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

Little Rock, Arkansas

March 27, 2013

The Senate was called to order at 1:30 o'clock p.m. by the President.

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

BLED SOE, 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 Williams.

The Senate was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by the President.

On motion of Senator Burnett, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Senator Elliott, **Senate Bill No. 9** was withdrawn from the Committee on JOINT RETIREMENT & SOCIAL SECURITY, and placed back on second reading for purpose of Amendment No. 1.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. 9

Amend **Senate Bill No. 9** as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 23 through 26 and substitute:

"(9) "Child of a member" means either a:
 (A) ~~natural~~ Natural child of the member ~~or a~~;
 (B) ~~child~~ Child who has been made a child of the member by applicable court action before the death of the member;
 (C) Child of the member by marriage of the member, as defined and adopted by board rule; or
 (D) Child who lives with the member and whose primary source of support and care is provided by the member, as defined and adopted by board rule;"

(SIGNED) SENATOR JOYCE ELLIOTT

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 9 was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Elliott, **Senate Bill No. 508** was withdrawn from the Committee on EDUCATION, and placed back on second reading for purpose of Amendment No. 2.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
Amendment No. 2 to SENATE BILL NO. 508

Amend **Senate Bill No. 508** as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 11, delete "TO DECLARE AN"

AND

Page 1, line 12, delete "EMERGENCY;"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO AMEND THE PURPOSES FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH STATE CATEGORICAL FUNDING; AND TO SUPPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAMS THAT IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS."

AND

Page 2, delete lines 8 through 10 and substitute:

"(2)(1) Before-school academic programs and after-school academic programs that are either school-based or school-linked and that use research-informed, innovative strategies to integrate program content with curriculum frameworks across a variety of subject areas, including and the transportation to and from the programs;"

AND

Page 2, delete line 30 and substitute:

"funding a longer school day that uses one (1) or more of the positive youth development program activities identified under § 6-5-904(f)(4);"

AND

Page 4, line 4, delete "2013-2014" and substitute "2014-2015"

AND

Page 4, line 7, delete "funding" and substitute "funding remaining for use after any permissible transfers"

AND

Page 4, delete lines 9 through 13 and substitute:

"(2)(A) If a school in the district is identified by the department as a focus school, priority school, or school in academic distress, seventy-five percent (75%) or more of the school district's national school lunch state categorical funding allocated to the school on one (1) or more of the Category 1 programs under subdivision (b)(4)(C)(i)(b) of this section.

(B) For the purpose of this subdivision (b)(4)(C)(i)(d)(2), a school district shall allocate to each school in the school district a prorated amount of the school district's national school lunch state categorical funding based on the national school lunch student population in each school."

AND

Delete SECTION 3 of the bill in its entirety

(SIGNED) SENATOR JOYCE ELLIOTT

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 508 was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Sample, **Senate Bill No. 531** was withdrawn from the Committee on CITY, COUNTY & LOCAL AFFAIRS, and placed back on second reading for purpose of Amendment No. 3, withdraw Amendment No. 2.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
Amendment No. 3 to SENATE BILL NO. 531

Amend **Senate Bill No. 531** as engrossed, S3/18/13:

Page 1, delete lines 19 through 33, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-40-302(b)(1), concerning municipal annexation authority and exceptions, is amended to read as follows:"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 7 and 8, and substitute the following:

"(C) Are lands that do not include residents, except as agreed upon by the mayor and county judge; or"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 11 through 23, and substitute the following:

"be annexed, except as agreed upon by the mayor and county judge."

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-40-302, concerning municipal annexation authority and exceptions, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:"

AND

Page 2, line 25, delete "and reasonably compact"

(SIGNED) SENATOR BILL SAMPLE

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 531 was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Key, **Senate Bill No. 650** was withdrawn from the Committee on JOINT BUDGET, 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. 650

Amend **Senate Bill No. 650** as originally introduced:

Page 2, line 6, delete "156,864" and insert "~~156,864~~ 171,766"

And

Page 2, line 8, delete "\$145,204" and insert "~~\$145,204~~ \$158,998"

And

Page 2, line 8, delete "871,224" and insert "~~871,224~~ 953,990"

And

Page 2, line 10, delete "142,969" and insert "~~142,969~~ 156,551"

And

Page 2, line 12, delete "\$140,732" and insert "~~\$140,732~~ \$154,102"

And

Page 2, line 12, delete "1,548,052" and insert "~~1,548,052~~ 1,695,122"

And

Page 2, line 14, delete "\$136,257" and insert "~~\$136,257~~ \$149,201"

And

Page 2, line 14, delete "16,487,097" and insert "~~16,487,097~~ 18,053,321"

And

Page 2, line 34, delete "8,019,539" and insert "~~8,019,539~~
8,530,411"

And

Page 2, line 35, delete "\$38,485,197" and insert "\$38,485,197
\$40,820,614".

(SIGNED) SENATOR JOHNNY KEY

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 650 was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Clark, **Senate Bill No. 819** was withdrawn from the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, TECHNOLOGY & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, and placed back on second reading for purpose of Amendment No. 2.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
Amendment No. 2 to SENATE BILL NO. 819

Amend **Senate Bill No. 819** as engrossed, S3/18/13:

Page 1, line 31, delete "§ 27-66-401(f)(2)(B)" and substitute "§ 27-66-401(f)(2)"

AND

Page 1, delete line 32, and substitute the following:

"establishment of certain access easements, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A)(i) If the court determines at the preliminary hearing that required notices and service have been provided to the ~~respondent~~ adjoining owner who has refused the landlocked petitioner an access easement or to any other adjoining owner that has been included in the petition and the petition sufficiently demonstrates the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, the court shall appoint viewers as provided under this section.

(ii) The court shall give each party at least ten (10) business days to submit three (3) potential viewers.

(iii) The court shall give due consideration to all potential

viewers that were submitted by the parties and shall select at least one (1) of the potential viewers submitted from each party."

AND

Page 2, delete line 16, and substitute the following:
"exclusively for the purposes stated under this subsection.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 27-66-402(c), concerning the duties of viewers, is amended to read as follows:

(c) ~~If they or a majority of them~~ the viewers are of the opinion state under oath that a road ~~an access easement~~ is necessary and proper, as prayed in the petition, ~~they the viewers~~ shall lay out and describe the road access easement in a manner that produces the least inconvenience, damage, and devaluation of the property to the ~~parties through whose land the road shall pass~~ adjoining owners.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 27-66-402(d)(1), concerning the duties of viewers, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1)(A) The viewers shall make a written report under oath to the county court, describing the route of the road and the land through which it shall pass to allow location and identification of the access easement by land records, naming the owner, if known, and by decision of a majority of the viewers the damages sustained by each owner of lands through which the road passes. The damages shall include the value of each owner's land sought to be appropriated.

(B)(i) The parties shall stipulate to or dispute the report of the viewers.

(ii) Each party shall be given at least ten (10) business days to respond in writing to the viewers' report."

AND

Page 2, line 18, delete "SECTION 3." and substitute "SECTION 5."

AND

Page 2, line 29, delete "§ 27-66-401(j)" and substitute "§ 27-66-401"

AND

Delete SECTION 4 of the bill in its entirety

AND

Page 3, line 10, delete "SECTION 5." and substitute "SECTION 6."

(SIGNED) SENATOR ALAN CLARK

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 819 was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Burnett, **Senate Bill No. 820** was withdrawn from the Committee on AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, 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. 820

Amend **Senate Bill No. 820** as originally introduced:

Add Representative Hodges as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. The Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall direct the publisher of the Arkansas Code to print the following in the Appendix to Arkansas Code Title 19:

Legislative findings and intent.

(a) The General Assembly finds that the:

(1) Creation of jobs and economic growth are critical to improving the lives of the citizens of the State of Arkansas; and

(2) Arkansas Economic Development Commission has submitted for approval of the General Assembly a proposal to issue general obligation bonds of the state to provide financing for a large economic development project.

(b) The General Assembly further finds that:

(1) The proposed project between the State of Arkansas and Big River Steel, LLC is a qualified project under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 82, and the Arkansas Amendment 82 Implementation Act, § 15-4-3201 et seq.;

(2) The proposed uses of the bond proceeds described in the Amendment 82 Agreement qualify as financing for infrastructure or other needs within the meaning of Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 82, and the Arkansas Amendment 82 Implementation Act, § 15-4-3201 et seq.; and

(3) Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 82, authorizes the General Assembly to issue bonds bearing the full faith and credit of the State of Arkansas if the prospective employer planning an economic development project is eligible under the criteria established by law.

(c) This act is intended to authorize:

(1) The issuance of bonds under the authority granted to the General Assembly under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 82; and

(2) Under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 82, and the Arkansas Amendment 82 Implementation Act, § 15-4-3201 et seq., the execution and implementation of the Amendment 82 Agreement and other provisions necessary to carry out the Amendment 82 Agreement.

(d) As provided under the Arkansas Amendment 82 Implementation Act, § 15-4-3201 et seq., this act includes the:

(1) Authorization for the issuance of bonds bearing the full faith and credit of the State of Arkansas as authorized under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 82;

(2) Authorization of the agreement between the State of Arkansas and the Big River Steel, LLC;

(3) Creation of a sales tax exemption for natural gas and electricity for Big River Steel, LLC; and

(4) Extension of the waste reduction, reuse, or recycling equipment tax credit.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. The Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall direct the publisher of the Arkansas Code to print the following in the Appendix to Arkansas Code Title 19:

Big River Steel Project bonds issued under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 82.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Amendment 82 Agreement" means the unexecuted document titled "Amendment 82 Agreement between the State of Arkansas and Big River Steel, LLC" submitted to the General Assembly and as found in Section 8 of this act; and

(2) "Project" means the acquisition, development, construction, and operation of a mini-mill steel manufacturing facility by Big River Steel, LLC, on a site in Mississippi County, Arkansas, that is identified more specifically in the Amendment 82 Agreement.

(b)(1) The General Assembly finds that the project qualifies as a large economic development project for which the issuance of general obligation bonds is authorized under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 82, and the Arkansas Amendment 82 Implementation Act, § 15-4-3201 et seq., and is of the nature intended by the electors of the state to be financed with bonds under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 82.

(2) The General Assembly approves the terms of the Amendment 82 Agreement between the State of Arkansas and Big River Steel, LLC, and authorizes the execution of the Amendment 82 Agreement in substantially the same form as presented to the General Assembly but with such changes as shall be approved by the officers executing the Amendment 82 Agreement on behalf of the state.

(c)(1) The General Assembly authorizes the Arkansas Development Finance Authority to issue general obligation bonds of the State of Arkansas in an amount not to exceed one hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$125,000,000) in the aggregate.

(2) The bonds authorized under subdivision (c)(1) of this section:

(A) Are direct general obligations of the State of Arkansas;

(B) Bear the full faith and credit of the State of Arkansas; and

(C) Are payable from gross general revenues or special revenues appropriated by the General Assembly.

(d) The authority shall issue the bonds in accordance with the Arkansas Amendment 82 Implementation Act, § 15-4-3201 et seq.

(e)(1) The Arkansas Economic Development Commission and the authority may implement the Amendment 82 Agreement consistent with this act, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 82, and the Arkansas Amendment 82 Implementation Act, § 15-4-3201 et seq.

(2) If a provision of this act or of the Amendment 82 Agreement conflicts with any provision of the Arkansas Amendment 82 Implementation Act, § 15-4-3201 et seq., the provisions of this act and the provisions of the Amendment 82 Agreement control.

SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. The Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall direct the publisher of the Arkansas Code to print the following in the Appendix to Arkansas Code Title 19:

Sections 4 through 7 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the "Amendment 82 Big River Steel Project Tax Provisions".

SECTION 4. DO NOT CODIFY. The Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall direct the publisher of the Arkansas Code to print the following in the Appendix to Arkansas Code Title 19:

Definitions.

As used in sections 4 through 7 of this act:

(1) "Invested" includes, but is not limited to, expenditures made from the proceeds of bonds, including interim notes or other evidence of indebtedness, issued by a municipality, county, or an agency or instrumentality of a municipality, county, or the State of Arkansas, if the obligation to repay the bonds, including interest thereon, is a legally binding obligation, directly or indirectly, of the taxpayer;

(2) "Production, processing, and testing equipment" includes machinery and equipment essential for the receiving, storing, processing, and testing of raw materials and the production, storage, testing, and shipping of finished products, and facilities for the production of steam, electricity, chemicals, and other materials that are essential to the manufacturing process but which are consumed in the manufacturing process and do not become essential components of the finished product; and

(3) "Qualified manufacturer of steel" means any natural person, company, or corporation, and any holding company of any of the foregoing, engaged in the manufacture, refinement, or processing of steel whenever more than fifty percent (50%) of the electricity or more than fifty percent (50%) of the natural gas consumed in the manufacture, refinement, or processing of steel is used to power an electric arc furnace or furnaces or continuous casting equipment in connection with the melting, continuous casting, or rolling of steel or in the preheating of steel for processing through a rolling mill or rolling mills, or both.

SECTION 5. DO NOT CODIFY. The Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall direct the publisher of the Arkansas Code to print the following in the Appendix to Arkansas Code Title 19:

Certification required.

(a) To claim the benefits of this act, a taxpayer must obtain a certification prior to March 31, 2016, from the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission certifying to the Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and Administration that the taxpayer:

(1) Is a qualified manufacturer of steel;

(2) Operates a steel mill in Arkansas which began production after January 1, 2013;

(3) Has invested after January 1, 2013, and prior to December 31, 2015, more than five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) in the steel mill, and the investment expenditure is for one (1) or more of the following:

(A) Property purchased for use in the construction of a building or buildings or any addition or improvement thereon to house the steel mill;

(B)(i) Machinery and equipment to be located in or in connection with the steel mill.

(ii) Motor vehicles of a type subject to registration shall not be considered as machinery and equipment; and

(C) Project planning costs or construction labor costs, including:

(i) On-site direct labor and supervision, whether employed by a contractor or the project owner;

(ii) Architectural fees or engineering fees, or both;

(iii) Right-of-way purchases;

(iv) Utility extensions;

(v) Site preparation;

(vi) Parking lots;

(vii) Disposal or containment systems;

(viii) Water and sewer treatment systems;

(ix) Rail spurs;

(x) Streets and roads;

(xi) Purchase of mineral rights;

(xii) Land;

- (xiii) Buildings;
- (xiv) Building renovation;
- (xv) Production, processing, and testing equipment;
- (xvi) Drainage systems;
- (xvii) Water tanks and reservoirs;
- (xviii) Storage facilities;
- (xix) Equipment rental;
- (xx) Contractor's cost-plus fees;
- (xxi) Builders' risk insurance;
- (xxii) Original spare parts;
- (xxiii) Job administrative expenses;
- (xxiv) Office furnishings and equipment;
- (xxv) Rolling stock; and
- (xxvi) Capitalized start-up costs related to the construction as

recognized by generally accepted accounting principles;

(4) Employs at least three hundred (300) individuals in the management, operations, and maintenance of the steel mill prior to December 31, 2016; and

(5) Pays wages equal to or in excess of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) per year per employee.

(b) To continue to claim the benefits of this act after December 31, 2016, a taxpayer must obtain an annual additional certification from the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission certifying to the Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and Administration that the taxpayer meets the requirements of subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 6. DO NOT CODIFY. The Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall direct the publisher of the Arkansas Code to print the following in the Appendix to Arkansas Code Title 19:

Exemption from taxes.

Beginning on the date that production begins, sales of natural gas and electricity to a qualified manufacturer of steel that is certified under Section 5 of this act shall be exempt from the gross receipts tax levied by the Arkansas Gross Receipts Act of 1941, Arkansas Code § 26-52-101, et seq., the Arkansas Compensating Tax Act of 1949, Arkansas Code § 26-53-101 et seq., and any other state or local tax administered under those acts.

SECTION 7. DO NOT CODIFY. The Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall direct the publisher of the Arkansas Code to print the following in the Appendix to Arkansas Code Title 19:

Recycling tax credits.

(a)(1) A qualified manufacturer of steel that has been certified under Section 2 of this act after January 1, 2013, and prior to December 31, 2020, and that has qualified for the income tax credit for the purchase of waste reduction, reuse, or recycling equipment provided by Arkansas Code § 26-51-506, may carry forward any unused income tax credit earned under § 26-51-506 for a period of fourteen (14) consecutive years following the taxable year in which the credit originated.

(2) Income tax credits that would otherwise expire during that period shall be claimed first.

(b)(1) As used in subdivision (a)(1) of this section, the term "waste reduction, reuse, or recycling equipment" as defined in § 26-51-506 shall include production, processing, and testing equipment used to manufacture products containing recovered materials.

(2) The provisions of § 26-51-506(d)(4) shall not apply.

(3) However, the qualified manufacturer of steel shall make a good faith effort to use recovered materials containing Arkansas post-consumer waste as a part of the materials used.

(c)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (c)(2) of this section, the refund provisions of Arkansas Code § 26-51-506(f) shall not apply to a qualified manufacturer of steel that

has been certified under Section 5 of this act.

(2) The qualified manufacturer of steel shall refund the amount of the tax credit allowed under subsection (b) of this section if within three (3) years of the taxable year in which the credit originated:

(A)(i) The waste reduction, reuse, or recycling equipment is removed from Arkansas, disposed of, or transferred to another person, or the qualified manufacturer of steel otherwise ceases to use the required materials or operate in accordance with § 26-51-506 or this section.

(ii) Reorganization transactions, changes of ownership and control, and sales and transfers of waste reduction, reuse, or recycling equipment among affiliates which do not constitute sales or transfers to a third-party purchaser shall not be considered disposals, transfers, or cessations of use for purposes of § 26-51-506 or this section; or

(B) The Director of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality finds that the qualified manufacturer of steel has operated the waste reduction, reuse, or recycling equipment in a manner which demonstrates a pattern of intentional failure to comply with final administrative or judicial orders which clearly indicates a disregard for environmental regulation.

(3) If the provisions of subsection (c) of this section apply, the qualified manufacturer of steel shall refund the amount of the allowed tax credit claimed by the qualified manufacturer of steel which exceeds the following amounts:

(A) Within the first taxable year, zero dollars (\$0.00);

(B) Within the second taxable year, an amount equal to thirty-three percent (33%) of the amount of credit allowed; and

(C) Within the third taxable year, an amount equal to sixty-seven percent (67%) of the credit allowed.

(4) Any refund required by subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this section shall apply only to the credit given for the particular waste reduction, reuse, or recycling equipment to which that subdivision applies.

(5) A qualified manufacturer of steel that is required to refund part of a credit pursuant to this section shall no longer be eligible to carry forward any amount of that credit which had not been used as of the date the refund is required.

(6) A qualified manufacturer of steel aggrieved by a decision of the Director of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality under this section may appeal to the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission through administrative procedures adopted by the commission and to the courts in the manner provided in Arkansas Code §§ 8-4-222 — 8-4-229.

(d) In the case of a qualified manufacturer of steel that is one (1) of the following, the amount of the credit determined for any taxable year shall be apportioned between the estate or trust and the beneficiaries on the basis of the income of the estate or trust allocable to each, and any beneficiary to whom any amount has been apportioned under this act shall be allowed, subject to the limitations contained in this act, a credit under this act for that amount:

(1) A proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company, or other business organization treated as a proprietorship or partnership for tax purposes, the amount of the credit determined under this act for any taxable year shall be apportioned to each proprietor, partner, member, or other owner in proportion to the amount of income from the entity which the proprietor, partner, member, or other owner is required to include in gross income or as otherwise provided for in the applicable ownership or operating agreements if at least one of the proprietor, partner, member or other owner of the organization is a public retirement system of the State of Arkansas;

(2) A Subchapter S corporation, the amount of credit determined shall be apportioned to each Subchapter S corporation shareholder in proportion to the amount of income from the entity which the Subchapter S corporation shareholder is required to include as gross income or as otherwise provided for in the applicable ownership or operating agreements if at least one of the proprietor, partner, member or other owner of

the organization is a public retirement system of the State of Arkansas; or
(3) An estate or trust.

SECTION 8. DO NOT CODIFY. The Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall direct the publisher of the Arkansas Code to print the following in the Appendix to Arkansas Code Title 19:

Amendment 82 Agreement Between The State Of Arkansas And Big River Steel, LLC.

