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ARKANSAS SENATE
89TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS



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**SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS
SENATE CHAMBER
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION**

Little Rock, Arkansas
Tuesday, January 15, 2013

The Senate was called to order at 10:00 o'clock a.m. by the President.

The Secretary called the roll, and the following members answered to roll call:

BLEDSON, BOOKOUT, BURNETT, CALDWELL,
CHEATHAM, CHESTERFIELD, CLARK, DISMANG,
ELLIOTT, ENGLISH, FILES, FLOWERS, HENDREN,
HESTER, HICKEY, HOLLAND, HUTCHINSON, INGRAM,
IRVIN, JOHNSON, KEY, KING, LAMOUREUX, LINDSEY,
MALOCH, PIERCE, RAPERT, SAMPLE, SANDERS,
STUBBLEFIELD, TEAGUE, THOMPSON, WILLIAMS,
WOOD, WYATT.

The Senate was led in prayer by Senator Cecile Bledsoe.

The Senate was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Lieutenant Governor Mark Darr.

Senator Burnett moved to dispense with the reading of the Journal.

On motion of Senator Williams, **Senate Bill No. 15** was withdrawn from the Committee on EDUCATION, and placed back on second reading for purpose of Amendment No. 1.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
Amendment No. 1 to SENATE BILL NO. 15

Amend **Senate Bill No. 15** as originally introduced:

Add Representative House as a cosponsor.

(SIGNED) EDDIE JOE WILLIAMS

The Amendment was read for the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and adopted.

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 15 was ordered engrossed.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

January 15, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on ENGROSSED BILLS, to whom was referred:

SENATE BILL NO. 15, BY SENATOR EDDIE JOE WILLIAMS

beg leave to report that we have carefully compared the engrossed copy with the original and we find the same correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR BILL SAMPLE
CHAIRMAN

On motion of Senator Williams, **Senate Bill No. 15** was ordered re-referred to the Committee on EDUCATION.

On motion of Senator Wyatt, **Senate Bill No. 1** was called up for third reading and final disposition.

SENATE BILL NO. 1
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
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-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2013; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Senate Bill No. 1 was placed on third reading and final disposition, the question being: Shall the Bill pass?

The Secretary called the roll, and the following members voted:

AFFIRMATIVE: Bledsoe, Bookout, Burnett, Caldwell, E. Cheatham, L. Chesterfield, A. Clark, J. Dismang, Elliott, J. English, Files, S. Flowers, J. Hendren, Hester, Hickey, Holland, J. Hutchinson, K. Ingram, Irvin, D. Johnson, J. Key, B. King, M. Lamoureux, U. Lindsey, Maloch, B. Pierce, Rapert, B. Sample, D. Sanders, G. Stubblefield, Teague, R. Thompson, E. Williams, J. Woods, D. Wyatt.

Total35

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:

Total0

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast35

Necessary to the passage of the bill27

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

There being an emergency clause attached to **Senate Bill No. 1**, the President ordered the Secretary to call the roll upon the adoption of the emergency clause.

The Secretary called the roll, and the following members voted:

AFFIRMATIVE: Bledsoe, Bookout, Burnett, Caldwell, E. Cheatham, L. Chesterfield, A. Clark, J. Dismang, Elliott, J. English, Files, S. Flowers, J. Hendren, Hester, Hickey, Holland, J. Hutchinson, K. Ingram, Irvin, D. Johnson, J. Key, B. King, M. Lamoureux, U. Lindsey, Maloch, B. Pierce, Rapert, B. Sample, D. Sanders, G. Stubblefield, Teague, R. Thompson, E. Williams, J. Woods, D. Wyatt.

Total 35

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:

Total0

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast35

Necessary to the adoption of the Emergency Clause24

So the Emergency Clause was adopted.

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 1 was ordered immediately transmitted to the House.

On motion of Senator Williams, House Concurrent Resolution No. 1001 was called up for third reading and final disposition.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1001
 EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 REGULAR SESSION
 BY: REPRESENTATIVE CARTER

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION FOR A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE AT 10:30 A.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2013, IN THE HOUSE CHAMBER, TO DECLARE ELECTION RESULTS AND TO HEAR AN ADDRESS BY THE HONORABLE MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 1001 was read the third time and concurred in.

