parks, Pate, Petrus, Pickett, S. Prater, Pritchard, Rankin, Roebuck, Rosenbaum, Schulte, Scrimshire, Scroggin, Seawel, R. Smith, Stovall, Sullivan, Sumpter, J. Taylor, Thomas, Thomason, Thyer, Verkamp, Walters, Weaver, White, Wood.

Total93

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Dobbins, Harris, Moore, Penix, L. Prater, C. Taylor, Mr. Speaker.

Total7

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....93

Total number voting in the affirmative93

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

So the Bill passed and the title as read was agreed to.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1021 was removed from the schedule due to the need for a fiscal impact statement.

Representative Bond was recognized for a point of order regarding whether a fiscal impact statement for **HOUSE BILL NO. 1021** was placed on members' desks. The author of the bill, Representative Weaver stated the fiscal impact statement had been on members' desks for 30 minutes. According to ACA 191703, a fiscal impact statement must be on the desk for (1) day prior to presenting the bill.

The Speaker ruled in favor of the point of order.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1007

BY: REPRESENTATIVE PICKETT

Was read the third time and placed on final passage, the question being shall the Bill pass. The vote was as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE: Anderson, Blair, Bledsoe, Bond, Borhauer, Boyd, Bradford, Bright, Chesterfield, Childers, Clemons, Cowling, Dangeau, Dees, Dickinson, Eason, Edwards, Elliott, D. Evans, Ferguson, Fite, Gillespie, Goss, Green, Haak, Hardwick, Hutchinson, C. Johnson, J. Johnson, Jones, Judy, Kenney, Key, King, Ledbetter, Lendall, Lewellen, Mack, Mahony, Martin, Matayo, Mathis, Medley, Napper, Nichols, Pace, Pate, Penix, Petrus, Pickett, L. Prater, S. Prater, Rankin, Roebuck, Rosenbaum, Seawel, R. Smith, Stovall, Sumpter, Thomas, Thomason, Walters, White, Wood.

Total64

NEGATIVE: Adams, Agee, Berry, Biggs, P. Bookout, Creekmore, L. Evans, Gipson, House, Jackson, Jeffrey, Lamoureux, Oglesby, Ormond, Parks, Pritchard, Schulte, Scrimshire, Scroggin, Sullivan, J. Taylor, Thyer, Verkamp.

Total23

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Bennett, Bolin, Dobbins, Harris, Hathorn, Hickinbotham, Jacobs, Moore, Norton, C. Taylor, Weaver, Mr. Speaker.

Total12

VOTING PRESENT: Milligan.

Total1

Total number of votes cast.....88

Total number voting in the affirmative64

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

So the Bill passed and the title as read was agreed to.

Upon motion of Representative Pickett the Clincher motion prevailed.

Representative Weaver moved that the House concur in the following Senate Amendment.

ARKANSAS SENATE

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1022

Amend HOUSE BILL NO. 1022 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 27, delete in its entirety and substitute therefore:

"addition to those purposes authorized in Section 1, Items (A) through (I), of Act 293 of 2003, a sum".

/s/ David A. Bisbee

The Amendment was read and the vote was as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE: Adams, Agee, Anderson, Bennett, Berry, Biggs, Blair, Bledsoe, Bond, P. Bookout, Borhauer, Boyd, Bradford, Bright, Chesterfield, Childers, Clemons, Cowling, Creekmore, Dangeau, Dees, Eason, Edwards, Elliott, D. Evans, L. Evans, Ferguson, Fite, Gillespie, Gipson, Goss, Green, Haak, Hardwick, 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, Napper, Nichols, Norton, Oglesby, Ormond, Pace, Parks, Pate, Petrus, Pickett, L. Prater, S. Prater, Pritchard, Rankin, Roebuck, Rosenbaum, Schulte, Scrimshire, Scroggin, Seawel, R. Smith, Stovall, Sullivan, Sumpter, J. Taylor, Thomas, Thomason, Thyer, Verkamp, Walters, Weaver, White, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

Total93

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Bolin, Dickinson, Dobbins, Harris, Moore, Penix, C. Taylor.

Total7

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast93

Total number voting in the affirmative93

Necessary to concur in the amendment.....51

So the Amendment was concurred in.

/s/ Ms. Jo Renshaw

Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Weaver the rules were suspended. Considered in the Committee of the Whole. Returned with the recommendation that it "DO PASS."

SENATE BILL NO. 5

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

Was read the third time and placed on final passage, the question being shall the Bill pass and shall the Emergency Clause be adopted. The vote was as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE: Adams, Agee, Anderson, Bennett, Berry, Biggs, Blair, Bledsoe, Bolin, Bond, P. Bookout, Borhauer, Boyd, Bradford, Bright, Chesterfield, Childers, Clemons, Cowling, Creekmore, Dangeau, Dees, Eason, Edwards, Elliott, D. Evans, L. Evans, Ferguson, Fite, Gillespie, Gipson, Goss, Green, Haak, Hardwick, 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, Napper, Nichols, Norton, Oglesby, Pace, Parks, Pate, Petrus, Pickett, L. Prater, S. Prater, Pritchard, Rankin, Roebuck, Rosenbaum, Schulte, Scrimshire, Scroggin, Seawel, R. Smith, Stovall, Sullivan, Sumpter, J. Taylor, Thomas, Thomason, Thyer, Verkamp, Walters, Weaver, White, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

Total93

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Dickinson, Dobbins, Harris, Moore, Penix, C. Taylor.