AMENDMENT 82 AGREEMENT

Between

THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

And

BIG RIVER STEEL, LLC

Dated as of
MARCH ____, 2013

AMENDMENT 82 AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDMENT 82 AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between the State of Arkansas (the “State”); and Big River Steel, LLC, a limited liability company organized pursuant to the laws of the State of Delaware (the “Sponsor”).

W-I-T-N-E-S-S-E-T-H

For valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

1. Definitions. For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms and variations thereof (including the singular, plural, and possessive and the past, present, and future tense) shall have the following meanings:

“Act” shall mean and refer to the Arkansas Amendment 82 Implementation Act, A.C.A. § 15-4-3201 et seq., as amended through 2012.

“Actual Project Capital Expenditures” shall mean and refer to the total of: (a) the Qualifying Site Preparation Costs, including Piling Costs, and the Infrastructure Costs actually invested by, or on behalf of, the Sponsor at the Project Site; and (b) any amounts paid by or received from the City of Osceola, Arkansas or Mississippi County, Arkansas with respect to the acquisition and lease of the Project Site.

“Advantage Arkansas Agreement” shall mean and refer to a Financial Incentive Agreement with the State for job creation tax credits as required pursuant to A.C.A. § 15-4-2705.

“Advantage Arkansas Program” shall mean and refer to the job creation tax credit program established by the Consolidated Incentive Act.

“Agreement” shall mean and refer to this Amendment 82 Agreement.

“Amendment 82” shall mean and refer to Amendment 82 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas of 1874.

“Amendment 82 Financing” shall mean and refer to the funds to be provided by the State to, or for the benefit of, the Sponsor pursuant to the Grants and the Incentive Loan and the funds allocated to the reasonable and necessary closing costs and expenses of the State.

“Amendment 82 Requirements” shall mean and refer to the provisions of Amendment 82 and the Act, and other requirements imposed by legislation approving this Agreement.

“Announced Controlling Party” shall mean and refer to the Person who shall be proposed to be the successor to the Sponsor with respect to the Project following a Change of Control Event.

“Authority” shall mean and refer to the Arkansas Development Finance Authority or any other agency of the State which succeeds by statutory enactment to the rights and obligations assigned to the Authority pursuant to this Agreement.

“Bonds” shall mean and refer to the general obligation bonds issued by the State pursuant to the Amendment 82 Requirements in an amount not exceeding One Hundred Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000.00) for the Amendment 82 Financing.

“Capital Commitments” shall mean and refer to: (a) the written commitments obtained by the Sponsor for private equity investments; (b) various other forms of capital including term loans and working capital financing; (c) written commitments obtained by the Sponsor for infrastructure; (c) incentives from the State including the Amendment 82 Financing and the incentives described in Section 8, but not those incentives described in Sections 9 and 10; (d) other incentives including amounts paid by or received from the City of Osceola, Arkansas or Mississippi County, Arkansas with respect to the acquisition and lease of the Project Site; and (e) other forms of financing, exclusive of the Amendment 82 Financing.

“Capital Commitment Documents” shall mean and refer to any documents evidencing the Capital Commitments and any such other documents, records, and other information as are reasonably necessary to describe the nature, terms and conditions, and amount or value of the Capital Commitments.

“Change of Control Event” shall have the meaning set forth in the Inter-Creditor Agreement that, when taken as a whole, is no less favorable to the State than a definition which includes the following events: (a) the sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Project to a Non-related Entity; and (b) all such other events as may be defined in the Inter-Creditor Agreement.

“Chief Fiscal Officer” shall have the meaning set forth in the Act.

“Closing Date” shall mean and refer to the date of the issuance of the Bonds.

“Commission” shall mean and refer to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission or any other agency of the State which succeeds by statutory enactment to the rights and obligations assigned to the Commission pursuant to this Agreement.

“Compensation Target” shall mean and refer to an average annual compensation with respect to the Direct Positions and Independent Direct Positions designated by the Sponsor of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) per year, excluding any non-cash benefits.

“Confidential Business Information” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 15.

“Consolidated Incentive Act” shall mean and refer to the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003, A.C.A. § 15-4-2701 et seq., as amended.

“Department” shall mean and refer to the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration.

“Development Plan” shall mean and refer to the plans attached to Exhibit 1.

“Direct Positions” shall mean and refer to those employees: (a) who shall be designated by the Sponsor; (b) who shall hold Full Time Positions; and (c) who shall work directly for the Sponsor or a Related Entity at the Facility or on the Project Site.

“Employment Target” shall mean and refer to at least five hundred twenty-five (525) New Full Time Positions through either Direct Positions or Independent Direct Positions at the Facility or on the Project Site.

“Escrow Account” shall mean and refer to any interest earning escrow account administered by the Escrow Agent pursuant to an Escrow Agreement.

“Escrow Agent” shall mean and refer to any Person appointed by the State as an escrow agent with respect to funds or items to be held or disbursed by the State pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

“Escrow Agreement” shall mean and refer to any escrow agreement with any Escrow Agent.

“Exhibit” shall mean and refer to an exhibit specifically referred to in this Agreement that shall be either attached to this Agreement or delivered by a Party in conjunction with the execution and delivery of this Agreement.

“Facility” shall mean and refer to the Mini Mill steel manufacturing facility and all related buildings and infrastructure to be acquired, developed, constructed, and operated at the Project Site as generally described in the Development Plan.

“Financial Incentive Agreement” shall mean and refer to the financial incentive agreements described in the Consolidated Incentive Act.

“Full Time Position” shall mean, when referring to a position or job, a position or job filled for at least nine (9) months during a calendar year with an average of at least thirty (30) hours of work each week.

“General Assembly” shall mean and refer to the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State.

“Governmental Authority” shall mean and refer to any executive, legislative, or judicial branch, or any agency, department, board, commission, council, court, tribunal, official, task force, or other authority exercising governmental powers of the United States of America or the State.

“Governor” shall mean and refer to the Governor of the State.

“Grants” shall mean and refer collectively to the cash grant for Qualifying Site Preparation Costs as described in Section 6.2 and the cash grant for Piling Costs as described in Section 6.3.

“Incentive Loan” shall mean and refer to the loan of money as described in Section 6.4.

“Incentive Loan Collateral” shall mean and refer to that part of the Infrastructure described in Exhibit 2 and all accessions, substitutions, and replacements thereto or thereof, whether now owned or hereafter acquired and all proceeds thereof whether of the same or different class.

“Incentive Loan Documents” shall mean and refer to the promissory note, security agreement, mortgage, financing statement, fixture statement, and other documents entered into between the Authority and the Sponsor with respect to the Incentive Loan.

“Independent Direct Positions” shall mean and refer to those employees and independent contractors of Non-related Entities who shall be designated by the Sponsor and who hold Full Time Positions at the Facility or on the Project Site with the primary objective of providing any of the following products and services necessary to the operation, maintenance, or repair of any part of the Project: (1) slag handling operations; (2) oxygen and hydrogen production operations; (3) roll shop operations; (4) maintenance shop operations; (5) scrap handling and processing operations; (6) material management operations; (7) logistic operations; (8) site maintenance; or (9) any other support services at the Facility or on the Project Site as approved by the Commission.

“Infrastructure” shall mean and refer to the buildings, fixtures, machinery, and equipment acquired, developed, constructed, and operated at the Project Site and includes the Facility.

“Infrastructure Costs” shall mean and refer to the costs and expenses paid or incurred by, on behalf of, the Sponsor with respect to the acquisition, development, construction of the Infrastructure at the Project Site, but shall not include any amounts paid by or received from the City of Osceola, Arkansas or Mississippi County, Arkansas.

“Inter-Creditor Agreement” shall mean and refer to the inter-creditor agreement among the Authority and all Senior Term Lenders to the Project and all other Persons who may claim any interest in the Incentive Loan Collateral and certain other Persons.

“Investment Requirement” shall mean and refer to the obligation of the Sponsor, as described in this Agreement, to make a minimum capital investment of One Billion Twenty-three Million Five Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$1,023,590,000.00) in Actual Project Capital Expenditures.

“Investment Threshold” shall mean and refer to the investment by the Sponsor of a minimum of Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00) in Actual Project Capital Expenditures for the use and benefit of the Project at the Project Site.

“Joint Marketing Agreement” shall mean and refer to the joint marketing agreement to be entered into between the Commission and the Sponsor prior to the Closing Date.

“Letter of Commitment” shall mean and refer to the letter of commitment entered into pursuant to the Amendment 82 Requirements between the Commission and the Sponsor as of January 28, 2013.

“Mini Mill” shall mean and refer to the steel manufacturing facility to be acquired, developed, constructed, and operated at the Project Site as generally described in the Development Plan.

“New Full Time Position” shall mean and refer to a permanent Full Time Position at the Facility or the Project Site that was created after the date of this Agreement.

“Non-related Entity” shall mean and refer to any Person that shall not meet the definition of a Related Entity.

“Office of Economic and Tax Policy” shall mean and refer to the Office of Economic and Tax Policy of the Arkansas Bureau of Legislative Research.

“Party” shall mean and refer to either or both of the State and the Sponsor.

“Person” shall mean and refer to any Party, individual, entity, corporation, company, association, limited liability company, joint venture, general partnership, limited partnership, organization, Governmental Authority, revocable trust, irrevocable trust, estate, personal representative, executor, trustee, receiver, liquidator, or other person.

“Piling Costs” shall mean and refer to those Qualifying Site Preparation Costs directly related to that part of the Facility on which the Mini Mill shall be situated and that shall be necessary for subsurface stabilization of the Mini Mill. “Piling Costs” include costs and expenses related to piling, subsurface stabilization, engineering, grading, footers, dewatering, excavation and foundation preparation, all installation, material and labor costs and expenses directly related to the foregoing, and all other necessary subsurface stabilization costs and expenses incidental to the Piling Costs.

“Position Creation Requirement” shall mean and refer to the obligation of the Sponsor, as described in this Agreement, to achieve and maintain the Employment Target and the Compensation Target.

“Preliminary Period” shall mean and refer to a term of thirty-six (36) months commencing on the Closing Date and continuing until the third anniversary thereof.

“Project” shall mean and refer to the acquisition, development, construction, and operation of the Facility at the Project Site in a manner that shall satisfy the Investment Requirement and that shall achieve and maintain the Position Creation Requirement.

“Project Site” shall mean and refer to the location of the Project in Mississippi County, Arkansas as described in Exhibit 3.

“Qualified Amendment 82 Project” shall have the meaning set forth in the Act.

“Qualifying Site Preparation Costs” shall mean and refer to the following costs and expenses of the Project at the Project Site: removal of trees, removal of structures, site clearing activities, grubbing, grading, environmental remediation costs, excavation and other earthwork, fill dirt, compaction, erosion control, installation of drainage and storm water detention, fencing, installation of temporary and permanent internal roads, footers

and building foundations, on-site rail installation, on-site public infrastructure improvements or construction, engineering costs, and any other costs and expenses incidental to the Project that shall be eligible for Amendment 82 Financing and that shall be approved by the State.

“Recycling Credit Legislation” shall mean and refer to an act to extend the carry-forward of the income tax credit pursuant to the Recycling Equipment Tax Credit Program from three (3) years to fourteen (14) years for steel mills that newly invest at least Five Hundred Million Dollars (\$500,000,000.00) in connection with a facility located in the State of Arkansas and that create at least three hundred (300) New Full Time Positions paying an annual average wage of at least Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00).

“Recycling Equipment Tax Credit Program” shall mean and refer to the program with such name established under A.C.A. § 26-51-506.

“Related Entity” shall have the meaning set forth in A.C.A. § 15-4-3202 (24) (2011 Revision).

“Repayment Calculations” shall mean and refer to the formulae set forth in Section 11 and Section 14 to be used if the Sponsor shall fail to satisfy the Investment Requirement and to achieve and maintain the Position Creation Requirement as set forth in this Agreement.

“Repayment Penalties” shall mean and refer to the penalties payable by the Sponsor as determined by the Repayment Calculations.

“Request for Disbursement” shall mean and refer to a request by the Sponsor with respect to a disbursement of the Grants or the Incentive Loan in the form to be reasonably approved by the State and the Sponsor.

“Senior Term Lenders” shall mean and refer to those senior secured term lenders to the Project who shall be required to join as a party to the Inter-Creditor Agreement, as reasonably determined by the Authority and the Sponsor.

“Sponsor” shall mean and refer to Big River Steel, LLC, a limited liability company organized pursuant to the laws of the State of Delaware.

“State” shall mean and refer to the State of Arkansas.

“Tax Back Program” shall mean and refer to the investment tax incentives program established by the Consolidated Incentive Act at A.C.A. § 15-4-2706.

“Termination Date” shall mean and refer to June 30, 2014.

“Test Date” shall mean and refer to the date on which the Preliminary Period shall expire and the anniversary of such date during each year of the Testing Period.

“Testing Period” shall mean and refer to a term of fifteen (15) years commencing upon the expiration of the Preliminary Period and continuing until the eighteenth (18th) anniversary of the Closing Date.

“Training Agreement” shall mean and refer to the training agreement to be entered into between the Commission and the Sponsor with respect to the assistance to be provided by the Commission to the Sponsor in the recruitment and training of employees and independent contractors.

“Utility Tax Legislation” shall mean and refer to an act to provide a full exemption of state sales taxes associated with the sale of natural gas and electricity for use directly in the manufacturing process of steel mills that newly invest at least Five Hundred Million Dollars (\$500,000,000.00) and create at least three hundred (300) New Full Time Positions paying an annual average wage of at least Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00).

2. Project. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Sponsor shall: (a) acquire, develop, construct, and operate the Facility at the Project Site; (b) satisfy the Investment Requirement prior to the expiration of the Preliminary Period; (c) achieve the Position Creation Requirement prior to the expiration of the Preliminary Period; and (d) maintain the Position Creation Requirement during the Test Period. The Facility shall be acquired, developed, and constructed as generally described in the Development Plan.

3. Investment Requirement.

3.1. Capital Commitments. The Project shall require a minimum capital investment at the Project Site in Actual Project Capital Expenditures of at least the Investment Requirement. The Sponsor shall satisfy the Investment Requirement by no later than the expiration of the Preliminary Period. Prior to the Termination Date, the Sponsor shall raise Capital Commitments in the form of private equity investments of a minimum of Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00), and the Sponsor shall obtain other Capital Commitments.

3.2. Escrow of Capital Commitments. When the Sponsor shall have raised such minimum of Capital Commitments in the form of private equity investments and shall have obtained such other Capital Commitments to satisfy the Investment Requirement as described in Section 3.1, the Sponsor shall: (a) deposit into escrow with the Escrow Agent cash or irrevocable letters of credit with a total value of at least Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00); (b) provide a written summary to the Commission and the Authority of the other Capital Commitments as shall be necessary to satisfy the Investment Requirement; and (c) provide a copy of all of the Capital Commitment Documents to the Commission and the Authority. The Sponsor shall reasonably cooperate with the Commission and the Authority with respect to any review of the Capital Commitment Documents. If the Commission and the Authority shall reasonably determine that the Capital Commitments and the proceeds of the Bonds shall not provide the Sponsor with sufficient financial capability to satisfy the Investment Requirement by the expiration of the Preliminary Period, the Commission and the Authority shall provide written notice thereof to the Sponsor within five (5) business days from the receipt of the Capital Commitment Documents, and the Sponsor shall have until the Termination Date to raise Capital Commitments in the form of private equity investments and to obtain other Capital Commitments to satisfy the Investment Requirement. If the Commission and the Authority shall reasonably determine that the Capital Commitments and the proceeds of the Bonds shall provide the Sponsor with the sufficient financial capability to satisfy the Investment Requirement by the expiration of the Preliminary Period, the Commission and the Authority shall send written notice thereof to the Sponsor and the Closing Date and the issuance of the Bonds shall be scheduled for a date within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of all the Capital Commitment Documents by the Commission and the Authority.

3.3. Local Investment. Prior to the expiration of the Preliminary Period, the Sponsor shall use its reasonable efforts to spend Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00) for products and services from vendors and suppliers based in the State.

4. Position Creation Requirement. Prior to the expiration of the Preliminary Period, the Sponsor shall achieve the Employment Target and the Compensation Target

through either Direct Positions or Independent Direct Positions. During the Testing Period, the Sponsor shall maintain the Employment Target and the Compensation Target through either Direct Positions or Independent Direct Positions. The New Full Time Positions required by the Position Creation Requirement shall include those Direct Positions and Independent Direct Positions designated by the Sponsor. The Employment Target and the Compensation Target may be satisfied through a combination of Direct Positions and Independent Direct Positions which constitute Full Time Positions during the calendar year in question.

5. Time Periods.

5.1. Closing Date. The Parties anticipate that the Closing Date shall occur prior to December 31, 2013, but the Closing Date may occur on any date prior to the Termination Date.

5.2. Project Schedule. The acquisition, development, and construction of the Project by the Sponsor is currently scheduled to commence promptly following the Closing Date, and is currently scheduled to be substantially completed within twenty-four (24) months after the Closing Date. The Sponsor currently anticipates that commercial production by the Facility shall commence approximately twenty-four (24) months after the Closing Date.

5.3. Termination. In the event the conditions to Closing set forth in Sections 12 and 13 of this Agreement shall have not been satisfied or waived on or before the Termination Date, either the State or the Sponsor may send written notice of termination to the other Party and thereafter the Parties shall have no further obligations pursuant to this Agreement and the Sponsor shall no longer be required to satisfy the Investment Requirement and to achieve and maintain the Position Creation Requirement.

5.4. Preliminary Period. The Preliminary Period is intended to be the period during which the acquisition, development, and construction of the Project shall be completed. The Sponsor shall satisfy the Investment Requirement and shall achieve the Position Creation Requirement not later than the expiration of the Preliminary Period.

5.5. Testing Period. The Testing Period is intended to be the period during which the compliance with the Position Creation Requirement may be evaluated and during which the Repayment Penalties may be imposed. The Sponsor shall maintain the Position Creation Requirement during the Testing Period.

5.6. Other Periods. Except as provided in this Agreement with respect to the Investment Requirement and the Position Creation Requirement, the Sponsor shall comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement commencing as of the date of this Agreement and continuing until the expiration of the Testing Period. The Sponsor hereby waives any right to extend any time period specified in this Agreement as set forth in A.C.A. § 15-4-3206.

6. Amendment 82 Financing.

6.1. Bonds. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Amendment 82 Requirements, the State shall provide funding from the Amendment 82 Financing to, or for the benefit of, the Sponsor in an aggregate amount up to One Hundred Twenty Million Dollars (\$120,000,000.00). The Amendment 82 Financing shall be funded through issuance of the Bonds in an amount not exceeding One Hundred Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000.00) in the aggregate. The Bonds shall be in such denominations and series and upon such terms and conditions as determined by the Authority, in its sole and absolute discretion. The Bonds shall be direct general obligations

of the State for the payment of debt service on which the full faith and credit of the State shall be pledged. The Bonds shall be payable from gross general revenues or special revenues appropriated by the General Assembly.

6.2. Grant for Qualifying Site Preparation Costs. From the proceeds of the Bonds, the State shall fund to, or for the benefit of, the Sponsor a cash grant in the amount of Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) for payment or reimbursement of Qualifying Site Preparation Costs.

6.3. Grant for Piling Costs. From the proceeds of the Bonds, the State shall fund to, or for the benefit of, the Sponsor an additional cash grant in an amount up to Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) for reimbursement of Piling Costs. Reimbursement by the State for Piling Costs shall be: (a) on a matching basis in which the State shall reimburse the Sponsor one-half (1/2) of eligible Piling Costs paid by the Sponsor; and (b) the maximum amount of Piling Costs to be reimbursed by the State shall be limited to not more than Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) out of a total of Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00) or more of Piling Costs.

6.4. Incentive Loan. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Incentive Loan Documents, the Authority shall make the Incentive Loan to the Sponsor as follows:

(a) Amount Funded; Principal Amount. In order to fund the Incentive Loan and in consideration of the Sponsor's promissory note evidencing the Incentive Loan, the Authority will make available from the Bond proceeds the sum of Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) for disbursement to the Sponsor under Section 7 hereof. The promissory note evidencing the Incentive Loan shall be in a principal amount equal to Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00).