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

House Concurrent Resolution No. 1001 was ordered immediately returned to the House as concurred in.

The President declared the morning hour to have expired.

On motion of Senator Lamoureux the Senate recessed until ten minutes after conclusion of Joint Session.

Received from the House

HOUSE BILL NO. 1001
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
BY: REPRESENTATIVE CARTER

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED: AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES, PAY EXPENSES OF MEMBERS, PAY SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES, PAY FOR SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE ARKANSAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY- NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2013; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

House Bill No. 1001 was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and placed on the Calendar.

Received from the House

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1002
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

BY: REPRESENTATIVE CARTER

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL RECESS ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2013, AND RECONVENE ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2013.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 1002 was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and placed on the Calendar.

JOINT SESSION

10:30 a. m.

1. Call to order by the Speaker of the House, The Honorable Davy Carter.
2. Roll Call of the Senate by the Secretary of the Senate.

BLEDSON, BOOKOUT, BURNETT, CALDWELL, CHEATHAM, CHESTERFIELD, CLARK, DISMANG, ELLIOTT, ENGLISH, FILES, FLOWERS, HENDREN, HESTER, HICKEY, HOLLAND, HUTCHINSON, INGRAM, IRVIN, JOHNSON, KEY, KING, LAMOUREUX, LINDSEY, MALOCH, PIERCE, RAPERT, SAMPLE, SANDERS, STUBBLEFIELD, TEAGUE, THOMPSON, WILLIAMS, WOOD, WYATT.

3. Electronic Roll Call of the House by the Chief Clerk.

ALEXANDER, ALTES, C. ARMSTRONG, E. ARMSTRONG, BAINE, BAIRD, BALLINGER, BALTZ, BARNETT, BELL, BIVIANO, BRAGG, BRANSCUM, BROADAWAY, BURRIS, CARNINE, CATLETT, CLEMMER, COLLINS, COPENHAVER, COZART, DALE, DAVIS, DEFFENBAUGH, DICKINSON, DOTSON, C. DOUGLAS, D. DOUGLAS, EDWARDS, EUBANKS, FARRER, FERGUSON, FIELDING, FITE, GILLAM, GOSSAGE, HAMMER, HARRIS, HAWTHORNE, HICKERSON, HILLMAN, HOBBS, HODGES, HOLCOMB, HOPPER, HOUSE, HUTCHISON, JEAN, JETT, JULIAN, KERR, KIZZIA, LAMPKIN, LEA, LEDING, LENDERMAN, LINCK, LOVE, LOWERY, MAGIE, MALONE, MAYBERRY, MCCRARY, MCELROY, MCGILL, MCLEAN, D. MEEKS, S. MEEKS, MILLER, MURDOCK, NEAL, NICKELS, OVERBEY, PAYTON, PERRY, RATLIFF, RICE, RICHEY, SABIN, SCOTT, SHEPHERD, SLINKARD, SMITH, STEEL, TALLEY, THOMPSON, VINES, WAGNER, WALKER, WARDLAW, WESTERMAN,

WHITAKER, B. WILKINS, H. WILKINS, WILLIAMS, WOMACK,
WORD, WREN, WRIGHT, MR. SPEAKER.

4. Invocation by the House Chaplain, Reverend Greg Addison, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Cabot, Arkansas.
5. House led in Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Debra M. Hobbs.
6. Speaker of the House, The Honorable Davy Carter, recognizes visiting dignitaries.
7. Speaker Davy Carter recognizes Parliamentarian Finos "Buddy" Johnson to announce the results of the General Election vote for the United States Senate, the United States Congress, Proposed Constitutional Amendments, and Ballot Issues.
8. President of the Senate, The Honorable Mark Darr, announces the following named Senate Committee appointed by Senate President Pro Tempore Michael Lamoureux:

Senator Paul Bookout, Chairperson

Senator Stephanie Flowers
 Senator Johnny Key
 Senator Linda Chesterfield
 Senator Robert Thompson
 Senator Jane English
 Senator Jonathan Dismang
 Senator David Sanders
 Senator Eddie Joe Williams
 Senator Ronald Caldwell
 Senator Missy Irvin

and Speaker Davy Carter appoints the following named House Committee:

Representative John Charles Edwards, Chairperson

Representative James McLean	Representative Andrea Lea
Representative Marshall Wright	Representative Stephanie Malone
Representative John Burris	Representative Jeremy Gillam
Representative Jonathan Barnett	Representative David L. Branscum
Representative Charlie Collins	Representative Terry Rice
Representative David Meeks	Representative Allen Kerr
Representative Matthew J. Shepherd	Representative Mary L. Slinkard
Representative David Fielding	Representative Kim Hammer
Representative Tommy Wren	Representative Duncan Baird

as the Committee to notify Governor Mike Beebe that the Joint Session is ready to receive him and to escort the Governor to the Speaker's Rostrum.

9. Speaker Davy Carter recognizes Sergeant at Arms.

10. President of the Senate, The Honorable Mark Darr presents The Honorable Mike Beebe, Governor of the State of Arkansas, for remarks.

11. Remarks by The Honorable Mike Beebe, Governor of the State of Arkansas.

Remarks as Prepared for Delivery

Mike Beebe

State of the State Address

January 15, 2013

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House and Senate, Constitutional Officers, Mr. Chief Justice, Members of the Court, and Distinguished Guests, Friends, and Fellow Arkansans:

There's been a lot written and said about how different this legislative session will be because of who you are. Term limits and redistricting have brought in many new faces, both in leadership and throughout both chambers.

There's been a lot written and said about how different this legislative session will be because of who I am. This is my 14th General Assembly as either a senator or a governor, and it will be my last. However, my instincts tell me that this session will not be that different for either of us.

We gather here for the same reasons that the previous 88 General Assemblies gathered. Our fellow Arkansans selected us and gave us the task of acting in the best interests of our fellow men and women. Our job is to show that we are up to that task, which, as always, carries with it weighty challenges, solemn responsibilities and unique opportunities.

My top priorities remain education and economic development. While we still have a lot of work to do in both areas, our accomplishments continue. For a second consecutive year, we are ranked fifth in the country for overall K-12 education. We continue to work toward bringing new jobs and investment to Arkansas, and I plan to ask your help to bring in one of the biggest projects this state has ever seen. Details on that project are still to come.

When I was sworn in as governor in 2007, I promised to attack the onerous state sales tax on groceries. With the help of three previous legislatures, the grocery tax has incrementally fallen from six percent to one-and-a-half percent. This being my last regular session, there is the urge to finish the job now. I could propose a bill to

remove the rest of this tax from our books, save the one-eighth cent placed in our Constitution by voters. However, while building the budget, it became clear that I could not make such a proposal in good conscience. With the challenges we face, I don't see room to cut this tax at this time without endangering needed services. But I still want to plan for it.

There are monies that will become available to further cut the grocery tax; we're just not sure when. Chief among these is the state's ongoing payments to Pulaski County school districts after the desegregation ruling of the 1980s. We know these payments will end; the only question is timing. I propose that we pass legislation to make grocery-tax relief the first call on this money, when it comes available. That may not be for another year, two years, or even more. But when it happens, this mechanism will be in place to make the final cut in the grocery tax and put that money into the pockets of Arkansas taxpayers.

While my proposed balanced budget covers a wide range of important state services, it is clear that Medicaid will receive the lion's share of attention, and rightfully so. During the Great Recession, we avoided the steep cuts in Medicaid services suffered by other states. Our ability to prevent budget shortfalls and to attract new jobs also improved our national ranking for per-capita income. This is a difficult ranking to improve, and while we will strive to further our progress, this accomplishment has come with a price.