Total6

VOTING PRESENT: Ormond.

Total1

Total number of votes cast94

Total number voting in the affirmative93

Necessary to the passage of the bill75

So the Bill passed and the title as read was agreed to.

There being an Emergency Clause attached to **SENATE BILL NO. 5**, the Speaker ordered the clerk to call the roll upon the adoption of the Emergency Clause. The vote was as follows:

EMERGENCY CLAUSE

AFFIRMATIVE: Adams, Agee, Anderson, Bennett, Berry, Biggs, Blair, Bledsoe, Bolin, Bond, P. Bookout, Borhauer, Boyd, Bradford, Bright, Chesterfield, Childers, Clemons, Cowling, Creekmore, Dangeau, Dees, Eason, Edwards, Elliott, D. Evans, L. Evans, Ferguson, Fite, Gillespie, Gipson, Goss, Green, Haak, Hardwick, 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, Napper, Nichols, Norton, Oglesby, Pace, Parks, Pate, Petrus, Pickett, L. Prater, S. Prater, Pritchard, Rankin, Roebuck, Rosenbaum, Schulte, Scrimshire, Scroggin, Seawel, R. Smith, Stovall, Sullivan, Sumpter, J. Taylor, Thomas, Thomason, Thyer, Verkamp, Walters, Weaver, White, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

Total93

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Dickinson, Dobbins, Harris, Moore, Penix, C. Taylor.

Total6

VOTING PRESENT: Ormond.

Total1

Total number of votes cast94

Total number voting in the affirmative93

Necessary to the adoption of the emergency clause.....67

So the Emergency Clause was adopted.

Upon motion of Representative Cleveland the House recessed at 10:37 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

ENROLLED AND DELIVERY TO GOVERNOR REPORTS

Little Rock, Arkansas
December 19, 2003

MR. SPEAKER:

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1022 BY REPRESENTATIVE WEAVER

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 12:33 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:

TIME: 12:33 p.m.

/s/ Mike Huckabee - Governor
By: Stacy D. Jarnett

HOUSE BILLS ORDERED TRANSMITTED TO THE SENATE AS PASSED

HOUSE BILL NO. 1007 BY REPRESENTATIVE PICKETT
HOUSE BILL NO. 1028 BY REPRESENTATIVE BOND
HOUSE BILL NO. 1051 BY REPRESENTATIVE CREEKMORE

SENATE BILLS ORDERED RETURNED TO THE SENATE AS PASSED

SENATE BILL NO. 5 BY SENATOR BISBEE

SENATE BILLS ORDERED RETURNED TO THE SENATE AS PASSED
EMERGENCY CLAUSE HAVING FAILED OF ADOPTION

SENATE BILL NO. 28 BY SENATOR ARGUE

ARKANSAS SENATE
SENATE BILLS RECEIVED FROM SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 35 BY SENATOR MADISON

The House reconvened at 3:05 p.m.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1064

BY: REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF DISTANCE LEARNING TO ALL STUDENTS 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. 1065

BY: REPRESENTATIVES J. JOHNSON, WOOD, WALTERS, ELLIOTT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT ALL TEACHERS IN THE STATE RECEIVE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUAL TEACHER SALARIES AND BENEFITS; 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. 1066

BY: REPRESENTATIVES SUMPTER, KING, EDWARDS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAKE HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES; TO REQUIRE A STATE CONTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1067

BY: REPRESENTATIVES PATE, STOVALL

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A BONUS TO BE AWARDED TO CLASSROOM TEACHERS BASED ON TEACHER ATTENDANCE ON DAYS OF SCHEDULED CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION; 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. 1010

BY: REPRESENTATIVE KING

CONGRATULATING THE 2003 SIX-AA CONFERENCE FOOTBALL CHAMPION BARTON BEARS.

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.

SENATE BILL NO. 28

BY: SENATORS ARGUE, BISBEE, BRYLES, GULLETT, BAKER, WHITAKER

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE EXISTING PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM; TO ESTABLISH THE POWERS AND TIES OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 35

BY: SENATOR MADISON

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE LARGER SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO VOLUNTARILY MERGE WITH SMALLER SCHOOL DISTRICTS; CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERIM BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

Upon motion of Representative Gillespie, the House adjourned at 3:07 p.m. until 1:30 p.m., Monday, December 22, 2003.

ATTEST:

Herschel W. Cleveland
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Jo Renshaw
Chief Clerk