(b) Incentive Loan Collateral. The proceeds of the Incentive Loan shall be used solely for the engineering, design, procurement, installation, fabrication, and erection of the Incentive Loan Collateral and related purposes. The Incentive Loan shall be secured by a first priority, perfected, purchase-money lien and security interest in the Incentive Loan Collateral subject to the terms and conditions of the Inter-Creditor Agreement.

(c) Debt Service. Interest will accrue on the Incentive Loan at the rate payable on the Bonds issued to fund the Incentive Loan, beginning twenty-four (24) months after the Closing Date. The payment of principal and interest due on the Incentive Loan shall be structured as nearly as possible to correspond with debt service payments due on the Bonds issued to fund the Incentive Loan (excepting interest accruing on such Bonds during the first twenty-four (24) months following their date of issuance, which shall be fully borne by the State). The first payment of debt service on the Incentive Loan is projected at this time to be due from the Sponsor on the first day of the thirtieth (30th) month following the Closing Date. A debt service schedule detailing the semiannual debt service payments due on the Incentive Loan (and the principal and interest components thereof) will be attached to the promissory note evidencing the Incentive Loan. In no event shall the total debt service payments due on the Incentive Loan or the net present value of such payments exceed the total debt service payments, or the net present value of such payments, due on the Bonds issued to fund the Incentive Loan. For purposes of determining the net present value of such total debt service payments, the total debt service payments will be discounted at a rate equal to the lesser of the true interest cost on the Bonds issued to fund the Incentive Loan or the rate agreed upon by the Authority and the Sponsor with respect to the Bonds issued to fund the Incentive Loan.

(d) Term. The Incentive Loan shall have a term of twenty (20) years commencing on the Closing Date.

(e) Prepayment. The Sponsor may prepay the Incentive Loan in whole or in part without penalty at any time beginning twenty-four (24) months after the Closing Date. The portion of any repayment in part that is attributable to principal shall be applied to satisfy principal component(s) of the Bonds issued to fund the Incentive Loan being redeemed in connection with the prepayment and the Authority shall promptly thereafter provide a revised debt service schedule for approval by the Sponsor and attachment to the promissory note. In the event the Sponsor meets the conditions in this Section 6.4(e) and the Sponsor elects to prepay the Incentive Loan in full prior to the expiration of forty-eight (48) months after the Closing Date, the prepayment amount shall be equal to Forty-five Million Dollars (\$45,000,000.00) million less any principal amount of the Incentive Loan previously paid by the Sponsor plus any accrued interest on the Incentive Loan outstanding through the prepayment date. To qualify for the discount of the prepayment amount, both of the following conditions must be met: (1) within four (4) years after the Closing Date the Sponsor shall have obtained Capital Commitments, as audited and verified by the Commission and Authority, of at least Five Hundred Million Dollars (\$500,000,000.00) (in addition to the Investment Requirement) with respect to an expansion of the steel mill operations of the Sponsor at or near the Project Site; and (2) construction of such expansion shall have commenced prior to the date of the receipt of the prepayment by the State.

6.5. Other Costs. An amount up to Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) may be funded through the Bonds for the purpose of paying reasonable and necessary closing costs and expenses of the State, in the sole and absolute discretion of the Authority, including those that relate to the issuance of the Bonds and including costs and expenses due to those trustees, agents, underwriters, attorneys, advisors, and consultants performing services on behalf of the State in connection with the Project. The Sponsor shall not be responsible for any of such costs and expenses.

6.6. Related Entities. In the event that the Sponsor may elect for any part of the Amendment 82 Financing to be paid to or received by a Related Entity to the Sponsor, the Sponsor shall notify the Commission and the Authority. As a prior condition to the payment or receipt of any part of the Amendment 82 Financing, such Related Entity of the Sponsor shall execute and deliver a joinder to this Agreement in which such Related Entity shall agree to comply with all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

7. Disbursement.

7.1. Investment Threshold. Prior to any disbursement of funds by the State with respect to the Grants or the Incentive Loan, the Sponsor shall provide written confirmation to the Commission and the Authority that the Sponsor has achieved the Investment Threshold by investment of a minimum of Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00) in Qualifying Site Preparation Costs, Piling Costs, and Infrastructure Costs. The Commission and the Authority shall have the right to audit and verify the investment of the Investment Threshold before disbursing funds to, or for the benefit of the Sponsor, with such audit and verification to be conducted in a timely manner. After the Investment Threshold shall have been achieved, the Actual Project Capital Expenditures that comprise the Investment Threshold may be eligible for reimbursement through a disbursement from the Grants or the Incentive Loan, as applicable.

7.2. Generally. All funds to be disbursed by the State with respect to the Grants and Incentive Loan shall require the prior approval of the Commission and the Authority. All funds to be disbursed by the State with respect to the Grants and the Incentive Loan shall be disbursed to, or for the benefit of, the Sponsor, for payment or reimbursement of qualified project costs and expenses permitted by the Amendment 82 Requirements with such qualified project costs and expenses to include Qualifying Site Preparation Costs,

Infrastructure Costs, and any other costs and expenses incidental to the Project that shall be eligible for Amendment 82 Financing and approved as eligible by the State. The disbursement of funds with respect to the Incentive Loan shall also be subject to the terms and conditions of the Incentive Loan Documents.

7.3. Procedure. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Grants and the Incentive Loan shall be disbursed by the State to, or for the benefit of, the Sponsor in one (1) or more disbursements. The Sponsor may request a disbursement from the Grants or the Incentive Loan by submitting a Request for Disbursement to the Commission and the Authority. The Request for Disbursement shall specify the requested source of funding from either the Grants or the Incentive Loan. A Request for Disbursement shall include an itemization of each cost and expense for which the Sponsor may request payment or reimbursement. In support of a Request for Disbursement, the Sponsor shall provide a copy of all receipts, invoices, bills, statements, checks, payments, orders, correspondence, notices, and other documents sent, received, or exchanged with respect to each cost and expense identified in the Request for Disbursement. The Sponsor shall provide the State with full access to all documents, records, and other information in the possession of or available to the Sponsor that may relate to each cost and expense identified with respect to a Request for Disbursement. The State may audit and verify all such documents, records, and other information and may take all other reasonable actions to verify that each cost and expense identified with respect to a Request for Disbursement shall have been actually paid or incurred by the Sponsor, the reasonableness of the nature and amount of the cost and expense, and whether the cost and expense may be properly characterized as Qualifying Site Preparation Costs, Infrastructure Costs, Piling Costs, or other costs and expenses incidental to the Project that shall be eligible for Amendment 82 Financing. Upon completion of the audit and verification by the State of the costs and expenses identified in a Request for Disbursement, the Authority shall send a Notice of Payment to the Sponsor setting forth the amount approved by the Commission and the Authority to be disbursed by the State with respect to the costs and expenses identified in a Request for Disbursement and the source of funding from either the Grants or the Incentive Loan. Within five (5) business days after the date of a Notice of Payment, the State shall cause the amount set forth in the Notice of Payment to be disbursed to, or for the benefit of, the Sponsor by wire transfer to the account of the Sponsor designated in the Request for Disbursement.

7.4. Eligible Costs and Expenses. A Request for Disbursement may request reimbursement of Qualifying Site Preparation Costs, Infrastructure Costs, Piling Costs, and other costs and expenses incidental to the Project that shall be eligible for Amendment 82 Financing. A Request for Disbursement may include only such costs and expenses that constitute Qualifying Site Preparation Costs, Infrastructure Costs, Piling Costs, and other costs and expenses incidental to the Project that shall be eligible for Amendment 82 Financing. With respect to any cost and expense that shall not constitute Qualifying Site Preparation Costs, Infrastructure Costs, or Piling Costs, the State shall determine whether such other cost and expense shall be incidental to the Project and whether such cost and expense shall be eligible for Amendment 82 Financing. A Request for Disbursement may not include any cost or expense that shall have been included in any prior Request for Disbursement. All Requests for Disbursement must be submitted by the Sponsor to the State no later than twenty-four (24) months after the Closing Date.

8. Training Benefits. The Commission shall assist the Sponsor in recruiting and training employees and independent contractors who shall work at the Facility or on the Project Site. The Commission and the Sponsor shall enter into the Training Agreement regarding the assistance to be provided to the Sponsor. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Training Agreement, the Commission shall fund up to Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) by payment or reimbursement of costs and expenses paid or incurred by the Sponsor for training activities and facilities with respect to the

employees and independent contractors who shall work at the Facility or on the Project Site. The funds disbursed to, or for the benefit of, the Sponsor for such training activities and facilities shall be in addition to the Amendment 82 Financing described in this Agreement and shall be spread equally over a period of two (2) years based on a schedule of on-the-job training determined by the Sponsor in consultation with the Commission. The assistance to be provided by the Commission pursuant to the Training Agreement shall include the following support services: (a) recruitment advertising for new employees; (b) securing the use of facilities for accepting applications and interviewing new employees; (c) reproduction of training manuals; (d) reimbursement of compensation to instructors for on-the-job training (up to, but not to exceed actual hourly rate of pay); (e) on-site training facility space; and (f) reimbursement for train-the-trainer expenses, including reasonable expenses of travel. Requests for reimbursement shall provide the Commission, at a minimum, with the information described in paragraphs I(A) and I(B) of the form of Training Agreement.

9. Other Incentive Programs.

9.1. Advantage Arkansas Program. The Sponsor may be eligible for a job creation income tax credit provided pursuant to the Advantage Arkansas Program. The Advantage Arkansas Program provides an income tax credit against a portion of State income tax liabilities based upon a percentage of the annual payroll paid to the new full time permanent employees hired as a result of an approved project. To receive the income tax credit of the Advantage Arkansas Program, the Sponsor must enter into a Financial Incentive Agreement. The tier of the county in which the approved project is located determines the qualifying payroll threshold, as well as the income tax benefit calculation. Counties are segmented into four (4) tiers based on poverty rate, population growth, per capita income, and unemployment rate. Based on the location of the Project Site, the Sponsor may be entitled to an income tax credit up to four percent (4%) of the total taxable wages paid to new full time permanent employees hired after the date of the Financial Incentive Agreement. The annual payroll thresholds of the new employees must be met within twenty-four (24) months following the date the Financial Incentive Agreement is signed by the Commission. Employees must be taxpayers of the State to qualify for the credit. The income tax credit begins in the year in which the new employees are hired and is earned each tax year for a period of five (5) years. Any unused credits can be carried forward for nine (9) years beyond the year in which they were earned. The Sponsor may apply the credit to its State income tax liability, not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total income tax liability for a reporting period. The income tax credit provided by the Advantage Arkansas Program is also conditioned upon the satisfaction of the requirements of the Consolidated Incentive Act.

9.2. Tax Back Program. The Sponsor may be eligible for a refund of state and local sales and use taxes provided pursuant to the Tax Back Program. The Tax Back Program provides for a refund of a portion of state and local sales and use taxes paid on certain purchases of material used in the construction of a building or buildings and on purchases of taxable machinery or equipment to be located in or in connection with such building or buildings. To qualify for the refund provided by the Tax Back Program, the Sponsor must: (a) invest a minimum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00); (b) execute the Advantage Arkansas Agreement within the appropriate time as required by applicable law; and (c) submit a completed application accompanied by a local endorsement resolution from the city, county or both where the Project Site is located and which authorizes the refund of its local taxes to the Sponsor. The refund shall not include the portion of the sales tax dedicated to the Educational Adequacy Fund described in A.C.A. § 19-5-1227 and the Conservation Tax Fund as described in A.C.A. § 19-6-484. These two (2) exceptions reduce the refund by one percent (1%). Currently, the State sales tax rate is six percent (6%), and therefore, the refund of State taxes shall be based upon five percent (5%) of the eligible taxable purchases. The refund of local taxes shall be

based on the sales tax rate for the city and county where the Project Site is located. The refund provided by the Tax Back Program is also conditioned upon the satisfaction of the requirements of the Consolidated Incentive Act.

9.3. Recycling Equipment Tax Credit Program. The Sponsor may be eligible for an income tax credit provided pursuant to the Recycling Equipment Tax Credit Program. The Recycling Equipment Tax Credit Program provides for an income tax credit for thirty percent (30%) of the cost of eligible equipment and installation costs and expenses. Eligibility for the Recycling Equipment Tax Credit Program is determined by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality. If the Sponsor otherwise qualifies for the Recycling Equipment Tax Credit it may also qualify under the Recycling Credit Legislation to extend the carry-forward of the income tax credit pursuant to the Recycling Equipment Tax Credit Program from three (3) years to fourteen (14) years for steel mills that newly invest at least Five Hundred Million Dollars (\$500,000,000.00) and create at least three hundred (300) New Full Time Positions paying an annual average wage of at least Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00).

9.4. Utility Tax. The Sponsor may be eligible for a reduced rate of sales taxes with respect to purchases of electricity and natural gas used directly in the manufacturing process. The Utility Tax Legislation will provide a full exemption of sales taxes associated with the sale of natural gas and electricity for use directly in the manufacturing process of steel mills that newly invest at least Five Hundred Million Dollars (\$500,000,000.00) and create at least three hundred (300) New Full Time Positions paying an annual average wage of at least Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00).

9.5. Machinery & Equipment Tax Exemptions. The Sponsor may be eligible for an exemption from state and local sales and use taxes with respect to purchases of machinery and equipment used directly in manufacturing for a new manufacturing facility or to replace existing machinery and equipment for a manufacturing facility. Machinery and equipment required by the State's laws to be purchased for air or water pollution control shall be also exempt.

10. Joint Marketing Agreement. The Commission and the Sponsor shall enter into the Joint Marketing Agreement whereby each shall commit to spend up to One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) per calendar year for each of three (3) years beginning no later than twelve (12) months after the Closing Date, to market and advertise steel companies based in the State to out-of-state suppliers, vendors, and customers for the purpose of marketing the State as the right place for out-of-state suppliers, vendors, and customers to locate their business or to market or consume the products produced by steel companies based in the State. The expenditures by the Commission with respect to the Joint Marketing Agreement shall be in addition to the Amendment 82 Financing described in this Agreement.

11. Consequences of Unsatisfied Obligations.

11.1. Generally. The Sponsor shall pay to the State certain amounts to be determined by the applicable Repayment Calculations set forth in this Section 11 in the event the Sponsor shall fail to: (a) satisfy the Investment Requirement prior to the expiration of the Preliminary Period; (b) achieve the Position Creation Requirement prior to the expiration of the Preliminary Period; and (c) maintain the Position Creation Requirement during the Test Period. The total amount to be paid by the Sponsor pursuant to any or all of the Repayment Calculations shall not exceed the maximum amount of the lesser of: (i) Seventy Million Dollars (\$70,000,000.00) or (ii) the total amount disbursed by the State pursuant to the Grants. Any amounts determined to be due from the Sponsor to the State pursuant to this Section 11 shall be paid by the Sponsor to the State not later than thirty (30) days following the receipt of written notice by the Sponsor from the

Commission. In no case shall the Sponsor be entitled to additional funds from the State as a result of the Repayment Calculations.

11.2. Repayment Calculation - Investment Requirement. If, at the expiration of the Preliminary Period, the Sponsor has made or caused to be made Actual Project Capital Expenditures of less than One Billion Dollars (\$1,000,000,000.00), the Sponsor shall pay to the State an amount equal to one-half of one percent (0.50) of the difference between One Billion Dollars (\$1,000,000,000.00) and the Actual Project Capital Expenditures.

11.3. Repayment Calculation - Employment Target. If, at the expiration of the Preliminary Period, and continuing through the Test Period, as measured annually on the Test Date, the Sponsor has not achieved and maintained the Employment Target, but employs at least fifty-five (55) individuals in Direct Positions and Independent Direct Positions, the Sponsor shall pay to the State an amount calculated as follows: (i) the total amount disbursed by the State pursuant to the Grants divided by fifteen (15) and further divided by two (2); (ii) minus the ratio of the total qualified Direct Positions and Independent Direct Positions to five hundred twenty-five (525), multiplied by the quotient obtained in (i). With respect to the first calculation pursuant to this Section 11.3 on the first Test Date at the expiration of the Preliminary Period, the Employment Target may be satisfied through a combination of Direct Positions and Independent Direct Positions which are filled on a full-time basis of at least thirty (30) hours per week for a period of four and one-half months (4½) months during the six (6) months prior to the first calculation pursuant to this Section 11.3.

11.4. Repayment Calculation - Compensation Target. If, at the expiration of the Preliminary Period, and continuing through the Test Period, as measured annually on the Test Date, the Sponsor has employed a minimum of fifty-five (55) total full-time Direct Positions and Independent Direct Positions, but has not met the Compensation Target, the Sponsor upon written notice shall pay to the State an amount calculated as follows: (i) the total amount disbursed by the State pursuant to the Grants divided by fifteen (15) and further divided by two (2); (ii) minus the ratio of the average annual compensation of all those Direct Positions and Independent Positions as designated by the Sponsor to Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), multiplied by the quotient obtained in (i). With respect to the first calculation pursuant to this Section 11.4 on the first Test Date at the expiration of the Preliminary Period, the average annual compensation shall be calculated by using the amount of compensation paid during months thirty-one (31) through thirty-six (36) after the Closing Date to full-time Direct Positions and Independent Direct Positions designated by the Sponsor and then multiplied by two (2).

11.5. Repayment Calculation – After Preliminary Period. If, at any time after the expiration of the Preliminary Period, as measured annually on the Test Date, the Sponsor shall not maintain a minimum of fifty-five (55) total full-time Direct Positions and Independent Direct Positions, the Sponsor shall pay to the State an amount calculated as follows: (i) the total amount disbursed by the State pursuant to the Grants; (ii) minus the product of the total amount disbursed by the State pursuant to the Grants divided by fifteen (15) multiplied by the number of years, beginning after the end of the Preliminary Period, the Sponsor has employed at least fifty-five (55) total Direct Positions and Independent Direct Positions; (iii) minus any amounts previously paid by the Sponsor pursuant to the Repayment Calculations set forth in Sections 11.2, 11.3, and 11.4.

11.6. Tax Incentive Penalties. The repayment obligations described in this Section 11 shall be in addition to any provisions of the State's laws pertaining to repayment, recalculation, or penalties in the event the Sponsor shall receive a benefit or economic incentive, including the Amendment 82 Financing described in this Agreement, for which the Sponsor shall later be deemed to have been ineligible.

11.7. Other. In the event that the Sponsor shall fail to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement other than those terms and conditions relating to the Investment Requirement and the Position Creation Requirement, the Sponsor may also be subject to penalties or remedies permitted by applicable law.

12. Conditions of the State. In addition to all other conditions set forth in this Agreement and the Amendment 82 Requirements, the obligations of the State pursuant to this Agreement shall be subject to the satisfaction of following conditions on or before the Closing Date:

12.1. Negotiation and execution of all documents pertaining to the issuance of the Bonds on terms and conditions satisfactory to the State.

12.2. Negotiation and execution of the Incentive Loan Documents on terms and conditions satisfactory to the State.

12.3. Satisfactory completion of the actions required by the Governor, the General Assembly, the Commission, the Authority, the Department, and all other officials pursuant to the Amendment 82 Requirements.

12.4. Any special legislation required for any of the economic incentives described in this Agreement, including the Recycling Tax Legislation and Utility Tax Legislation, shall have been approved by the General Assembly and the Governor.

12.5. Negotiation and execution of the Inter-Creditor Agreement on terms and conditions satisfactory to the State.

12.6. Negotiation and execution of the Escrow Agreement for the Capital Commitments on terms and conditions satisfactory to the State.

12.7. The closing of all transactions in connection with the Capital Commitments.

12.8. The Bonds shall have been sold and delivered by the Authority on terms and conditions satisfactory to the State.

12.9. All of the covenants and obligations that the Sponsor is required to perform or to comply with pursuant to this Agreement on or prior to the Closing Date shall have been performed and complied with in all material respects.

13. Conditions of the Sponsor. In addition to all other conditions set forth in this Agreement and the Amendment 82 Requirements, the obligations of the Sponsor pursuant to this Agreement shall be subject to the satisfaction of following conditions on or before the Closing Date:

13.1. Satisfactory negotiation and execution of all documents pertaining to the issuance of the Bonds.

13.2. Negotiation and execution of the Incentive Loan Documents on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Sponsor.