Our existing Medicaid programs are funded by a combination of federal and state monies. Arkansas has paid about 25 cents of every Medicaid dollar spent here, and the feds have picked up 75 cents. That ratio is based heavily on per-capita income. Now, our improvement in those rankings has reduced that federal match from a 75-25 split to a 70-30 split. Every percentage point of our state share represents about \$50 million in general-revenue dollars. When combining that with other rising health-care costs, we calculated a Medicaid funding shortfall of about \$300 million.

The size of our shortfall has been a moving target, as costs and utilization in a program as large as Medicaid tend to fluctuate with so many components in play. Now that we're halfway through our current fiscal year, our Department of Human Services is conducting its regular review of Medicaid programs. After looming larger and larger, the size of our Medicaid shortfall does now appear to be shrinking. It's not going to vanish, but it appears it will be more manageable. Because of a number of factors, including our first-of-its kind initiative to contain health-care costs and improve quality of care, Arkansas's Medicaid program is seeing its slowest

growth in 25 years. Officials at DHS are still crunching the numbers, and we will share those numbers with you as soon as the work is complete.

We will have resources available to address this shortfall, at least in part. My proposed budget includes \$90 million dollars in new, ongoing general revenue and \$70 million in one-time surplus funds. Even after we calculate revised numbers, we will still be short of full funding for our existing Medicaid programs.

The vast majority of Arkansans who currently receive Medicaid services are either elderly nursing-home residents, disabled adults or children insured by ARKids First. There are no easy cuts to make around the margins. We will continue to fight fraud, waste and abuse, but that battle has been fought for years, and will not provide a significant new, untapped source of relief. Any cuts will adversely affect real people, fellow Arkansans who depend on the services that we provide. I assigned our Medicaid officials the wrenching task of deciding where they would cut if they had to. There were no simple answers. The proposed list they compiled is one that none of us wants to see come to fruition. It appears now that we will avoid the most painful of these cuts, including the Level 3 Nursing Home Care provided to thousands of elderly Arkansans.

There is another important discussion to be had this session about a very different group of Arkansans than the elderly, disabled and children who we currently insure under Medicaid. There are thousands of Arkansas families living in homes where one or both parents work, but where health insurance is not affordable. Very rarely do adults of working age qualify for Medicaid, and rising costs have led more companies to drop insurance coverage for employees. These families and individuals are often referred to as “the working poor,” and we have a real chance to provide them better access to health care.

Just last summer, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Affordable Care Act as constitutional. The benefits, costs and insurance mandates, that you like or dislike about the law many call “Obamacare”, will continue going into effect this year and the next. However, the Court also threw a curveball. The law includes an expansion of Medicaid to give more low-income, working Americans an option for health insurance. However, the Supreme Court determined that it is up to each individual state, not the federal government, to decide whether to accept this assistance for their citizens.

Here is what we know about expanded Medicaid. It would provide health insurance for up to 250,000 Arkansans who likely don't have affordable coverage available to

them now. For three years, beginning in 2014, the cost for insuring those Arkansans is picked up entirely by the federal government. A small state share kicks in beginning in 2017, and rises for three more years to a maximum of 10% in 2020. Benefits for some clients who currently receive Medicaid will shift from our current 30% share to the more generous federal-state split that accompanies expansion. The result would be immediate savings in existing general revenue. That savings could be utilized to further prevent cuts in other, current Medicaid services.

While the Affordable Care Act has new requirements for larger businesses to offer insurance and enroll employees, there are no such requirements for businesses with fewer than 50 employees. Ninety-five percent of Arkansas companies fall into this small-business category, and many of them do not or cannot offer insurance to their employees. This means that many Arkansas workers will have no affordable options open to them without expanded Medicaid.

Currently, Arkansas is ranked as one of the best places in the country to start and maintain a small business. If we have no insurance options available for our low-income workers, while more and more other states add those options, it will make us less business-friendly in comparison. Available health care has always been an important component in economic development.

Speaking of jobs, there are 40,000 Arkansans employed by hospitals in our state, and tens of thousands more work in other areas of health care. Many of these workers are seeing their hospitals struggle under increased financial pressure, and we have before us an opportunity to ease that pressure for our hospitals, and for ourselves.

If you already have private health insurance, you are paying a tax that was never approved by any government or voted on by our citizens. This is the hidden tax of uncompensated care. The tens of millions of Americans who don't have health insurance still get sick. And they still go to the hospital, usually to the more expensive emergency rooms. Hospitals don't turn away people in pain; they help them, even knowing that the bills accrued will likely go unpaid. Those costs often shift to other services and eventually manifest themselves in higher costs for health

insurance. A 2009 study found that Arkansas families with health insurance pay an estimated \$1,500 in their premiums every year to treat the uninsured.

Hospitals also bear the burden of uncompensated care costs, some strapped to the point where their ability to stay open comes into question. And the struggle our hospitals face is about to get tougher still. Restructuring of Medicare payments under the Affordable Care Act will mean even less money for providers. Without help, some of our hospitals in Arkansas, particularly rural hospitals, could be forced to close. This would be devastating to our small towns, both for the care of their residents and for their future economic prospects.

That doesn't need to happen. The money is available; it's our decision whether to use it. Expanded Medicaid can keep hospitals open and operational. It can give 250,000 Arkansans the chance to lead healthier, more productive lives. It can ease uncompensated care and relieve the hidden tax we all pay. It will create additional private-sector health-care jobs. We just have to say yes.

Are you worried about the eventual state share of that cost? I am, too. So I had our Medicaid officials do the math. They factored in the projected impact to current Medicaid services and looked at where the reduced uncompensated care will free up more existing funding. Using very conservative calculations, they also examined how the hundreds of millions of federal dollars being injected into our economy will bolster our other revenues. At our peak share, when the State starts picking up ten percent of the cost in 2020, the estimated annual impact to our general revenue budget is less than five million dollars a year.

Are you worried about our national debt? I am, too. I've been talking about it for years, pining for the days when a Democratic President from Arkansas and a Republican Congress came together to give us budget surpluses and put us on a path to eliminate our national debt. Those days are long gone, and something needs to be done. But it needs to be done in Washington, not here. We balance our budgets, and we don't need to sacrifice our share of federal money to other states. Refusing money to help our people may make a statement to the federal government, but will cost us more at home, will jeopardize the health of our fellow Arkansans and won't solve the problems of our national counterparts.

I've made my case for Medicaid expansion. I will continue to do so, and my administration will share whatever Medicaid information we have. The final say, however, will be yours. I hope you'll talk with your constituents and make the best

decision for Arkansas.

There are many other decisions we still must make this session. We'll ensure that our schools have adequate funding to continue our push toward excellence. A recent State Supreme Court ruling raises serious questions about the long-term path of Arkansas education policy, and it may require us to act legislatively in the short term. We've asked the Court to revisit the matter, and we'll see what they decide.

As we remain mindful of our men and women in uniform protecting us at home and abroad, we can take steps to help military families who find themselves stationed in Arkansas. I am supporting legislation to join an interstate education compact to give incoming students of these families a smoother transition into our schools. Many military spouses want to contribute to the workforce while they're here, and have professionally licensed skills to offer. We'll also have a bill to help get them licensed and ready to work in Arkansas.

My proposed budget reflects our economy's continued recovery. We were able to budget new general revenue money to address education and the Medicaid shortfall. Otherwise, there are few increases in my budget. There is money to restore tanker contracts for our Forestry Commission to help with the next fire season. We will shore up Department of Correction funding that has relied too heavily on rainy-day funds in recent years. Our goal of equity between our higher-education institutions will further be addressed. And, I am proposing a modest two percent cost-of-living adjustment for our state employees after they lost their proposed adjustment in the 2011 session. While a small number of key issues will draw the most attention, we must be aware that our entire State will need our continued stewardship.

We continue to watch the bar move ever lower for efficient and effective government in Washington, D.C. Constant rancor and division show us that those who make cooperation and bipartisanship impossible only make gridlock and resentment inevitable. Endless Congressional budget battles result in half-measures that barely address problems and delay real solutions until the next big fight. That next fight will likely come while we are here in session. We must resolve not to let Washington's animosity seep in and poison our well of civil discourse. Arkansas cannot change the way things are done in D.C., but we can continue to set the example of how men and women with differing views can still come together in the best interests of our citizens.