13.3. Negotiation and execution of the Advantage Arkansas Agreement, the Escrow Agreement with respect to the Capital Commitments, the Financial Incentive Agreement, the Joint Marketing Agreement, the Training Agreement, and all other contracts specifically identified in this Agreement on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Sponsor.

13.4. Satisfactory completion of the actions required by the Governor, the General Assembly, the Commission, the Authority, the Department, and all other officials pursuant to the Amendment 82 Requirements.

13.5. Any special legislation required for any of the economic incentives described in this Agreement, including the Recycling Tax Legislation and Utility Tax Legislation, shall have been approved by the General Assembly and the Governor.

13.6. Approval by the Sponsor of the Capital Commitments and the closing of all transactions in connection with the Capital Commitments.

13.7. Negotiation and execution of an agreement between the Sponsor and Mississippi County, the City of Osceola, Arkansas or another local entity for the acquisition and lease of the Project Site on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Sponsor.

13.8. Issuance of the relevant Governmental Authorities of the State of all required environmental, construction, and operating permits prior to the Closing Date.

13.9. Negotiation and execution of a satisfactory long-term electrical power contract for the Facility on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Sponsor.

13.10. All of the covenants and obligations that the State is required to perform or to comply with pursuant to this Agreement on or prior to the Closing Date shall have been performed and complied with in all material respects.

14. Due on Sale.

14.1. No Assumption. If a Change of Control Event is announced by the Sponsor and the Announced Controlling Party shall not agree in writing to assume all of the rights and obligations of the Sponsor pursuant to this Agreement and all related agreements executed in connection with the Project, the Sponsor shall, upon written notice by the Commission and the Authority, cause the Announced Controlling Party to pay to the State prior to consummation of the Change of Control Event an amount calculated as follows: (i) the total amount disbursed by the State pursuant to the Grants; (ii) minus the product of the total amount disbursed by the State pursuant to the Grants divided by fifteen (15) and then multiplied by the number of years beginning after the end of the Preliminary Period, the Sponsor has employed at least fifty-five (55) total Direct Positions and Independent Direct Positions; and (iii) minus any amounts previously paid by the Sponsor pursuant to the Repayment Calculations set forth in Section 11 as a result of failing to achieve and maintain the Employment Target or the Compensation Target.

14.2. Assumption Subsequent to Investment Requirement Being Met. If a Change of Control Event is announced by the Sponsor subsequent to the Investment Requirement having been satisfied and the Announced Controlling Party shall agree in writing to assume all of the rights and obligations of the Sponsor pursuant to this Agreement and all related agreements executed in connection with the Project, but the Commission and the Authority reasonably determine that the Announced Controlling Party is unlikely to achieve and maintain the Employment Target or the Compensation Target, the Sponsor shall, upon written notice by the Commission and the Authority, cause the Announced Controlling Party prior to consummation of the Change of Control Event to fund an Escrow Account in an amount calculated as follows: the product of the total amount disbursed by the State pursuant to the Grants divided by fifteen (15) and then multiplied by the number of years remaining until the expiration of the Test Period divided by two (2) with such years remaining until the expiration of the Test Period to be no greater than fifteen (15). In any year in which the Announced Controlling Party shall fail to achieve and maintain the Employment Target or the Compensation Target, the Commission and the Authority shall

withdraw an amount from such Escrow Account equal to the amount determined pursuant to the applicable Repayment Calculations for that particular year. If the Announced Controlling Party maintains the Employment Target and the Compensation Target for the three (3) consecutive years following the later of the Change of Control Event and the end of the Preliminary Period, all amounts in the Escrow Account shall be released and returned to the Announced Controlling Party. The rights of the State upon a Change of Control Event will include, among other rights, the proportional right to vote alongside all other Senior Term Lenders on matters related to any Change of Control Event. The Commission and the Authority shall not have the right to seek the establishment of the Escrow Account if a majority of the Senior Term Lenders inclusive of the State but not including those affiliated with the Sponsor or the Announced Controlling Party, commit in writing to permit assumption of their respective debts by the Announced Controlling Party on the same or substantially similar terms and conditions as those in existence immediately prior to the execution of definitive documents related to the Change of Control Event. A majority of the Senior Term Lenders shall be determined by the amounts due by the Sponsor to each such Senior Term Lender inclusive of the State but not including those affiliated with the Sponsor or the Announced Controlling Party immediately prior to the execution of definitive documents related to the Change of Control Event.

14.3. Assumption Prior to Investment Requirement Being Met. If a Change of Control Event is announced by the Sponsor prior to the Investment Requirement having been met and the Announced Controlling Party shall agree in writing to assume all of the rights and obligations of the Sponsor pursuant to this Agreement and all related agreements executed in connection with the Project, but the Commission and the Authority reasonably determines that the Announced Controlling Party is unlikely to achieve and maintain the Employment Target or the Compensation Target, the Sponsor shall, upon written notice by the Commission and the Authority, cause the Announced Controlling Party, prior to consummation of the Change of Control Event, to fund the Escrow Account in an amount calculated as follows: the product of the total amount disbursed by the State pursuant to the Grants divided by fifteen (15) and then multiplied by the number of years remaining until the expiration of the Test Period with such years remaining until the expiration of the Test Period to be no greater than fifteen (15). In any year during the Test Period in which the Announced Controlling Party shall fail to achieve and maintain the Employment Target or the Compensation Target, the Commission and the Authority shall withdraw an amount from the Escrow Account equal to the amount determined pursuant to the applicable Repayment Calculations for that particular year. If the Announced Controlling Party shall achieve and maintain the Employment Target and the Compensation Target for the six (6) consecutive years following the later of the end of the Preliminary Period and the establishment of the Escrow Account, all amounts in the Escrow Account shall be released and returned to the Announced Controlling Party. If the Announced Controlling Party shall fail to achieve and maintain the Employment Target and the Compensation Target for the three (3) consecutive years following the later of the end of the Preliminary Period and the establishment of the Escrow Account, all amounts in the Escrow Account shall be released to the State and shall become the property of the State and neither the State, the Commission, nor the Authority shall have any obligation to make any of such funds available to the Announced Controlling Party or any other Person. The Commission and the Authority shall have the right to seek the establishment of the Escrow Account whether or not a majority of the Senior Term Lenders commit in writing to permit assumption of their respective debts by the Announced Controlling Party on the same or substantially similar terms as those in existence immediately prior to the execution of definitive documents related to the Change of Control Event.

14.4. Assumption Prior to End of Availability of Economic Incentives. If a Change of Control Event is announced by the Sponsor, any economic incentives, including proceeds from the Amendment 82 Financing, set forth in this Agreement that have not been previously made available to the Sponsor prior to the announcement of the Change of

Control Event shall no longer be available to either the Sponsor or the Announced Controlling Party. If the announced Change of Control Event shall not be consummated and no more than nine (9) months have elapsed since the Change of Control Event was first announced and the Sponsor provides written notice that the announced Change of Control Event shall not be consummated, any economic incentives, including proceeds from the Amendment 82 Financing, set forth in this Agreement that have not been previously made available to the Sponsor shall be reinstated and shall be available to the Sponsor as set forth in this Agreement, to the extent consistent with applicable law.

15. Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure. The Parties recognize that certain information and records provided by the Sponsor to the Commission or the Authority include trade secrets or other information which, if disclosed, would give advantage to competitors of the Sponsor, or include records related to the Sponsor's planning, site location, expansion, operations, product development or marketing (collectively, "Confidential Business Information"). Such records are generally exempt from public disclosure under the terms of the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act, A.C.A. § 25-19-101 et seq. Neither the Parties to this Agreement nor any Related Entity, affiliate, or representative of any Party, shall make any disclosure of Confidential Business Information without the prior written consent of any other Party; provided however, that a Party may make such a disclosure without the consent of any other Party if the disclosure is: (a) compelled by legal, accounting, or regulatory requirements applicable to and beyond the reasonable control of the Party; (b) necessary to proceed with the intentions and agreements contained in this Agreement as they specifically relate to any Related Entity, affiliate, or representative of any Party; (c) necessary to obtain legislative approval of the undertakings set forth in this Agreement; or (d) required under applicable law binding upon the disclosing Party. The Party making a disclosure described in (c) of this Section 15 shall give prior written notice of the proposed disclosure to the other Party. The Party making a disclosure described in (a) or (d) of this Section 15 shall give prior written notice of the proposed disclosure to the other Party if the disclosing Party can do so and still comply with the requirement or law compelling the disclosure; otherwise the disclosing Party shall give written notice contemporaneously with or as soon as reasonably practicable following the disclosure.

16. Incentives Not Accepted. To the extent that the Sponsor shall not accept for whatever reason any portion of the funds or economic incentives set forth in this Agreement, neither the State, the Commission, nor the Authority shall have any obligation to replace the value of the funds or economic incentives not accepted, inclusive of the value of any matching funds, with other funds or economic incentives.

17. Public Reporting Requirements. The Sponsor acknowledges and agrees to comply with the public reporting, monitoring, auditing, and other reporting requirements of the Act set forth in A.C.A. §§ 15-4-3206 (2011 Revision), 15-4-3221 (2011 Revision), and 15-4-3224 (2011 Revision). The Sponsor shall reasonably cooperate with the State by providing such documents, records, and other information to the State as may be necessary to comply with the public reporting, monitoring, auditing, and other reporting requirements of the Act set forth in A.C.A. §§ 15-4-3206 (2011 Revision), 15-4-3221 (2011 Revision), and 15-4-3224 (2011 Revision). The Sponsor shall reasonably cooperate with all audits and verifications by the State, including without limitation the Commission and the Authority, of all accounts related to the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project. The Sponsor shall maintain and make available all documents, records, and other information pertaining to items contained in the terms and conditions of this Agreement for annual audit by the Chief Fiscal Officer, and upon request, but no more often than annually, by the Office of Economic and Tax Policy or a Person retained by the Office of Economic and Tax Policy. The Sponsor shall comply with all auditing and reporting requirements of any state or federal regulatory agency or other Governmental Authority that may have jurisdiction over the Sponsor. The Sponsor shall cause all Related Entities of Sponsor who

receive Amendment 82 Financing to comply with the reporting requirements of the Act set forth in A.C.A. §§ 15-4-3206 (2011 Revision), 15-4-3221 (2011 Revision), and 15-4-3224 (2011 Revision).

18. Reporting of Independent Direct Positions. The Sponsor shall cause each Person that employs or contracts with an individual holding an Independent Direct Position to provide to the State such documents, records, and other information as may be necessary to comply with the audit requirements of the Act, including those set forth in A.C.A. §§ 15-4-3206 (2011 Revision). For the purposes of Sections 4 and 11 of this Agreement no position or job may be counted as an Independent Direct Position unless the person who employs or contracts the individual holding such position or job fully complies with the State's requests for information necessary to comply with the audit and reporting provisions of the Act.

19. Representations and Warranties. In order to induce the State to enter into this Agreement, the Sponsor hereby represents and warrants to the State as follows:

19.1. Names. The correct legal name of the Sponsor is "Big River Steel, LLC".

19.2. Organization of the Sponsor. The Sponsor is a limited liability company duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing pursuant to the laws of the State of Delaware. The Sponsor is duly licensed and qualified as a foreign limited liability company with the State.

19.3. Authorization. The Sponsor has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform the obligations of the Sponsor pursuant to this Agreement. The Sponsor has duly authorized the execution, delivery, and performance of this Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the valid and legally binding obligation of the Sponsor enforceable in accordance with its terms and conditions. The undersigned officer of the Sponsor is the lawful agent of the Sponsor with the authority to execute and deliver this Agreement.

19.4. Purpose. The funds disbursed to, or for the benefit of, the Sponsor pursuant to the Grants shall be used by the Sponsor solely for purposes of the Qualifying Site Preparation Costs and the Infrastructure Costs. The funds disbursed to, or for the benefit of, the Sponsor pursuant to the Incentive Loan shall be used solely for the engineering, design, procurement, installation, fabrication, and erection of the Incentive Loan Collateral and related purposes.

19.5. Non-contravention. Neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement, nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall: (a) violate any applicable law including the Amendment 82 Requirements; (b) conflict with, result in a breach of, constitute a default under, result in the acceleration of, create the right to accelerate, terminate, modify, cancel, or require any notice pursuant to the Capital Commitment Documents and any other material contract or lease to which the Sponsor may be a party or by which the Sponsor may be bound or to which the Incentive Loan Collateral may be subject; or (c) violate or conflict with the articles of organization, the operating agreement, and other governing documents of the Sponsor.

20. General Covenants. In addition to the covenants of the Sponsor set forth elsewhere in this Agreement, the Sponsor covenants and agrees as follows:

20.1. Change of Name. The Sponsor shall not change its legal name unless the Sponsor shall have provided advance notice to the Commission and the Authority at least ninety (90) days prior to the change of its name.

20.2. State of Organization. The Sponsor shall not change the jurisdiction of the organization of the Sponsor unless the Sponsor shall have provided advance notice to the Commission and the Authority at least ninety (90) days prior to the change of its jurisdiction.

20.3. Eligible Business. The Sponsor shall qualify as an “eligible business” as defined in the Consolidated Incentive Act prior to the receipt of the Amendment 82 Financing.

20.4. Environmental. The Sponsor shall cause the Project to comply with the relevant environmental standards of applicable law. It is also intended that representations shall be made by the Project’s primary technology provider that its technology meets the relevant environmental standards of the World Bank Group.

20.5. Employment Laws. The Sponsor agrees to comply with all relevant and applicable employment laws.

21. General Provisions.

21.1. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted pursuant to the laws of the State without regard to principles of conflicts of laws that would require or permit the application of the laws of a state other than the State.

21.2. Interpretation. This Agreement shall be interpreted as follows: (a) as though the Parties shared equally in the negotiation and preparation of this Agreement; (b) gender or lack of gender of any word shall include the masculine, feminine, and neuter; (c) singular shall include plural and plural shall include singular; (d) the words “include” and “including” mean, in addition to any regularly accepted meaning, “without limitation” and “including but not limited to”; (e) references to Sections refer to Sections of this Agreement; (f) subject headings, captions, and titles shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement; (g) as a solicitation for offers until this Agreement shall have been executed and delivered by all Parties; (h) the definition of any term in this Agreement shall apply to all uses of such term whenever capitalized; and (i) any Exhibits to this Agreement shall be incorporated into this Agreement as though fully set forth word for word in this Agreement.

21.3. Business Day. If any provision of this Agreement shall require the performance of an obligation or the exercise of a right on a date that shall be a legal holiday pursuant to applicable law, a Party may postpone the performance of such obligation or the exercise of such right until the next business day pursuant to applicable law.

21.4. Currency. Any reference to dollars or money in this Agreement shall mean legal tender of the United States of America. Any amount required to be paid by a Party pursuant to this Agreement shall be paid by check or electronic transfer payable to the order of the Party to receive such amount.

21.5. Time for Performance. Time shall be of the essence.

21.6. Brokers. The State shall not be obligated for the payment of any broker, agent, consultant, finder, or other Person engaged by the Sponsor. The Sponsor shall not be obligated for the payment of any broker, agent, consultant, finder, or other Person engaged by the State.

21.7. Expenses. Except as provided in this Agreement, each Party shall pay all expenses incurred by such Party with respect to: (a) the negotiation, preparation, execution, delivery, and performance of this Agreement; and (b) the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

21.8. Force Majeure. A Party shall bear no responsibility or liability for non-performance of obligations under this Agreement caused by, and during the duration of, major events beyond its reasonable control, such as an act of God, emergency, fire, casualty, lockout or strike, unavoidable accident, riot, war, terrorism, financial market disruption, computer virus or similar threat, or other force majeure. A Party affected by such a major event shall send written notice to all Parties of the nature and extent of the major event within sixty (60) days after the occurrence of the major event and again within sixty (60) days following the conclusion of the major event.

21.9. Notice. All notices, demands, requests, and other communications required by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered to a Party by either: (a) personal delivery; (b) overnight delivery service with delivery costs and expenses prepaid and receipt of delivery requested; (c) certified or registered mail with postage prepaid and return receipt requested; or (d) by electronic mail to the persons then holding the titles below. All notices, demands, requests, and other communications permitted or required by this Agreement shall be delivered to the Parties at the following addresses unless another address shall be designated by a Party by notice pursuant to the provisions of this Section:

If to the State:

Office of the Governor
State Capitol Room 250
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

AND

Office of the Attorney General
323 Center Street, Suite 200
Little Rock, Arkansas 72101

AND

Arkansas Department of Finance and
Administration
Office of the Director
1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-3278

AND

Arkansas Economic Development Commission
Attn: Executive Director
900 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 400
Little Rock, Arkansas 72101

AND

Arkansas Development Finance Authority
Attn: President
900 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 310
Little Rock, Arkansas 72101

If to the Commission:

Arkansas Economic Development Commission
Attn: Executive Director
900 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 400
Little Rock, Arkansas 72101

AND

Arkansas Economic Development Commission
 Attn: Bryan Scoggins
 900 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 400
 Little Rock, Arkansas 72101
 bscoggins@ArkansasEDC.com

If to the Authority: Arkansas Development Finance Authority
 Attn: President
 900 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 310
 Little Rock, Arkansas 72101

If to the Sponsor: Big River Steel, LLC
 Attn: Mr. John Correnti
 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
 1425 Ohlendorf Road
 Osceola, Arkansas 72370

21.10. Amendment. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a subsequent written agreement executed and delivered by all Parties in accordance with the requirements of the Act. The course of dealing and the course of performance among the Parties shall not modify or amend this Agreement in any respect.

21.11. Waiver. The provisions of this Agreement may be waived only by a subsequent written agreement executed and delivered by all Parties. Any delay or inaction by a Party shall not be construed as a waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement. A waiver of any provision of this Agreement: (a) shall not be construed as a waiver of any other provision of this Agreement; (b) shall be applicable only to the specific instance and for the specific period in which the waiver may be given; (c) shall not be construed as a permanent waiver of any provision of this Agreement unless otherwise agreed by all Parties in a subsequent written agreement executed and delivered by all Parties; (d) shall not affect any right or remedy available to a Party; and (e) shall be subject to such terms and conditions as provided in a subsequent written agreement executed and delivered by all Parties.

21.12. Binding Effect. The Parties executed and delivered this Agreement with the intent to be legally bound to its provisions. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, shall be binding on, and shall be enforceable by the heirs, successors, and assigns of the Parties.

21.13. Third Party Beneficiary. The Parties do not intend to create any rights pursuant to this Agreement for the benefit of any third party beneficiary except as expressly provided in this Agreement.

21.14. Severability. Each provision of this Agreement shall be severable from all other provisions of this Agreement. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement shall be determined to be invalid or unenforceable by a Governmental Authority in any litigation among the Parties, such provision shall be amended, without further action by the Parties, to the extent necessary to cause such provision to be valid and enforceable.

21.15. Remedies. The remedies provided in this Agreement and the Act shall be cumulative and not exclusive of any remedies otherwise available to the Parties pursuant to applicable law.

21.16. Conflicts. If there shall be an irreconcilable conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and the provisions of any other document with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement including the Formal Proposal and the Letter of Commitment, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail and the conflict shall be resolved by reference only to the provisions of this Agreement. To the extent there may be an irreconcilable conflict between the Amendment 82 Requirements and the provisions of this Agreement, the Amendment 82 Requirements shall prevail. To the extent there may be an irreconcilable conflict between the requirements of the Consolidated Incentive Act and the provisions of this Agreement, the requirements of the Consolidated Incentive Act shall prevail.

21.17. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the Parties on the subject matters of this Agreement, and any oral or prior written understanding on the subject matters of this Agreement shall not be binding on the Parties. Each Party represents, warrants, and covenants that such Party has not been influenced to enter into this Agreement by any Person and has not relied on any representation, warranty, or covenant of any Person other than as set forth in this Agreement.

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EXECUTED and DELIVERED as of March ____, 2013.

THE STATE
THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

By: Governor, Mike Beebe

By: President Pro Tempore of the Senate,
Michael Lamoureux

By: Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Davy Carter

By: Chief Fiscal Officer and Director of the
Department of Finance and Administration,
Richard Weiss

By: Director of the Arkansas Economic
Development Commission,
Grant Tennille

By: President of the Arkansas Development
Finance Authority, Mac Dodson

THE SPONSOR
BIG RIVER STEEL, LLC

By: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer,
John Correnti

EXHIBIT 2
INCENTIVE LOAN COLLATERAL

Hot Mill Complex Buildings Including Siding, Roofing, Roof Monitors, Mandoors, Overhead Doors and Grouting	
001	Meltshop
002	Tunnel Furnace Building
003	Hot Mill / Roll Shop Building
Total	\$44,100,000

Cold Mill Complex Buildings Including Siding, Roofing, Roof Monitors, Mandoors, Overhead Doors and Grouting	
Total	\$30,000,000

Total Collateral Value for Incentive Loan = \$74,100,000

EXHIBIT 3
PROJECT SITE

ALL OF SECTION 19, SOUTH OF HWY 198, containing in the aggregate 485 acres, more or less. THIS PORTION OF SECTION 19 IS LESS AND EXCEPT THE W1/2 OF THE W1/2 being 155 acres, more or less.

THE S1/2 and the E1/2 of the NE1/4 OF SECTION 20, containing 383 acres, more or less.

ALL OF SECTION 21, containing 452 acres, more or less. LESS AND EXCEPT LEVEE AND RIVER EROSION, containing 150 acres, more or less.

THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 22, LESS AND EXCEPT RIVER EROSION, containing 67 acres, more or less.

THE NE1/4 NE1/4 OF SECTION 29 WEST OF LEVEE containing 29 acres, more or less; and THE N1/2 OF SECTION 29 EAST OF LEVEE containing 166 acres, more or less.

THE N1/2 OF SECTION 30, containing in the aggregate 210 acres, more or less. THIS PORTION OF SECTION 30 IS LESS AND EXCEPT THE W1/2 OF THE NW1/4 containing 80 acres, more or less; AND ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT A PARCEL IN THE SE ¼ SE ¼ being 47 acres, more or less.

ALL OF THE ABOVE SECTIONS ARE IN TOWNSHIP 12 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST of the Osceola District of Mississippi County, Arkansas.

Containing in the aggregate 1792 acres, more or less."

SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that unemployment levels within this state are unacceptably high; that additional incentives are needed to encourage the location and expansion of manufacturing facilities within this state and to provide additional job opportunities for our citizens; that this act is designed to provide the incentives needed to encourage certain manufacturers to locate their facilities within this state thereby creating additional job opportunities for our citizens; that the development and completion of a mini-mill steel manufacturing facility by Big River Steel, LLC is important to the economic health of the state and its citizens; and that this act is immediately necessary because any delay in the effective date of this act will delay completion of the mini-mill steel manufacturing facility by Big River Steel, LLC and the creation of new jobs in the state. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

- (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;
- (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or
- (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto."

(SIGNED) SENATOR DAVID BURNETT

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 820 was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Maloch, [Senate Bill No. 841](#) was withdrawn from the Committee on INSURANCE & COMMERCE, 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. 841](#)

Amend [Senate Bill No. 841](#) as originally introduced:

Page 2, delete lines 9 through 24 and substitute:

"(a) Tickets of admission to a live entertainment event, theatre, musical performance, or place of public entertainment or amusement of any kind shall not be offered for sale resale by any person over the Internet until the tickets have first been ~~offered for sale to the public via an event-authorized outlet or offering~~ placed on sale by the venue or entity hosting the event or its authorized agent acting in accordance with its authorization.

(b) Internet portals or websites shall not allow any person to offer for resale any ticket of admission to a live entertainment event, theatre, musical performance, or place of public entertainment or amusement of any kind until the tickets have first been ~~offered for sale to the public via an event-authorized outlet or offering~~ placed on sale by the venue or entity hosting the event or its authorized agent.

(c) This section ~~shall~~ does not apply to sporting or athletic events.

(d) As used in this section, "placed on sale" means the date and time when tickets are made available for sale to the general public, including without limitation to fan clubs, businesses, and persons for promotional activities."

AND

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 10 and substitute:

"entertainment event, sporting event, theater performance, or an event held for the benefit of charity for a price more than the greater of either:

(A) The price originally charged for the ticket by the venue or entity hosting the event or its authorized agent; or

(B) The price of the printed ticket.

(2) The prices for which a ticket may be resold under subdivision (a)(1) of this section also may include a reasonable charge for handling or credit card use.

(3) An authorized agent of a venue or entity hosting an event as described in subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall not withhold any ticket from sale for the purpose of later selling the ticket at a price higher than tickets in a similar location were otherwise offered for sale by the authorized agent to the general public.

~~(2)(4)~~ This subsection ~~shall~~ does not apply to an institution of higher education that receives funds per ticket above the face value of that ticket."

(SIGNED) SENATOR BRUCE MALOCH

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 841 was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Johnson, **Senate Bill No. 851** was withdrawn from the Committee on INSURANCE & COMMERCE, and placed back on second reading for purpose of Amendment No. 2.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
Amendment No. 2 to SENATE BILL NO. 851

Amend **Senate Bill No. 851** as engrossed, S3/19/13:

Delete Senator J. Woods as a cosponsor of the bill

(SIGNED) SENATOR DAVID JOHNSON

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 851 was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Hester, **Senate Bill No. 875** was withdrawn from the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & LABOR, 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. 875

Amend **Senate Bill No. 875** as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 16 add a period at the end of the line

AND

Page 2, line 2, delete "current level" and substitute "current level, but not below eighty-one dollars (\$81.00)"

(SIGNED) SENATOR BART HESTER

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 875 was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Woods, **Senate Bill No. 900** was withdrawn from the Committee on STATE AGENCIES & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, 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. 900

Amend **Senate Bill No. 900** as originally introduced:

Add Representatives D. Altes, Slinkard, Hopper as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Page 1, line 35, delete "as a result of federal"

AND

Page 1, delete line 36

AND

Page 2, delete lines 1 and 2

AND

Page 2, line 3, delete "inconsistency,"

AND

Page 2, line 8, delete "credit" and substitute "consumer credit"

(SIGNED) SENATOR JON WOODS

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 900 was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Clark, **Senate Bill No. 902** was withdrawn from the Committee on JUDICIARY, and placed back on second reading for purpose of Amendment No. 3.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
Amendment No. 3 to SENATE BILL NO. 902

Amend **Senate Bill No. 902** as engrossed, S3/25/13:

Page 1, line 24, delete "dog" and substitute "dog used in hunting"

AND

Page 1, line 27, delete "dog" and substitute "dog used in hunting"

AND

Page 1, line 31, delete "dog" and substitute "dog used in hunting"

(SIGNED) SENATOR ALAN CLARK

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 902 was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Clark, **Senate Bill No. 907** 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. 907

Amend **Senate Bill No. 907** as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete all language after the enacting clause and substitute:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 10, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-10-125. Criminal records check and Child Maltreatment Central Registry check for public high school volunteers in mentoring programs.

(a) As used in this section "mentoring program" means a program organized by the school district or public school that uses a mentor from the community to help students develop specific skills and knowledge to promote success in high school, postsecondary education, or a career.

(b) A school district shall perform a criminal background check through the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police and a Child Maltreatment Central Registry check through the Department of Human Services before an individual may volunteer in a mentoring program at a public school.

(c) The cost of the criminal background check shall be covered by the Department of Arkansas State Police and the cost of the Child Maltreatment Central Registry shall be covered by the Department of Human Services."

(SIGNED) SENATOR ALAN CLARK

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 907 was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Woods, **Senate Bill No. 916** was withdrawn from the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & LABOR, 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. 916

Amend **Senate Bill No. 916** as originally introduced:

Add Senators Cheatham, Dismang, English, Flowers, Hutchinson, and Wyatt as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Add Representatives Baine, Gillam, and Neal as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Page 2, delete line 5 and substitute the following:

"503;

(3) "Modification" means:

(A) An increase to the monetary obligation, including without limitation a copayment or coinsurance, of a sponsor or an insured covered by a health benefit plan;
and

(B) The deletion of a drug from a formulary, unless a generic drug alternative is available; and"

AND

Page 2, line 6, delete "(3)" and substitute "(4)"

AND

Page 3, line 13, add the following:

"23-79-1507. Applicability.

This subchapter applies to all health benefit plans that cover prescription drugs and are issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2014.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Effective date. Section 1 of this act is effective on and after January 1, 2014."

(SIGNED) SENATOR JON WOODS

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 916 was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Hickey, [Senate Bill No. 935](#) was withdrawn from the Committee on STATE AGENCIES & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, 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. 935

Amend [Senate Bill No. 935](#) as originally introduced:

Add Representative B. Wilkins as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Delete everything after the enactment clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-22-101 is amended to read as follows:
17-22-101. Definitions.

For purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Amateur" means a person who has never received nor competed for any purse or other compensation in an amount that exceeds the sum established by the State Athletic Commission in its rules for:

(A) Expenses of training; or

(B) Participating in a combative sports contest or exhibition;

(2) "Boxing" means to compete with the fists;

(3)(A) "Combative sports" means boxing, kickboxing, wrestling, martial arts, Muay Thai, or any combination thereof, or any form of hand to hand, elbow and foot, or foot and leg competition in which:

(i) a ~~A~~ blow is struck which may reasonably be expected to inflict injury; or

(ii) A surface for fighting is used that may reasonably be expected to inflict injury.

(B) "Combative sports" does not include student training or an exhibition of a student's skill when:

(i) Conducted by a martial arts school or an association of martial arts schools;

(ii) The student's participation is for health and recreational purposes rather than competition; ~~and~~

(iii) The intent is to use only partial contact; and

(iv) The scoring technique is based only on points;

(4) "Commission" means the State Athletic Commission as provided in § 17-22-201;

(5) "Exhibition" means any engagement in which the participants show or display their skills without necessarily striving to win;

(6) "Kick boxing" means any form of boxing in which blows are delivered with the hand and any part of the leg below the hip, including the foot;

(7) "Manager" means any person who directly or indirectly controls or administers the combative sports affairs of any professional participant of the same;

(8) "Martial arts" or "mixed martial arts" means any discipline in which the participants utilize kicks, punches, blows, strikes, or other techniques, including without

limitation any form of judo, kung fu, karate, and tae kwon do, ju jitsu, or any combination thereof;

(9) "Match" means any engagement in which the participants show or display their skills while striving in good faith to win;

(10) "Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, association, or club;

(11) "Professional" means an individual who is eighteen (18) years of age or older and who, as a means of obtaining pecuniary gain:

(A) Competes for money, prizes, or purses in combative sports contests or exhibitions; or

(B) Teaches, instructs, or assists in the practice of professional combative sports;

(12) "Promoter" means any person, club, organization, corporation, or association, and in the case of a corporate promoter includes any officer, director, employee, or stockholder thereof who produces, arranges, or stages any professional boxing, kick boxing, wrestling, or martial arts match or exhibition; ~~and~~

(13) "Professional wrestling" means an event or form of combat between two (2) or more participants, whether the outcome is predetermined or not, in which a participant:

(A) Delivers or appears to deliver blows to his or her opponent's body;

(B) Executes throws to his or her opponent's body; or

(C) Applies holds to his or her opponent's body; and

~~(13)~~(14) "Wrestling" means any form of combat between two (2) or more participants in which a participant delivers blows to his or her opponent's body, executes throws to his or her opponent's body, or applies holds to his or her opponent's body.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-22-201 is amended to read as follows:

17-22-201. Creation — Members.

(a) A State Athletic Commission is created, which shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be at least twenty-five (25) years of age.

(b)(1) Members shall be appointed by the Governor for a term of two (2) years.

(2) ~~Two (2)~~ One (1) of the members of the commission shall be ~~members a member~~ of the state executive committees of any patriotic organizations chartered by authority of a special act of the Congress of the United States.

(3) One (1) member shall be a representative of the field of physical education.

(4) One (1) member shall be a representative of the field of sports promotion.

(5) One (1) member shall be a consumer representative.

(6) ~~The remaining two~~ Two (2) members may be citizens at large but shall have experience with combative sports.

(7) One (1) member shall be a representative of the field of medicine and have experience with combative sports.

~~(7)~~(8)(A) Furthermore, one (1) of the seven (7) members of the commission shall be a member of a minority race.

(B) One (1) of the seven (7) members shall be a senior citizen.

(C) Four (4) of the seven (7) members shall have experience with combative sports.

(c) The members of the commission shall serve without pay except for a stipend provided for by Arkansas law.

(d) The members of the commission shall have authority to promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary for the operation and enforcement of this chapter and not in conflict with this chapter.

(e) The members of the commission may receive expense reimbursement in accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq.

(f) When any member of the commission shall cease to be a member of the state executive committee of any such patriotic organization as herein mentioned, his or her

commission as a member of the commission shall automatically expire. The Governor shall appoint a successor, whose qualifications shall be as prescribed in this section.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-22-202 is amended to read as follows:
17-22-202. Chair.

The State Athletic Commission shall elect one (1) of its members as chair and one (1) of its members as one (1) vice chair.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 17-22-204 is amended to read as follows:
17-22-204. Authority.

(a)(1)(A) The State Athletic Commission shall have the sole discretion, management, control, and jurisdiction over all combative sports matches and exhibitions in this state.

(B) The Commission shall adopt uniform policies, fees, and forms to ensure fair regulation of the combative sports industry.

~~(2) Combative A combative sports matches match and exhibitions declaring themselves exhibition declared to be amateur are and self-regulated shall be governed by the commission unless sanctioned by a body approved in writing by the commission, including without limitation:~~

~~(A) A federally recognized sanctioning body approved in writing by the commission; or and~~

~~(B) A national oversight body with 501(c)(3) status under the Internal Revenue Code operating in at least six (6) states approved in writing by the commission.~~

(b)(1) The commission shall have the authority to appoint and pay inspectors and other officials necessary to properly conduct any match or exhibition authorized by this chapter.

(2) The inspectors and other officials may receive reimbursement for travel under § 25-16-901.

(c) The commission shall have the authority to adopt and promulgate, amend, or abrogate any and all rules and regulations considered by it necessary or expedient for the performance of its functions as provided in this chapter and in accordance with the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.

(d) The commission may issue subpoenas, examine witnesses, and administer oaths and shall, at its discretion, investigate allegations or practices violating the provisions of this chapter.

(e) The commission shall have the authority to hire an investigator for the purposes outlined in this section.

(f) The commission shall have the authority to require event permits and insurance for combative sports with limits to be adjusted by the rules and regulations of the commission.

(g) The commission shall have the authority to make a claim on the bond or check posted by a promoter for combative sports events in order to make reimbursements for any unpaid fees, prize money, or other financial commitments of the promoter related to combative sports activity licensed by the commission.

(h) The commission shall have the authority to specify the forms required under this chapter.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 17-22-206 is amended to read as follows:
17-22-206. Combative sports.

The General Assembly finds and declares to be the public policy of this state that it is in the best interest of the public and combative sports that combative sports be subject to an effective and efficient system of strict control and regulation in order to protect the safety and well-being of the participants in combative sports matches and exhibitions and to promote the public confidence in the regulatory process and the conduct of combative sports matches and exhibitions. To further such public confidence and trust, the State Athletic Commission shall have the authority to adopt and promulgate, amend, or abrogate

any and all rules and regulations concerning combative sports, to recover inspector and investigator fees, and recover the actual cost of the national and federal fighter database fees charged to the commission.

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 17-22-208 is amended to read as follows:
17-22-208. Combative sports elimination contests.

(a) This chapter applies to combative sports elimination contests in which:

(1) The contestants compete for prizes only in combative sports elimination contests and are not:

(A) Professional boxers licensed through the Professional Boxing and Safety Act of 1996, 15 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq., competing in four (4) or more rounds of non-elimination boxing; or

(B) Professional mixed martial arts or any other professional form of combative sports discipline combatants;

(2) Each bout is scheduled to consist of three (3) or fewer one-minute rounds with combative sports elimination contests conducted on no more than two (2) consecutive calendar days;

(3) Contestants are prohibited from competing for more than twelve (12) minutes on each combative sports elimination contest day and are prohibited from being scheduled for more than twelve (12) minutes over the two-day period;

(4) The contestants participating in the combative sports elimination contest are to be insured by the promoter for not less than ~~five thousand dollars (\$5,000)~~ ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for medical and hospital expenses to be paid to the contestants to cover injuries sustained in the combative sports elimination contest and for not less than ~~five thousand dollars (\$5,000)~~ ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be paid in accordance with the statutes of descent and distribution of personal property if a contestant dies as a result of injuries sustained in the combative sports elimination contest;

(5) A licensed physician is in attendance at ringside, and the physician has authority to stop the combative sports elimination contest for medical reasons;

(6) All contestants pass a physical examination using the State Athletic Commission's form given by a licensed physician before the combative sports elimination contest;

(7) A preliminary breath test is administered to each contestant that indicates a blood alcohol content of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) or less; and

(8) The promoter conducts the combative sports elimination contest in compliance with the following:

(A) A contestant who has lost by a technical knockout is not permitted to compete again for a period of thirty (30) calendar days or until the contestant has submitted to the promoter the results of a physical examination equivalent to that required of professional boxers or professional mixed martial arts combatants;

(B)(i) The ringside physician examines a contestant who has been knocked out in a combative sports elimination contest or whose fight has been stopped by the referee because the contestant received hard blows to the head that made the contestant defenseless or incapable of continuing immediately after the knockout or stoppage.

(ii) The ringside physician may recommend post-fight neurological examinations, which may include computerized axial tomography scans or magnetic resonance imaging, to be performed on the contestant immediately after the contestant leaves the location of the combative sports elimination contest.

(iii) The promoter shall not permit the contestant to compete until a physician has certified that the contestant is fit to compete.

(iv) If the physician recommends further neurological examinations, the promoter shall not permit the contestant to compete until the promoter receives copies of examination reports demonstrating that the contestant is fit to compete;

(C)(i) The promoter shall require that a contestant who has sustained a severe injury or knockout in a combative sports elimination contest be examined by a physician.

(ii) The promoter shall not permit the contestant to compete until the physician has certified that the contestant has fully recovered;

(D) The promoter shall not permit a contestant to compete in a combative sports elimination contest for a period of not less than sixty (60) days if the contestant has been knocked out or has received excessive hard blows to the head that required the fight to be stopped;

(E) A contestant who has been knocked out twice in a period of three (3) months or who has had excessive head blows causing a fight to be stopped shall not be permitted by a promoter to participate in a combative sports elimination contest for a period of not less than one hundred twenty (120) days after the second knockout or stoppage;

(F) A contestant who has been knocked out or had excessive hard blows to the head causing a fight to be stopped three (3) times consecutively in a period of twelve (12) months shall not be permitted by a promoter to participate in a combative sports elimination contest for a period of one (1) year after the third knockout; and

(G) Before resuming competition after any of the periods of rest prescribed in subdivisions (a)(8)(D) — (F) of this section, a promoter shall require the contestant to produce a certification by a physician stating that the contestant is fit to take part in a combative sports elimination contest.

(b) As part of the physical examination given before the combative sports elimination contest, the licensed physician or other trained person shall administer a preliminary breath test in compliance with standards imposed in rules promulgated by the Department of Arkansas State Police regarding equipment calibration and methods of administration.

(c)(1) The promoter shall keep a log of preliminary breath test results of contestants on file at its place of business for at least three (3) years after the date of administration of the test.

(2) These results shall be made available to law enforcement officials upon request.

(d) A combative sports elimination contest held under subsection (a) of this section is not considered to be in violation of the law.

(e) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 17-22-302 is amended to read as follows:

17-22-302. Issuance of licenses — Fees.

(a) The State Athletic Commission shall have the authority to appoint and issue annual licenses to the following persons with regard to participation in combative sports in this state:

- (1) A person engaging in combative sports;
- (2) A promoter of a combative sports match or exhibition;
- (3) A manager;
- (4) A matchmaker;
- (5) A referee;
- (6) A judge;
- (7) A physician;
- (8) A timekeeper; and
- (9) A person arranging, participating in, or otherwise involved with matches

and exhibitions as provided in § 17-22-301(a).

(b) The ~~commission~~ State Athletic Commission shall have the authority to refuse to issue a license to any person or organization that has been sanctioned in any way by any comparable licensing body of another state.

(c)(1) The State Athletic Commission shall not license a person who at the time of application is a registered sex offender designated as level two (2) or higher on the Arkansas Sex Offender Database.

(2) A person's status as a registered sex offender is good cause for the revocation of the person's license previously issued by the commission.

(e)(d) Fees for the licenses shall be established by the ~~commission~~ State Athletic Commission.

(d)(e) All licenses as provided in this section shall expire annually on June 30.

(f)(1) A referee or judge for professional events shall attend courses given by and obtain certification from the Association of Boxing Commissions for the referee or judge's discipline.

(2) A referee or judge may take the courses provided by the Association of Boxing Commissions anywhere in the United States if documentation of training and certification is provided upon application for a license.

(g) The State Athletic Commission may set an event permit processing fee not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00).

SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 17-22-303 is amended to read as follows:

17-22-303. License required — Penalty for unlicensed activity.

(a) No person shall participate in or engage in the promotion of a combative sports match or exhibition in this state without first having obtained a license from the State Athletic Commission.

(b) No person shall participate in a combative sports match or exhibition in this state as a manager, matchmaker, referee, judge, physician, or timekeeper, without first having obtained a license from the commission.

(c) Any person mentioned in subsection (a) or (b) of this section who does not first obtain a license from the commission before participating in a combative sports match or exhibition shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

(d) A venue, entity, or person who knowingly assists in making an unlicensed combative sports match or exhibition occur shall be subject to the penalties under subsection (c) of this section.

SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 17-22-304 is amended to read as follows:

17-22-304. Bond required.

(a) As a condition to the issuance of a license as provided in § 17-22-302(a)(2), the person applying for the license shall file with the State Athletic Commission a cashier's check, a an acceptable letter of credit, or a corporate surety bond in an amount to be established by the commission in its rules, but not less than the sum of ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000)~~ two thousand dollars (\$2,000) written by a corporate surety authorized to do business in this state, conditioned upon the licensee's payment of all taxes and other charges due the state and its political subdivisions on account of such matches or exhibitions.

(b) The surety under this section shall be written or held by the commission for at least six (6) months.

SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 17-22-306 is amended to read as follows:

17-22-306. Fees.

(a)(1) Within five (5) business days after a combative sports match or exhibition, the licensed manager, promoter, or person responsible for the match or exhibition shall furnish to the State Athletic Commission a written report under the penalty of perjury on a form that shall be provided by the commission showing the number of tickets that were issued or sold and the gross receipts therefor without any deductions whatsoever.

(2)(A) The person shall also pay to the commission at the same time a five percent (5%) fee of the total gross receipts received from admission charges for each exhibition held under the authority of this chapter.

(B) The five percent (5%) shall be computed using gross gate receipts, unless the venue collects and remits sales tax for the promoter.

(C) If the venue collects and remits sales tax for the promoter, the five percent (5%) shall be computed on the net gate receipts after sales tax.

(D)(i) If a promoter allows admission to a match or exhibition in return for a payment other than the cash purchase of tickets, the commission shall:

(a) Determine the method to be used to calculate the five-percent value of the gate receipts; or

(b) Set a reasonable price per person to be paid by the promoter to the commission.

(ii) If the promoter requests a decision from the commission regarding the payment under this section before the match or exhibition, the commission shall make the determination and notify the promoter of the determination before the match or exhibition.

(3)(A) The promoter shall pay the cost of an event inspector or investigator present at the event.

(B) The cost of the event inspector or investigator shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) per day for each inspector or investigator.

(C) The commission shall:

(i) Determine if there is a need to appoint an inspector or investigator at an event;

(ii) Determine the number of inspectors or investigators to be appointed for the event; and

(iii) Notify the promoter in writing before the event of:

(a) The number of inspectors or investigators to be appointed;

(b) The cost of the inspectors or investigators; and

(c) The reasons for the appointment.

(b)(1)(A) The commission may designate a representative to be present and to observe the computation of the number of tickets issued or sold and the determination of the gross receipts.

(B) All events shall utilize tickets for admission.

(2)(A) When the tickets are sold through an electronic ticket system, the commission may accept a computerized certification of tickets sold and a statement from the venue.

(B) The statement from the venue shall be signed by an arena representative and the promoter.

SECTION 11. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. A referee or judge who is licensed by the State Athletic Commission on the effective date of this act shall have until January 1, 2014, to obtain the certification under § 17-22-302(f). The referee or judge to whom this section applies shall not be denied renewal of his or her license or have his or her license revoked for failure to obtain certification before January 1, 2014."

(SIGNED) SENATOR JIMMY HICKEY

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 935 was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Key, Senate Bill No. 996 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. 996

Amend Senate Bill No. 996 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-209 is amended to read as follows:

6-18-209. Adoption of student attendance policies — Effect of ~~excessive~~ unexcused absences.

(a) The board of directors of each school district in this state shall adopt student attendance policies.

(b) Each school district, as a part of its six-year educational plan, shall develop strategies for promoting maximum student attendance, including, but not limited to, the use of alternative classrooms and in-school suspensions in lieu of suspension from school.

(c) A student attendance policy may include ~~excessive~~ unexcused absences as a mandatory basis for denial of promotion or graduation.

SECTION 2. The catchline of Arkansas Code § 6-18-222 is amended to read as follows:

6-18-222. Penalty for ~~excessive~~ unexcused absences — Revocation of driving privilege.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-18-222(a)(1), concerning excessive absences from school, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A)(i) The board of directors of each school district in this state shall adopt a student attendance policy, as provided for in § 6-18-209, which shall include a certain number of ~~excessive~~ unexcused absences that may be used as a basis for denial of course credit, promotion, or graduation.

(ii) However, ~~excessive~~ unexcused absences shall not be a basis for expulsion or dismissal of a student.

(B) The legislative intent is that a student having ~~excessive~~ unexcused absences because of illness, accident, or other unavoidable reasons should be given assistance in obtaining credit for the courses.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-18-222(a)(4)(A)(i), concerning excessive absences from school, is amended to read as follows:

(4)(A)(i) A student's parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis and the community truancy board, if the community truancy board has been created, shall be notified when the student has accumulated ~~excessive~~ unexcused absences equal to one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) the total number of absences permitted per semester under the school district's or the State Board of Career Education's student attendance policy.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-18-222(a)(5)(A), concerning excessive absences from school, is amended to read as follows:

(5)(A) When a student exceeds the number of ~~excessive~~ unexcused absences provided for in the district's or the State Board of Career Education's student attendance policy, or when a student has violated the conditions of an agreement granting special arrangements under subdivision (a)(4)(D) of this section, the school district or the adult education program shall notify the prosecuting authority and the community truancy board, if a community truancy board has been created, and the student's parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis shall be subject to a civil penalty through a family in need of services action in circuit court, as authorized under subdivision (a)(6)(A) of this section, but not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) plus costs of court and any reasonable fees assessed by the court."

(SIGNED) SENATOR JOHNNY KEY

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 996 was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Elliott, **Senate Bill No. 1053** was withdrawn from the Committee on STATE AGENCIES & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, and placed back on second reading for purpose of Amendment Nos. 1 and 2.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
Amendment No. 1 to SENATE BILL NO. 1053

Amend **Senate Bill No. 1053** as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete line 31 and substitute "prior to the applicant's completion of the interview by the public employer."

AND

Page 1, delete line 35 and substitute "(3) If a state agency or public employer incurs costs to interview an applicant who"

(SIGNED) SENATOR JOYCE ELLIOTT

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
Amendment No. 2 to SENATE BILL NO. 1053

Amend **Senate Bill No. 1053** as originally introduced:

Add Representative Hodges as a cosponsor of the bill

(SIGNED) SENATOR JOYCE ELLIOTT

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 1053 was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Elliott, **Senate Bill No. 1092** was withdrawn from the Committee on STATE AGENCIES & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, 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. 1092

Amend **Senate Bill No. 1092** as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete all language after the enacting clause and substitute:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 19-11-204(13)(A)(i), concerning the definition of "small procurements", is amended to read as follows:

(13)(A)(i) "Small procurements" means any procurement not exceeding a purchase price of ~~five thousand dollars (\$5,000)~~ ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). Small purchases may be procured without seeking competitive bids or competitive sealed bids.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 19-11-229(b)(1), concerning competitive sealed bidding, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) Contracts exceeding an estimated purchase price of ~~twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)~~ fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) shall be awarded by competitive sealed bidding, unless a determination is made in writing by the agency procurement official or the State Procurement Director ~~of the Office of State Procurement of the Department of Finance and Administration~~ that this method is not practicable and advantageous and specifically states the reasons that this method is not practicable and advantageous.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 19-11-234(b)(1), concerning competitive bidding, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) Contracts in which the purchase price exceeds ~~five thousand dollars (\$5,000)~~ ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and is less than or equal to ~~twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)~~ fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) may be awarded by use of competitive bidding procedures.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 19-11-1006(a)(1), concerning the required submission of contracts, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) All contracts for professional services or consultant services, except for those which are specifically exempt from review, requiring the services of an individual for regular full-time or part-time weekly work where the total contract amount exceeds ~~twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)~~ fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) must be presented to the Legislative Council or to the Joint Budget Committee, if the General Assembly is in session, before the execution date of the contract.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 19-11-1012(b)(9)(A), concerning standard contract forms, is amended to read as follows:

(9)(A) For any contract in which the total compensation exclusive of reimbursable expenses to be paid by the state agency does not exceed ~~twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)~~ fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), a purchase order may be utilized in lieu of the standard form or forms prescribed by the director.

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 25-36-104 is amended to read as follows:
25-36-104. Data recording and tracking.

(a)(1) The State Procurement Director shall track data regarding minority participation in state contracts that exceed ~~twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)~~ fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

(2) The data shall include, but not be limited to, information regarding:

(A) The dollar amount for each contract awarded to a minority-owned business;

(B) The total dollar amount spent on contracts by each state agency;

and
(C) The number and percentage of minority-owned businesses awarded contracts by the agency.

(b) The director shall report the data required under subsection (a) of this section semiannually to the Governor and to the cochairs of the Legislative Council and to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee and the Minority Business Advisory Council.

(c)(1) Each state agency shall include in its budget report to the Joint Budget Committee a listing of all contracts in amounts exceeding ~~twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)~~ fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) awarded to minority-owned businesses.

(2) The vice president or vice chancellor for finance of each state college and university shall include in his or her budget report to the Joint Budget Committee a listing of all contracts in amounts exceeding ~~twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)~~ fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) awarded to minority-owned businesses.

(d) The director shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this chapter."

(SIGNED) SENATOR JOYCE ELLIOTT

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 1092 was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Sanders, [Senate Bill No. 1157](#) was withdrawn from the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & LABOR, 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. 1157

Amend [Senate Bill No. 1157](#) as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-16-903 is amended to read as follows:
20-16-903. Informed consent.

(a) No abortion shall be performed in this state except with the voluntary and informed consent of the woman upon whom the abortion is to be performed.

(b) Except in the case of a medical emergency, consent to an abortion is voluntary and informed only if:

(1)(A) ~~Before and in no event on the same day as~~ At least twenty-four (24) hours before the abortion, the woman is told the following ~~by telephone or orally and~~ in person by the physician who is to perform the abortion, by a referring physician, or by an agent of either physician:

- (i) The name of the physician who will perform the abortion;
- (ii) The medical risks associated with the particular abortion procedure to be employed;
- (iii) The probable gestational age of the fetus at the time the abortion is to be performed;
- (iv) The medical risks associated with carrying the fetus to term;
- and
- (v) That a spouse, boyfriend, parent, friend, or other person cannot force her to have an abortion;
- (vi) A description of the proposed abortion method;
- (vii) The immediate and long-term medical risks associated with the proposed abortion method, including without limitation the risks of:
 - (a) Cervical or uterine perforation;
 - (b) Danger of subsequent pregnancies;
 - (c) Hemorrhage;
 - (d) Increased risk of breast cancer; and
 - (e) Infection;
- (viii) Alternatives to the abortion; and
- (ix) The probable anatomical and physiological characteristics of the fetus at the time the abortion is performed.

(B) The information required by this subdivision (b)(1):

(i) Shall be provided during a consultation in which the physician or ~~his or her agent~~ a referring physician is able to ask questions of the woman and the woman is able to ask questions of the physician; and

~~(ii)(a) May be provided by telephone without conducting a physical examination or tests on the woman.~~

~~(b) If the information is supplied by telephone, the information may be based both on facts supplied to the physician or his or her agent by the woman and on whatever other relevant information is reasonably available to the physician or his or her agent; and~~

~~(iii)(ii) Shall not be provided by a tape recording.~~

(C) If a physical examination, tests, or other new information subsequently indicates the need in the medical judgment of the physician for a revision of the information previously supplied to the woman, that revised information may be communicated to the woman at any time before the performance of the abortion.

(D) This section does not preclude the provision of required information through a translator in a language understood by the woman;

(2)(A) Before and in no event on the same day as the abortion, the woman is informed by telephone or in person by the physician who is to perform the abortion, by a referring physician, or by an agent of either physician:

(i) That medical assistance benefits may be available for prenatal care, childbirth, and neonatal care;

(ii) That the father is liable to assist in the support of her child, even in instances in which the father has offered to pay for the abortion; and

~~(iii) That she has the option to review the printed or electronic~~ At least twenty-four (24) hours before the abortion, the woman is given a copy of the printed materials described in § 20-16-904 and that those materials:

(a) Have been provided by the state; and
 (b) Describe the fetus and list agencies that offer alternatives to abortion; ~~and~~
 (iv) ~~That if the woman chooses to exercise her option to view the materials:~~
 (a) ~~In a printed form, the materials shall be mailed to her by a method chosen by her; or~~
 (b) ~~Via the Internet, she shall be informed before and in no event on the same day as the abortion of the specific address of the website where the materials can be accessed.~~
 (B) The information required by this subdivision (b)(2) may be provided by a tape recording if provision is made to record or otherwise register specifically whether the woman does or does not choose to review the printed materials;
 (3) Before the abortion, the woman certifies in writing that the information described in subdivision (b)(1) of this section and her options described in subdivision (b)(2) of this section have been furnished to her and that she has been informed of her option to review the information referred to in subdivision (b)(2)(A)(iii) of this section;
 (4) Before the abortion, the physician who is to perform the procedure or the physician's agent receives a copy of the written certification prescribed by subdivision (b)(3) of this section; and
 (5) Before the abortion, the physician confirms with the patient that she has received information regarding:
 (A) The medical risks associated with the particular abortion procedure to be employed;
 (B) The probable gestational age of the fetus at the time the abortion is to be performed;
 (C) The medical risks associated with carrying the fetus to term; ~~and~~
 (D) That a spouse, boyfriend, parent, friend, or other person cannot force her to have an abortion; and
 (E) The name of the physician who will perform the abortion.
 (c) The Arkansas State Medical Board shall ~~promulgate regulations~~ adopt rules to ensure that physicians who perform abortions, referring physicians, or agents of either physician comply with all the requirements of this section."

(SIGNED) SENATOR DAVID SANDERS

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 1157 was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Files, **Senate Bill No. 1184** 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. 1184

Amend **Senate Bill No. 1184** as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 8, delete "AMEND" and substitute "ESTABLISH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE ARKANSAS LOTTERY COMMISSION LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERING AMENDMENTS TO"

AND

Page 1, line 9, delete "TO" and substitute "THAT"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO ESTABLISH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR CONSIDERING AMENDMENTS TO THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP THAT INCLUDE AN INCOME LIMITATION."

AND

Page 1, delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-85-219, concerning reports to legislative committees for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, Part 2, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(e) Annually by December 31, the Department of Higher Education shall report to the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee the following information on recipients of the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, Part 2, who applied as of June 1:

(1) Race;

(2) Grade point average;

(3) Composite score on the ACT or the equivalent score on an ACT equivalent; and

(4) Family or individual income as reported on the student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid."

(SIGNED) SENATOR JAKE FILES

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 1184 was ordered engrossed.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 9, BY SENATOR JOYCE ELLIOTT,

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 Elliott, Senate Bill No. 9 was ordered re-referred to the Committee on JOINT RETIREMENT & SOCIAL SECURITY.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 508, BY SENATOR JOYCE ELLIOTT,
SENATE BILL NO. 907, BY SENATOR ALAN CLARK,
SENATE BILL NO. 996, BY SENATOR JOHNNY KEY,
SENATE BILL NO. 1184, BY SENATOR JAKE FILES,

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

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR BILL SAMPLE
CHAIRMAN

On motion of Senator Elliott, [Senate Bill No. 508](#) was ordered re-referred to the Committee on EDUCATION.

On motion of Senator Clark, [Senate Bill No. 907](#) was ordered re-referred to the Committee on EDUCATION.

On motion of Senator Key, [Senate Bill No. 996](#) was ordered re-referred to the Committee on EDUCATION.

On motion of Senator Files, [Senate Bill No. 1184](#) was ordered re-referred to the Committee on EDUCATION.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 531, BY SENATOR BILL SAMPLE,

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 Sample, Senate Bill No. 531 was ordered re-referred to the Committee on CITY, COUNTY & LOCAL AFFAIRS.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 650, BY SENATOR KEY,

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 Key, **Senate Bill No. 650** was ordered re-referred to the Committee on JOINT BUDGET.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 819, BY SENATOR ALAN CLARK,

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 Clark, **Senate Bill No. 819** was ordered re-referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, TECHNOLOGY & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 820, BY SENATOR DAVID BURNETT,

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 Burnett, **Senate Bill No. 820** was ordered re-referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 841, BY SENATOR BRUCE MALOCH,
SENATE BILL NO. 851, BY SENATOR DAVID JOHNSON,

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

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR BILL SAMPLE
CHAIRMAN

On motion of Senator Maloch, **Senate Bill No. 841** was ordered re-referred to the Committee on INSURANCE & COMMERCE.

On motion of Senator Johnson, **Senate Bill No. 851** was ordered re-referred to the Committee on INSURANCE & COMMERCE.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 875, BY SENATOR BART HESTER,
SENATE BILL NO. 916, BY SENATOR JON WOODS,
SENATE BILL NO. 1157, BY SENATOR DAVID SANDERS,

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

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR BILL SAMPLE
CHAIRMAN

On motion of Senator Hester, **Senate Bill No. 875** was ordered re-referred to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & LABOR.

On motion of Senator Woods, **Senate Bill No. 916** was ordered re-referred to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & LABOR.

On motion of Senator Sanders, **Senate Bill No. 1157** was ordered re-referred to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & LABOR.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 900, BY SENATOR JON WOODS,
SENATE BILL NO. 935, BY SENATOR JIMMY HICKEY,
SENATE BILL NO. 1053, BY SENATOR JOYCE ELLIOTT,
SENATE BILL NO. 1092, BY SENATOR JOYCE ELLIOTT,

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

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR BILL SAMPLE, CHAIRMAN

On motion of Senator Woods, **Senate Bill No. 900** was ordered re-referred to the Committee on STATE AGENCIES & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

On motion of Senator Hickey, **Senate Bill No. 935** was ordered re-referred to the Committee on STATE AGENCIES & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

On motion of Senator Elliott, **Senate Bill No. 1053** was ordered re-referred to the Committee on STATE AGENCIES & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

On motion of Senator Elliott, **Senate Bill No. 1092** was ordered re-referred to the Committee on STATE AGENCIES & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 902, BY SENATOR ALAN CLARK,

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 Clark, **Senate Bill No. 902** was ordered re-referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on EDUCATION, to whom was referred:

SENATE BILL NO. 65, BY SENATOR JOHNNY KEY,
SENATE BILL NO. 814, BY SENATOR JOHNNY KEY,

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

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR JOYCE ELLIOTT, VICE CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on EDUCATION, to whom was referred:

SENATE BILL NO. 1002, BY SENATOR ROBERT THOMPSON,
SENATE BILL NO. 1043, BY SENATOR LINDA CHESTERFIELD,
SENATE BILL NO. 1147, BY SENATOR LINDA CHESTERFIELD,

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

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR JOHNNY KEY, CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on EDUCATION, to whom was referred:

SENATE BILL NO. 33, BY SENATOR JOYCE ELLIOTT,

beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration, and herewith return the same with the recommendation that it do pass as amended No. 2.

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR JOHNNY KEY, CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on EDUCATION, to whom was referred:

SENATE BILL NO. 752, BY SENATOR JIM HENDREN,

beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration, and herewith return the same with the recommendation that it do pass concur in House Amendment No. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR JOHNNY KEY, CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on EDUCATION, to whom was referred:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1616, BY REPRESENTATIVE JIM NICKELS,
HOUSE BILL NO. 2096, BY REPRESENTATIVE REGINALD MURDOCK,

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

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR JOHNNY KEY, CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on EDUCATION, to whom was referred:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1262, BY REPRESENTATIVE JON EUBANKS,

beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration, and herewith return the same with the recommendation that it do pass as amended No. 3.

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR JOHNNY KEY, CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on JOINT BUDGET, to whom was referred:

SENATE BILL NO. 39, BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE,
SENATE BILL NO. 266, BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE,
SENATE BILL NO. 267, BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE,
SENATE BILL NO. 278, BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE,
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SENATE BILL NO. 304, BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE,
SENATE BILL NO. 305, BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE,

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

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR LARRY TEAGUE
CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on JUDICIARY, to whom was referred:

SENATE BILL NO. 1111, BY SENATOR STEPHANIE FLOWERS,

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 JEREMY HUTCHINSON, CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on JUDICIARY, to whom was referred:

SENATE BILL NO. 13, BY SENATOR GARY STUBBLEFIELD,

beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration, and herewith return the same with the recommendation that it do pass as amended No. 2.

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR JEREMY HUTCHINSON, CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on JUDICIARY, to whom was referred:

SENATE BILL NO. 630, BY SENATOR JASON RAPERT,
SENATE BILL NO. 1016, BY SENATOR GARY STUBBLEFIELD,
SENATE BILL NO. 1032, BY SENATOR GARY STUBBLEFIELD,
SENATE BILL NO. 1133, BY SENATOR JEREMY HUTCHINSON,

beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration, and herewith return the same with the recommendation that they do pass as amended No. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR JEREMY HUTCHINSON, CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on JUDICIARY, to whom was referred:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1848, BY REPRESENTATIVE MARY BROADAWAY,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1849, BY REPRESENTATIVE MARY BROADAWAY,

beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration, and herewith return the same with the recommendation that they do pass as amended No. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR JEREMY HUTCHINSON, CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on JUDICIARY, to whom was referred:

HOUSE BILL NO. 2029, BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN VINES,

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 JEREMY HUTCHINSON, CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & LABOR, to whom was referred:

SENATE BILL NO. 598, BY SENATOR BRYAN KING,
SENATE BILL NO. 862, BY SENATOR MISSY IRVIN,

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

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR CECILE BLEDSOE, CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & LABOR, to whom was referred:

SENATE BILL NO. 755, BY SENATOR CECILE BLEDSOE,

beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration, and herewith return the same with the recommendation that it do pass as amended No. 4.

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR CECILE BLEDSOE, CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & LABOR, to whom was referred:

SENATE BILL NO. 1138, BY SENATOR RONALD CALDWELL,

beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration, and herewith return the same with the recommendation that it do pass as amended No. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR CECILE BLEDSOE, CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & LABOR, to whom was referred:

SENATE BILL NO. 387, BY SENATOR MISSY IRVIN,
SENATE BILL NO. 388, BY SENATOR MISSY IRVIN,
SENATE BILL NO. 887, BY SENATOR CECILE BLEDSOE,

beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration, and herewith return the same with the recommendation that they do pass concur in House Amendment No. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR CECILE BLEDSOE
CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & LABOR, to whom was referred:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1492, BY REPRESENTATIVE KIM HAMMER,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1555, BY REPRESENTATIVE MARY HICKERSON,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1575, BY REPRESENTATIVE SUE SCOTT,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1881, BY REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN MAGIE,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1929, BY REPRESENTATIVE ANDY DAVIS,

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

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR CECILE BLEDSOE
CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & LABOR, to whom was referred:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1468, BY REPRESENTATIVE KIM HAMMER,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1930, BY REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT BALTZ,

beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration, and herewith return the same with the recommendation that they do pass as amended No. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR CECILE BLEDSOE
CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on REVENUE & TAXATION, to whom was referred:

SENATE BILL NO. 782, BY SENATOR LARRY TEAGUE,

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 JAKE FILES, CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on REVENUE & TAXATION, to whom was referred:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1654, BY REPRESENTATIVE ANDREA LEA,

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 JAKE FILES, CHAIRMAN

STATE OF ARKANSAS



STATE OF ARKANSAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

March 27, 2013

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE:

Dear Mr. President:

This is to inform you that on March 27, 2013, I approved the following measures from the Regular Session of the Eighty-ninth General Assembly:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 001
Senate Concurrent Resolution 004

Senate Bill No. 332 - ACT 517

Sincerely,

(SIGNED) MIKE BEEBE
Governor

MB:jb

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 144, BY SENATOR JOHNNY KEY,
SENATE BILL NO. 160, BY SENATOR EDDIE CHEATHAM,
SENATE BILL NO. 169, BY SENATOR BILL SAMPLE,
SENATE BILL NO. 217, BY SENATOR MISSY IRVIN,
SENATE BILL NO. 314, BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE,
SENATE BILL NO. 323, BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE,
SENATE BILL NO. 340, BY SENATOR DAVID JOHNSON,
SENATE BILL NO. 446, BY SENATOR UVALDE LINDSEY,
SENATE BILL NO. 474, BY SENATOR KEITH INGRAM,
SENATE BILL NO. 491, BY SENATOR RONALD CALDWELL,
SENATE BILL NO. 766, BY SENATOR BART HESTER,
SENATE BILL NO. 778, BY SENATOR BART HESTER,
SENATE BILL NO. 786, BY SENATOR JOHNNY KEY,
SENATE BILL NO. 792, BY SENATOR LARRY TEAGUE, ET AL,
SENATE BILL NO. 812, BY SENATOR JEREMY HUTCHINSON, ET AL,
SENATE BILL NO. 880, BY SENATOR JON WOODS,
SENATE BILL NO. 911, BY SENATOR LINDA CHESTERFIELD,
SENATE BILL NO. 965, BY SENATOR JONATHAN DISMANG,

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 10:45 a.m. delivered them to the Governor for his approval.

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR BILL SAMPLE
CHAIRMAN

GOVERNOR'S BILL RECEIPTS

- SENATE BILL NO. 144
- SENATE BILL NO. 160
- SENATE BILL NO. 169
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- SENATE BILL NO. 812
- SENATE BILL NO. 880
- SENATE BILL NO. 911
- SENATE BILL NO. 965

RECEIVED the above papers from the Secretary of the Senate this 27th day of March, 2013 at 10:45 a.m.

(SIGNED) MIKE BEEBE
Governor

(SIGNED) SARAH AGEE
Secretary

Senator Chesterfield recognized the North Little Rock High School Championship Basketball Team.

On motion of Senator Maloch, **Senate Bill No. 1190** was withdrawn from the Committee on AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, and placed on the Calendar.

Without objection, **Senate Bill No. 1190** was withdrawn by the author, Senator Maloch.

On motion of Senator Teague, **Senate Bill No. 688** was ordered re-referred to the Committee on REVENUE & TAXATION.

On motion of Senator Clark, **Senate Resolution No. 28** was called up for third reading and final disposition.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 28
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
BY: SENATOR A. CLARK**

SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE MALVERN HIGH SCHOOL LADY LEOPARDS.

Senate Resolution No. 28 was read the third time and adopted.

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senator Hester presented a Citation to the Athletic Trainers.

On motion of Senator Flowers, **Senate Bill No. 1070** was placed back on second reading for purpose of Amendment No. 2.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
Amendment No. 2 to SENATE BILL NO. 1070

Amend **Senate Bill No. 1070** as engrossed, S3/25/13:

Page 2, line 3, delete "(ii)" and substitute "(ii)(a)"

AND

Page 2, delete line 5, and substitute the following:

"for delinquency procedures under § 26-37-101 et seq.

(b) The certified delinquent levy list under subdivision (a)(1)(B) of this section may only be forwarded to the Commissioner of State Lands if the parcel for which the delinquent levy is owed is also certified for nonpayment of ad valorem taxes."

(SIGNED) SENATOR STEPHANIE FLOWERS

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 1070 was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Elliott, **Senate Bill No. 1095** was placed back on second reading for purpose of Amendment No. 3.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
Amendment No. 3 to SENATE BILL NO. 1095

Amend **Senate Bill No. 1095** as engrossed, S3/20/13:

Add Representative Hodges as a cosponsor of the bill

(SIGNED) SENATOR JOYCE ELLIOTT

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 1095 was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Cheatham, **House Bill No. 1569** was placed back on second reading for purpose of Amendment No. 1.

**ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION**

Amendment No. 1 to HOUSE BILL NO. 1569

Amend **House Bill No. 1569** as engrossed, H3/14/13:

Page 1, line 9, delete "NOTICE PROCEDURES"

AND

Page 1, line 10, delete "FOR CERTAIN"

AND

Page 1, line 15, delete "NOTICE"

AND

Page 1, line 16, delete "PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN"

AND

Page 2, delete line 4, and substitute the following:
"four (24) hours stating the basis of the emergency shall be provided.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-14-904(d), concerning county legislative procedures, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(d) Presiding Officer.

(1)(A) The county judge shall preside over the quorum court without a vote but with the power of veto.

(B) In the absence of the county judge, a quorum of the justices by majority vote shall elect one (1) of their number to preside but without the power to veto.

(2)(A) The presiding officer shall appoint all regular and special committees of a quorum court, subject to any procedural rules that may be adopted by ordinance.

(B) A regular committee or special committee of the quorum court shall not consist of more than a quorum of the whole body without the consent of the county judge."

(SIGNED) SENATOR EDDIE CHEATHAM

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

House Bill No. 1569 was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Stubblefield, **House Bill No. 1895** was placed back on second reading for purpose of Amendment No. 1.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
Amendment No. 1 to HOUSE BILL NO. 1895

Amend **House Bill No. 1895** as originally introduced:

Add Senator G. Stubblefield as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Pages 1, delete lines 34 through 36 and substitute with the following

"(16) "Severe illness" means a medical condition of an employee or an employee's immediate family member:

(A) Which is catastrophic in nature;

(B) Which could not be anticipated;

(C) That requires continuous in-patient or out-patient medical treatment; and

(D) That causes an employee or the employee's immediate family member to be absent from duty for a prolonged period of time;

(17) "Shared leave" means the donation of an employee's earned sick leave or earned annual leave to another employee who:

(A) Is suffering from a severe illness; or

(B) Has an immediate family member suffering from a severe illness."

AND

Page 2, delete lines 1 and 2

AND

Page 3, delete lines 4 through 13 and substitute the following:

"(A) Is employed by the same employer as the employee receiving shared leave;

(B) Has cumulative earned sick leave and earned annual leave in excess of eighty (80) hours; and

(C) Has not been disciplined by a governmental entity listed in subdivision (b)(1) of this section for an abuse of leave in the past two (2) calendar years.

(2) A donation of leave as shared leave must be approved in writing by the:

(A) Donating employee's employer; and

(B)(i) Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(ii) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall determine whether the employer of the employee who would donate shared leave has sufficient funds in its budget to grant the shared leave.

(3) An employee donating shared leave may donate only the amount of earned sick leave or earned annual leave that will not cause the donating employee's cumulative earned sick leave and earned annual leave to be less than eighty (80) hours.

(4) An employee may receive a maximum of two thousand eighty (2080) hours of combined shared leave and catastrophic leave in a calendar year.

(e) An employee who is granted shared leave shall provide his or her employer an acceptable medical certificate from a healthcare provider documenting the severe illness that made the employee eligible for shared leave.

(f) Shared leave that is donated to an employee and is not used by the employee shall be converted to the catastrophic leave program as described under § 21-4-214.

(g) The Office of Personnel Management of the Division of Management Services of the Department of Finance and Administration shall establish procedures and guidel

(SIGNED) SENATOR GARY STUBBLEFIELD

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

House Bill No. 1895 was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Irvin, House Bill No. 1384 was placed back on second reading for purpose of Amendment No. 1.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
Amendment No. 1 to HOUSE BILL NO. 1384

Amend House Bill No. 1384 as engrossed, H2/27/13:

Add Senator Irvin as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 1, delete lines 8 and 9 and substitute the following:

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT IN-HOME CAREGIVERS WHO ARE PAID THROUGH THE MEDICAID PROGRAM BE TESTED FOR ILLEGAL DRUG"

AND

Page 1, delete lines 15 and 16 and substitute the following:
"TO REQUIRE THAT IN-HOME CAREGIVERS WHO ARE PAID THROUGH MEDICAID BE"

AND

Page 1, line 25, delete "IndependentChoices" and substitute "In-home"

AND

Page 1, delete lines 28 and 29 and substitute the following:
"responsibility for the protection, in-home care, or custody of a Medicaid enrollee as a result of assuming the responsibility by contract or"

AND

Page 2, delete line 4 and substitute the following:

"least one (1) time every five (5) years.

(iii) A caregiver who has been tested through a home health agency within the previous five (5) years for the use of illegal drugs may satisfy the testing requirement under this subsection (b) by providing verification of the home health agency test."

AND

Page 2, line 8, delete "under the IndependentChoices Program" and substitute "paid with Medicaid funds"

AND

Page 2, line 15, delete "under the IndependentChoices"

AND

Page 2, line 16, delete "Program" and substitute "paid with Medicaid funds"

AND

Page 3, line 1, delete "under the"

AND

Page 3, delete line 2 and substitute the following:

"paid with Medicaid funds; or"

AND

Page 3, line 3, delete "under the"

AND

Page 3, delete line 4 and substitute the following:
"paid with Medicaid funds."

AND

Page 3, line 7, delete "in the" from the end of the line

AND

Page 3, delete line 8 and substitute the following:
"to provide services paid with Medicaid funds"

Add Senator Irvin as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

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(SIGNED) SENATOR MISSY IRVIN

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

House Bill No. 1384 was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Irvin, **House Bill No. 1486** was placed back on second reading for purpose of Amendment No. 1.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
Amendment No. 1 to HOUSE BILL NO. 1486

Amend **House Bill No. 1486** as originally introduced:

Page 2, delete line 1 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-77-1204, concerning rules for the Medicaid Program for Low-Income Disabled Working Persons is amended to read as follows:

(c) A rule adopted under this section shall not include a test for income, assets, or resources.

SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. (a) The Department of Human Services shall"

(SIGNED) SENATOR MISSY IRVIN

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

House Bill No. 1486 was ordered engrossed.

The President declared the morning hour to have expired.

Joint Rule, Section 21

Senator Burnett reported on decision of Rules Committee concerning the question:

Should all Senate Resolutions proposing Constitutional Amendments be sent to the Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments as required by Joint Rule, Section 21. Senator Burnett stated the Rules Committee upheld Joint Rule, Section 21, by unanimous vote.

Senator Williams spoke against ratification of Joint Rule, Section 21, and requested the decision made by Rules Committee be re-referred back to Committee.

Senator Hutchinson spoke for the decision of the Rules Committee to ratify Joint Rule, Section 21.

Senator Key spoke against the decision by Rules Committee.

Senate Counsel was asked his opinion of decision by the Rules Committee. Counsel stated his opinion the Joint Rule, Section 21, was clear.

Senator Files made a motion for immediate consideration for vote of adoption of Rules Committee's Report. Chair ruled the motion for immediate consideration was non-debatable and called for a voice vote. By voice vote, Chair ruled the Body voted to affirm the decision by the Rules Committee. Senator Williams asked for a roll call. Five hands were seen.

Roll Call

Arkansas State Senate
89th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2013

Adoption of Rules Committee Report concerning
Joint Rule 21, Joint Rule on
Constitutional Amendments.

Adoption of Report

Yea: 21 Nay: 9 Present: 0 Not Voting: 5 Excused: 0 PASSED

Necessary for adoption of Rules Report: 18

Yea: 21

Bookout	Files	Ingram	Pierce	Wyatt
Burnett	Hendren	Johnson	Sample	
Cheatham	Hester	King	Teague	
Chesterfield	Holland	Lindsey	Thompson	
Elliott	Hutchinson	Maloch	Woods	

Nay: 9

Bledsoe	English	Irvin	Rapert	Williams
Caldwell	Hickey	Key	Stubblefield	

Present: 0

Not Voting: 5

Clark	Dismang	Flowers	Lamoureux	Sanders
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(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL
Secretary of the Senate

On motion of Senator Maloch, **Senate Bill No. 123** was called up for third reading and final disposition.

SENATE BILL NO. 123
As Engrossed: S2/7/13 S2/19/13
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
BY: SENATOR MALOCH

A Bill for an Act to be Entitled: AN ACT TO SET THE MEMBER CONTRIBUTION RATE IN THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM BETWEEN SIX PERCENT (6%) AND SEVEN PERCENT (7%) OF SALARY AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Senate Bill No. 123 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.

Total 35

NEGATIVE:

Total 0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:

Total 0

VOTING PRESENT:

Total 0

Total number of votes cast	35
Necessary to the passage of the bill	18

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. 123**, 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
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NEGATIVE:

Total	0
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ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:

Total	0
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VOTING PRESENT:

Total	0
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Total number of votes cast	35
Necessary to the adoption of the Emergency Clause	24

So the Emergency Clause was adopted.

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 123 was ordered immediately transmitted to the House.

On motion of Senator Hutchinson, **Senate Bill No. 130** was called up for third reading and final disposition.

SENATE BILL NO. 130
As Engrossed: S1/31/13 S3/19/13
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
BY: SENATOR J. HUTCHINSON

A Bill for an Act to be Entitled: AN ACT TO ALLOW THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO INCREASE OR DECREASE THE STIPEND BENEFIT FOR MEMBERS AS ACTUARIALLY APPROPRIATE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Senate Bill No. 130 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.

Total 35

NEGATIVE:

Total 0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:

Total 0

VOTING PRESENT:

Total 0

Total number of votes cast	35
Necessary to the passage of the bill	18

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. 130**, 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
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NEGATIVE:

Total	0
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ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:

Total	0
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VOTING PRESENT:

Total	0
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Total number of votes cast	35
Necessary to the adoption of the Emergency Clause	24

So the Emergency Clause was adopted.

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 130 was ordered immediately transmitted to the House.

On motion of Senator Irvin, **Senate Bill No. 215** was called up for third reading and final disposition.

SENATE BILL NO. 215
As Engrossed: S3/25/13
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
BY: SENATOR IRVIN
BY: REPRESENTATIVE FIELDING

A Bill for an Act to be Entitled: AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILING FOR A MUNICIPAL OFFICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Senate Bill No. 215 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.

Total	35
NEGATIVE:	
Total	0
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:	
Total	0
VOTING PRESENT:	
Total	0
Total number of votes cast.....	35
Necessary to the passage of the bill	18

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 215 was ordered immediately transmitted to the House as passed.

* * * * * **EXPUNGED** * * * * *

On motion of Senator English, **Senate Bill No. 1067** was called up for third reading and final disposition.

SENATE BILL NO. 1067
As Engrossed: S3/14/13 S3/19/13
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
BY: SENATOR J. ENGLISH

A Bill for an Act to be Entitled: AN ACT TO PREVENT ELECTION MISCONDUCT; TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING ABSENTEE BALLOTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Senate Bill No. 1067 was placed on third reading and final disposition, the question being: Shall the Bill pass?

Senator Flowers spoke against the Bill

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

AFFIRMATIVE: Bledsoe, Caldwell, A. Clark, J. English, Files, Hickey, Holland, J. Hutchinson, Irvin, J. Key, B. King, M. Lamoureux, Maloch, B. Pierce, Rapert, G. Stubblefield, R. Thompson, E. Williams, D. Wyatt.

Total19

NEGATIVE: Burnett, Elliott, S. Flowers.

Total3

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Bookout, E. Cheatham, L. Chesterfield, J. Dismang, J. Hendren, Hester, K. Ingram, D. Johnson, U. Lindsey, B. Sample, D. Sanders, Teague, J. Woods.

Total13

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....	22
Necessary to the passage of the bill	18

Senator Flowers requested a Sounding of the Ballot on the passage of **Senate Bill No. 1067**. Five hands were seen, whereupon the Secretary sounded the ballot. Results are as follows:

Senator Lamoureux's vote was struck:

Total number of votes cast	21
Necessary to the passage of the Bill	18
Total number voting in the affirmative	18
Total number voting in the negative	3
Total number absent or not voting	14

Upon sounding of the ballot, **Senate Bill No. 1067** passed.

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

*** * * * * EXPUNGED * * * * ***

Senator Wyatt moved that the record pertaining to the vote by which **Senate Bill No. 1067** passed be expunged, the motion was duly seconded and prevailed.

The record pertaining to the vote by which **Senate Bill No. 1067** passed was expunged, in accordance with a prevailing motion on March 27, 2013.

Senator English served notice of immediate reconsideration of the vote by which **Senate Bill No. 1067** passed.

On motion of Senator English, **Senate Bill No. 1067** was called up for third reading and final disposition.

SENATE BILL NO. 1067
As Engrossed: S3/14/13 S3/19/13
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
BY: SENATOR J. ENGLISH

A Bill for an Act to be Entitled: AN ACT TO PREVENT ELECTION MISCONDUCT; TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING ABSENTEE BALLOTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Senate Bill No. 1067 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, Caldwell, A. Clark, J. Dismang, J. English, Files, Hickey, Holland, J. Hutchinson, Irvin, J. Key, B. King, B. Pierce, Rapert, B. Sample, D. Sanders, G. Stubblefield, R. Thompson, E. Williams, J. Woods.

Total21

NEGATIVE: L. Chesterfield, Elliott, S. Flowers, D. Johnson, D. Wyatt.

Total5

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Burnett, E. Cheatham, J. Hendren, Hester, K. Ingram, M. Lamoureux, U. Lindsey, Maloch, Teague.

Total9

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast26

Necessary to the passage of the bill18

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 1067 was ordered immediately transmitted to the House as passed.

On motion of Senator Rapert, **Senate Bill No. 1170** was called up for third reading and final disposition.

SENATE BILL NO. 1170
As Engrossed: S3/20/13
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
BY: SENATOR RAPERT
BY: REPRESENTATIVE BIVIANO

A Bill for an Act to be Entitled: *AN ACT TO ADOPT THE INTERSTATE INSURANCE PRODUCT REGULATION COMPACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

Senate Bill No. 1170 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.

Total	35
NEGATIVE:	
Total	0
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:	
Total	0
VOTING PRESENT:	
Total	0
Total number of votes cast.....	35
Necessary to the passage of the bill	18

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 1170 was ordered immediately transmitted to the House as passed.

Senator King moved to reconsider vote on **Senate Bill No. 2** notwithstanding the Governor's Veto.

SENATE BILL NO. 2
As Engrossed: S2/18/13 H3/7/13
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

BY: SENATORS B. KING, BLEDSOE, CALDWELL, A. CLARK, J. ENGLISH, HESTER, HICKEY, HOLLAND, IRVIN, RAPERT, G. STUBBLEFIELD, E. WILLIAMS & J. WOODS
BY: REPRESENTATIVES S. MEEKS, LEA, D. ALTES, BALLINGER, BARNETT, BELL, BIVIANO, BRAGG, BRANSCUM, J. BURRIS, CLEMMER, COLLINS, COZART, DALE, DAVIS, DEFFENBAUGH, DOTSON, C. DOUGLAS, D. DOUGLAS, EUBANKS, FARRER, FITE, GOSSAGE, HAMMER, HARRIS, HICKERSON, HOBBS, HOUSE, JEAN, KERR, LINCK, LOWERY, S. MALONE, MAYBERRY, MCCRARY, D. MEEKS, MILLER, NEAL, PAYTON, RICE, SCOTT, WESTERMAN & WOMACK

A Bill for an Act to be Entitled: AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT A VOTER PROVIDE PROOF OF IDENTITY WHEN VOTING; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A VOTER IDENTIFICATION CARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Senate Bill No. 2 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, Caldwell, A. Clark, J. Dismang, J. English, Files, J. Hendren, Hester, Hickey, Holland, J. Hutchinson, Irvin, J. Key, B. King, M. Lamoureux, Rapert, B. Sample, D. Sanders, G. Stubblefield, E. Williams, J. Woods.

Total21

NEGATIVE: Bookout, E. Cheatham, L. Chesterfield, Elliott, S. Flowers, K. Ingram, D. Johnson, U. Lindsey, Maloch, B. Pierce, R. Thompson, D. Wyatt.

Total12

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Burnett, Teague.

Total2

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast..... 33
Necessary to the passage of the override..... 18

Vote to override the Governor's Veto to **Senate Bill No. 2** was passed.

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 2 was ordered immediately transmitted to the House having overridden the Governor's Veto.

On motion of Senator Thompson, **House Bill No. 1135** was called up for third reading and final disposition.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1135
As Engrossed: H2/18/13 H3/14/13
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
BY: REPRESENTATIVE LENDERMAN

A Bill for an Act to be Entitled: AN ACT TO ALLOW ELIGIBLE SURVIVORS TO RECEIVE BENEFITS FROM THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM FROM THE DATE THAT AN APPLICATION FOR SURVIVOR BENEFITS IS FILED WITH THE SYSTEM; TO CLARIFY THE DATE ON WHICH A SURVIVING SPOUSE MAY BEGIN RECEIVING BENEFITS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

House Bill No. 1135 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, Caldwell, E. Cheatham, A. Clark, Elliott, J. English, Files, J. Hendren, Hester, Holland, J. Hutchinson, K. Ingram, Irvin, D. Johnson, J. Key, M. Lamoureux, U. Lindsey, Maloch, B. Pierce, B. Sample, D. Sanders, G. Stubblefield, Teague, R. Thompson, E. Williams, J. Woods, D. Wyatt.

Total 28

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Burnett, L. Chesterfield, J. Dismang, S. Flowers, Hickey, B. King, Rapert.

Total7

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast28

Necessary to the passage of the bill18

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

There being an emergency clause attached to **House Bill No. 1135**, 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, Caldwell, E. Cheatham, A. Clark, Elliott, J. English, Files, J. Hendren, Hester, Holland, J. Hutchinson, K. Ingram, Irvin, D. Johnson, J. Key, M. Lamoureux, U. Lindsey, Maloch, B. Pierce, B. Sample, D. Sanders, G. Stubblefield, Teague, R. Thompson, E. Williams, J. Woods, D. Wyatt.

Total28

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Burnett, L. Chesterfield, J. Dismang, S. Flowers, Hickey, B. King, Rapert.

Total7

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast28

Necessary to the adoption of the Emergency Clause24

So the Emergency Clause was adopted.

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

House Bill No. 1135 was ordered immediately returned to the House as passed.

On motion of Senator Thompson, **House Bill No. 1137** was called up for third reading and final disposition.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1137
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
BY: REPRESENTATIVE LENDERMAN

A Bill for an Act to be Entitled: AN ACT TO ALLOW ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SERVICE CREDIT AND CURRENT SALARY TO BE USED IN THE CALCULATION OF FINAL AVERAGE SALARY FOR MEMBERS RETIRING OTHER THAN THE FIRST DAY OF A CALENDAR QUARTER WITHIN A FISCAL YEAR; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

House Bill No. 1137 was pulled down at this time.

On motion of Senator Hester, **House Bill No. 1533** was called up for third reading and final disposition.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1533
As Engrossed: H3/18/13
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
BY: REPRESENTATIVE KIZZIA

A Bill for an Act to be Entitled: AN ACT CONCERNING SALARIES FOR COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

House Bill No. 1533 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, M. Lamoureux, U. Lindsey,

Maloch, B. Pierce, Rapert, B. Sample, D. Sanders, G. Stubblefield, Teague, R. Thompson, E. Williams, J. Woods, D. Wyatt.

Total34

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: B. King.

Total1

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast34

Necessary to the passage of the bill18

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

House Bill No. 1533 was ordered immediately returned to the House as passed.

On motion of Senator Wyatt, House Bill No. 1703 was called up for third reading and final disposition.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1703
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
BY: REPRESENTATIVE BARNETT

A Bill for an Act to be Entitled: AN ACT TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM TO AUTHORIZE USE OF MOTORIZED SCOOTERS WITHIN STATE PARKS; TO DEFINE MOTORIZED SCOOTERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

House Bill No. 1703 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, M. Lamoureux, U. Lindsey, Maloch, B. Pierce, Rapert, B. Sample, D. Sanders, G. Stubblefield, Teague, R. Thompson, E. Williams, J. Woods, D. Wyatt.

Total 34

NEGATIVE:

Total 0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: B. King.

Total 1

VOTING PRESENT:

Total 0

Total number of votes cast..... 34

Necessary to the passage of the bill 18

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

House Bill No. 1703 was ordered immediately returned to the House as passed.

On motion of Senator Wyatt, **House Bill No. 2024** was called up for third reading and final disposition.

HOUSE BILL NO. 2024
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
BY: REPRESENTATIVE RATLIFF
BY: SENATOR IRVIN

A Bill for an Act to be Entitled: AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE PLANT BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

House Bill No. 2024 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, M. Lamoureux, U. Lindsey, Maloch, B. Pierce, Rapert, B. Sample, D. Sanders, G. Stubblefield, Teague, R. Thompson, E. Williams, J. Woods, D. Wyatt.

Total34

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: B. King.

Total1

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast34

Necessary to the passage of the bill18

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

House Bill No. 2024 was ordered immediately returned to the House as passed.

On motion of Senator Woods, **House Bill No. 1653** was called up for third reading and final disposition.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1653
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
BY: REPRESENTATIVE LEA
BY: SENATOR J. WOODS

A Bill for an Act to be Entitled: AN ACT CONCERNING THE OWNERSHIP, ADMINISTRATION, AND REGULATION OF ISLANDS, SUBMERGED LANDS, AND PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE ISLANDS OF SUBMERGED LANDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

House Bill No. 1653 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, M. Lamoureux, U. Lindsey, Maloch, B. Pierce, Rapert, B. Sample, D. Sanders, G. Stubblefield, Teague, R. Thompson, E. Williams, J. Woods, D. Wyatt.

Total	34
NEGATIVE:	
Total	0
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: B. King.	
Total	1
VOTING PRESENT:	
Total	0
Total number of votes cast.....	34
Necessary to the passage of the bill	18

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

House Bill No. 1653 was ordered immediately returned to the House as passed.

On motion of Senator Williams, **House Bill No. 1756** was called up for third reading and final disposition.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1756
As Engrossed: H3/12/13
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

BY: REPRESENTATIVES SLINKARD, C. ARMSTRONG, BARNETT, BRAGG, CARNINE, COZART, D. DOUGLAS, EUBANKS, HICKERSON, HOPPER, KERR, MCGILL & RICE

A Bill for an Act to be Entitled: AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

House Bill No. 1756 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, M. Lamoureux, U. Lindsey, Maloch, B. Pierce, Rapert, B. Sample, D. Sanders, G. Stubblefield, Teague, R. Thompson, E. Williams, J. Woods, D. Wyatt.

Total	34
NEGATIVE:	
Total	0
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: B. King.	
Total	1
VOTING PRESENT:	
Total	0
Total number of votes cast	34
Necessary to the passage of the bill	18

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

House Bill No. 1756 was ordered immediately returned to the House as passed.

On motion of Senator Williams, **House Bill No. 1950** was called up for third reading and final disposition.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1950
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
BY: REPRESENTATIVE PERRY**

A Bill for an Act to be Entitled: AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS TO IMPOSE FEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

House Bill No. 1950 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, M. Lamoureux, U. Lindsey, Maloch, B. Pierce, Rapert, B. Sample, D. Sanders, G. Stubblefield, Teague, R. Thompson, E. Williams, J. Woods, D. Wyatt.

Total	34
NEGATIVE:	
Total	0
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: B. King.	
Total	1
VOTING PRESENT:	
Total	0
Total number of votes cast.....	34
Necessary to the passage of the bill	18

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

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

House Bill No. 1950 was ordered immediately returned to the House as passed.

On motion of Senator Teague, the Senate resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of Joint Budget bills.

Without objection, the Committee of the Whole was dissolved, and the Senate took up its regular order of business.

On motion of Senator Teague, **Senate Bill No. 684** was called up for third reading and final disposition.

SENATE BILL NO. 684
As Engrossed: S3/26/13
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
BY: SENATORS B. SAMPLE AND CALDWELL

A Bill for an Act to be Entitled: AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL SERVICES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Senate Bill No. 684 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, M. Lamoureux, U. Lindsey, Maloch, B. Pierce, Rapert, B. Sample, D. Sanders, G. Stubblefield, Teague, R. Thompson, E. Williams, J. Woods, D. Wyatt.

Total34

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: B. King.

Total1

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast..... 34

Necessary to the passage of the bill 27

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. 684**, 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, M. Lamoureux, U. Lindsey, Maloch, B. Pierce, Rapert, B. Sample, D. Sanders, G. Stubblefield, Teague, R. Thompson, E. Williams, J. Woods, D. Wyatt.

Total 34

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: B. King.

Total 1

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast..... 34

Necessary to the adoption of the Emergency Clause 24

So the Emergency Clause was adopted.

(SIGNED) ANN CORNWELL, SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 684 was ordered immediately transmitted to the House.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 1070, BY SENATOR STEPHANIE FLOWERS,
SENATE BILL NO. 1095, BY SENATOR JOYCE ELLIOTT,

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

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR BILL SAMPLE
CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1384, BY REPRESENTATIVE JOSH MILLER,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1486, BY REPRESENTATIVE JOSH MILLER,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1569, BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN BAINE,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1895, BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN CATLETT,

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

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR BILL SAMPLE
CHAIRMAN

Senate Bill No. 116 was returned from the House as passed and ordered enrolled.

Senate Bill No. 425 was returned from the House as passed and ordered enrolled.

Senate Bill No. 731 was returned from the House as passed and ordered enrolled.

Senate Bill No. 732 was returned from the House as passed and ordered enrolled.

Senate Bill No. 757 was returned from the House as passed and ordered enrolled.

Senate Bill No. 976 was returned from the House as passed and ordered enrolled.

Senate Bill No. 808 was returned from the House as passed as amended.

Senate Bill No. 910 was returned from the House as passed as amended.

Received from the House

HOUSE BILL NO. 1478

As Engrossed: H3/8/13 H3/21/13 H3/25/13

EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

BY: REPRESENTATIVES MCCRARY, BALTZ, BARNETT, BRANSCUM, CARNINE, COZART, DALE, DEFFENBAUGH, D. DOUGLAS, J. EDWARDS, EUBANKS, FARRER, GILLAM, HILLMAN, HOLCOMB, JEAN, JETT, LAMPKIN, LEDING, LENDERMAN, LINCK, MAGIE, NICKELS, B. OVERBEY, PERRY, RATLIFF, T. THOMPSON, WARDLAW, B. WILKINS & WREN

BY: SENATORS RAPERT, BURNETT, CALDWELL, E. CHEATHAM, L. CHESTERFIELD, FILES, J. HENDREN, HESTER, HOLLAND, K. INGRAM, IRVIN, J. KEY, B. KING, B. PIERCE, D. SANDERS, G. STUBBLEFIELD, TEAGUE, E. WILLIAMS, J. WOODS & D. WYATT

A Bill for an Act to be Entitled: AN ACT CONCERNING FERAL HOGS; TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "FERAL HOG"; TO REGULATE THE CAPTURING, KILLING, AND TRANSPORTING OF FERAL HOGS; TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR RELEASING HOGS INTO THE WILD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

House Bill No. 1478 was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Received from the House

HOUSE BILL NO. 2198

As Engrossed: H3/21/13

EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

BY: REPRESENTATIVE GILLAM

A Bill for an Act to be Entitled: AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE TIME AND METHOD OF THE PAYMENT OF PROCEEDS OF SALES OF OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

House Bill No. 2198 was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on EDUCATION, to whom was referred:

SENATE BILL NO. 942, BY SENATOR EDDIE CHEATHAM,

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 JOHNNY KEY
CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on EDUCATION, to whom was referred:

SENATE BILL NO. 800, BY SENATOR JOHNNY KEY,

beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration, and herewith return the same with the recommendation that it do pass as amended No. 2.

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR JASON RAPERT
RANKING MEMBER

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on EDUCATION, to whom was referred:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1686, BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD WOMACK,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1690, BY REPRESENTATIVE DEBRA HOBBS,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1770, BY REPRESENTATIVE MARK PERRY,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1810, BY REPRESENTATIVE LES CARNINE,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1838, BY REPRESENTATIVE LES CARNINE,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1948, BY REPRESENTATIVE LANE JEAN,
HOUSE BILL NO. 2011, BY REPRESENTATIVE NATE BELL,
HOUSE BILL NO. 2204, BY REPRESENTATIVE GARY DEFFENBAUGH,

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

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR JOHNNY KEY
CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, to whom was referred:

SENATE BILL NO. 1060, BY SENATOR BART HESTER,
SENATE BILL NO. 1168, BY SENATOR BRUCE HOLLAND,

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

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR BILL SAMPLE
CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on TRANSPORTATION, TECHNOLOGY & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, to whom was referred:

SENATE BILL NO. 889, BY SENATOR EDDIE CHEATHAM,

beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration, and herewith return the same with the recommendation that it do pass as amended No. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR BILL SAMPLE
CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on TRANSPORTATION, TECHNOLOGY & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, to whom was referred:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1584, BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN VINES,
HOUSE BILL NO. 2043, BY REPRESENTATIVE KELLEY LINCK,
HOUSE BILL NO. 2048, BY REPRESENTATIVE JOSH MILLER,
HOUSE BILL NO. 2179, BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVID FIELDING,

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

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR BILL SAMPLE
CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on TRANSPORTATION, TECHNOLOGY & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, to whom was referred:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1750, BY REPRESENTATIVE JONATHAN BARNETT,
HOUSE BILL NO. 2007, BY REPRESENTATIVE HAROLD COPENHAVER,

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

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR LARRY TEAGUE
CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on TRANSPORTATION, TECHNOLOGY & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, to whom was referred:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1857, BY REPRESENTATIVE MATTHEW SHEPHERD,

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 DAVID WYATT
VICE-CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on TRANSPORTATION & TECHNOLOGY & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, to whom was referred:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1701, BY REPRESENTATIVE BETTY OVERBEY,

beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration, and herewith return the same with the recommendation that it do pass as amended No. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR BILL SAMPLE
CHAIRMAN

ARKANSAS SENATE
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2013

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on TRANSPORTATION, TECHNOLOGY & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, to whom was referred:

HOUSE BILL NO. 2013, BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN CATLETT,

beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration, and herewith return the same with the recommendation that it do pass as amended No. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) SENATOR LARRY TEAGUE
CHAIRMAN

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SENATE BILLS TRANSMITTED TO THE HOUSE
AS PASSED

SENATE BILL NO. 123
SENATE BILL NO. 130
SENATE BILL NO. 215
SENATE BILL NO. 684
SENATE BILL NO. 1067
SENATE BILL NO. 1170

SENATE BILL TRANSMITTED TO THE HOUSE
HAVING OVERRIDDEN THE GOVENOR'S VETO

SENATE BILL NO. 2

HOUSE BILLS RETURNED TO THE HOUSE
AS PASSED

HOUSE BILL NO. 1135
HOUSE BILL NO. 1533
HOUSE BILL NO. 1653
HOUSE BILL NO. 1703
HOUSE BILL NO. 1756
HOUSE BILL NO. 1950
HOUSE BILL NO. 2024

SENATE BILLS RETURNED FROM THE HOUSE
AS PASSED AND ORDERED ENROLLED

SENATE BILL NO. 116
SENATE BILL NO. 425
SENATE BILL NO. 731
SENATE BILL NO. 732
SENATE BILL NO. 757
SENATE BILL NO. 976

SENATE BILLS RETURNED FROM THE HOUSE
AS PASSED AS AMENDED

SENATE BILL NO. 808 AS AMENDED NO. 1
SENATE BILL NO. 910 AS AMENDED NO. 1

HOUSE BILLS TRANSMITTED TO THE SENATE
AS PASSED

HOUSE BILL NO. 1478

HOUSE BILL NO. 2198

On motion of Senator Key, the Senate adjourned until 1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 28, 2013.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