During my years as governor, I've spoken time and again about the intangible changes we're seeing in Arkansas. How our sense of who we are as a people

continues to evolve. How our fellow Americans and the rest of the world view us in a different light.

We've made progress while others have struggled just to hold steady. Our years of fiscally conservative budgeting have kept our challenges manageable, rather than unthinkable. We are no longer an afterthought for Fortune 500 companies looking to invest or international businesses seeking a North American hub.

It is imperative that we not stop now. Our investments in our State and in our people are paying dividends. You stand on the shoulders of all the Arkansans who sat in those seats before you. They came, as you have, from every part of this state, walking in these doors with varied backgrounds and intentions. Yet, whether they were Democrat or Republican, from North Arkansas or South Arkansas, representing a rural district or an urban district, they've come together through communication and cooperation to serve our people. Their history is yours to continue, just as the history you make will inspire future Legislatures.

We will keep our budgets balanced, remain focused on education and economic development and give our people opportunities to find prosperity, support and peace of mind. The legacy we build here in this Capitol will lay a stronger foundation on which we'll all build Arkansas's destiny. Let no one doubt our resolve to do our duty to those we serve today, and to remain good stewards of our State for our posterity.

The Senate reconvened after recess. The Secretary called the roll, and a quorum was present.

SENATE BILL NO. 38

EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

BY: SENATORS J. HUTCHINSON, BLEDSOE, CALDWELL, A. CLARK, J. DISMANG, HESTER, HICKEY, HOLLAND, IRVIN, J. KEY, B. KING, MALOCH, RAPERT, D. SANDERS, G. STUBBLEFIELD, TEAGUE,

E. WILLIAMS & J. WOODS

A Bill for an Act to be Entitled: AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT APPLICANTS FOR AND RECIPIENTS OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS BE TESTED FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Senate Bill No. 38 was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR.

SENATE BILL NO. 39
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
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 REAL ESTATE COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Senate Bill No. 39 was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

SENATE BILL NO. 40
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
BY: SENATOR B. SAMPLE

A Bill for an Act to be Entitled: AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE LAW CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE

RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Senate Bill No. 40 was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on JOINT RETIREMENT & SOCIAL SECURITY.

SENATE BILL NO. 41
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
BY: SENATOR B. SAMPLE

A Bill for an Act to be Entitled: AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE LAW CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS FIRE AND POLICE PENSION REVIEW BOARD; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Senate Bill No. 41 was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on JOINT RETIREMENT & SOCIAL SECURITY.

SENATE BILL NO. 42
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
BY: SENATOR MALOCH

A Bill for an Act to be Entitled: AN ACT TO EXTEND THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN UNTIL

2015; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Senate Bill No. 42 was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & LABOR.

**SENATE BILL NO. 43
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
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 DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Senate Bill No. 43 was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

**SENATE BILL NO. 44
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
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 OPTOMETRY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Senate Bill No. 44 was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

On motion of Senator English, **Senate Bill No. 3** was withdrawn from the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & LABOR, and placed on the Calendar.

On motion of Senator English, **Senator Bill No. 3** was ordered re-referred to the Committee on STATE AGENCIES & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

January 15, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on STATE AGENCIES & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, to whom was referred:

SENATE BILL NO. 7, BY SENATOR WILLIAMS,

beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration, and herewith return the same with the recommendation that it do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR JANE ENGLISH
CHAIRMAN

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SENATE BILL TRANSMITTED TO THE HOUSE
AS PASSED

SENATE BILL NO. 1

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RETURNED
TO THE HOUSE AS CONCURRED IN
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1001

HOUSE BILL TRANSMITTED TO THE SENATE
AS PASSED

HOUSE BILL NO. 1001

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TRANSMITTED

TO THE SENATE AS ADOPTED

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1002

On motion of Senator Lamoureux, the Senate adjourned until 1:00 p.m.,
Wednesday, January 16, 2013.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE