

**SIXTY-FIFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS
HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Little Rock, Arkansas
March 17, 2015

The House was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Mr. Gillam, the Speaker. The following members answered to the roll call:

C. Armstrong, Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, K. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, Flowers, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, Michael Gray, Michelle Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, M. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, Mayberry, McElroy, McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Miller, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, Overbey, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Sabin, Scott, Shepherd, Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tosh, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Walker, Wallace, Wardlaw, Whitaker, Womack, Wright, Mr. Speaker.

Total98

The following member(s) was absent and did not answer to the roll call: E. Armstrong, Ladyman.

Total2

A quorum was present.

Unanimous leave was granted for Representative(s) E. Armstrong, Ladyman.

The House stood and was led in prayer by Reverend Johnny Hobbie, Pastor, Maul Road Church of Christ, Camden, Arkansas.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORT

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EDUCATION

BRUCE COZART

CHAIRPERSON

HOUSE BILL NO. 1256

DO PASS

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADAWAY

HOUSE BILL NO. 1419

DO PASS

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCNAIR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1545

DO PASS

BY REPRESENTATIVE SABIN

HOUSE BILL NO. 1600

DO PASS

BY REPRESENTATIVE C. DOUGLAS

HOUSE BILL NO. 1602

DO PASS

BY REPRESENTATIVE B. JOHNSON

HOUSE BILL NO. 1640

DO PASS

BY REPRESENTATIVE MURDOCK

HOUSE BILL NO. 1685

DO PASS

BY REPRESENTATIVE C. DOUGLAS

HOUSE BILL NO. 1713

DO PASS

BY REPRESENTATIVE EUBANKS

SENATE BILL NO. 371

DO PASS

BY SENATOR ENGLISH

SENATE BILL NO. 591

DO PASS

BY SENATOR CLARK

SENATE BILL NO. 695

DO PASS

BY SENATOR S. FLOWERS

SENATE BILL NO. 1038

DO PASS

BY SENATOR D. JOHNSON

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EDUCATION

SHEILLA LAMPKIN

VICE CHAIRPERSON

SENATE BILL NO. 368

DO PASS

BY SENATOR ENGLISH

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JUDICIARY

MATTHEW SHEPHERD

CHAIRPERSON

HOUSE BILL NO. 1322

DO PASS

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD

HOUSE BILL NO. 1376

DO PASS

BY REPRESENTATIVE BELL

AS AMENDED #1

HOUSE BILL NO. 1599

DO PASS

BY REPRESENTATIVE C. DOUGLAS

HOUSE BILL NO. 1624

DO PASS

BY REPRESENTATIVE D. MEEKS

HOUSE BILL NO. 1631

DO PASS

BY REPRESENTATIVE C. DOUGLAS

HOUSE BILL NO. 1648

DO PASS

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEDING

AS AMENDED #3

HOUSE BILL NO. 1676

DO PASS

BY REPRESENTATIVE D. MEEKS

AS AMENDED #2

HOUSE BILL NO. 1727

DO PASS

BY REPRESENTATIVE WOMACK

AS AMENDED #1

HOUSE BILL NO. 1769

DO PASS

BY REPRESENTATIVE SHEPHERD

AS AMENDED #1

HOUSE BILL NO. 1770

DO PASS

BY REPRESENTATIVE SHEPHERD

HOUSE BILL NO. 1805

DO PASS

BY REPRESENTATIVE TALLEY

HOUSE BILL NO. 1846

DO PASS

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAINE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1864

DO PASS

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEMONS

SENATE BILL NO. 79

DO PASS

BY SENATOR WOODS

SENATE BILL NO. 998

DO PASS

BY SENATOR J. HUTCHINSON

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PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR	KELLEY LINCK CHAIRPERSON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1009 BY REPRESENTATIVE MURDOCK	DO PASS
HOUSE BILL NO. 1424 BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRIS	DO PASS AS AMENDED #1
HOUSE BILL NO. 1589 BY REPRESENTATIVE DELLA ROSA	DO PASS
HOUSE BILL NO. 1612 BY REPRESENTATIVE J. MAYBERRY	DO PASS
HOUSE BILL NO. 1637 BY REPRESENTATIVE BENNETT	DO PASS
HOUSE BILL NO. 1705 BY REPRESENTATIVE BALLINGER	DO PASS
HOUSE BILL NO. 1957 BY REPRESENTATIVE G. HODGES	DO PASS
SENATE BILL NO. 316 BY SENATOR IRVIN	DO PASS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1939 BY REPRESENTATIVE WALLACE	DO PASS

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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

SENATE BILL NO. 748	DO PASS
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	MIKE HOLCOMB
	VICE CHAIRPERSON
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BY SENATOR SAMPLE	
SENATE BILL NO. 635	DO PASS
BY SENATOR FILES	

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REVENUE AND TAXATION

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	JOE JETT
	CHAIRPERSON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1703	DO PASS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1817	DO PASS
BY REPRESENTATIVE RUSHING	
SENATE BILL NO. 897	DO PASS
BY SENATOR HESTER	AS AMENDED #1
SENATE BILL NO. 898	DO PASS
BY SENATOR HESTER	AS AMENDED #1
SENATE BILL NO. 900	DO PASS
BY SENATOR HESTER	AS AMENDED #1
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BY SENATOR HESTER	AS AMENDED #1
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BY SENATOR HESTER	AS AMENDED #1

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JOINT BUDGET

LANE JEAN

CHAIRPERSON

HOUSE BILL NO. 1036

DO PASS

BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1154

DO PASS

BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1217

DO PASS

BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1232

DO PASS

BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1520

DO PASS

BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

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JOURNAL

JEREMY GILLAM

ENGROSSED AND ENROLLED BILLS

CHAIRPERSON

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BY REPRESENTATIVE COLLINS

HOUSE BILL NO. 1384

BY REPRESENTATIVE COLLINS

HOUSE BILL NO. 1604

BY REPRESENTATIVE MAGIE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1645

BY REPRESENTATIVE BENTLEY

HOUSE BILL NO. 1668

BY REPRESENTATIVE VINES

HOUSE BILL NO. 1670

BY REPRESENTATIVE LOWERY

HOUSE BILL NO. 1675

BY REPRESENTATIVE MAGIE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1690

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEDING

HOUSE BILL NO. 1693

BY REPRESENTATIVE TUCKER

HOUSE BILL NO. 1711

BY REPRESENTATIVE TALLEY

HOUSE BILL NO. 1716

BY REPRESENTATIVE PITSCH

HOUSE BILL NO. 1718

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1726

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BY REPRESENTATIVE VINES

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1780	BY REPRESENTATIVE TOSH
HOUSE BILL NO. 1781	BY REPRESENTATIVE HICKERSON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1787	BY REPRESENTATIVE BELL
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1796	BY REPRESENTATIVE M. GRAY
HOUSE BILL NO. 1802	BY REPRESENTATIVE JETT
HOUSE BILL NO. 1804	BY REPRESENTATIVE EUBANKS
HOUSE BILL NO. 1806	BY REPRESENTATIVE VAUGHT
HOUSE BILL NO. 1807	BY REPRESENTATIVE C. DOUGLAS
HOUSE BILL NO. 1816	BY REPRESENTATIVE WALLACE
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1856	BY REPRESENTATIVE MURDOCK
HOUSE BILL NO. 1857	BY REPRESENTATIVE MURDOCK
HOUSE BILL NO. 1860	BY REPRESENTATIVE MURDOCK
HOUSE BILL NO. 1867	BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMER
HOUSE BILL NO. 1877	BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1880	BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1900	BY REPRESENTATIVE SABIN
HOUSE BILL NO. 1901	BY REPRESENTATIVE SABIN
HOUSE BILL NO. 1902	BY REPRESENTATIVE SABIN
HOUSE BILL NO. 1914	BY REPRESENTATIVE K. FERGUSON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1916	BY REPRESENTATIVE GONZALES
HOUSE BILL NO. 1926	BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMER
HOUSE BILL NO. 1933	BY REPRESENTATIVE C. DOUGLAS
HOUSE BILL NO. 1936	BY REPRESENTATIVE BELL
HOUSE BILL NO. 1945	BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMER
HOUSE BILL NO. 1958	BY REPRESENTATIVE C. ARMSTRONG
HOUSE BILL NO. 1959	BY REPRESENTATIVE WARDLAW
HOUSE BILL NO. 1964	BY REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1965	BY REPRESENTATIVE COPELAND
HOUSE BILL NO. 1970	BY REPRESENTATIVE LOWERY
HOUSE BILL NO. 1977	BY REPRESENTATIVE C. ARMSTRONG
HOUSE BILL NO. 1984	BY REPRESENTATIVE BELL
HOUSE BILL NO. 1991	BY REPRESENTATIVE C. DOUGLAS
HOUSE BILL NO. 2005	BY REPRESENTATIVE DEFFENBAUGH
HOUSE BILL NO. 2007	BY REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT

do herewith return the same as having been substantively amended and properly engrossed in compliance with House Rule 39 (c).

Upon motion of Representative Pitsch, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1716** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1716

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1716** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) An efficient transportation system is critical for Arkansas's economy and the quality of life of the state's residents;

(2) The revenues currently available for highways and local roads are inadequate to preserve and maintain existing infrastructure and to provide funds for improvements that would reduce congestion and improve service;

(3) The tax levied on motor fuel in the state is an ineffective mechanism for meeting Arkansas's long-term revenue needs because the motor fuel tax will steadily generate less revenue as motor vehicles become more fuel efficient and alternative sources of fuel are identified;

(4) By 2030, as much as one-half (1/2) of the revenue that could have been generated by the motor fuel tax will be lost as the result of the increased fuel efficiency of motor vehicles;

(5) Bundling fees for roads and highways into the motor fuel tax makes it difficult for users to understand the amount they are paying for roads and highways;

(6) Other states have begun to explore the potential for a road usage charge to replace traditional motor fuel taxes, including the State of Oregon, which established the first permanent road-user charge program in the nation;

(7) A road-user charge program requires motorists to pay for the use of the roadway network based on the distance they travel, and motorists pay the same rate per mile driven, regardless of which part of the roadway network the motorists use;

(8) A road-user charge program has the potential to distribute the motor fuel tax burden across all vehicles regardless of fuel source and to minimize the impact of the current regressive motor fuel tax structure;

(9) The experience of other states across the nation demonstrates that mileage-based charges can be implemented in a way that ensures data security and maximum privacy protection for motorists;

(10) It is important that this state begin to explore alternative revenue sources that may be implemented in lieu of the antiquated motor fuel tax structure now in place; and

(11) Any exploration of alternative revenue sources shall:

(A) Take in account the privacy of the taxpayers, especially with regard to location data;

(B) Not report travel locations or patterns; and

(C) Use legal and technical safeguards to protect personal information.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 27, Subtitle 5, is amended to add an additional chapter to read as follows:

CHAPTER 77

ARKANSAS ROAD-USER TAX PILOT PROGRAM

27-77-101. Title.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas Road-User Tax Pilot Program".

27-77-102. Definition.

As used in this chapter, "subject vehicle" means the motor vehicle that a person participating in the Arkansas Road-User Tax Pilot Program will use under the program.

27-77-102. Arkansas Road-User Tax Pilot Program — Creation.

The State Highway Commission may develop an Arkansas Road-User Tax Pilot Program to evaluate the creation and implementation of a road-user tax system under this chapter.

27-77-103. Application.

(a) If the State Highway Commission develops an Arkansas Road-User Tax Pilot Program under this chapter, a person may apply to the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department to participate in the program, using the form prescribed by the department.

(b) The department shall approve a completed application submitted under this section if:

(1) The applicant is the registered owner or lessee of the subject vehicle;

(2) The subject vehicle:

(A) Is equipped with a method established under § 27-77-105 for collecting and reporting the use by the subject vehicle of the highways in Arkansas; and

(B) Has a gross vehicle weight rating of ten thousand pounds (10,000 lbs.) or less; and

(3) Approval of the application would not result in the number of motor vehicles in the program exceeding the limit stated in subsection (d) of this section.

(c) After an application is approved, the person applying for participation in the program is subject to the requirements of this chapter until the person ends his or her participation by:

(1) Notifying the department in writing, using the form prescribed by the department; and

(2) Paying any outstanding road user taxes.

(d)(1) The department shall not approve:

(A) More than five thousand (5,000) total applications under the program;

(B) More than one thousand five hundred (1,500) applications in which the subject vehicle has a rating of less than seventeen miles per gallon (17 mpg); or

(C) More than one thousand five hundred (1,500) applications in which the subject vehicle has a rating of at least seventeen miles per gallon (17 mpg) and less than twenty-two miles per gallon (22 mpg).

(2) The department shall establish a method for determining the rating of subject vehicles under this subsection.

27-77-104. Road-user tax.

(a) A person participating in the Arkansas Road-User Tax Pilot Program shall pay a road-user tax of one and five-tenths cents (1.5¢) for each mile the subject vehicle travels on Arkansas highways.

(b) The tax imposed under this section applies as long as the person is participating in the program and:

(1) Owns the subject vehicle, if the person is the owner; or

(2) Leases the subject vehicle, if the person is a lessee.

27-77-105. Methods of determining road use.

(a) The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department shall establish by rule at least two (2) methods of recording and reporting the number of miles that a subject vehicle travels on Arkansas highways.

(b) In establishing a method of recording and reporting the number of miles that a subject vehicle travels on Arkansas highways, the department shall consider:

(1) The accuracy of the data collected and reported;

(2) The privacy afforded the data collected during participation in the Arkansas Road-User Tax Pilot Program;

(3) The security of the technology used;

(4) The resistance of the technology to tampering and fraud;

(5) The ability of the department to audit a participant's compliance with this chapter using each method; and

(6) Any other factors determined by the department to be important.

(c) The department shall establish at least one (1) method of recording and reporting the number of miles that a subject vehicle travels on Arkansas highways that does not use vehicle location technology.

(d) The department shall adopt standards for open-system technology used in each method established under this section.

(e) The person participating in the program shall select which of the available methods he or she will use to collect and report the number of miles the subject vehicle traveled on Arkansas highways.

27-77-106. Collection and reporting of road-user taxes.

(a)(1) The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department shall establish by rule a procedure for collecting the road-user taxes imposed under this chapter.

(2) The department may impose a penalty of up to ten percent (10%) of the road-user taxes due for the late payment of road-user taxes.

(b)(1) The department shall establish by rule the reporting requirements for persons participating in the Arkansas Road-User Tax Pilot Program.

(2) In establishing reporting requirements under this subsection, the department shall consider the following:

(A) The effort required by persons participating in the program to report metered use and pay the road-user tax;

(B) The amount of the road-user taxes owed;

(C) The cost to persons participating in the program to report the subject vehicle's use and pay the road-user tax;

(D) The administrative costs to the department; and

(E) Any other factors determined by the department to be important.

27-77-107. Disposition of revenues.

(a) The revenues generated under this chapter shall be deposited into the State Treasury and credited to the State Highway and Transportation Department Fund to be used for the administration of this chapter.

(b)(1) However, at the conclusion of the first full fiscal year that the Arkansas Road-User Tax Pilot Program exists, the Director of State Highways and Transportation shall certify to the Treasurer of State the amount of revenue necessary for the administration of the program.

(2) Following the certification in subdivision (b)(1) of this section, the revenues generated under this chapter shall be deposited into the State Treasury, and the Treasurer of State shall:

(A) First deposit the amount certified under subdivision (b)(1) of this section to the fund to be used for the administration of this chapter; and

(B) Distribute the remainder under § 27-70-206.

27-77-108. Privacy.

(a) Personally identifiable information used in the collection and reporting of the number of miles a subject vehicle travels on Arkansas highways is exempt from the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.

(b)(1) The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, a certified service provider of the department, and a contractor of a certified service provider of the department shall not disclose personally identifiable information used in the collection and reporting of the number of miles a subject vehicle travels on Arkansas highways or in the collection of road-user taxes under this chapter to any person except:

(A) The participant in the Arkansas Road-User Tax Program;

(B) A financial institution for the purpose of collecting road-user taxes;

(C) An employee of the department;

(D) A certified service provider of the department;

(E) A contractor of a certified service provider of the department to the extent that the contractor provides services directly related to the certified service provider's agreement with the department;

(F) An entity expressly approved to receive the information by the registered owner or lessee of the subject vehicle; or

(G) A police officer or other authorized official pursuant to a valid court order or subpoena.

(2) Disclosure under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall be provided only to the extent necessary for the recipient of the information to perform his or her function.

(c)(1) Within thirty (30) days after the department has completed payment processing, dispute resolution, or a noncompliance investigation, whichever is

latest, the department and any certified service providers shall destroy all records of the location and use of subject vehicles.

(2) However:

(A) The department and certified service providers, for purposes of traffic management and research, may retain, aggregate, and use information obtained under this chapter after all personally identifiable information has been removed;

(B) A participant in the program may consent to a certified service provider's retaining records obtained under this chapter; and

(C) The department and certified service providers may retain monthly summaries of the use of subject vehicles in vehicle identification number summary reports.

(d) In each agreement with a certified service provider, the department shall provide penalties for a certified service provider's violation of this section.

27-77-109. Rules.

If an Arkansas Road-User Tax Pilot Program is created, the State Highway Commission may and the Arkansas State Department of Highway and Transportation shall promulgate rules to implement and administer this chapter."

/s/ Mathew W. Pitsch

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Hillman, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1345** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1345

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1345** as originally introduced:

Add Representatives E. Armstrong, Bennett, Bentley, D. Douglas, M.J. Gray, Jett, Richey, Scott, and D. Whitaker as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Add Senator E. Williams as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 1, line 28, delete "cash, check, or money order" and substitute "check or money order"

/s/ David Hillman

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Eubanks, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1804** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1804

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1804** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

25-1-123. Contingency fee contracts with private attorneys — Transparency.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Private attorney" means:

(A) An individual who is a private attorney; or

(B) A law firm;

(2) "Public entity" means a state agency, constitutional office, constitutional department, board, commission, institution of higher education,

municipality, county, school district, improvement districts, public retirement system, and any other political subdivision of the state; and

(3) "State transparency website" means the website developed by the Department of Finance and Administration under the Arkansas Financial Transparency Act, § 25-1-401 et seq.

(b)(1) A copy of each executed contingency fee contract between a public entity and a private attorney shall be submitted to the department to be posted on the state transparency website for public inspection within five (5) business days after the date the contract is executed.

(2) A contingency fee contract posted on the state transparency website under this section shall remain posted on the state transparency website for the duration of the contingency fee contract, including any extensions of or amendments to the contingency fee contract.

(c)(1) Each payment of a contingency fee by a public entity to a private attorney shall be submitted to the department to be posted on the state transparency website within fifteen (15) days after the payment of the contingency fee to the private attorney.

(2) A payment of a contingency fee posted on the state transparency website under this chapter shall remain posted on the state transparency website for at least one (1) year.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 25-1-403(1), concerning the definitions to be used under the Arkansas Financial Transparency Act, is amended to read as follows:

(1)(A) "Expenditure data" means information provided by a state agency regarding the spending of public funds that adequately identifies the purpose, amount, payor, and vendor, if such disclosure is permissible under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq., and federal laws or regulations.

(B) "Expenditure data" does not include expenses of pending litigation.

(C) "Expenditure data" includes copies of contingency fee contracts and payments of contingency fees under § 25-1-123;"

/s/ Jon Eubanks

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative S. Meeks, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1004** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1004

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1004** as engrossed,
H2/26/15 (version: 02/26/2015 10:26:49 AM):

Page 1, delete lines 32 through 36, and substitute the following:

"(B) Has a generating capacity of not more than:

(i) The greater of twenty-five kilowatts (25 kW) or one hundred percent (100%) of the net-metering customer's highest monthly usage in the previous twelve (12) months for residential use; or three

(ii) Three hundred kilowatts (300 kW) for any other"

AND

Page 2, delete line 1, and substitute the following:

"use unless otherwise allowed by a commission under § 23-18-604(b)(5);"

AND

Immediately following SECTION 1, add additional sections to read as follows:

"SECTION 2. The introductory language of Arkansas Code § 23-18-604(b), concerning the authority of the Arkansas Public Service Commission, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Following notice and opportunity for public comment, ~~the Arkansas Public Service Commission~~ a commission:

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 23-18-604(b)(1), concerning the authority of the Arkansas Public Service Commission, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Shall establish appropriate rates, terms, and conditions for net-metering contracts, including a:

(A)(i) A requirement that the rates charged to each net-metering customer recover the electric utility's entire cost of providing service to each net-metering customer within each of the electric utility's class of customers.

(ii) The electric utility's entire cost of providing service to each net-metering customer within each of the electric utility's class of customers under subdivision (b)(1)(A)(i) of this section:

(a) Includes without limitation any quantifiable additional cost associated with the net-metering customer's use of the electric utility's capacity, distribution system, or transmission system and any effect on the electric utility's reliability; and

(b) Is net of any quantifiable benefits associated with the interconnection with and providing service to the net-metering customer.

including without limitation benefits to the electric utility's capacity, reliability, distribution system, or transmission system; and

(B) A requirement that net-metering equipment be installed to accurately measure the electricity:

(A) (i) Supplied by the electric utility to each net-metering customer; and

(B) (ii) Generated by each net-metering customer that is fed back to the electric utility over the applicable billing period;"

AND

Page 2, line 11, delete "peak" and substitute "peak generating capacity"

AND

Page 2, line 16, delete "an annual" and substitute "an annual a"

AND

Page 2, line 25, delete "avoided costs of" and substitute "estimated annual average avoided cost rate for"

AND

Page 2, line 26, delete "power at the time of the request" and substitute "energy"

AND

Page 2, line 29, delete "avoided costs of wholesale power" and substitute "estimated annual average avoided cost rate for wholesale energy"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 24 and 25, and substitute the following:

"(c)(1) As used in this section, "avoided costs":

(A) For the Arkansas Public Service Commission, means the same as defined in § 23-3-702; and

(B) For a municipal utility, is defined by the governing body of the municipal utility."

AND

Page 3, line 31, delete "(2)" and substitute "(2)(A)"

AND

Page 3, delete line 34, and substitute the following:

"meter location are under common ownership within a single electric utility's service area.

(B) Net excess generation shall be credited first to the net-metering customer's meter to which the net-metering facility is physically attached.

(C) After applying net excess generation under subdivision (d)(2)(B) of this section and upon request of the net-metering customer under subdivision (d)(2)(A) of this section, any remaining net excess generation shall be

credited to one (1) or more of the net-metering customer's meters in the rank order provided by the net-metering customer."

AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill

/s/ Stephen Meeks

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks

Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Sorvillo, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1745** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1745

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1745** as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 9, delete "PROGRAM;" and substitute "PROGRAM; TO CREATE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR TUITION PAYMENTS FOR DEPENDENTS WITH CERTAIN DISABILITIES;"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO ESTABLISH AN INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDIT OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; AND TO CREATE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR TUITION PAYMENTS FOR DEPENDENTS WITH CERTAIN DISABILITIES."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Individual Income Tax Credit Opportunity Scholarship Program".

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 26, Chapter 51, Subchapter 5, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26-51-515. Tuition for dependent with a disability.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Dependent with a disability" means an individual who:

(A) Is claimed on the taxpayer's state income tax return as a dependent; and

(B) Has dyslexia; and

(2) "Private school" means a nonpublic school that:

(A) Provides education to elementary or secondary students;

(B) Is located in Arkansas; and

(C) Is not a home school as defined in § 6-15-501.

(b) There is allowed an income tax credit of up to four thousand four hundred dollars (\$4,400) against the income tax imposed under this chapter for a taxpayer's tuition payments to a private school for a dependent with a disability.

(c) If the amount of the income tax credit allowed under this section exceeds the taxpayer's income tax liability, the excess shall be refunded to the taxpayer.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 2 of this act is effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015."

/s/ James Sorvillo

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative M. Gray, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1796** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1796

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1796** as originally introduced:

Delete the title in its entirety and substitute:

"AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL AND PARTIAL CENSUSES;
TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURES
FOR A PARTIAL SPECIAL CENSUS TO BE
USED FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF HIGHWAY

REVENUES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"CONCERNING SPECIAL AND PARTIAL CENSUSES;
AND TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURES
FOR A PARTIAL SPECIAL CENSUS TO BE
USED FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF HIGHWAY
REVENUES."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-70-207(c)(2), concerning the distribution of highway revenues to cities and incorporated towns, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) The Treasurer of State shall on or before the tenth day next following the last day of each calendar month make distribution of the funds on the basis of population according to the most recent federal census, with the amount to be paid over to each city or incorporated town in the proportion that its population bears to the total population of all cities and towns.

(B) A city or incorporated town may request a partial special census from the federal Bureau of the Census under the guidelines established by the federal Bureau of the Census.

(C) Upon completion of the partial special census, the population figures determined by the federal Bureau of the Census shall be used to determine the distribution of revenues under this section to the city or incorporated town that requested the partial special census.

(D) For purposes of this section, a person incarcerated within a city or incorporated town shall be counted to determine the population of the city or incorporated town."

/s/ Michelle Gray

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Vaught, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1806** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1806

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1806** as originally introduced:

Page 1. Line 8, delete "DIVISION OF"

AND

Page 1, line 9, delete "AGRICULTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS" and substitute "UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute the following:

"TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE."

AND

Delete all language after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 64, Subchapter 7 is amended to read as follows:

Subchapter 7 — ~~Agricultural Experiment Stations~~ University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture

6-64-701. Acceptance of federal aid.

The assent of the General Assembly is given to:

(1) For the purpose of the grants made in 7 U.S.C. § 361a et seq., and the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas is authorized and empowered to may accept any sums coming to the State of Arkansas under that federal act and to apply them for the benefit of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture in accordance with the terms and conditions expressed in the Act of Congress referred to above;

(2) To the provisions and requirements of an Act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for cooperative agricultural extension work between the agricultural colleges in the several states," known as the Smith-Lever Act, 7 U.S.C. § 341 et seq., the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas may receive any sums coming to the State of Arkansas under that federal act, and apply them for the benefit of the division in accordance with the terms and conditions expressed in the Act of Congress referred to above; and

(3) To the provisions and requirements of the federal Act of October 10, 1962, popularly known as the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Research Program, 16 U.S.C. § 582a, et seq., the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas may receive any sums coming to the State of Arkansas under that federal

act, and apply them for the benefit of the forestry program established by the division in accordance with the terms and conditions expressed in the Act of Congress referred to above.

~~6-64-702. Course of study.~~

~~The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas shall establish a course of study in connection with the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas for the students who desire to be instructed in practical agriculture, horticulture, entomology, veterinary, and related subjects, in order that these branches of education may be developed as rapidly as possible and be diffused among those involved in agriculture.~~

~~6-64-703. Investigations and recommendations by director.~~

~~(a) The Director of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas shall make investigations in all sections of the state upon the subjects of agriculture, horticulture, veterinary, entomology, and related subjects and shall examine and advise remedies for diseased or infected crops, the proper care of cultivated lands, including how to restore wastelands, care of timber, care and treatment of orchards, and all matters relating to horticulture and agriculture.~~

~~(b) The director shall publish bulletins covering all investigations made and results obtained under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section and in connection with reports made from the station for dissemination throughout the state.~~

~~6-64-704. Investigation and classification of soils.~~

~~(a) The Director of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas is authorized to expend such sums as may be provided and necessary for the purpose of conducting a scientific investigation of the soils of the counties of the State of Arkansas, classifying and locating the different soils, surveying and mapping such soils, describing, analyzing, and examining the soils and otherwise locating the various types and kinds of soil in the counties of this state and ascertaining their constituent elements of plant food, their plant food deficiencies, and any other information regarding the soils which will be helpful to the agricultural interest of the state and printing, publishing, and distributing reports and soil maps of the areas surveyed. This work may be conducted in cooperation with the Agricultural Research Service of the United States Department of Agriculture and with the several counties of the State of Arkansas.~~

~~(b) The director is authorized to employ competent assistants and soil surveyors to make surveys, to fix their compensation, to purchase necessary supplies and equipment, to pay travel and such other expenses as may be~~

necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, including cost of printing, publishing, and distributing reports of the soil surveys.

~~(c) The county courts and tax levying boards are authorized and empowered to make appropriations out of the general revenue fund of the county for the purpose of cooperating with the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas in carrying out the provisions of this section.~~

~~6-64-705. Main Agricultural Experiment Station — Branch stations generally.~~

~~(a) The experiment station located at the University of Arkansas shall remain at that point as a permanent institution.~~

~~(b) It shall be known as the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas and shall continue as heretofore.~~

~~(c) All other agricultural experiment stations which may be established by this subchapter shall be considered as branch stations.~~

~~(d) The Director of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas shall establish and maintain such branch stations as the circumstances may require and as allowed by appropriations, provided there is one (1) established in southern Arkansas, one (1) in eastern Arkansas, and one (1) in central-western Arkansas, at locations where the best advantages are offered to accomplish the most good.~~

~~6-64-706. Central Branch Station.~~

~~(a) There is created and established by the State of Arkansas an agricultural station and model farm combined in central Arkansas, to be located as provided in subsection (j) of this section and to be known as the Central Branch Station of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas.~~

~~(b) The scope and work of the institution shall be to:~~

~~(1) Conduct scientific experiments in the several branches of agriculture;~~

~~(2) Breed and distribute at reasonable prices pure-bred livestock and pure seed of high yielding strains of the staple field crops of the state with a view to further development of the agricultural industry of the state;~~

~~(3) Disseminate through bulletins and reports the results of experiments made at the station;~~

~~(4) Lay out and conduct a model farm of not less than forty (40) acres nor more than eighty (80) acres; and~~

~~(5) Furnish the farmers and planters of the state such information relative to the various plants and animals of the state as may be available to the assistant director.~~

~~(c) The branch station and the work and experiments conducted therein and thereon shall be under the direction of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas.~~

~~(d)(1) An assistant director shall be placed in charge of the Central Branch Station.~~

~~(2) The assistant director shall reside on or in close proximity to the Central Branch Station and shall be learned and skilled in scientific and practical agriculture and acquainted with the farm conditions of the state, so far as possible.~~

~~(e)(1) In addition to his or her other duties, the assistant director in charge shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and expenditures of the branch station, a report of which, together with all other matters pertaining to the branch station, shall be made by him or her annually to the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas.~~

~~(2) A complete report of the branch station shall be made by the board to the Governor at least thirty (30) days before the meeting of each General Assembly.~~

~~(f) The assistant director shall perform such other duties as may be directed by the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas.~~

~~(g) The assistant director shall have such assistance and labor furnished him or her as may be necessary to properly carry on the work of the institution.~~

~~(h)(1) The employees of the Central Branch Station shall be elected or appointed by the same authority as those of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas and shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the same authority.~~

~~(2) Salaries of employees and running expenses of Central Branch Station shall be paid out of funds provided therefore.~~

~~(i)(1) For the purpose of this section, a commission of seven (7) members is created.~~

~~(2) The commission shall be composed of the Governor, the Director of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas, the assistant director who is appointed for the Central Branch Station, and four (4) farmers and planters of the state, who shall be appointed by the Governor.~~

~~(3) A secretary shall be elected by the commission from its own body.~~

~~(j)(1) It shall be the duty of the commission to decide upon the location of the Central Branch Station at some suitable, convenient, and accessible point in central Arkansas.~~

~~(2) In locating the Central Branch Station, the commission provided for in this section is authorized to accept donations of land, lumber, timber,~~

implements, money, notes, other obligations, or any property which may be of use in establishing the Central Branch Station.

~~(3) The location shall be on a tract of not less than three hundred sixty (360) acres of tillable land of at least average fertility.~~

~~(4) The commission shall take a ten-year option on not less than six hundred forty (640) acres of adjoining land so that this adjoining land may later be purchased if found necessary.~~

~~(5) The location shall be within walking distance of a railroad station on some trunk line.~~

~~(k)(1) As soon as convenient after acquiring the property, there shall be erected thereon necessary buildings, outhouses, etc., and the Central Branch Station shall be properly supplied with tools, apparatus, stock, and other equipment necessary to successfully carry on the work of the Central Branch Station.~~

~~(2) For the details of buildings and equipment, the assistant director shall be primarily responsible, but he or she shall be directed by the commission and shall be responsible to the commission.~~

~~(l) The expenditures for all purposes shall not exceed the amount of the appropriation hereinafter provided to carry into effect this section.~~

~~(m) The members of the commission shall serve without special compensation but may receive expense reimbursement in accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq.~~

~~(n) All expense accounts are to be kept in itemized form and certified to by the Governor, who shall be the chair of the commission.~~

~~(o) The duties and authority of the commission shall terminate upon the completion of the establishment and proper equipment of the institution, after which time the board shall assume the same control of the Central Branch Station as they have over the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas.~~

~~(p)(1) The sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) is appropriated out of the funds of the State Treasury to carry this section into effect.~~

~~(2)(A) Not more than four-fifths (4/5) of this sum shall be expended by the commission created by this section in purchasing and optioning the necessary real estate, the erection of buildings, and in equipping the Central Branch Station.~~

~~(B)(i) No bills or accounts contracted or incurred shall be allowed or paid except upon the written order of the secretary of the commission directing the Auditor of State to draw his or her warrant on the Treasurer of State in favor of the person, firm, or corporation named in the order.~~

~~(ii) No such order is to be given by the secretary until all liens of whatever kind or character against the property involved shall have been first released or satisfied by the person holding the lien.~~

~~(3)(A) The remainder of the appropriation, the proceeds of the sales of the products of the Central Branch Station, and any other available funds which may be set apart by the board for the support of the Central Branch Station shall be expended in the same manner and through the same channels as other moneys expended for the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas.~~

~~(B) However, for the payment of small current accounts and bills, the trustees may provide a cash contingent fund from sales and any other moneys that may be available, to be paid out by the assistant director by check drawn against proper vouchers, under the general direction of the trustees. The assistant director shall keep an accurate record of all such vouchers and checks and shall account to the trustees for them.~~

~~6-64-707. Rice Branch Experiment Station.~~

~~(a) For the purpose of enabling the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas to more fully carry out the purposes of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas, to increase and make more efficient and useful the agricultural research and experimental work of the state, and to increase the facilities of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas for its work in agriculture and horticulture, crops, soil, fertilizers, livestock, dairying, poultry production, and the insect enemies and plant and animal diseases injurious to the crops and livestock of the state, and the economic problem of farm management and marketing and the related problems of the farms of this state, and to make the results of the work available to all parts of the state, there is created a Rice Branch Experiment Station to be located at a point at or near the center of rice production.~~

~~(b) The Rice Branch Experiment Station shall be located on soils fairly representative of the soils in which rice is grown in the state and shall be devoted to investigational work relative to the problems of rice farmers, including rice production, rice varieties, soils, and soil management, irrigation, rotation, other crops for the rice farmer, livestock and poultry for the rice region, and the fruits and truck crops adapted to such system of farming together with the economic problems of the farmers of that section.~~

~~(c) It shall consist of not over three hundred twenty (320) acres of land.~~

~~(d) When selected, established, and equipped, the Rice Branch Experiment Station shall be and remain the property of the State of Arkansas for the use and~~

purposes set forth in this section and shall be under the administrative charge of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas.

~~(e)(1) The Director of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas shall also be the Director of the Rice Branch Experiment Station, but there may be a superintendent at the station who shall be directly responsible to the Director of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas.~~

~~(2) The staff of scientists and the laboratories of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas shall serve, insofar as possible, the same purpose as the Rice Branch Experiment Station.~~

~~(3) The entire experimental work of the state shall be administered as one (1) institution for the benefit of the people of the state, including the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas, the Rice Branch Experiment Station, and the outlying field work in cooperation with farmers.~~

~~(f)(1) The Rice Branch Experiment Station shall be used by the board for the purpose of making investigations in and experiments of rice culture, and related subjects connected with the problems of the farmers and rice growers of the State of Arkansas, including crop production, animal production and breeding, plant breeding, soil and soil fertility, insect pests, diseases of plants and animals and methods of their control or eradication, farm management, marketing, storage, preservation of farm products, and all other problems affecting the farms and farm life of the rice-producing section of Arkansas.~~

~~(2) The director shall publish bulletins and reports from time to time giving the results of the work of the Rice Branch Experiment Station and use every endeavor to disseminate the information secured.~~

~~6-64-708. Fruit and Truck Branch Experiment Station.~~

~~(a) For the purposes of enabling the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas to more fully carry out the purpose of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas, to increase and make more efficient and useful the agricultural research and experimental work of the state, to make the results of such work useful to the people of the state, to increase the facilities of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas for its work in agriculture and horticulture, crops, soils, fertilizers, livestock, dairying, poultry production, the insect enemies and plant and animal diseases injurious to the crops and livestock of the state, the economic problems of farm management and marketing and the related problems of farms of this state, and to make the results of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas's work available to all parts of the state, there is created a Fruit and~~

~~Truck Branch Experiment Station to be located in southwest Arkansas at a point at or near the center of fruit and truck production in that area.~~

~~(b) The Fruit and Truck Branch Experiment Station shall be located on soils fairly representative of the soils on which the fruits and truck of the section are grown and shall be devoted to the investigational work relative to the problems of fruit and truck farmers, including fruit and truck production, varieties, soils and soil management, crop rotation, other crops for the fruit and truck farmers, livestock and poultry for the fruit and truck region, and any other crops adapted to such system of farming together with the economic problems of the farmers of that section.~~

~~(c) It shall consist of not over three hundred twenty (320) acres of land.~~

~~(d) When selected, established, and equipped, the Fruit and Truck Branch Experiment Station shall be and remain the property of the State of Arkansas for the use and purposes set forth in this section and shall be under the administrative charge of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas.~~

~~(e)(1) The Director of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas shall also be the Director of the Fruit and Truck Branch Experiment Station, but there may be a superintendent at the Fruit and Truck Branch Experiment Station, who shall be directly responsible to the Director of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas.~~

~~(2) The staff of scientists and the laboratories of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas shall serve, insofar as possible, for the same purpose as to the Fruit and Truck Branch Experiment Station.~~

~~(3) The entire experimental work of the state shall be administered as one (1) institution for the benefit of the people of the state, including the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas, the Fruit and Truck Branch Experiment Station, and the outlying field work in cooperation with farmers.~~

~~(f)(1) The Fruit and Truck Branch Experiment Station shall be used by the board for the purpose of making investigations in and experiments of fruit and truck culture, and related subjects connected with the problems of the farmers and fruit and truck growers of the State of Arkansas, including crop production, animal production and breeding, plant breeding, soils and soil fertility, insect pests, diseases of plants and animals and methods of their control or eradication, farm management, marketing, storage, preservation of farm products, and all other problems affecting the farms and farm life of that section of Arkansas.~~

~~(2) The director shall publish bulletins and reports from time to time giving the results of the work of the Fruit and Truck Branch Experiment Station and use every endeavor to disseminate the information secured.~~

~~6-64-709. Cotton Branch Experiment Station.~~

~~(a) For the purpose of enabling the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas to more fully carry out the purpose of that Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas, to increase and make more efficient and useful the agricultural research and experiment work of the state, to make the results of such work useful to the people of the state, to increase the facilities of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas for its work in agriculture and horticulture, crops, soil, fertilizers, livestock, dairying, poultry production, insect enemies, and plant and animal diseases injurious to the crops and livestock of the state, the economic problems of farm management and marketing, and the related problems of the farms of this state, and to make the results of the work available to all parts of the state, there is created a Cotton Branch Experiment Station to be located at a point at or near the center of cotton production.~~

~~(b) The Cotton Branch Experiment Station shall be located on soils fairly representative of the soils on which cotton is grown in the state and shall be devoted to investigational work relative to the problems of cotton farmers, including cotton production, varieties, soils, and soil management, irrigation, rotation, other crops for the cotton farmer, livestock and poultry for the cotton region, and the fruits and truck crops adapted to such system of farming together with the economic problems of the farmers of that section.~~

~~(c) It shall consist of not over three hundred twenty (320) acres of land.~~

~~(d) When selected, established, and equipped, the Cotton Branch Experiment Station shall be and remain the property of the State of Arkansas for the use and purpose set forth in this section and shall be under the administrative charge of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas.~~

~~(e)(1) The Director of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas also be the Director of the Cotton Branch Experiment Station, but there may be a superintendent at the Cotton Branch Experiment Station who shall be directly responsible to the Director of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas.~~

~~(2) The staff of scientists and the laboratories of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas shall serve, insofar as possible, for the same purpose as to the Cotton Branch Experiment Station.~~

~~(3) The entire experimental work of the state shall be administered as one (1) institution for the benefit of the people of the state, including the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas, the Cotton Branch Experiment Station, and the outlying field work in cooperation with farmers.~~

~~(f)(1) The Cotton Branch Experiment Station shall be used by the board for the purpose of making investigations in and experiments of cotton culture and related subjects connected with the problems of the farmers and the cotton growers of the State of Arkansas, including crop production, animal production and breeding, plant breeding, soils and soil fertility, insect pests, diseases of plants and animals and methods of their control or eradication, farm management, marketing, storage, preservation of farm products, and all other problems affecting the farms and farm life of that section of the State of Arkansas.~~

~~(2) The director shall publish bulletins and reports from time to time giving the results of the work of the Cotton Branch Experiment Station and use every endeavor to disseminate the information secured.~~

~~6-64-710. Livestock and Forestry Branch Experiment Station.~~

~~(a) For enabling the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas to increase and make more efficient and useful the agricultural research and experimental work of the state and to increase the facilities for that work, with particular reference to livestock and poultry, pasture development, horticulture, soil erosion, land use, and forestry in the Ozark region, there is created a Livestock and Forestry Branch Experiment Station to be located in the north-northeastern part of the Ozark region.~~

~~(b) The Livestock and Forestry Branch Experiment Station shall be located on soils fairly representative of the soils on which livestock and forestry products are produced and shall be devoted to investigational work relative to the problems of the farmers producing such products, together with such supplementary crops as may be adaptable to the region, and the acreage of the Livestock and Forestry Branch Experiment Station shall be sufficient to study livestock, forestry, pastures, supplementary crops, and land use problems.~~

~~(c) When selected, established, and equipped, the Livestock and Forestry Branch Experiment Station shall be and remain the property of the State of Arkansas for the use and purposes set forth in this section and shall be under the administration of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas.~~

~~(d) The Director of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas shall also be the Director of the Livestock and Forestry Branch Experiment Station, but there may be an assistant director at the Livestock and Forestry Branch Experiment Station who shall be directly responsible to the Director of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas.~~

~~6-64-711. Seed-testing laboratory.~~

~~(a) The University of Arkansas is authorized to establish a seed-testing laboratory at Fayetteville for the purpose of doing research work on seeds and for the instruction of students in seed testing.~~

~~(b)(1) The university is further authorized to test samples of seeds for Arkansas residents and to charge fees for testing such samples in an amount not exceeding the cost of the work.~~

~~(2) The fees are to be deposited by the university in a bank and are to be expended by the university for the support of the laboratory.~~

~~6-64-712. Bureau of Research and Statistics generally.~~

~~(a) The Bureau of Research and Statistics is created to be under the supervision of the Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas.~~

~~(b)(1) The Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas is authorized to appoint two (2) competent assistants.~~

~~(2)(A) One (1) assistant shall be an efficient statistician who shall have had at least two (2) years' training in some college or university of recognized standing and who shall perform the work of gathering, compiling, and analyzing statistical data pertaining to the acreage, condition, yield, and production of crops, and numbers of various classes of livestock and farm values of each county in the state.~~

~~(B) The other assistant is to be a person competent to assist in collecting, compiling, and analyzing the statistical information.~~

~~(3) The assistants of the bureau shall take the oath of office prescribed by law before entering upon the discharge of their duties.~~

~~(c) The cooperative crop and livestock reporting work of the Bureau of Research and Statistics shall be designated and known as the Federal State Crop Reporting Service for Arkansas, which name shall appear at the top of all letterheads used in answering correspondence and letters of inquiry pertaining to crops and livestock in Arkansas.~~

~~6-64-713. Authority to make a contract with United States Government.~~

~~The Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture is authorized to may, with the consent of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas, enter into a contract with the United States through the United States Secretary of Agriculture or any authorized representative by which the Bureau of Research and Statistics shall be the agency through which the experiment station division shall cooperate with the Agricultural Marketing Service of the United States Department of Agriculture in the actual work of~~

collecting, tabulating, interpreting, and disseminating statistical information concerning crops and livestock in Arkansas.

6-64-714. Cooperation of ~~bureau~~ with federal agencies — Reporting by state unaffected.

(a) ~~The Bureau of Research and Statistics~~ University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture shall collaborate with the representatives of the ~~Agricultural Marketing Service of the~~ United States Department of Agriculture in the collection and tabulation of crop statistics.

(b) ~~However, nothing in Sections §§ 6-64-712 6-64-713 — 6-64-715 shall not~~ prevent the State of Arkansas from collecting and publishing statistics concerning crops and livestock not reported by the ~~Agricultural Marketing Service~~ United States Department of Agriculture.

6-64-715. Use of material and information in publications.

~~The Main Agricultural Experiment Station of the~~ University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture ~~is authorized to~~ may use this material and information ~~obtained through the Bureau of Research and Statistics in preparing, and disseminating research and information together with its assistants, publications on~~ crops, livestock, and farm values concerning food, fiber, feed, agri-business, bioenergy, and related law issues.

6-64-716. Division of Agriculture.

(a)(1) The University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture, a state-supported institution of higher education, includes the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service.

(2) The mission of the division is to provide research and extension on all aspects of agriculture, food, youth, families, and communities.

(3) The division is encouraged to cooperate with:

(A) The United States Department of Agriculture as a specially designated land grant institution of higher education;

(B) Other federal, state, and international agencies;

(C) Communities and school districts in the state; and

(D) Rural, urban, and agricultural stakeholders throughout the state.

(4) Any federal, state, county, or municipal funds appropriated to the division shall be used for the promotion of research and extension as allowed under this subchapter and not for any other purpose.

(b) The purpose of the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station is to develop and advance scientific knowledge through basic and applied research regarding:

- (1) Food;
- (2) Fiber;
- (3) Feed;
- (4) Agribusiness;
- (5) Bioenergy issues; and
- (6) Other programmatic areas that are established by the division.

(c) The purpose of the Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service is to advance and disseminate scientific knowledge regarding:

- (1) Agriculture;
- (2) The environment;
- (3) Human health and well-being;
- (4) Communities; and
- (5) Other programmatic areas that are established by the division.

6-64-717. Research and extension offices, facilities, centers, and stations.

(a) The University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture, with the approval of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas, may establish and maintain:

- (1) Research and extension offices, facilities, centers, and stations throughout the state to better serve its stakeholders; and
- (2) Testing and diagnostic centers concerning animals, plants, food, soil, water, air, and agricultural inputs.

(b) The division, with the approval of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas, shall establish the name of an office, facility, center, or station established under subdivision (a)(1) of this section."

/s/ DeAnn Vaught

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Lowery, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1970** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1970

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1970** as originally introduced:

Delete all language after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-62-107 is amended to read as follows:

6-62-107. Reduction of state funds expended on remediation.

(a) As a condition for receiving state funds, ~~all public two-year and four-year institutions~~ a state-supported institution of higher education shall report the following information by October 1 of each year to the Department of Higher Education in a format ~~developed~~ determined by the department ~~in consultation with the institutions~~:

(1) The total direct and indirect costs of remediation for the previous academic year; and

(2) All sources of revenue, by amount and source, used to fund direct and indirect costs of all remedial courses and programs, including the:

(A) Amount of institutional revenue;

(B) Total general revenue subsidy;

(C) Total institutional expenditure; and

(D) General revenue percentage of total expenditures.

(b) The department shall develop ~~a system~~ the methodology that shall be used by each state-supported institution of higher education to calculate the total amount of state funds spent each academic year on remediation of first-time entering freshmen students.

(c)(1) The amount spent on remediation at ~~public~~ a four-year educational institutions ~~institutions~~ state-supported institution of higher education shall not exceed the amount spent as of the 1996-1997 ~~school~~ academic year.

(2) A four-year state-supported institution of higher education shall reduce the amount spent on remediation by a minimum of ten percent (10%) per academic year until the total amount spent on remediation at the four-year state-supported institution of higher education reaches fifty percent (50%) of the amount spent on remediation in the 2010-2011 academic year.

(3)(A) Before the 2018-2019 academic year, a four-year state-supported institution of higher education that reduces the total amount spent on remediation by a minimum of ten percent (10%) in an academic year may keep the total amount saved on remediation, up to fifty percent (50%) of the amount spent on

remediation in the 2010-2011 academic year, and use the funds for other educational purposes.

(B) A four-year state-supported institution of higher education that fails to reduce the total amount spent on remediation by a minimum of fifty percent (50%) by the 2018-2019 academic year shall be funded under § 6-61-229."

/s/ Mark Lowery

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Copeland, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1965** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1965

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1965** as originally introduced:

Delete everything following the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 3, Chapter 4, Subchapter 1 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

3-4-106. Restriction on creation of new permits or changes to privileges under existing permits.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) It is the public policy of the State of Arkansas to restrict the:

(A) Creation of new kinds of permits under this chapter; and

(B) Privileges afforded to current permit holders under this

chapter; and

(2) The power to create new kinds of permits under this chapter and to change the privileges afforded to current permit holders under this chapter should be reserved to the General Assembly and not rest with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board or the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division.

(b)(1) The General Assembly shall approve:

(A) The creation of new kinds of permits under this chapter;

and

(B) The addition or removal of privileges afforded under current permits issued under this chapter.

(2) Actions of the General Assembly under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of each house."

/s/ Donnie Copeland

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Gates, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1940** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1940

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1940** as originally introduced:

Add Representatives Ballinger, Bentley, Brown, Copeland, Harris, Lemons, J. Mayberry, B. Smith as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Add Senators A. Clark, Hester, J. Hutchinson, B. King, Maloch, G. Stubblefield as cosponsors of the bill

/s/ Mickey Gates

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Scott, **HOUSE BILL NO. 2007** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2007

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 2007** as originally introduced:

Delete all language after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-61-520(c)(3), concerning local boards of community colleges, is amended to read as follows:

(3) At the time of filing the statement of candidacy, the candidate shall pay a ballot fee of three dollars (\$3.00) and shall file a petition containing the signatures of at least ~~fifty (50)~~ twenty-five (25) qualified electors of the district, requesting that the name of such person be placed on the ballot as a candidate for the position on the local board."

/s/ Sue Scott

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Sabin, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1902** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1902

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1902** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 21, Chapter 5, is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 13 — Deferred Contribution to a Tuition Savings Program

21-5-1301. Definition.As used in this subchapter:

(1) "Administrator" means a state employee designated by the Department of Finance and Administration to enter into contractual agreements in furtherance of this subchapter;

(2)(A) "Agency" means a board, commission, department, officer, or other authority of the government of the State of Arkansas, whether within, or subject to review by another agency.

(B) "Agency" does not include the General Assembly, the courts, and Governor; and

(3) "Tuition savings program" means an account as defined under § 6-84-103(1).

21-5-1302. State employee participation.

A state employer may agree, by contract with a state employee to defer, in whole or in part, a portion of the state employee's future compensation to a tuition savings program.

21-5-1303. Authority of Department of Finance and Administration.

(a) The Department of Finance and Administration may enter into contractual agreements with state employees on behalf of the state to defer any portion of that state employee's future compensation.

(b) The department may designate an administrator within an agency.

(c) The Department of Finance and Administration shall adopt rules in furtherance of this subchapter.

21-5-1304. Taxation of deferred income.

A sum deferred under this subchapter is not subject to income taxation until a distribution is made to the state employee or his or her beneficiary from the tuition savings program.

21-5-1305. Administration of tuition savings program.

The administration of the tuition savings program shall be under the direction of the Executive Director of the Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

21-5-1306. Exclusive benefit.

All amounts of compensation deferred pursuant to the tuition savings program and income and gains attributed to such amounts shall be held for the exclusive benefit of the employees and their beneficiaries participating in the tuition savings program.

21-5-1306. Contingent effectiveness of this subchapter.

If it is determined by the Department of Finance and Administration by January 1, 2016, that implementation of the provisions of this subchapter will compromise the tax-exempt status of the tuition savings program entered into by a state employee, this subchapter shall not be implemented.

SECTION 2. This act shall be effective on and after January 1, 2016."

/s/ Warwick Sabin

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Sabin, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1901** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1901

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1901** as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete line 10 and substitute the following:

"TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Page 1, delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute the following:

"AMENDING ARKANSAS LAWS PERTAINING TO ETHICS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY."

AND

Page 1, delete lines 20 and 21 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-6-217(g), concerning the authority of the Arkansas Ethics Commission and resulting from Initiated Act No. 1 of 1990 and as amended by Acts 2015, No. 47, is amended to read as follows:

(g) The commission shall have the authority to:

(1) Pursuant to the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq., promulgate reasonable rules and regulations to implement and administer the requirements of this subchapter, as well as § 7-9-401 et seq., § 21-8-301 et seq., § 21-8-401 et seq., § 21-8-501 et seq. [repealed], § 21-8-601 et seq., § 21-8-701 et seq., § 21-8-801 et seq., § 21-8-901 et seq., and § 21-8-1001 et seq., and Sections 28, 29, and 30 of Article 19 of the Arkansas Constitution, and to

govern procedures before the commission, matters of commission operations, and all investigative and disciplinary procedures and proceedings;

(2) Issue advisory opinions and guidelines on the requirements of § 7-1-103(a)(1)-(4), (6), and (7), this subchapter, § 7-9-401 et seq., § 21-8-301 et seq., § 21-8-401 et seq., § 21-8-501 et seq. [repealed], § 21-8-601 et seq., § 21-8-701 et seq., § 21-8-801 et seq., § 21-8-901 et seq., § 21-8-1001 et seq., and Sections 28, 29, and 30 of Article 19 of the Arkansas Constitution;

(3) After a citizen complaint has been submitted to the commission, investigate alleged violations of § 7-1-103(a)(1)-(4), (6), and (7), this subchapter, § 7-9-401 et seq., § 21-1-401 et seq., § 21-8-301 et seq., § 21-8-401 et seq., § 21-8-501 et seq. [repealed], § 21-8-601 et seq., § 21-8-701 et seq., § 21-8-801 et seq., § 21-8-901 et seq., and § 21-8-1001 et seq., and Sections 28, 29, and 30 of Article 19 of the Arkansas Constitution and render findings and disciplinary action thereon;

(4) Pursuant to commission investigations, subpoena any person or the books, records, or other documents being held by any person and take sworn statements;

(5) Administer oaths for the purpose of taking sworn testimony of witnesses and conduct hearings;

(6) Hire a staff and retain legal counsel;

(7) Approve forms prepared by the Secretary of State pursuant to this subchapter, § 7-9-401 et seq., § 21-8-301 et seq., § 21-8-401 et seq., § 21-8-501 et seq. [repealed], § 21-8-601 et seq., § 21-8-701 et seq., § 21-8-801 et seq., § 21-8-901 et seq., and § 21-8-1001 et seq.; and

(8)(A) File suit in the Pulaski County Circuit Court or in the circuit court of the county wherein the respondent resides or, pursuant to § 16-17-706, in the small claims division established in any district court in the State of Arkansas, to obtain a judgment for the amount of any fine imposed pursuant to § 7-6-218(b)(4)(B)(i)-(iii), or to enforce an order of the commission requiring the filing or amendment of a disclosure form.

(B) Said action by the court shall not involve further judicial review of the commission's actions.

(C) The fee normally charged for the filing of a suit in any of the circuit courts in the State of Arkansas shall be waived on behalf of the commission.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-6-218, resulting from Initiated Act No. 1 of 1990, is amended to read as follows:

7-6-218. Citizen complaints.

(a)(1) Any citizen may file a complaint with the Arkansas Ethics Commission against a person covered by this subchapter, by § 7-1-103(a)(1)-(4), (6), or (7), § 7-9-401 et seq., § 21-1-401 et seq., or § 21-8-301 et seq., § 21-8-401 et seq., § 21-8-501 et seq. [repealed], § 21-8-601 et seq., § 21-8-701 et seq., § 21-8-801 et seq., § 21-8-901 et seq., ~~and § 21-8-1001 et seq., and Sections 28, 29, and 30 of Article 19 of the Arkansas Constitution,~~ for an alleged violation of the subchapters or sections. For purposes of this subdivision (a)(1), the Arkansas Ethics Commission shall be considered a citizen.

(2) A complaint must be filed within four (4) years after the alleged violation occurred. If the alleged violation is the failure to file a report or the filing of an incorrect report, the complaint must be filed within four (4) years after the date the report was due.

(b)(1)(A) Upon a complaint stating facts constituting an alleged violation signed under penalty of perjury by any person, the commission shall investigate the alleged violation of this subchapter or § 7-1-103(a)(1)-(4), (6), or (7), § 7-9-401 et seq., § 21-1-401 et seq., § 21-8-301 et seq., § 21-8-401 et seq., § 21-8-501 et seq. [repealed], § 21-8-601 et seq., § 21-8-701 et seq., § 21-8-801 et seq., § 21-8-901 et seq., ~~and § 21-8-1001 et seq., and Sections 28, 29, and 30 of Article 19 of the Arkansas Constitution.~~

(B) The commission shall immediately notify any person under investigation of the investigation and of the nature of the alleged violation.

(C) The commission in a document shall advise the complainant and the respondent of the final action taken, together with the reasons for the action, and such document shall be a public record.

(D) Filing of a frivolous complaint shall be a violation of this subchapter. For purposes of this section, "frivolous" means clearly lacking any basis in fact or law. In any case in which the commission has dismissed a complaint, the respondent may request in writing that the commission make a finding as to whether or not the complaint filed was frivolous. In the event that the commission finds that the complaint was frivolous, the respondent may file a complaint seeking sanctions as provided in § 7-6-218(b)(4).

(2) If, after the investigation, the commission finds that probable cause exists for a finding of a violation, the respondent may request a hearing. The hearing shall be a public hearing.

(3)(A) The commission shall keep a record of its investigations, inquiries, and proceedings.

(B)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(3)(B)(ii) of this section, all proceedings, records, and transcripts of any investigations or inquiries

shall be kept confidential by the commission, unless the respondent requests disclosure of documents relating to investigation of the case, in case of a hearing under subdivision (b)(2) of this section, or in case of judicial review of a commission decision pursuant to § 25-15-212.

(ii)(a) Through its members or staff, the commission may disclose confidential information to proper law enforcement officials, agencies, and bodies or as may be required to conduct its investigation.

(b) If an investigation or inquiry concerns an attorney or judge, the commission may, through its members or staff, disclose confidential information to the Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct or the Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission.

(C) Thirty (30) days after any final adjudication in which the commission makes a finding of a violation, all records relevant to the investigation and upon which the commission has based its decision, except working papers of the commission and its staff, shall be open to public inspection.

(4) If the commission finds a violation of this subchapter, § 7-1-103(a)(1)-(4), (6), or (7), § 21-1-401 et seq., § 21-8-301 et seq., § 21-8-401 et seq., § 21-8-501 et seq. [repealed], § 21-8-601 et seq., § 21-8-701 et seq., § 21-8-801 et seq., § 21-8-901 et seq., and § 21-8-1001 et seq., or Sections 28, 29, or 30 of Article 19 of the Arkansas Constitution, then the commission shall do one (1) or more of the following, unless good cause be shown for the violation:

(A) Issue a public letter of caution or warning or reprimand;

(B)(i) Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 7-6-202, 7-9-409, 21-8-403, and 21-8-903, impose a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for negligent or intentional violation of this subchapter or § 21-8-301 et seq., § 21-8-401 et seq., § 21-8-601 et seq., § 21-8-701 et seq., § 21-8-801 et seq., and § 21-8-901 et seq., or Sections 28, 29, or 30 of Article 19 of the Arkansas Constitution.

(ii) The commission shall adopt rules governing the imposition of such fines in accordance with the provisions of the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.

(iii) All moneys received by the commission in payment of fines shall be deposited into the State Treasury as general revenues;

(C) Order the respondent to file or amend a statutorily required disclosure form; or

(D)(i) Report its finding, along with such information and documents as it deems appropriate, and make recommendations to the proper law enforcement authorities.

(ii) When exercising the authority provided in this subdivision (b)(4), the commission is not required to make a finding of a violation of the laws under its jurisdiction.

(5)(A) The commission shall complete its investigation of a complaint filed pursuant to this section and take final action within one hundred fifty (150) days of the filing of the complaint. If a hearing under subdivision (b)(2) of this section or other hearing of adjudication is conducted, all action on the complaint by the commission shall be completed within one hundred eighty (180) days.

(B) However, such time shall be tolled during the pendency of any civil action, civil appeal, or other judicial proceeding involving those particular commission proceedings.

(c) Any final action of the commission under this section shall constitute an adjudication for purposes of judicial review under § 25-15-212.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the people of Arkansas adopted Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 94, at the 2014 General Election, which added Sections 28, 29, and 30 to Article 19 of the Arkansas Constitution; that Amendment 94 requires the General Assembly to provide by law that Arkansas Constitution, Article 19, Sections 28, 29, and 30 be under the jurisdiction of the Arkansas Ethics Commission; and that this act should become effective at the earliest opportunity to allow the commission to enforce Arkansas Constitution, Article 19, Sections 28, 29, and 30 and issue guidance to affected public officials. 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."

/s/ Warwick Sabin

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Bentley, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1645** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1645

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1645** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-16-915(a) and (b), concerning the authority of a court to suspend driving privileges upon conviction for a drug offense, are amended to read as follows:

(a) As used in this section, ~~the term "drug offense" shall have the same meaning ascribed to that term as provided in § 5-64-710;~~

(1) "Drug offense" has the meaning as provided in § 5-64-710; and

(2) "Specialty court" means one (1) of the following:

(A) A pre-adjudication program under § 5-4-901 et seq.;

(B) An approved drug court program under the Arkansas Drug Court Act, § 16-98-301 et seq.;

(C) A probation program under the Swift and Certain Accountability on Probation Pilot Program under § 16-93-1701 et seq.; or

(D) A specialty court program that has been approved by the Supreme Court, including without limitation a specialty court program known as:

(i) A DWI court;

(ii) A mental health court;

(iii) A veteran's court;

(iv) A juvenile drug court;

(v) A "HOPE" court; or

(vi) A "smarter sentencing" court.

(b)(1)(A) ~~Whenever~~ When a person is accepted and enrolled in a court-approved pre-adjudication specialty court program for an offense involving the illegal possession or use of a controlled substance or, pleads guilty, or nolo contendere, or is found guilty of any criminal offense involving the illegal possession or use of controlled substances under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, § 5-64-101 et seq., or of any drug offense, in this state or any other state, the court having jurisdiction of the matter, including any federal court, shall prepare and transmit to the Department of Finance and Administration an order to suspend the driving privileges of the person for six (6) months, provided any such the order regarding a person who is a holder of a commercial driver's license issued under the Arkansas Uniform Commercial Driver License Act, § 27-23-101 et seq., or

under the laws of any other another state shall include the suspension of the driving privileges of that person to drive ~~any~~ a commercial motor vehicle, as the term "commercial motor vehicle" is defined in § 27-23-103, or as similarly defined by the laws of any other state, for a period of one (1) year.

(B) Courts within the State of Arkansas shall prepare and transmit ~~all such orders~~ an order within twenty-four (24) hours after the plea or finding to the department.

(C) Courts outside Arkansas having jurisdiction over ~~any such~~ a person holding driving privileges issued by the State of Arkansas shall prepare and transmit ~~such orders~~ an order pursuant to ~~agreements or arrangements~~ an agreement or arrangement entered into between that state and the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration.

(D) ~~Such arrangements or agreements~~ The agreement or arrangement ~~may~~ shall also provide for the forwarding by the department of ~~orders~~ an order issued by ~~courts~~ a court within this state to the state ~~wherein any such~~ where the person holds driving privileges issued by that state.

(2) For ~~any such~~ a person holding driving privileges issued by the State of Arkansas, ~~courts~~ a court within the State of Arkansas ~~in cases of extreme and unusual hardship~~ may shall provide in an order for the issuance of a restricted driving permit to allow driving to and from:

(A) A mandatory court appearance;

(B) A mandatory random drug-testing appearance;

(C) a A place of employment as required in the scope of employment; ~~or~~

(D) to and from any A ~~scheduled sessions~~ session or ~~meetings~~ meeting of a support ~~organizations,~~ or ~~counseling~~ organization;

(E) education, An educational institution for the purpose of attending a class if the person is enrolled in a course of study or program of training at the educational institution; ~~or~~

(F) A treatment program for persons who have addiction or abuse problems related to ~~any~~ a substance or controlled substances; or

(G) A doctor, hospital, or clinic appointment or admission for medical treatment or care for an illness, disease, or other medical condition of the person or a family member.

(3)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(4) of this section, a person in a specialty court program shall be issued a restricted driving permit in order to drive for specialty court-approved purposes during enrollment, compliance, and participation in the specialty court program.

(B) Acceptance in a specialty court program shall not waive or set aside:

(i) A previous order issued by a court requiring payment of fines, fees, or court costs; or

(ii) A requirement for payment of a reinstatement fee to the department for re-issuance of valid driver's license.

(4) This section does not apply to a person with a driver's license that is suspended for a violation under:

(A) Section 9-14-239;

(B) Section 27-16-905;

(C) Section 27-16-907(b)(4)-(6);

(D) Section 27-16-908;

(E) Section 27-16-909;

(F) Section 27-19-707(e)(2), unless the judgment creditor furnishes written consent; and

(G) The Arkansas Uniform Commercial Driver License Act, § 27-23-103 et seq.

(5)(A) Unless the person terminates from the specialty court program, the restricted driving permit issued under this section shall be effective for eighteen (18) months.

(B) Thereafter, the person shall be required to reapply for issuance of a restricted driving permit pursuant to the provisions of this section."

/s/ Mary Bentley

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Magie, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1604** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1604

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1604** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-7-603, concerning the definitions of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Act, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(17) "Opioid" means a drug or medication that relieves pain, including without limitation:

(A) Hydrocodone;

(B) Oxycodone;

(C) Morphine;

(D) Codeine;

(E) Heroin; and

(F) Fentanyl.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-7-604(g), concerning the requirements for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, is amended to read as follows:

(g)(1) The department shall create a process for patients to address errors, inconsistencies, and other matters in their record as maintained under this section, including cases of breach of privacy and security.

(2) The department shall develop algorithms within the controlled substance database that would alert a practitioner if his or her patient is being prescribed opioids by more than three (3) physicians within any thirty-day period, if funding is available.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 20-7-604(h), concerning the requirements for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, is amended to read as follows:

(h)(1) The department shall limit access to only those employees whose access is reasonably necessary to carry out this section.

(2) However, a prescriber may delegate access to the controlled substance database to persons under his or her supervision or employment.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 7, Subchapter 6, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-7-615. Prescriber with a prescription drug violation.

(a) A prescriber who has been found by his or her licensing board to be in violation of a rule or law involving prescription drugs shall be required by the

appropriate licensing board to register with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program and access patient information before writing a prescription for an opioid.

(b) The licensing board, in its discretion, may remove this requirement after a period of time if the board deems removal of the requirement appropriate.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 7, is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 7 — Combating Prescription Drug Abuse Act

20-7-701. Title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Combating Prescription Drug Abuse Act".

20-7-702. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter:

(1) "Hospital" means a healthcare facility licensed as a hospital by the Division of Health Facilities Services under § 20-9-213;

(2) "Nonmalignant pain" means pain requiring more than three (3) consecutive months of prescriptions for:

(A) An opioid that is written for more than the equivalent of ninety (90) tablets, each containing five milligrams (5mg) of hydrocodone;

(B) A morphine equivalent dose of more than fifteen milligrams (15mg) per day; or

(C) In the specific case of tramadol, a dose of fifty milligrams (50mg) or one hundred twenty (120) tablets;

(3) "Opioid" means a drug or medication that relieves pain, including without limitation:

(A) Hydrocodone;

(B) Oxycodone;

(C) Morphine;

(D) Codeine;

(E) Heroin; and

(F) Fentanyl; and

(4) "Prescriber" means a practitioner or other authorized person who prescribes a Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substance.

20-7-703. Opioid prescribing guidelines for emergency department.

(a) A hospital with an emergency department shall adopt guidelines concerning opioid prescribing in the emergency department.

(b) The guidelines shall be drafted jointly by the emergency department physicians and medical staff and approved by the governing body of the hospital.

(c) The guidelines shall address, at a minimum:

(1) Treatment of chronic pain, nonmalignant pain, and acute pain;

(2) Limits on amounts or duration of opioid prescriptions; and

(3) Identification of situations where opioid prescriptions should be discouraged or prohibited.

(d) The guidelines shall not be construed as establishing a standard of care.

20-7-704. Prescriber education.

(a)(1) Within the first two (2) years of being granted a license in the state, a prescriber shall obtain a minimum of two (2) hours of prescribing education approved by the appropriate licensing board.

(2) The education approved by the appropriate licensing board under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall include:

(A) Options for online and in-person programs; and

(B) Information on prescribing rules, regulations, and laws that apply to individuals who are licensed in the state.

(b) This section shall apply to all prescribers licensed after December 31, 2015.

20-7-705. Licensing board rules.

(a) A licensing board that licenses individuals with prescriptive authority shall adopt rules that are at least as stringent as the rules of the Arkansas State Medical Board concerning use of narcotics for the treatment of pain not associated with malignant or terminal illness.

(b) A licensing board that licenses individuals who are authorized to prescribe opioids for treatment of chronic, nonmalignant pain shall promulgate rules that contain, at a minimum, the requirements of § 20-7-707.

20-7-706. Patient evaluation.

A patient who is being treated with controlled substances for chronic, nonmalignant pain shall be evaluated at least one (1) time every six (6) months by a physician who is licensed by the Arkansas State Medical Board.

20-7-707. Prescriber requirements.

(a) For a patient with chronic, nonmalignant pain, a prescriber, at a minimum and in addition to any additional requirements of the appropriate licensing board, shall:

(1) Check the prescriptive history of the patient on the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program at least every six (6) months;

(2) Have a signed pain contract with the patient that states, at a minimum, the expectations of the prescriber for the behavior of the patient which may include:

(A) A requirement for random urine drug screenings to help ensure that the patient is abiding by the requirements of the contract; and

(B) A requirement for random pill counts to ensure compliance with the prescription.

(b) The requirements of this section shall not apply to a patient:

(1) Whose pain medications are being prescribed for a malignant condition;

(2) With a terminal condition;

(3) Who is a resident of a licensed healthcare facility;

(4) Who is enrolled in a hospice program; or

(5) Who is in an inpatient or outpatient palliative care program.

20-7-708. Immunity.

A prescriber who in good faith reports a suspected drug diversion is immune from civil or criminal liability and disciplinary action by the appropriate licensing board."

/s/ Stephen Magie

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Talley, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1711** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1711

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1711** as originally introduced:

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO REGULATE EMBALMING, CREMATING,
FUNERAL DIRECTING, TRANSPORTING HUMAN
REMAINS, THE OPERATION OF FUNERAL
ESTABLISHMENTS, CREMATORIUMS, TRANSPORT
SERVICES, AND THE STATE BOARD OF
EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. The catchline for Arkansas Code § 17-29-201 is amended to read as follows:

17-29-201. Creation — Members ~~— Duties.~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-29-201, concerning the members and duties of the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(g) The board shall:

(1) Administer this subchapter and § 17-29-301 et seq.; and

(2) Make the examinations required by § 17-29-301 et seq. available to applicants at least two (2) times annually at suitable locations during normal business hours.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-29-202(b), concerning examinations of the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, is repealed.

~~(b) The board shall hold at least two (2) examinations each year at convenient times and places.~~

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 17-29-203 is amended to read as follows:

17-29-203. Selection of officers.

(a) The State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors ~~appointed under the provisions of this chapter, and each successor thereto, is authorized to~~ shall select from its own membership a president, vice president, and except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a secretary-treasurer who shall serve for one-year terms or until their successors are elected and qualified.

~~(b)(1) In the event no member~~ If all members of the board ~~is able for any reason~~ decline to serve as secretary-treasurer, then by a majority vote of the board, ~~the board~~ may employ a person who is not a member of the board to serve as secretary-treasurer, ~~and.~~

~~(2) that~~ A person employed by the board as secretary-treasurer under subdivision (b)(1) of this section is not required to be a licensed embalmer or funeral director.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 17-29-204(5), concerning the duties of the secretary-treasurer of the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, is amended to read as follows:

(5) ~~Keep~~ Maintain a record ~~in which shall be registered of the licensee and business name and business address of every person to whom licenses have been granted in accordance with~~ licensed under § 17-29-301 et seq., including the license number, and date of the license, and the renewal date of ~~renewal of the license;~~

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 17-29-204(6), concerning the duties of the secretary-treasurer of the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, is amended to read as follows:

(6) Supply on request a list of every person and funeral establishment licensed under § 17-29-301 et seq., to ~~any~~ a person licensed as an embalmer or funeral director, to a common carriers carrier in this state, to ~~hospitals~~ a hospital licensed in this state, or to any other persons ~~reasonably entitled to a list of all persons and funeral establishments holding licenses under § 17-29-301 et seq.~~ person authorized by law to receive the list;

SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 17-29-204(8) through (10), concerning the duties of the secretary-treasurer of the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, are amended to read as follows:

~~(8) Give bond to the State of Arkansas in such sum as the board may direct. Any premiums payable for the bond shall be paid from the funds of the board. The bond shall be deposited with the Auditor of State;~~

~~(9) Receive and be paid an annual salary not to exceed the amount authorized by law; and~~

~~(10)(9) Be authorized to receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in performance of duties;~~

(10) Charge and collect a criminal background check processing fee in an amount necessary to recover the charge imposed by the Department of Arkansas State Police to conduct a criminal background check for a person applying for an initial license under § 17-29-301 et seq.; and

(11) Recommend to the board the establishment of standards of practice and a code of ethics for a person licensed under § 17-29-301 et seq.

SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 17-29-205(c), concerning the inspector appointed by the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, is amended to read as follows:

~~(c)(1) The inspector, with proper identification, is authorized to may enter the any office, premises, establishment, or place of business of any business in this state where the practice of embalming, or funeral directing, cremation, or transportation of human remains is carried on, or where the practice is advertised as being carried on, ~~for the purpose of inspecting to:~~~~

(A) Inspect the office, premises, crematory, or establishment;

(B) inspecting Inspect the license and registration of any a licensee;

~~(C)~~ Inspect the manner and scope of training given to ~~any an~~ apprentice ~~therein~~; and

~~(D)~~ Ensure compliance with all state laws, and rules, and regulations pertaining to funeral service.

~~(2) Acceptance of~~ By accepting a license under § 17-29-301 et seq., ~~shall be the licensee grants~~ permission for the inspector or other board designee to enter ~~his or her~~ the licensee's business premises without legal process prior notice.

SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 17-29-207(a), concerning the rules of the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors may promulgate appropriate rules for the transaction of its business ~~and~~, for the betterment and promotion of the standards of service and practice to be followed, ~~in the practice of~~ and the qualifications to:

(1) Practice embalming, and funeral directing, or cremation;

(2) Transport human remains; or

(3) Operate a funeral establishment, mortuary service, crematorium, retort, or transport service firm to transport human remains in the State of Arkansas as it deems expedient and consistent with the laws of this state and for the public good.

SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 17-29-207(c), concerning the rules of the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, is amended to read as follows:

~~(c)(1) The board may determine the qualifications necessary to practice the science of embalming or the business of funeral directing, or both, and shall adopt bylaws and rules in connection with the care and disposition of dead human bodies~~ remains in this state.

(2) The board shall enforce compliance with ~~the laws and rules by those engaged in the science of embalming and business of funeral directing in this state~~ this subchapter and § 17-29-301 et seq. and may transact any other business necessary for carrying out ~~the provisions of~~ this subchapter and § 17-29-301 et seq.

SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 17-29-207, concerning the rules of the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(f) The board shall establish the standards of practice and a code of ethics for a person or business licensed under § 17-29-301 et seq.

SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 17-29-209(a), concerning the continuing education for licensed funeral directors and embalmers, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors may develop, and establish by ~~regulation~~ rule, and administer a program for mandatory or voluntary continuing education program and its requirements for ~~all funeral directors and embalmers~~ a person licensed under § 17-29-301 et seq.

SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 17-29-211 is amended to read as follows:

17-29-211. ~~Administrative activities~~ Executive director — Employees — Office.

(a)(1)(A) The Executive Secretary of the Burial Association Board State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors may appoint an Executive Director of the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors who shall serve at the pleasure of the board.

(2) The Executive Director of the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors shall also be responsible for the administrative activities of the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors be in charge of the board's office and devote the necessary time to the performance of the duties of the executive director as may be required.

(3) The duties of the executive director of the board shall include:

(A) Collection of fees and charges under this chapter;

(B) Keeping record of the proceedings of the board;

(C) Keeping an accurate account of all moneys received and disbursed by the board;

(D) Assisting or performing the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer of the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors; and

(E) Any other duties defined and designated by the board.

(b) The board may employ any necessary clerical and professional staff and incur any reasonable expenses necessary for the proper discharge of the duties of the board under this subchapter.

(c) The board shall maintain its main office location in Little Rock and transact the board's business at the main office.

SECTION 14. Arkansas Code § 17-29-301(a)(6), concerning the qualifications to practice the science of embalming, is amended to read as follows:

(6)(A) Take and pass both parts of the National Board Examination and both parts of the Arkansas laws, rules, and regulations exam and present himself or herself to the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors for a licensing interview.

(B) To be eligible to take the Arkansas laws, rules, and regulations exam, an applicant shall be an active apprentice who is currently registered with the board.

SECTION 15. Arkansas Code § 17-29-301(b)(3), concerning the qualifications to practice the science of embalming, is amended to read as follows:

(3)(A) ~~This An apprenticeship under subsection (b) of this section may be served before, during, or after attending a~~ begin not more than twelve (12) months before enrollment in an accredited college of mortuary science except when the applicant is receiving financial assistance from the state to attend mortuary school, in which instance the apprenticeship shall be served prior to attending mortuary school or by submitting proof of graduation from an accredited college of mortuary science.

(B) ~~This subdivision (b)(3) applies to persons who were enrolled in mortuary school on January 1, 2000, and those who enroll after that date~~ If an apprentice fails to enroll in an accredited college of mortuary science as required under subdivision (b)(3)(A) of this section, the apprenticeship shall be terminated for a period to be determined by rule of the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors.

SECTION 16. Arkansas Code § 17-29-302(a)(5), concerning the qualifications required to engage in the business of funeral directing, is amended to read as follows:

(5)(A) ~~Present himself or herself before the board at a time and place fixed by the board and make a passing grade on both the written and oral examinations~~ Take and pass all examinations required by the board.

(B) ~~To be eligible to take the Arkansas laws, rules, and regulations exam, an applicant shall be an active apprentice who is currently registered with the board.~~

SECTION 17. Arkansas Code § 17-29-302(b), concerning the qualifications to engage in the business of funeral directing, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)(A) ~~Any~~ Except as provided in subdivision (b)(1)(C) of this section, a person desiring to engage in the business of funeral directing in the State of Arkansas this state shall serve an apprenticeship in this state of for two (2) years in the State of Arkansas.

(B) An apprentice shall:

(i) under Register with the board on forms provided by the board and by attaching the fee as prescribed in § 17-29-208;

(ii) Be supervised by a funeral director licensed by the board; and

(iii) that person shall actively Actively assist in conducting arranging fifty (50) funerals services as determined by rule of the board.

(C) A person who is a graduate of an accredited mortuary program and has passed the National Board Examination may be licensed to engage in the business of funeral directing after serving an apprenticeship in this state for one (1) year.

(2) Notice A licensed funeral director who is supervising an apprenticeship shall record a notice of the apprenticeship shall be recorded with the Secretary-treasurer of the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors and by the licensed funeral director supervising the apprenticeship not or the Executive Director of the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors no later than thirty (30) days after the commencement start of the apprenticeship.

~~(2) If any person is a graduate of an accredited mortuary program and has passed the National Board Examination, that person shall be required to serve one (1) year as an apprentice funeral director.~~

~~(3) The board shall have the power to~~ may suspend or revoke a ~~certificate of an applicant's~~ apprenticeship for a violation of ~~any provision of~~ this subchapter or § 17-29-201 et seq.

SECTION 18. Arkansas Code § 17-29-303(a), concerning examinations and certificates for embalmers and funeral directors, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Within a reasonable time ~~and in a place reasonably accessible to the applicant,~~ after completion and filing of an application to practice the science of embalming or to engage in the business of funeral directing is filed with the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, the board shall ~~subject each~~ give the applicant ~~to a written and oral examination as to his or her~~ test the applicant's competency to act as an embalmer or a funeral director, or both.

SECTION 19. Arkansas Code § 17-29-303(b), concerning examinations and certificates for embalmers and funeral directors, is amended to read as follows:

(b) If on examination the board finds that ~~the~~ an applicant possesses a knowledge of funeral directing or the science of embalming, sanitation, and disinfection, ~~or funeral directing,~~ or both, and meets the qualifications prescribed herein in this subchapter, the board shall issue the applicant a certificate authorizing him or her to ~~practice the science of embalming or to engage in the business of funeral directing,~~ engage in the business of funeral directing or to practice the science of embalming, or both, if the applicant has submitted a complete application under subsection (a) of this section and attached the fee as prescribed in § 17-29-208. ~~The board shall then register the applicant as a duly certified embalmer or funeral director, or both.~~

SECTION 20. Arkansas Code § 17-29-304(a), concerning the requirements to conduct a funeral establishment, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) ~~No~~ A person shall not conduct, maintain, manage, or operate a funeral establishment in this state unless ~~a license for each establishment has been issued by the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors~~ has issued a license for the funeral establishment and the license is displayed in the funeral establishment.

(2) A price list, statement of funeral goods and services, publication, advertisement, or other document of a funeral establishment shall accurately:

(A) Reflect the name and location of the funeral establishment on file with the board;

(B) Describe each location to which the price list, statement, publication, advertisement, or document applies; and

(C) Any additional annual requirements as determined by rule of the board.

SECTION 21. Arkansas Code § 17-29-304(b), concerning the requirements to conduct a funeral establishment, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)~~(A) No license shall be issued to operate a full-service funeral establishment by~~ Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2) of this section, the board shall not issue a license to operate a full-service funeral establishment unless the establishment has employed a full-time person manager who:

(i) Is a licensed as a funeral director;

(ii) Actively supervises the staff of the establishment;

and

(iii) Is not employed by a nonaffiliated funeral

establishment.

(B) A funeral establishment shall:

(i) Be open for business and available for inspection by the board during normal business hours; and

(ii) Post conspicuously its hours of operation on the premises of the funeral establishment.

(2) ~~If the~~ A funeral establishment that is a part of a multiunit enterprise within this state, may employ only one (1) ~~establishment within the multiunit enterprise must have a full-time person~~ manager who is licensed as a funeral director, provided the for a branch of the funeral establishment if the full-time licensed person manager:

(A) is Is reasonably accessible to the branch of the funeral establishment; and

(B) Resides within fifty (50) miles of the branch of the funeral establishment.

SECTION 22. Arkansas Code § 17-29-304(e), concerning the requirements to conduct a funeral establishment, is amended to read as follows:

(e)(1) ~~An A funeral establishment in which embalming is conducted that conducts embalming shall have a preparation room with a for embalming that has:~~

~~(A) sanitary floor Sanitary floors, walls, and ceiling ceilings that are constructed from a washable surface;~~

~~(B) adequate Adequate sanitary drainage and disposal facilities, including hot and cold running water, and;~~

~~(C) An exhaust fans system that provides proper ventilation according to the standards and regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration for the prevention of the spread of contagious, infectious, or communicable diseases; and~~

~~(D) A heating and cooling system that is separate from the rest of the funeral establishment.~~

~~(2) Such an The funeral establishment shall comply with the regulations rules of the Department of Health and standards and regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration for the prevention of the spread of contagious, infectious, or communicable diseases.~~

SECTION 23. Arkansas Code § 17-29-304(g), concerning the requirements to conduct a funeral establishment, is amended to read as follows:

(g) A funeral establishment shall:

~~(1) contain a casket selection room with a reasonable number of caskets therein, Contain a separate conference room that is used to make funeral arrangements; and~~

~~(2) The Display on site a reasonable number of caskets shall be as determined by the board. ~~However, if an establishment is a part of a multiunit enterprise, only one (1) establishment in the enterprise need have a selection room if it is within a reasonable distance of other establishments within the multiunit enterprise.~~~~

SECTION 24. Arkansas Code § 17-29-304, concerning the requirements to conduct a funeral establishment, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

~~(i)(1) A funeral establishment shall provide proof of general liability insurance.~~

~~(2) The board shall develop and promulgate rules requiring sufficient and appropriate minimum levels of general liability insurance coverage for licensed funeral establishments.~~

SECTION 25. Arkansas Code § 17-29-305(a)(4), concerning examinations and licenses for funeral establishments, is amended to read as follows:

(4) ~~No~~ A person who has filed an application for a license shall not be prosecuted for a violation of this ~~section~~ subchapter unless ~~it is shown that this the applicant is properly notified that the~~ application was ~~duly~~ denied by the board before the violation occurred and that he or she was duly notified of the denial.

SECTION 26. Arkansas Code § 17-29-305(b)(1), concerning a change in ownership of a funeral establishment, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)~~(A)~~ When an establishment changes ownership, the An owner of a funeral establishment shall:

(i) Notify the board shall be notified in writing within at least thirty (30) days before a change of ownership of the funeral establishment occurs; and

(ii) Supply information requested by the board concerning the change of ownership.

(B) The board shall develop and promulgate rules to provide a transfer of ownership of a funeral establishment including the transferability of a license issued under this subchapter.

SECTION 27. Arkansas Code § 17-29-306(a), concerning the procedure to renew a license, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Every license holder under this subchapter who wishes to continue the practice of the science of embalming or the business of funeral directing, or both, shall pay a renewal fee to the Secretary-treasurer of the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors ~~on or before~~ annually by December 31 ~~of each year.~~

(2) A license not renewed by December 31 of any year ~~shall be considered~~ is delinquent.

(3) ~~Any person in arrears more than three (3) years shall appear before the~~ The board at a regular meeting and pay a may renew a license after December 31 if during the first twelve (12) months of delinquency a licensee submits a renewal form, renewal fee, and any delinquency fee fees as determined by rule of the board ~~to be eligible for renewal of a license.~~

(4) A person whose license is delinquent under subdivision (a)(2) of this section for at least thirteen (13) months may apply to the board for reinstatement of the delinquent license by submitting a reinstatement application and attaching any applicable fees as determined by rule of the board.

SECTION 28. Arkansas Code § 17-29-307 is amended to read as follows:

17-29-307. Revocation.

(a) The State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors may refuse to renew, or may suspend or revoke, a license issued under this subchapter if it finds, after a hearing, that a person or a the funeral establishment licensed under this subchapter does not meet any ~~one (1) or all of the requirements set forth in~~ requirement under this subchapter or § 17-29-201 et seq.

(b) ~~No~~ A new license shall not be issued to an individual or the an owner of a funeral establishment or to a corporation controlled by that owner for at least one (1) year after the revocation of the license.

~~(c)(1) Before any action can be taken under this section, the procedure for notice and hearing prescribed by the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq., shall be followed~~ The board may temporarily suspend a license without a hearing if the board determines that the public health, safety, or welfare requires immediate action.

(2) If the board temporarily suspends a license under subdivision (c)(1) of this section, the board shall notify the licensee immediately by certified mail of the temporary suspension and the date, time, and location of the hearing to be held under subdivision (c)(3) of this section.

(3) If a license is temporarily suspended under subdivision (c)(1) of this section, a hearing on the suspension of the license shall be held within ten (10) days of the temporary suspension of the license.

(d)(1) Based on the information contained in the complaint submitted against a licensee, the board may suspend the license issued under this subchapter without a hearing five (5) days after sending written notice by certified mail, nonrestricted delivery, to the licensee if the licensee:

(A) Does not have the required proof of general liability insurance on file with the board; or

(B) Refuses to submit to an audit or inspection by the board under this chapter.

(2) A suspension of a license under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall not exceed sixty (60) days without a hearing.

(e) A hearing under this section and an appeal of the board's decision to suspend a license under this section is governed by the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.

SECTION 29. Arkansas Code § 17-29-309 is amended to read as follows:

17-29-309. ~~Retired~~ Lifetime embalmers or funeral directors.

The State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors ~~shall have the power to~~ may adopt appropriate rules and regulations regarding the issuance and renewal

of a lifetime license to individuals who shall have retired from the active practice of embalming or funeral directing an individual based upon the age of the individuals or number of years of licensure.

SECTION 30. Arkansas Code § 17-29-310 is amended to read as follows:

17-29-310. License requirements for out-of-state licenses.

(a) Any A person holding a valid, ~~unrevoked, and unexpired~~ license as an embalmer or funeral director in another state, United States territory, or provincial authority for an appropriate time as determined by the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors may apply for a license to practice in this state as an embalmer or a funeral director, or both.

(b)(1) ~~Application~~ An application shall be made by filing with the Secretary-treasurer of the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors or the Executive Director of the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors a certified statement from the secretary of the examining board of the state, United States territory, or provincial authority in which the applicant holds his or her license, showing the basis upon which the license was issued.

(2) Upon receipt of the application and fee, the ~~Secretary-treasurer~~ secretary-treasurer of the board or the executive director of the board may issue a temporary working ~~numbers, which are~~ number that is valid for one (1) year from the date of issuance.

(c)(1) To obtain a license, the applicant shall pass an exam to prove his or her proficiency, including ~~at least, but not limited to,~~ a knowledge of the laws, and rules, ~~and regulations~~ of this state pertaining to funeral service.

(2) ~~The~~ After the application is submitted, the exam may be ~~taken at one (1) of the regularly scheduled exam sessions set by the~~ scheduled with an exam provider by mail or electronic means as determined by the board.

(3) If the board is satisfied with the proficiency of the applicant, upon receipt of the prescribed fees in § 17-29-208, a license may be granted.

(4) Failure to meet testing requirements shall result in revocation of the temporary working ~~numbers~~ number, and the applicant ~~must~~ shall reapply and pay the appropriate fee to be licensed under this subchapter.

SECTION 31. Arkansas Code § 17-29-311, the catchline for Arkansas Code § 17-29-311 is amended to read as follows:

17-29-311. ~~Violations — Prohibitions~~ Prohibited conduct — Sanctions.

SECTION 32. Arkansas Code § 17-29-311(a)(7), concerning causes for sanctions against embalmers and funeral directors, is amended to read as follows:

(7) ~~Allowing personnel unlicensed pursuant to~~ a person who is not licensed under this subchapter to execute ~~a contracts~~ contract for funeral service arrangements;

SECTION 33. Arkansas Code § 17-29-311(b), concerning causes for sanctions against embalmers and funeral directors, is amended to read as follows:

(b) ~~No~~ A routine sale of a prearranged or a prefinanced funeral or of funeral merchandise in the ordinary course of business is not a violation of subdivisions (a)(4)-(a)(7) (a)(4)-(7) of this section shall be deemed to have occurred when in the ordinary course of business a routine sale of a prearranged or a prefinanced funeral or of funeral merchandise shall have been made.

SECTION 34. Arkansas Code § 17-29-311(f), concerning causes for sanctions against embalmers and funeral directors, is amended to read as follows:

(f) ~~All~~ A dead human bodies body that is not buried or otherwise disposed of within twenty-four (24) hours after death an allotted time to be determined by rule of the board shall be embalmed as prescribed in this subchapter or § 17-29-201 et seq. or stored under refrigeration as determined by the State Board of Department of Health.

SECTION 35. Arkansas Code § 17-29-311(h), concerning causes for sanctions against embalmers and funeral directors, is amended to read as follows:

(h) ~~It shall be unlawful and is~~ a violation of this chapter for ~~any~~ a person to engage in the practice of embalming or funeral directing or to hold himself or herself out to the public as a licensed practicing embalmer or funeral director within the State of Arkansas in this state without being the holder of a license.

SECTION 36. Arkansas Code § 17-29-311, concerning causes for sanctions against an embalmer or funeral director, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(i) A person or entity shall not be issued a license to practice the science of embalming or to engage in the business of funeral directing for one (1) year after the license of the person or entity is revoked.

SECTION 37. Arkansas Code § 17-29-313 is amended to read as follows:

17-29-313. ~~Permit required for crematorium~~ Crematorium construction ~~—~~ Operation of crematorium.

(a)(1) ~~No crematoriums~~ A crematorium shall not be constructed in this state without a permit issued by the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors.

(2) In order to receive a permit to construct a crematorium, a person shall:

(A)(i) Publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the crematorium is proposed to be constructed stating that the applicant intends to construct a crematorium at a designated location.

(ii) The notice shall:

(a) Be published on the Sunday and Wednesday no more than fifteen (15) days nor less than seven (7) days before submitting an application to the board; and

(b) Invite members of the public to submit written protest to the construction of the proposed crematorium to the board at the address designated by the board; and

(B)(i) Submit an application to the board for a permit to construct a crematorium.

(ii) The application for a permit to construct a crematorium shall include:

(a) Proof of publication of the notice required under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section;

(b) A copy of the permit issued by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality under § 8-4-203 to construct the crematorium; and

(c) The fee as prescribed in § 17-29-208.

(b)(1) Upon receiving an a written protest to an application for the construction of a crematorium, the board shall:

(A) Schedule a public hearing on the application; and

(B)(i) cause Direct the applicant to be published publish in a newspaper having general circulation within the county ~~wherein~~ where the crematorium is proposed to be constructed a notice of the date and time of a public hearing on the application.

~~(2)(ii)~~ The notice must shall be published on the Sunday and Wednesday no more than ~~two (2) weeks~~ fifteen (15) days nor less than ~~one (1) week prior to~~ seven (7) days before the public hearing.

~~(3)~~ The owners of property located within two hundred fifty feet (250') of the proposed site of the crematorium shall be notified by the board by registered mail.

~~(4)(2)~~ The public hearing shall be held in the city or county wherein in which the proposed crematorium is to be located.

(c)(1) A crematorium shall not be operated in this state without a license issued by the board.

(2) A person that desires to operate a crematorium in this state shall:

(A) Make application to the board on forms furnished by the board;

(B) Provide the necessary information as determined by the board;

(C) Attach the fee as prescribed in § 17-29-208; and

(D) Satisfy the requirements of the board for the safe and sanitary operation of a crematorium as determined by the board.

(3) The board shall grant the application if the board finds that the proposed crematorium:

(A) Complies with all state and federal laws concerning environmental and public health; and

(B) Will serve the public interest.

SECTION 38. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 29, Subchapter 3, is amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

17-29-314. Crematory retort operator — Qualifications.

(a) A person who desires to have a license as a crematory retort operator in this state shall:

(1) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;

(2) Have received a high school diploma or a General Educational Development Test certificate;

(3) Make written application to the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors and attach the fee prescribed by § 17-29-208;

(4) Take and pass the appropriate exams as determined by the board; and

(5) Provide the information required by the board.

(b) Application for a crematory retort operator license shall be made on forms furnished by the board.

(c) Each crematory retort operator shall be required to submit initial Occupational Safety and Health Administration blood borne pathogen training.

(d)(1) The board shall grant the application if the board finds that the applicant:

(A) Possesses a knowledge of the operation of a crematorium retort; and

(B) Meets the qualifications under this section.

17-29-315. Transporting human remains — Operating a transport service — Qualifications.

(a) A person who desires to transport human remains or operate a transport service to transport human remains in this state shall:

(1) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;

(2) Possess a valid Arkansas driver's license appropriate for the operation of the motor vehicle as determined by the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors;

(3) Make written application to the board for each transport service firm to register as a driver on forms provided by the board and attaching the fee as prescribed in § 17-29-208 for the transport service;

(4) Own an appropriate and acceptable motor vehicle determined by the board to transport human remains;

(5) Each driver shall be required to submit initial Occupational Safety and Health Administration blood borne pathogen training for an initial registration; and

(6) Provide the information required by the board.

(b) Application for a transport service license shall be made on forms furnished by the board.

(c) The board shall grant the application if the board finds that the applicant:

(1) Has an acceptable driving record; and

(2) Meets the qualifications under this section.

(d) Within a reasonable amount of time after the effective date of this subchapter, an individual who is currently transporting human remains in this state shall be licensed as determined by rules the board.

SECTION 39. Arkansas Code § 17-29-401 is amended to read as follows:

17-29-401. Criminal penalties.

Any A person who, ~~after February 28, 1985,~~ practices the science of embalming, engages in the business of funeral directing, ~~or conducts, maintains, manages, or operates a funeral establishment,~~ operates a crematorium, conducts cremations, transports human remains, or operates a transport service without a license issued under any provision of § 17-29-201 et seq. and § 17-29-301 et seq., ~~shall be is~~ guilty of a ~~Class A misdemeanor~~ Class D felony and subject to the punishment prescribed for ~~Class A misdemeanors~~ Class D felonies in the Arkansas Criminal Code.

SECTION 40. Arkansas Code § 17-29-402 is amended to read as follows:

17-29-402. Injunctions.

Without posting bond, the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors may petition the circuit court of the county where the violation occurred to enjoin violations of § 17-29-201 et seq., and § 17-29-301 et seq., or any rules promulgated by the board ~~regulations promulgated thereunder.~~

SECTION 41. Arkansas Code § 17-29-403(a), concerning a civil penalty for certain violations, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Whenever the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, after a hearing conducted in accordance with the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq., determines that a person has violated any provision of § 17-29-201 et seq., ~~and § 17-29-301 et seq., or any regulations~~ the rules promulgated by the board ~~pursuant thereto~~, the board may impose a civil penalty on ~~such a~~ that person not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per violation.

SECTION 42. Arkansas Code § 17-29-404 is amended to read as follows:

17-29-404. Civil appeals.

~~Any~~ A person aggrieved by the action of the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors' imposing civil penalties or any adverse action, including the denial of a permit or license, may appeal such a decision in the manner ~~and under the procedure~~ prescribed in the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq., for appeals from administrative decisions.

SECTION 43. Arkansas Code § 17-29-501 is amended to read as follows:

17-29-501. Definition.

As used in this subchapter, "funeral home" means ~~and embraces all functions pertaining to or connected with~~ an establishment that satisfies the requirements of § 17-29-503 that is suitable for:

- ~~(1) the~~ The preparation of human bodies for interment; ~~and~~
- ~~(2) together with all the~~ The rights, services, and ceremonies usually attendant customarily associated with such an interment.

SECTION 44. Arkansas Code § 17-29-502 is amended to read as follows:

17-29-502. Status of funeral homes.

A funeral home is declared to be:

- (1) A service institution ~~and, when conducted upon and in the manner hereinafter set forth, shall be so rated and considered in connection with~~ for the purpose of:

- (A) Zoning;
 - (B) The occupation and enjoyment of property; and
 - (C) ~~The engaging in the~~ conduct and management ~~thereof~~ of the funeral home; and
- (2) A An establishment for practicing a skilled profession.

SECTION 45. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 29, Subchapter 6, is repealed.

~~17-29-601. Purpose.~~

~~The purpose of this subchapter is to establish a permanent program to provide financial assistance to qualified Arkansas citizens attending accredited colleges of funeral service education outside of Arkansas.~~

~~17-29-602. Definition.~~

~~As used in this subchapter, an "accredited college of funeral service education" means a college accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education.~~

~~17-29-603. Program establishment — Authority of Department of Health.~~

~~(a) There is established within the Department of Health a program to provide financial assistance to residents of Arkansas attending accredited colleges of funeral service education outside of Arkansas.~~

~~(b) The department is authorized and designated as the state agency to administer the program established in this subchapter and to accept applications therefor and make grants to applicants to assist in defraying the cost of attending accredited colleges of funeral service education outside of Arkansas.~~

~~17-29-604. Application — Certification — Priorities.~~

~~(a) Any resident of the State of Arkansas desiring to obtain an assistance grant under the provisions of this subchapter may make application to the Department of Health containing such information as the department shall deem necessary to determine the eligibility of the applicant to participate in the program.~~

~~(b) In order to qualify for an assistance grant, the applicant shall have served a one-year apprenticeship in the State of Arkansas under the supervision of an Arkansas-licensed funeral director and licensed embalmer prior to enrollment in an accredited college of funeral service education.~~

~~(c) If the applicant is found to be a bona fide resident of Arkansas and has served the apprenticeship, the department shall certify the student as qualified to participate under the program established in this subchapter to the extent that funds are available.~~

~~(d) The names of all qualified applicants shall be kept on a register in the order in which their application was received by the board of trustees. Applicants who have been accepted for admission by accredited colleges of funeral service education outside the state shall be given priority in receiving benefits under the provisions of this subchapter, to the extent that funds are available therefor, in the order in which the applications appear on the register maintained by the department.~~

~~17-9-605. Limitation on assistance.~~

~~In no case shall an assistance grant made to an applicant under this program exceed the normal student tuition charge made by the accredited colleges~~

~~of funeral service education in which the applicant is or will be enrolled or one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) per individual, whichever is less.~~

~~17-9-606. Program administration.~~

~~The Department of Health shall be the administering and disbursing agency for the State of Arkansas for making assistance grants to mortician students under the provisions of this subchapter. As disbursing agent, the department may expend sums that are specifically appropriated for the operation and administration of the program, but such expenditures shall be limited to the amount specifically appropriated for the program, and the award of any particular grant shall not obligate the State of Arkansas to maintain the program provided for in this subchapter except to the extent that specific appropriation is made for the program".~~

/s/ Brent Talley

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Gossage, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1795** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1795

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1795** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the Enacting Clause, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 3-4-201(a), concerning restrictions on the number of alcoholic beverage permits in the state, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The public policy of the state is to restrict the number of permits in this state to dispense vinous liquor, ~~(except small farm wines)~~, spirituous liquor, beer, or malt liquor.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 3-4-201(c)(1)(A), concerning the discretion of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board regarding restrictions on the number of alcoholic beverage permits in the state, is amended to read as follows:

(1)(A)(i) The number of permits allowing the off-premises sale of vinous (except small farm wines), spirituous, or malt liquor in a county or political subdivision of the county ~~which~~ that permits the sale shall not exceed a ratio of one

(1) permit for every five thousand (5,000) population residing in that county or political subdivision of the county.

(ii) The number of permits allowing the off-premises sale of small farm wines or beer and light wine in a county or political subdivision of the county that permits the sale shall not exceed a ratio of one (1) permit for every two thousand five hundred (2,500) population residing in that county or political subdivision of the county.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 3-4-201(c)(2)(A), concerning the discretion of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board regarding restrictions on the number of alcoholic beverage permits in the state, is amended to read as follows:

(A)(i) Additional permits allowing the off-premises sale of vinous (except small farm wines), spirituous, or malt liquor may be issued on a ratio of one (1) for every additional five thousand (5,000) population within the county or political subdivision of the county

(ii) Additional permits allowing the off-premises sale of small farm wines or beer and light wine may be issued on a ratio of one (1) for every additional two thousand five hundred (2,500) population within the county or political subdivision of the county;

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 3-4-201(c)(3)(B)(ii), concerning the discretion of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board regarding restrictions on the number of alcoholic beverage permits in the state, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) The quota ratio shall not be applied to the county or political subdivision of the county until the population in the county or political subdivision of the county reaches a number equaling ~~one (1) permit to every five thousand (5,000) population~~ the number in subdivision (c)(2)(A)(i) or (c)(2)(A)(ii) of this section; and

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 3-4-201(c)(3)(D), concerning the discretion of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board regarding restrictions on the number of alcoholic beverage permits in the state, is amended to read as follows:

(D) If a holder of a permit for the sale of vinous liquor, ~~(except small farm wines)~~, spirituous liquor, beer and light wine, or malt liquor surrenders the permit in a county or political subdivision of the county where the ratio no longer meets the one-to-five-thousand-population requirement, new applications ~~will~~ shall not be accepted until that ratio is reestablished at a subsequent federal decennial census;

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 3-4-201(c)(5), concerning the discretion of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board regarding restrictions on the number of alcoholic beverage permits in the state, is amended to read as follows:

(5)(A) This section and §§ 3-4-202 and 3-4-208, except a permit on inactive status for more than eighteen (18) months after ~~the provisions of~~ subdivision (c)(4) of this section ~~become~~ became effective or ~~which that~~ that has expired ~~in accordance with~~ under subdivision (c)(4) of this section, do not divest any permit holder holding the permit on ~~July 1, 1991~~ August 1, 2015, regardless of the quota ratio, of his or her permit.

(B) In a county or political subdivision of the county ~~which that~~ that has a ratio lower than the permit quota ratio ~~of one to five thousand population under this section~~, the permit holder shall be allowed to continue under subdivision (a)(3)(B) of this section.

SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 3-4-201(d), concerning the applicability of the section regarding restrictions on the number of alcoholic beverage permits in the state, is repealed.

~~(d) This section shall apply only to applications for permits to dispense vinous (except small farm wines), spirituous, or malt liquor filed with the board after July 1, 1991.~~

SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 3-5-102 is amended to read as follows:

3-5-102. Additional license to sell native beer and small farm wines not required.

~~Any A licensed retail liquor dealer who has been duly licensed as such shall have the right~~ may without any additional license fee ~~to sell native wines manufactured from fruits, vegetables, and other products grown in the State of Arkansas~~ beer and small farm wines."

/s/ Bill Gossage

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Gonzales, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1916** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1916

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1916** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 8, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

25-8-111. Report.

(a) The Department of Finance and Administration shall report the following information based on the preceding fiscal year to the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, to the Joint Budget Committee, by November 1 of each year:

(1) A list of each tax credit, deduction, exemption, exclusion, or other incentive offered under state law;

(2) An estimate of the revenue impact of each tax credit, deduction, exemption, exclusion, or other incentive listed under subdivision (a)(1) of this section; and

(3) An estimate of the tax revenue generated by each tax administered by the department, including an estimate of the revenue generated by each individual bracket under the Income Tax Act of 1929, § 26-51-101 et seq.

(b) The report required under this section shall also provide the required estimates for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year that is the subject of the report and the fiscal year following the fiscal year that is the subject of the report."

/s/ Justin Gonzales

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Gossage, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1793** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1793

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1793** as originally introduced:

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

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 10-2-103(b)(3), concerning the duties of the Coordinator of House Legislative Services, is repealed.

~~(3) The Coordinator of House Legislative Services shall hereafter perform all duties imposed upon the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives with respect to the payment of interim expense funds to members of the House as authorized by § 10-2-212.~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 10-2-212 is amended to read as follows:

10-2-212. ~~Reimbursable expenses~~ Per diem and mileage reimbursement.

~~(a)(1) A member of the Senate may seek reimbursement for legislative expenses incurred as authorized by law by filing a signed statement of expenses incurred during each calendar month. Claims for reimbursement for expenses incurred shall be filed with the Secretary of the Senate and shall be paid from the funds appropriated for such purposes for the use of the Senate.~~

~~(2) The Senate Efficiency Committee is hereby authorized to establish the method of reimbursing members of the Senate for ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the General Assembly. The Senate Efficiency Committee shall determine, within the limitations of the Arkansas Constitution and Internal Revenue Service guidelines, which expenditures constitute ordinary and necessary expenses and the amount of per diem and mileage reimbursement to be paid from Senate appropriations.~~

~~(3)(2) Subsection (a) Subdivision (a)(1) of this section does not apply to per diem, mileage, and expense reimbursements paid from funds disbursed by the Legislative Auditor or the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research.~~

~~(b)(1)(A) A member of the House of Representatives may seek reimbursement for legislative expenses incurred as authorized by law by filing a signed statement of expenses incurred during each calendar month. Claims for reimbursement for expenses incurred shall be filed with the Coordinator of House Legislative Services and shall be paid from the funds appropriated for such purposes for the use of the House.~~

~~(2)(A) The Speaker of the House of Representatives is hereby authorized to establish the method of reimbursing members of the House for ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as~~

members of the General Assembly. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall determine, within the limitations of the Arkansas Constitution and Internal Revenue Service guidelines, ~~which expenditures constitute ordinary and necessary expenses and~~ the amount of per diem and mileage reimbursement to be paid from House appropriations.

(B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall notify the House disbursing officer regarding the actions of the Speaker of the House of Representatives under this subsection.

~~(3)(2)~~ Subsection (b) Subdivision (b)(1) of this section does not apply to per diem, mileage, and expense reimbursements paid from funds disbursed by the Legislative Auditor or the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research.

~~(c)~~ Except as otherwise provided by law, the maximum amount of reimbursement for legislative expenses incurred by members of the General Assembly shall be, at the option of each member, either five thousand eight hundred twenty dollars (\$5,820) per year, six thousand five hundred forty dollars (\$6,540) per year, or fourteen thousand four hundred dollars (\$14,400) per year.

~~(d)(1)~~ Any member of the General Assembly may elect not to receive per diem and mileage payments for attending legislative sessions and for attending legislative activities and in lieu thereof be reimbursed up to an additional ten thousand two hundred dollars (\$10,200) per year.

~~(2)~~ Such election shall be made in writing to the presiding officer of the legislative body to which the member is elected.

~~(3)(A)~~ The election must occur prior to the fifth day of a regular session, and the election shall remain in effect until a subsequent election is made at the next regular session.

~~(B)~~ However, if the maximum amount of reimbursement is altered by law, the member of the General Assembly shall make the election within thirty (30) days after the law becomes effective, and the election shall remain in effect until a subsequent election is made at the next regular session.

~~(e)(c)~~ No A member of the General Assembly shall not file with the House of Representatives or Senate claims for reimbursement for expenses per diem or mileage reimbursement in excess of the maximum amount prescribed by law.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 10-2-215 is amended to read as follows:

10-2-215. Additional compensation Expense reimbursement for committee chairs, vice chairs, and cochairs.

~~(a)(1)~~ In addition to the expense allowance provided by § 10-2-212 and all laws amendatory and supplemental thereto, the The chair of each of the standing, select, and joint committees of either house of the General Assembly, the cochairs

of the Legislative Council and the chairs of each subcommittee of the Legislative Council, the cochairs of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee and the chairs of each subcommittee of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives, the Speaker Designate of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore Designate of the Senate, the House and Senate chairs of the Review/PEER Subcommittee of the Joint Budget Committee, the Personnel Subcommittee of the Joint Budget Committee, the Claims Subcommittee of the Joint Budget Committee, and the Special Language Subcommittee of the Joint Budget Committee, and the cochair of any committee of the General Assembly which does not function during the legislative session shall be eligible to receive an additional three thousand six hundred dollars (\$3,600) per year for reimbursement of legislative expenses incurred.

(2)(A) ~~In addition to the expense allowance provided by § 10-2-212,~~ ~~the~~ The House vice chair of each of the standing, select, and joint committees and the House vice chair of the Legislative Council is eligible to receive two thousand four hundred dollars (\$2,400) per year for reimbursement of legislative expenses incurred.

(B) If a member of the House of Representatives is eligible to receive payment under this subdivision (a)(2) due to service in more than one (1) covered position, the member shall be eligible to receive three thousand six hundred dollars (\$3,600) per year for reimbursement of legislative expenses incurred.

(3)(A) The chair of each subcommittee of each standing committee of either house shall be eligible to receive an additional one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1,800) per year for reimbursement of legislative expenses incurred.

(B) If a member of the General Assembly is eligible to receive payment under this subdivision (a)(3) due to service in more than one (1) covered position, the member shall be eligible to receive three thousand six hundred dollars (\$3,600) per year for reimbursement of legislative expenses incurred.

(4) ~~No~~ A member of the General Assembly shall not receive more than three thousand six hundred dollars (\$3,600) per year under this section for reimbursement of legislative expenses incurred.

~~(b) This additional allowance shall be paid from the same funds and appropriation and in the same manner as provided for the allowances authorized by § 10-2-212 and all laws amendatory and supplemental thereto.~~

(e)(b) The chair of a committee established by rule of the House of Representatives also may receive an allowance reimbursement of legislative expenses incurred under subsection (a) of this section if authorized by rule of the House of Representatives.

(c)(1)(A) A member of the Senate may seek reimbursement for expenses under subsection (a) of this section by filing a signed statement of legislative expenses incurred during each calendar month with the Secretary of the Senate.

(B) Expenses shall be paid from funds appropriated for such purposes for the use of the Senate.

(2)(A) A member of the House of Representatives may seek reimbursement for expenses under subsection (a) or subsection (b) of this section by filing a signed statement of legislative expenses incurred during each calendar month with the Coordinator of House Legislative Services.

(B) Expenses shall be paid from funds appropriated for such purposes for the use of the House of Representatives.

(d) A member of the General Assembly shall not file with the House of Representatives or Senate claims for expense reimbursement in excess of the maximum amount prescribed by law.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 10-2-216 is repealed.

~~10-2-216. Reimbursement for legislative services personnel.~~

~~Due to the exacting and special duties of his or her office, the Coordinator of House Legislative Services/Parliamentarian/Administrative Assistant to the Speaker is to be reimbursed for allowable expenses in the same manner and amount as is authorized for members of the General Assembly by § 10-2-212."~~

/s/ Bill Gossage

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Hickerson, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1781** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1781

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1781** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

“Section 1. Arkansas Code § 27-67-201 is amended to read as follows:

27-67-201. Designation generally.

(a)(1) State highways are declared to be those primary roads and secondary roads and connecting roads heretofore designated by the State Highway Commission, as shown by a map on file in the office of the commission, entitled "Map of the State of Arkansas Showing State Highway System", and marked "Revised March 1, 1929", including those portions of roads extending into or through incorporated towns and cities.

(2) The commission ~~is required to~~ shall preserve the map as a permanent record.

(b)(1)(A) The commission ~~is empowered~~ may, with any necessary consent of the proper federal authorities, ~~to make, from time to time,~~ necessary changes and additions to the roads designated as state highways that it ~~may deem~~ deems proper.

(B) ~~and~~ The changes or additions shall become effective immediately upon the filing of a new map as a permanent and official record in the office of the commission.

(2) However, except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the commission shall not ~~have authority to~~ eliminate any part of the highway system.

(c) The commission may eliminate from the state highway system those state highways that:

(1) Terminate on one end without connection to another state highway; or

(2) As determined by the commission:

(A) Have an average daily traffic count of less than two thousand (2,000) motor vehicles; and

(B) Are used primarily for local traffic.”

/s/ Mary P. Hickerson

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks

Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Collins, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1383** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1383

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1383** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 26-51-815(b)(2), as amended by Section 3 of Act 22 of 2015 and concerning the computation of capital gains and losses, is amended to read as follows:

(2) If a taxpayer has a net capital gain, ~~the following portion for tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2015, fifty percent (50%)~~ of the gain is exempt from state income tax:

~~(A) From January 1, 2015, through January 31, 2015, fifty percent (50%); and~~

~~(B) Beginning on and after February 1, 2015, forty percent (40%).~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 26-51-815(b), as amended by Section 3 of Act 22 of 2015 and concerning the computation of capital gains and losses, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(3) The amount of net capital gain in excess of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) from a gain realized on or after January 1, 2014, is exempt from the state income tax."

/s/ Charlie Collins

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Collins, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1384** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1384

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1384** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 26-51-201(a)(9), as amended by Section 2 of Act 22 of 2015 and concerning the income tax on individuals, trusts, and estates, is amended to read as follows:

(9) For tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2016, every resident, individual, trust, or estate having net income of more than seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) shall determine the amount of income tax due under this subsection in accordance with the table set forth below:

From	Less Than or Equal To	Rate
\$0	\$4,299	0.9%
\$4,300	\$8,399	2.5%
\$8,400	\$12,599	3.5%
\$12,600	\$20,999	4.5%
\$21,000	\$35,099	6%
\$35,100 and above		6.9% <u>6.8%</u>

/s/ Charlie Collins

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Shepherd, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1771** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1771

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1771** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 26-36-213(a)(2)(C), concerning delinquent taxes on mineral interests, is amended to read as follows:

(C)(i) The county collector ~~shall not~~ may receive or accept a partial payment of the delinquent taxes, penalties, and interest due.

(ii) If, at the end of the ninety-day period allowed for the return of the certified statement or account, a person to which the certified statement or account for taxes is presented has in the person's possession an amount of funds due and owing to the delinquent taxpayer that is less than the amount of the taxes, penalties, and interest that the delinquent taxpayer owes, the person to which the certified statement or account is presented ~~is not required to~~ shall pay any the amount in the person's possession."

/s/ Matthew Shepherd

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Sabin, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1701** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1701

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1701** as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete line 35, and substitute the following:

"(b) The department shall petition the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission to initiate rulemaking to specify which of the permit"

AND

Page 2, line 5, delete "General permits", and substitute "General or individual permits"

AND

Page 3, line 1, delete "and"

AND

Page 3, delete line 4, and substitute the following:

"located; and

(E) The principal contractor for a public drinking water treatment facility within ten (10) miles of the facility required to provide enhanced notice."

AND

Page 3, delete lines 28 through 36, and substitute the following:

"(5)(A) The facility required to provide enhanced notice under"

AND

Page 4, line 16, delete "(7)(A)" and substitute "(6)(A)"

AND

Page 4, line 20, delete "(d)(7)(A)" and substitute "(d)(6)(A)"

/s/ Warwick Sabin

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Gossage, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1583** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1583

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1583** as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete line 30, and substitute the following:

"(a) A school district board of directors may accept from"

/s/ Bill Gossage

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Collins, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1655** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1655

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1655** as engrossed,
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Page 1, delete lines 34 and 35, and substitute the following:

"state and in other similar regulatory jurisdictions in the same general part of the country;"

AND

Page 2, line 4, delete "in the" and substitute "in other similar regulatory jurisdictions in the"

AND

Page 2, line 5, delete "general geographic area;" and substitute "general part of the country;"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 10 and 11, and substitute the following:

"(C) Independent analysis of utility industry trends;
(D) Customer impact; and
(E) Any other relevant information."

AND

Page 3, line 10, delete "opportunities," and substitute "opportunities, and that will result in just and reasonable rates for all rate classes,"

AND

Page 3, line 21, delete "plant are classified such that" and substitute "plant,"

AND

Page 3, line 24, delete "compliance as" and substitute "compliance are classified as"

AND

Page 5, line 20, delete "(c) An" and substitute "(c) In an"

AND

Page 5, line 21, delete "shall include"

AND

Page 5, line 22, delete "(1) Evidence" and substitute "(1) A public utility may present evidence"

AND

Page 5, delete line 25, and substitute the following:

"opportunities and result in just and reasonable rates for all rate classes; and"

AND

Page 5, line 26, delete "(2) Evidence" and substitute "(2) A public utility shall present evidence"

AND

Page 5, line 36, delete "(e) Notwithstanding" and substitute "(e) Pursuant to"

AND

Page 6, line 9, delete "subsection (b)" and substitute "subdivision (b)(1)"

AND

Page 7, line 6, delete "state;" and substitute "state; and"

AND

Page 7, line 10, delete "state; and" and substitute "state."

AND

Page 7, delete lines 11 through 15

AND

Page 12, line 13, delete "is filed" and substitute "filed"

AND

Page 12, line 20, delete "This subchapter" and substitute "(a) This subchapter"

AND

Page 12, delete line 22, and substitute the following:

"rates.

(b) This subchapter shall not prohibit the Arkansas Public Service Commission from exercising its powers under any other statute."

/s/ Charlie Collins

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks

Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Sabin, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1979** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1979

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1979** as originally introduced:

Add Representatives Bentley, Richmond as cosponsors of the bill

/s/ Warwick Sabin

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks

Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Sabin, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1900** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1900

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1900** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27 is amended to add an additional chapter to read as follows:

CHAPTER 4

PUBLIC-PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION ACT

Subchapter 1 — General Provisions

27-4-101. Title.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Public-Private Transportation Act".

27-4-102. Legislative findings and intent.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) There is a public need for the timely development and operation of transportation facilities within the state that address the needs of the state by improving safety, reducing congestion, increasing capacity, and enhancing economic efficiency;

(2) The public need for the development and operation of transportation facilities may not be wholly satisfied by existing methods of procurement in which qualifying transportation facilities are developed and operated;

(3) The public need for the development and operation of transportation facilities may not be wholly satisfied by existing ways in which transportation facilities are developed and operated; and

(4) Authorizing private entities to develop and operate one (1) or more transportation facilities may result in the development and operation of transportation facilities to the public in a more timely, more efficient, or less costly fashion, thereby serving the public safety and welfare.

(b) It is the intent of this chapter to encourage investment in the state by private entities that facilitates the development and operation of transportation facilities by providing public entities and private entities with the greatest possible flexibility in contracting with each other for the provision of the public services that are the subject of this chapter.

27-4-103. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Comprehensive agreement" means a final written agreement between a private entity and a public entity that is executed under § 27-4-303, provides for the development of a qualifying transportation facility, and addresses all issues related to the qualifying transportation facility;

(2) "Develop", "developed", and "development of" mean the planning, designing, developing, ownership, financing, leasing, acquisition, installation, construction, operation, maintenance, or expansion of a qualifying transportation facility;

(3) "Interim agreement" means a preliminary written agreement between a private entity and a public entity that is executed under § 27-4-302, identifies the development, scope, and feasibility of a qualifying transportation facility, and addresses all issues related to the qualifying transportation facility;

(4) "Private entity" means a natural person, corporation, general partnership, limited liability company, limited partnership, joint venture, business trust, public benefit corporation, nonprofit entity, and other business entity;

(5) "Public entity" means one (1) or more of the following:

(A) A department of the state;

(B) An agency of the state;

(C) A board or commission of the state;

(D) A federal governmental entity; and

(E) A political subdivision of the state, including without limitation a city, county, school district, institution of higher education, water authority, public facilities board, or other political subdivision or affiliate of an entity listed in this subdivision (5)(E);

(6) "Publish" or "published" means the publication by a public entity of a request for proposals one (1) time each week for three (3) consecutive weeks in:

(A) A newspaper of statewide circulation; and

(B) Either:

(i) In a statewide construction industry trade magazine;

or

(ii) On a website approved by the public entity that is regularly subscribed to by members of the construction and development industry;

(7) "Qualified respondent" means the private entity selected as the most qualified entity to undertake a qualifying transportation facility that is the subject of a request for proposals issued under this chapter;

(8)(A) "Qualifying transportation facility" means a road, bridge, tunnel, overpass, ferry, airport, mass transit facility, vehicle parking facility, port facility, multimodal transportation facility, or similar commercial facility that:

(i) Is used for the transportation of persons or goods, together with any buildings, structures, parking areas, appurtenances, and other property needed to operate the facility; and

(ii) Has one (1) or more of the following characteristics:

(a) It is developed using a long-term operations and maintenance agreement, management agreement, or services agreement entered into with a private entity;

(b) It is designed and built in whole or in part by a private entity;

(c) It is a capital development or improvement in which a private entity:

(1) Invests its own capital or third-party capital arranged by the private entity;

(2) Sources or uses indebtedness, available funds, revenues, or financial or tax incentives to fund the project; or

(3) Provides other consideration in the form of goods or services to the public entity to fund the project;

(d) It is owned in whole or in part by a private entity for the benefit of the public entity;

(e) It involves real or personal property owned by a public entity that is sold, leased, or exchanged with a private entity for leaseback or for use by the public entity; or

(f) It is a project as defined by the Office of State Procurement.

(B) "Qualifying transportation facility" does not include a commercial or retail use or enterprise not essential to the transportation of persons or goods;

(9) "Request for proposals" means a notice that is issued by a public entity announcing the public entity's interest in developing a qualifying transportation facility and seeking proposals from private entities to develop the qualifying transportation facility that identifies without limitation the following:

(A) The anticipated scope and purpose of the qualifying transportation facility;

(B) The financial and nonfinancial benefits related to the qualifying transportation facility;

(C) The proposed timeline under which the qualifying transportation facility is to be completed; and

(D) All other issues that the public entity determines are necessary to accomplish the qualifying transportation facility; and

(10) "Revenues" means the rates, revenues, income, earnings, user fees, tolls, lease payments, service payments, other available funds, and other revenue and cash flow of any nature arising out of or in connection with the development of a qualifying transportation facility, including without limitation the funds derived from the operation of a qualifying transportation facility or otherwise provided by the parties as stated in the comprehensive agreement.

27-4-104. Construction.

(a) This chapter shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

(b)(1) Except as limited by the Arkansas Constitution, this chapter exclusively governs the manner and procedures by which a qualifying transportation facility may be developed by and between a public entity and a private entity.

(2) If this chapter conflicts with any other state law, then this chapter governs with respect to the manner and procedures by which a qualifying transportation facility may be developed by and between a public entity and a private entity.

(c) An action taken by a public entity under this chapter shall serve the public purpose of this chapter if the action facilitates the timely development or operation, or both, of a qualifying transportation facility.

Subchapter 2 — Proposals for Qualifying transportation facilities

27-4-201. Requests for proposals.

(a)(1) A public entity considering the development of a qualifying transportation facility shall prepare and publish a request for proposals.

(2)(A) The public entity may specify a period of time during which responses to the request for proposals may be submitted by private entities.

(B) However, the time allowed for responses to a request for proposals under this chapter shall be at least ninety (90) days from the date the request for proposals is published.

(b)(1) If a proposed qualifying transportation facility may materially affect the governmental operations of another public entity, then the public entity proposing the qualifying transportation facility shall provide written notice to each potentially affected public entity before the request for proposals is published.

(2) If the public entity and the other affected public entities agree to pursue a qualifying transportation facility, the public entities may jointly issue the request for proposals and undertake the qualifying transportation facility.

(c)(1) A public entity shall review each proposal submitted in response to a request for proposals to determine whether the proposal fulfills the goals and purposes of the public entity and the proposed qualifying transportation facility.

(2) In assessing the proposals submitted in response to the request for proposals, a public entity may interview one (1) or more of the private entities submitting a response to determine which entity is the qualified respondent.

(d) A public entity may select the qualified respondent to undertake a qualifying transportation facility based on a variety of factors, including without limitation:

(1) The cost of the potential qualifying transportation facility as proposed by the private entity;

(2) The general reputation, industry experience, and financial capacity of the private entity;

(3) The design of the qualifying transportation facility as proposed by the private entity;

(4) The plan of finance proposed by the private entity;

(5) Local citizens' comments;

(6) Comments from other public entities;

(7) The benefits to the public of the qualifying transportation facility as proposed by the private entity;

(8) The public entity's participation in a minority business enterprise plan adopted by the public entity;

(9) The private entity's plan to employ local contractors and residents;

and

(10) Any other factor that the public entity determines would be useful in assessing the proposals submitted in response to the request for proposals.

(e)(1) A public entity is not required to determine or select the qualified respondent based on the lowest project development cost or life cycle cost submitted by a private entity.

(2) However, a public entity may consider cost as one (1) factor in evaluating the submitted proposals and selecting the qualified respondent.

(f) A public entity may:

(1) Reject all proposals submitted in response to a request for proposals;

(2) Amend or modify the public entity's request for proposals;

(3) Publish an amended request for proposals; and

(4) Cease further development of a qualifying transportation facility any time before entering into an interim agreement with the qualified respondent.

(g) After selecting the qualifying respondent and sending written notice to the qualified respondent of its selection, a public entity shall provide written notice to all private entities that submitted a proposal in response to the public entity's request for proposals within ten (10) days of notifying the qualified respondent of its selection as the qualified respondent.

27-4-202. Unsolicited proposals.

(a) A public entity shall not solicit or request a proposal from a private entity to develop a qualifying transportation facility that is not procured under § 27-4-201.

(b)(1) However, a public entity may receive and consider unsolicited ideas and development concepts from a private entity or another public entity.

(2) If a public entity decides to pursue an unsolicited idea or development concept, the public entity shall publish a request for proposals under § 27-4-201.

Subchapter 3 — Contracts Between Public Entity and Private Entity

27-4-301. Procurement requirements.

A public entity may enter into an interim agreement or a comprehensive agreement only in accordance with this subchapter.

27-4-302. Interim agreement.

(a)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, after a public entity has selected the qualified respondent to a request for proposals, the public entity and the qualified respondent shall negotiate an interim agreement.

(2) A public entity may enter into an interim agreement with the qualified respondent either before or in connection with the negotiation of a comprehensive agreement under § 27-4-303.

(3)(A)(i) If an interim agreement is necessary to develop a qualifying transportation facility and an interim agreement cannot be negotiated and executed within sixty (60) days after the selection of the qualified respondent or within the time period mutually agreed to by the public entity and the qualified respondent, the public entity may begin negotiations with the next most qualified private entity that submitted a proposal in response to the request for proposals.

(ii) A public entity is not required to republish the request for proposals before beginning negotiations with the next most qualified private entity under subdivision (a)(3)(A)(i) of this section.

(B) If an interim agreement is not necessary to develop a qualifying transportation facility, the public entity and the qualified respondent shall negotiate a comprehensive agreement under § 27-4-303.

(4)(A) Before a public entity may enter into an interim agreement under this section, the public entity shall contract with an attorney and a certified

public accountant or other financial or economics professional to provide a written evaluation of the proposed qualifying transportation facility.

(B) A written evaluation provided by a certified public accountant or other financial or economics professional under subdivision (a)(4)(A) of this section shall include without limitation the independent assessment of the certified public accountant or other financial or economics professional of the financial viability of the proposed qualifying transportation facility, identifying all preliminary costs, financial liabilities, advantages, and disadvantages of the qualifying transportation facility.

(C) A written evaluation provided by an attorney under subdivision (a)(4)(A) of this section shall include the attorney's independent assessment of the terms and conditions under which the proposed qualifying transportation facility will be developed.

(D) An attorney, certified public accountant, or other financial or economics professional providing a written evaluation under this subsection may be an employee of the public entity undertaking the qualifying transportation facility or a private person who has current professional liability insurance in an amount determined to be necessary by the public entity.

(b) An interim agreement entered into under this section may:

(1) Allow the qualified respondent to commence activities and perform tasks for which it shall be compensated relating to the proposed qualifying transportation facility, including without limitation project planning and developing, design and engineering, environmental analysis and mitigation, surveying, and ascertaining the availability of financing for the proposed qualifying transportation facility;

(2) Establish the process and timing of the negotiation of the comprehensive agreement; and

(3) Contain any other provisions related to the development of the proposed qualifying transportation facility that are agreed upon by the public entity and the qualified respondent.

27-4-303. Comprehensive agreement.

(a)(1) If a public entity and the qualified respondent have entered into an interim agreement, agree on the findings and conclusions stated in the interim agreement, and desire to proceed with the development of the qualifying transportation facility, the public entity and qualified respondent shall negotiate and enter into a comprehensive agreement.

(2) If it is unnecessary for a public entity and the qualified respondent to enter into an interim agreement, the public entity and the qualified respondent

shall negotiate and enter into a comprehensive agreement following selection of the qualified respondent.

(3) Before developing or operating the qualifying transportation facility, the qualified respondent shall enter into a comprehensive agreement with the public entity.

(b)(1) Before a public entity may enter into a comprehensive agreement under this section, the public entity shall contract with an attorney to negotiate the relevant agreements and a certified public accountant or other financial or economics professional to provide a written evaluation of the proposed comprehensive agreement.

(2) The attorney with whom the public entity contracts under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall negotiate the contracts and agreement related to the development of the qualifying transportation facility, including without limitation the revenue contracts, construction contracts, management contracts, services contracts, and other agreements related to the qualifying transportation facility.

(3) The written evaluation required under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall include the independent assessment of the certified public accountant or other financial or economics professional of the costs of the qualifying transportation facility, the financial viability of the qualifying transportation facility, and all other financial and operating assumptions related to the qualifying transportation facility.

(4) A certified public accountant or other financial or economics professional providing a written evaluation under this subsection may be a public employee of the public entity undertaking the qualifying transportation facility or a private person who has current professional liability insurance in an amount determined to be necessary by the public entity.

(5) The fees and expenses associated with engaging an attorney, certified public accountant, or other financial or economics professional under this section may be included in the costs of the qualifying transportation facility.

(c) The comprehensive agreement shall include without limitation the following:

(1) A thorough description of the duties of the public entity and the qualified respondent in relation to the development and operation of the qualifying transportation facility;

(2) Dates and schedules for the completion of the qualifying transportation facility, including any available extensions or renewals of the qualifying transportation facility;

(3) A pro forma analysis or budget under which the qualifying transportation facility shall be developed, financed, constructed, operated, and maintained;

(4) The source of all revenues derived from the operation and maintenance of the qualifying transportation facility and any process for modifying the revenues during the term of the comprehensive agreement;

(5) Financing and funding sources for the qualifying transportation facility and any contractual provisions related to the financing and funding sources for the qualifying transportation facility;

(6) A copy of each contract related to the development of the qualifying transportation facility;

(7) Reimbursements to be paid to the public entity for services provided by the qualified respondent, if any;

(8) A process for the review of plans and specifications for the qualifying transportation facility by the public entity and the engineering and architectural consultants of the public entity, if any;

(9) A process for the periodic and final inspection of the qualifying transportation facility by the public entity or its designee to ensure that the qualified respondent's development activities comply with the comprehensive agreement;

(10) For the components of the qualifying transportation facility that involve construction, provisions for the:

(A) Delivery of maintenance, payment, and performance bonds in the amounts that may be specified by the public entity in the comprehensive agreement; and

(B) Posting and delivery of all other bonds, letters of credit, or other forms of security acceptable to the public entity in connection with the development of the qualifying transportation facility;

(11) Submission to the public entity by the qualified respondent of proof of workers compensation, property casualty, general liability, and other policies of insurance related to the development and operation of the qualifying transportation facility in the amounts and subject to the terms that may be specified by the public entity in the comprehensive agreement;

(12) A process for the public entity's monitoring of the practices of the qualified respondent to ensure that the qualifying transportation facility is properly developed, constructed, operated, and maintained;

(13) The filing by the qualified respondent of appropriate financial statements with the public entity related to the operations of the qualifying

transportation facility within the timeframes established in the comprehensive agreement; and

(14) Policies and procedures governing the rights and responsibilities of the public entity and the qualified respondent if the comprehensive agreement is terminated according to the terms of the comprehensive agreement or as the result of a default under the terms of the comprehensive agreement.

(d) A comprehensive agreement may provide for the development or operation, or both, of phases or segments of a qualifying transportation facility.

(e) A modification of or an amendment to the terms of the comprehensive agreement shall be:

(1) Agreed upon by the public entity and the qualified respondent; and

(2) Added to the comprehensive agreement by written amendment.

27-4-304. Financing of a qualifying transportation facility.

(a)(1) Financing of a qualifying transportation facility may be in the amounts and upon the terms and conditions stated in the interim agreement or the comprehensive agreement.

(2)(A) A qualifying transportation facility may be financed by the qualified respondent or the public entity, or both, and the qualified respondent and public entity may utilize any funding resources available to them, including without limitation to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, issuing debt, equity, or other securities or obligations, entering into leases, accessing designated trust funds, and borrowing or accepting grants from a state infrastructure bank.

(B) Debt issued for the development of a qualifying transportation facility may be evidenced by the issuance of taxable or tax-exempt bonds, promissory notes, lease purchase agreements, or other evidences of indebtedness that are specified in the comprehensive agreement.

(3) Financing for a qualifying transportation facility may be secured by a pledge of, security interest in, or lien on the real or personal property of the public entity or the qualified respondent, including without limitation any property interests in the qualifying transportation facility or the qualifying transportation facility revenues.

(b)(1) The public entity may take action to obtain federal, state, or local assistance for a qualifying transportation facility that serves the public purpose of this chapter, including without limitation entering into any contracts required to receive such assistance.

(2) All or any portion of the costs of a qualifying transportation facility may be paid, directly or indirectly, from the proceeds of a grant or loan made by a

local government, the state government, the federal government, or an agency or instrumentality of a local government, the state government, or the federal government if it would serve the public purpose of this chapter.

(c) In addition to the financing methods allowed under subsection (a) of this section, a qualifying transportation facility may be financed through:

(1) Capital provided by either the public entity or the qualified respondent;

(2) The available funds of the public entity;

(3) The operating expenses of the public entity;

(4) Revenues of the qualifying transportation facility;

(5) Any tax credits or other incentives for which the qualifying transportation facility or the qualified respondent may qualify;

(6) Governmental or third-party grants; and

(7) Any other available capital or funding sources of the public entity or the qualified respondent.

27-4-305. Service contracts.

A public entity may contract with the qualified respondent for the delivery of services to be provided as part of a qualifying transportation facility in exchange for service payments or other consideration that the public entity deems appropriate.

27-4-306. Powers and duties of qualified respondent — Termination.

(a) A qualified respondent may own, lease, or acquire any other right to use, develop, or operate a qualifying transportation facility.

(b) Subject to applicable permit requirements, a qualified respondent may cross a navigable watercourse if the crossing does not unreasonably interfere with the current navigation and use of the waterway.

(c) In operating a qualifying transportation facility, the qualified respondent may:

(1) Make classifications according to reasonable categories for assessment of any rates, fees, or other charges imposed by the qualified respondent for use of all or a portion of a qualifying transportation facility; and

(2) With the consent of the public entity, make and enforce reasonable rules to the same extent that the public entity may make and enforce rules with respect to a similar transportation facility.

(d) The private entity shall:

(1) Develop and operate the qualifying transportation facility in a manner that meets the standards of the public entity for transportation facilities operated and maintained by the public entity and that complies with the interim agreement or the comprehensive agreement;

(2)(A) Keep the qualifying transportation facility open for use by the members of the public in accordance with the terms and conditions of the interim agreement and comprehensive agreement after the initial opening of the qualifying transportation facility and upon payment of any applicable rates, fees, charges, or service payments.

(B) However, the qualifying transportation facility may be closed temporarily because of emergencies or, with the consent of the public entity, to protect the safety of the public or for reasonable construction or maintenance procedures;

(3) Maintain, or provide by contract for the maintenance of, the qualifying transportation facility;

(4) Cooperate with the public entity in establishing any interconnection with the qualifying transportation facility requested by the public entity; and

(5) Comply with the interim agreement, the comprehensive agreement, and any applicable service contract.

(e)(1) A public entity shall terminate the qualified respondent's authority and duties under this chapter on the date stated in the interim agreement or comprehensive agreement.

(2) Upon termination, the powers and duties of the qualified respondent under this chapter cease, and the qualifying transportation facility shall be dedicated to the public entity for public use.

Subchapter 4 — Other Powers and Responsibilities

27-4-401. Eminent domain — Dedication.

(a)(1) A public entity may exercise its right of eminent domain under applicable law in connection with the development of a qualifying transportation facility.

(2) The power of eminent domain shall not be delegated to a private entity with respect to a qualifying transportation facility commenced or proposed under this chapter.

(3) Damages awarded to a third party in an eminent domain action may be included in the development budget for the qualifying transportation facility.

(b)(1) A public entity may dedicate any real or personal property interest, including land, improvements, and tangible personal property, through lease, sale, or otherwise, to the qualified respondent to facilitate a qualifying transportation facility if so doing will serve the public purpose of this chapter.

(2) The consideration for the dedication, lease, sale, or exchange of any real or personal property interest under subdivision (b)(1) of this section may

include an agreement by the qualified respondent to operate or develop the qualifying transportation facility or provide other services to the public entity.

(3) The property interests that a responsible public entity may convey to the qualified respondent in connection with a dedication under this section may include licenses, franchises, easements, or other rights or interests that the public entity deems appropriate.

27-4-402. Utility crossings.

(a) A public entity, qualified respondent, and each public service company, public utility, railroad, or cable television provider whose utility facilities are to be crossed or affected by a qualifying transportation facility shall cooperate fully with each other in planning and arranging the manner of the crossing or relocation of the utility facilities.

(b)(1) A public entity that has the power of condemnation may exercise the power of condemnation in connection with the moving or relocation of utility facilities that will be crossed by a qualifying transportation facility or that must be relocated to the extent that the moving or relocation is necessary or desirable as the result of the construction of or improvements to the qualifying transportation facility, including the construction of or improvements to temporary facilities for the purpose of providing service during the period of construction or improvement of a qualifying transportation facility.

(2)(A) If a public entity, qualified respondent, and a public service company, public utility, railroad, or cable television provider are not able to agree on a plan for the crossing or relocation of the utility facilities, the Arkansas Public Service Commission may determine the manner in which the crossing or relocation is to be accomplished and any damages arising out of the crossing or relocation.

(B)(i) The commission may employ expert engineers who shall examine the location and plans for the crossing or relocation, hear any objections, consider modifications, and make a recommendation to the commission.

(ii) In a case arising under this section, the public entity or qualified respondent shall pay the cost of the experts.

(c) Any amount to be paid for the crossing, construction, moving, or relocating of utility facilities shall be paid for by the public entity or qualified respondent as provided under the interim agreement, the comprehensive agreement, or any other contract, license, or permit.

(d) The commission shall make a determination within ninety (90) days of notification by the public entity or qualified respondent that the qualifying transportation facility will cross utilities subject to the commission's jurisdiction.

27-4-403. Sovereign immunity.

This chapter does not waive the sovereign immunity of the public entity or the officers or employees of the public entity under state law.

27-4-404. Open meetings — Disclosure of records.

(a) This chapter does not abrogate the obligation of a public entity or the Office of State Procurement to comply with the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.

(b) However, records that would otherwise be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq., remain exempt when in the custody or control of a public entity or the office.

27-4-405. Transparency.

(a)(1) A public entity shall provide an opportunity for public comment on the proposals submitted in response to a request for proposals under this chapter.

(2) The public comment period required under this subsection:

(A) Shall be for a period of at least thirty (30) days; and

(B) May include a public hearing.

(b) A public entity shall publish on its website:

(1) A description of each proposed qualifying transportation facility, the intended benefits of each proposed qualifying transportation facility, a proposed schedule for each qualifying transportation facility, and any other information that is essential to allow a public review of each proposed qualifying transportation facility;

(2) Each request for proposals published by a public entity; and

(3) A copy of each negotiated interim agreement and comprehensive agreement before the interim agreement or comprehensive agreement has been executed.

27-4-406. Limitation on local fees and taxes.

A local government shall not impose a fee or tax on or measured by the receipts of a qualifying transportation facility that is owned by a public entity.

Subchapter 5 — Administration by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department

27-4-501. Review and approval.

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department shall review and approve each qualifying transportation facility before the public entity and qualified respondent execute the comprehensive agreement.

27-4-502. Powers and duties.

(a) The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department shall promulgate rules regarding the definitions and guidelines related to the development of qualifying transportation facilities under this chapter within one hundred eighty days (180) of the effective date of this chapter.

(b) The guidelines promulgated under this section shall include without limitation the following:

(1) Criteria for selecting qualifying transportation facilities to be undertaken by a public entity;

(2) Criteria for selecting among competing proposals submitted according to a request for proposals under § 27-4-201;

(3) Time lines for selecting a qualified respondent under the process for requests for proposals under § 27-4-201;

(4) Guidelines for negotiating a comprehensive agreement; and

(5) Guidelines for allowing the accelerated selection of a qualified respondent and the review and approval of a qualifying transportation facility that is determined to be a priority by the Governor and is funded in whole or substantial part by dedicated revenues."

/s/ Warwick Sabin

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Sabin, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1904** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1904

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1904** as originally introduced:

Page 2, line 29, delete "he" and substitute "the"

/s/ Warwick Sabin

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Wardlaw, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1959** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1959

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1959** as originally introduced:

Delete the TITLE in its entirety, and substitute the following:

"AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE SCOPE OF A STATE PERMIT AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BEER AND LIGHT WINE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the SUBTITLE in its entirety, and substitute the following:

"TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE SCOPE OF A STATE PERMIT AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BEER AND LIGHT WINE."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 3-5-207(a), concerning the scope of a state permit authorizing the sale of beer and light wine, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, any permit issued under ~~the provisions of~~ § 3-5-206 authorizing the sale of light wines or beer for consumption under the provisions prescribed in the permit shall ~~be construed to~~ authorize the sale of such liquor by the bottle, by the glass or draught, and in or from the original package.

(2) The Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control Division shall not issue a new beer permit, including a native beer and light wine permit, for off-premises consumption issued under § 3-5-206 or a small farm wine permit for off-premises consumption issued under § 3-5-1602 to a business that is within one thousand feet (1,000') of a gas pump located on property:

(A) That the applicant controls;

(B) In which the applicant holds an interest directly or indirectly, individually, as a member of a partnership, or as a shareholder of a corporation; or

(C) For which the applicant receives compensation or profit.

(3) The director shall not transfer an existing beer permit issued under § 3-5-206, including a native beer and light wine permit, or a small farm winery license issued under § 3-5-1602, for off-premise consumption to a business that is within one thousand feet (1,000') of a gas pump located on property:

(A) That the applicant controls;

(B) In which the applicant holds an interest directly or indirectly, individually, as a member of a partnership, or as a shareholder of a corporation; or

(C) For which the applicant receives compensation or profit.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 3-5-207, concerning the scope of a state permit authorizing the sale of beer and light wine, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(d) This section applies only to an application for a new permit or a transfer of an existing permit filed with the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division after August 1, 2015."

/s/ Jeff Wardlaw

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Vines, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1791** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1791

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1791** as originally introduced:

Delete all language after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-5-201(a), concerning the definition of "hazing", is amended to read as follows:

(a) As used in this subchapter, "hazing" means:

(1) ~~Any~~ A willful act on or off the property of any school, college, university, or other educational institution in Arkansas by one (1) student, alumnus, or volunteer or employee of a fraternal organization if the volunteer or employee is acting on behalf of, or in the name of, the fraternal organization, acting alone, or acting with others ~~which~~ when the conduct is directed against any other student and done for the purpose of intimidating the student attacked by threatening him or her with social or other ostracism or of submitting such student to ignominy, shame, or disgrace among his or her fellow students, and acts calculated to produce such results;

(2) The playing of abusive or truculent tricks on or off the property of any school, college, university, or other educational institution in Arkansas by one (1) student, alumnus, or volunteer or employee of a fraternal organization if the volunteer or employee is acting on behalf of, or in the name of, the fraternal organization, acting alone, or acting with others, upon another student to frighten or scare him or her;

(3) ~~Any~~ A willful act on or off the property of any school, college, university, or other educational institution in Arkansas by one (1) student, alumnus, or volunteer or employee of a fraternal organization if the volunteer or employee is acting on behalf of, or in the name of, the fraternal organization, acting alone, or acting with others which is directed against any other student done for the purpose of humbling the pride, stifling the ambition, or impairing the courage of the student attacked or to discourage him or her from remaining in that school, college, university, or other educational institution, or reasonably to cause him or her to leave the institution rather than submit to such acts; or

(4) ~~Any~~ A willful act on or off the property of any school, college, university, or other educational institution in Arkansas by one (1) student or alumni, or volunteer or employee or volunteer of a fraternal organization if the volunteer or employee is acting on behalf of, or in the name of, the fraternal organization, acting alone or acting with others in striking, beating, bruising, or maiming; or seriously offering, threatening, or attempting to strike, beat, bruise, or maim; or to do or seriously offer, threaten, or attempt to do physical violence to any student of any such educational institution; or any assault upon any such student made for the purpose of committing any of the acts, or producing any of the results, to such student as defined in this section.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-5-202(a), concerning prohibitions, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A student, alumnus, or volunteer or employee of a fraternal organization of ~~any a~~ school, college, university, or other educational institution in Arkansas shall not engage in hazing or encourage, aid, or assist any other student, alumnus, or volunteer or employee of a fraternal organization in hazing.”

/s/ John T. Vines

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Vines, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1739** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1739

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1739** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 3-5-1704 is amended to read as follows:

3-5-1704. ~~Purchase~~—Payment of taxes.

~~(a) A consumer must:~~

~~(1) Be physically present at the winery to purchase the vinous liquor to be shipped into or within the state; and~~

~~(2) Provide identification to the winery proving that he or she is twenty-one (21) years of age or older.~~

~~(b)(1)(A)(a)~~ A winery shall collect all sales taxes and excise taxes due on a sale to an individual of this state as if the sale took place on the premises of an Arkansas small farm winery, including without limitation taxes under §§ 3-5-1605, 3-7-104, 3-7-201, and 3-7-111.

~~(B)(b)(1)~~ A winery does not have to collect a local tax that would be imposed by a municipality, town, or other political subdivision of the state.

(2) Taxes collected by the winery shall be submitted to the Department of Finance and Administration as directed without limitation under §§ 3-5-1605, 3-7-104, 3-7-201, and 3-7-111.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 3-5-1705 is amended to read as follows:

3-5-1705. Direct shipment.

(a) A winery ~~shall ship only a~~ within or without this state may ship vinous liquor to a private residence in this state.

~~(b) A winery may only ship one (1) case of vinous liquor per consumer in any calendar quarter.~~ Before shipping wine under subsection (a) of this section, a winery shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure that the recipient of the vinous liquor is twenty-one (21) years of age or older.

(c)(1) A shipment of a vinous liquor shall have a shipping label provided by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division affixed to the shipping package.

(2) The fee for each label for a shipment shall not exceed ten dollars (\$10.00)."

/s/ John T. Vines

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks

Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Deffenbaugh, **HOUSE BILL NO. 2005** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2005

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 2005** as originally introduced:

Delete all language after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

“SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-16-135, concerning personal finance course, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(c)(1) Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, a student shall take one (1) semester of personal finance in grades nine (9) through (12).

(2) The state board may adopt rules to implement this section.”

/s/ Gary Deffenbaugh

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Vines, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1668** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1668

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1668** as originally introduced:

Delete Representative Vines as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Add Representative D. Douglas as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-24-103 is amended to read as follows:

17-24-103. Penalties.

(a)(1) ~~Any A~~ collection agency that engages in the business activities of a collection agency without a valid license issued pursuant to under this chapter ~~and any person, partnership, corporation, or association that shall violate any provision of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall~~ may be fined ~~in any sum of~~ not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500).

(2) Each day of the a violation of this chapter shall constitute is a separate offense.

(3) If a collection agency participates in collection activities without a license, the collection agency may pay a civil penalty to the State Board of Collection Agencies of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in order to be considered retroactively licensed under this chapter by the board.

(b)(1) ~~The State Board of Collection Agencies is authorized to~~ board may impose monetary fines as civil penalties to be paid for failure to comply with ~~the provisions of this chapter or the regulations~~ rules promulgated pursuant ~~thereto by~~ the board under this chapter.

(2) ~~Prior to the imposition of monetary fines~~ Before imposing a monetary fine under subdivision (b)(1) of this section, the board shall provide notice and opportunity to be heard ~~in accordance with~~ according to hearing procedures in effect for the revocation, suspension, or refusal of licensure.

(3) The board may allow a collection agency to pay a civil penalty of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in order to be retroactively licensed under this chapter.

(c) The board has exclusive jurisdiction over the rights and remedies or a violation of the rules under this chapter."

/s/ John T. Vines

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Wright, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1797** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1797

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1797** as originally introduced:

Page 3, delete lines 33 and 34, and substitute the following:

"(b)(1) A seller may collect a fee for the transfer or cancellation of a prepaid contract to a substitute provider.

(2) The Insurance Commissioner by rule shall establish the fee for a transfer or cancellation of a prepaid contract under subdivision (b)(1) of this section."

/s/ Marshall Wright

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Baine, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1718** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1718

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1718** as originally introduced:

Add Senator B. Pierce as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 1, line 9, delete "PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX" and substitute "CREATE THE ARKANSAS ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT ACT;"

AND

Page 1, delete line 10

AND

Page 1, line 11, delete "DISTRICT;"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT; AND TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT ACT."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 11, is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 10 — Arkansas Entertainment District Act

15-11-1001. Title.

This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas Entertainment District Act".

15-11-1002. Definitions.As used in this subchapter:

(1) "Entertainment district" means a district for public and private uses that is developed for the purpose of serving as an anchor attraction consisting of various entertainment services and venues;

(2) "Entertainment item" means tangible personal property or services offered primarily for the purposes of entertainment within an entertainment district, including without limitation the following:

(A) A ticket to an entertainment event, such as a concert, show, or theater production;

(B) An admission fee or ticket for entrance to an entertainment venue, such as an amusement park or museum;

(C) Tangible personal property related to the entertainment district or an entertainment event or entertainment venue that takes place in the entertainment district, such as souvenirs, memorabilia, or clothing containing the logo of the entertainment district, entertainment event, or entertainment venue; and

(D) Food items sold at an entertainment event or entertainment venue; and

(3) "Qualifying business" means a business that:

(A) Is located and conducts business in an entertainment district;

(B) Derives income from the sale of entertainment items within an entertainment district; and

(C) At an establishment within one hundred (100) miles of the entertainment district and within two (2) years of locating within the entertainment district, did not cease or substantially reduce operations of a nature similar to those being performed at the business's establishment in the entertainment district.

15-11-1003. Creation of an entertainment district.

(a) One (1) or more cities or counties, or both, may apply to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission to designate an area located wholly within the applying cities and counties as an entertainment district.

(b) The application submitted under this section shall:

(1) Include a written development plan that contains at least the following information:

(A) A description of the new business activity that will be conducted within the proposed entertainment district;

(B) Evidence of any adverse economic or socioeconomic conditions within the proposed entertainment district;

(C) Public and private commitment to and other resources available for the proposed entertainment district;

(D) How the designation of an entertainment district will relate to the broader plan for the community as a whole;

(E) The level of demonstrated cooperation among the applying and surrounding cities, counties, and communities;

(F) How any local regulatory burdens will be reduced for businesses operating within the proposed entertainment district;

(G) A map of the proposed entertainment district that indicates the geographic boundaries, the total area, and the present use and conditions generally of the land and structures within the boundaries;

(H) A description of the methods proposed to increase economic opportunity and expansion, facilitate infrastructure improvement, and identify job training opportunities; and

(I) Any other information required by the commission;

(2) Be in the form and manner required by the commission;

(3) Contain sufficient information to allow the commission to determine if the proposed entertainment district qualifies under this subchapter; and

(4) Be submitted by the chief elected officer of each city and county submitting the application or, if there is not a chief elected officer of a city or county submitting the application, the governing body of the city or county.

(c)(1) The commission shall review each application submitted under this section and determine whether the proposed entertainment district meets the requirements and serves the purposes of this subchapter.

(2) Upon approval of an application under this section, the commission shall designate the proposed entertainment district.

15-11-1004. Tax incentives.

In an entertainment district:

(1) Each qualifying business is eligible for the income tax:

(A) Exemption under § 26-51-314; and

(B) Credit under § 26-51-515; and

(2) The sale of each entertainment item is eligible for the sales and use tax exemption under § 26-52-451.

15-11-1005. Applicability.

The tax incentives provided under this subchapter:

(1) May be combined with any other incentives available for the entertainment district or the businesses within the entertainment district; and

(2) Are available for an entertainment district for fifteen (15) years from the creation of the entertainment district.

15-11-1006. Rules.

The Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall promulgate rules to implement and administer this subchapter.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 26, Chapter 51, Subchapter 3, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26-51-314. Income from sale of entertainment items.

(a) As used in this section, "entertainment district", "entertainment item", and "qualifying business" have the same meanings stated in § 15-11-1002.

(b)(1) Income from the sale of an entertainment item within an entertainment district by a qualifying business is exempt from the income tax levied under the Income Tax Act of 1929, § 26-51-101 et seq.

(2) The exemption allowed under this section includes income derived from Internet, mail-order, and catalog sales of entertainment items that are shipped from within the entertainment district to purchasers outside of the entertainment district.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 26, Chapter 51, Subchapter 5, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26-51-515. Costs of construction in entertainment district.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Costs of construction" means:

(A) Obligations incurred for labor and to vendors, contractors, subcontractors, builders, suppliers, deliverymen, and materialmen in connection with the acquisition, construction, equipping, and installation of qualifying business in an entertainment district;

(B) The costs of acquiring real property or rights in real property in connection with a qualifying business in an entertainment district and any costs incidental to the acquisition of real property or rights in real property in connection with a qualifying business in an entertainment district;

(C) The cost of contract bonds and insurance of all kinds that may be required or necessary during the course of the acquisition, construction, equipping, and installation of a qualifying business in an entertainment district that is not paid by the vendor, supplier, deliveryman, contractor, or otherwise provided;

(D) The costs of architectural and engineering services, including without limitation estimates, plans and specifications, preliminary investigations, and supervision of construction and installation, as well as for the performance of the duties required by or consequent to the acquisition,

construction, equipping, and installation of a qualifying business in an entertainment district;

(E) The costs required to be paid under the terms of any contract for the acquisition, construction, equipping, and installation of a qualifying business in an entertainment district;

(F) The costs required for the installation of utilities in connection with a qualifying business in an entertainment district, including without limitation water, sewer, sewage treatment, gas, electricity, communications, and off-site construction of utility extensions paid for by the qualifying business; and

(G) Other costs comparable with those described in this section;

(2) "Entertainment district" means the same as defined in § 15-11-1002; and

(3) "Qualifying business" means the same as defined in § 15-11-1002.

(b) There is allowed an income tax credit against the income tax imposed under this chapter in the amount equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of a qualifying business's costs of construction within an entertainment district.

(c) The amount of the income tax credit under this section that may be claimed by the taxpayer in a tax year shall not exceed the amount of income tax due by the taxpayer.

(d) Any unused income tax credit under this section may be carried forward for five (5) consecutive tax years following the tax year in which the income tax credit was earned.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Title 26, Chapter 52, Subchapter 4, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26-52-451. Sales by qualifying businesses.

(a) As used in this section, "entertainment district", "entertainment item", and "qualifying business" have the same meanings stated in § 15-11-1002.

(b) The gross receipts or gross proceeds derived from the sale of an entertainment item by a qualifying business within an entertainment district are exempt from the gross receipts tax levied under this chapter and the compensating use tax levied by the Arkansas Compensating Tax Act of 1949, § 26-53-101 et seq."

/s/ John Baine

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Lowery, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1670** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1670

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1670** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and add the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 9, Chapter 9, is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 8 — Putative Father Parental Rights

9-9-801. Putative father — Vacate order — Notice of rights.

(a)(1) Upon signing an acknowledgment of paternity or registering with the Division of Vital Records of the Department of Health to have an alleged father's name placed on the Putative Father Registry regarding a specific minor, a putative father may:

(A) Petition for adjudication of paternity; and

(B) Petition the court to set aside the order of adoption within six (6) months from the date of the final adoption order.

(2) The court may vacate an order of adoption if the putative father:

(A) Did not have knowledge of the child's existence before the adoption or was prevented from registering with the Putative Father Registry due to fraud, deception, or other misconduct by the natural mother or adoptive parents; and

(B) Has established paternity.

(b)(1) When a putative father has provided evidence that he meets the requirements under subsection (a) of this section, a presumption will arise that it is in the best interest of the child that the father have parental rights to the child and custody of the child.

(2)(A) The presumption in subdivision (b)(1) of this section may be rebutted by a preponderance of the evidence that it is not in the best interest of the child to be removed from the custody of the adoptive parent or parents.

(B) When considering whether or not it is in the best interest of the child to be removed from the custody of the adoptive parent or parents, the court may consider, without limitation, the following:

(i) The age, developmental stage, needs of the child, and the likely impact the change of custody will have on the child's physical, educational, and emotional development, taking into consideration any special needs of the child;

(ii) The preference of the child, taking into consideration the age and maturity of the child;

(iii) The degree to which a change in custody will result in uprooting the child;

(iv) Whether the father is able to provide emotional and financial support to the child;

(v) A history of substance abuse, harassment, or violence or child abuse by the father, including a consideration of the severity of the conduct and the failure or success of any attempts at rehabilitation;

(vi) The reasons why the father failed to protect his parental rights;

(vii) The length of time the child has resided with the adoptive parent or parents;

(viii) Whether the adoptive parent or parents were aware of the identity the father; and

(ix) Any other factor that in the opinion of the court is material to the general issue or otherwise provided by law.

(c)(1) If a court finds that the putative father did not expressly or impliedly consent to the adoption, the agency, attorney, or pro se party who filed the petition for adoption shall give the adoptive parent or parents a statement of legal risk indicating the legal status of the putative father's potential parental rights under this section.

(2) The adoptive parent or parents shall sign the statement of legal risk, and the agency, attorney, or pro se party shall file the legal statement of risk with the court."

/s/ Mark Lowery

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Lemons, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1887** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1887

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1887** as originally introduced:

Add Representatives Baltz, Bentley, Bragg, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, D. Ferguson, C. Fite, L. Fite, Gates, Gossage, M. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lemons, Love, Lowery, Magie, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Tosh, Vines as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Add Senator E. Williams as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 45, is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 3 -- Arkansas Suicide Prevention Council

20-45-301. Findings and intent.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Five hundred sixteen (516) Arkansans died by suicide in 2013, making suicide the leading cause of injury death in Arkansas and that suicide is an urgent and serious public health and welfare problem in the state;

(2) Arkansas needs a comprehensive and coordinated approach to prevent suicide across all age and demographic groups in all areas of the state and to ensure that suicide prevention becomes a shared priority for all citizens;

(3) Statewide coordination of suicide prevention efforts is necessary to ensure high levels of collaborative leadership, effectiveness, and continuous improvement;

(4) An effective, evidence-based strategy is necessary to increase knowledge about and access to suicide prevention, intervention, and postintervention resources for all Arkansans;

(5) Intentional leadership, survivor input, and capacity-building, policy development, and alignment of services for high-risk sectors are needed;

(6) A seamless system of support and follow-up coordination for suicide attempt survivors and situationally high-risk individuals is needed;

(7) The rate of suicide in Arkansas is presently out-pacing the nation and increasing year to year; and

(8) The absence of a suicide prevention program authority in Arkansas is a major threat to public health and welfare.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Injury Prevention Division of the Department of Health be designated the program authority to receive and solicit funding as appropriate to provide adequate funding in support of an effective and staffed statewide suicide prevention program.

20-45-302. Creation and purpose.

(a) There is established the "Arkansas Suicide Prevention Council".

(b) The purpose of the council is to serve as a central body on suicide prevention efforts across the state, including without limitation:

(1) Setting priorities for statewide, data-driven, evidence-based, and clinically-informed suicide prevention in Arkansas;

(2) Providing a public forum to examine the current status of suicide prevention and intervention policies, priorities, and practices;

(3) Identifying interested parties, community, state, and national prevention providers and stakeholders for collaboration and devising a system of gathering data and other information to ensure coordination of suicide prevention resources and services throughout Arkansas;

(4) Assisting private, nonprofit, and faith-based entities, including without limitation coalitions, foundations, initiatives, churches, veterans groups, substance abuse recovery groups, senior adult organizations, grief support groups, injury prevention groups, and other groups to enhance suicide prevention and survivor support efforts; and

(5) Aiding in the development of evaluation tools and data collection for use in reporting suicide prevention efforts to the public.

(c) Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this act, there shall be appointed to the council no more than twenty-three (23) members, including:

(1) A representative of the Office of the Attorney General, to be designated by the Attorney General;

(2) A representative of the Division of Behavioral Health Services of the Department of Health, to be designated by the head of the Division of Behavioral Health Services;

(3) A representative of the Department of Education, to be designated by the Director of the Department of Education;

(4) A representative of the Division of Youth Services of the Department of Health, to be designated by the head of the Division of Youth Services;

(5) A representative of Arkansas Children's Hospital, to be designated by the Director of Arkansas Children's Hospital;

(6) A representative of law enforcement, to be designated by Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police;

(7) A representative from higher education, to be designated by the Director of the Department of Higher Education;

(8) A representative from kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) education, to be designated by the Arkansas Education Association;

(9) A representative from an employee assistance program or human resources in the private sector, to be designated by the Governor;

(10) A licensed mental health professional, to be designated by the Governor;

(11) A representative of substance-abuse treatment providers, to be designated by the Governor;

(12) A representative of primary medical care providers, to be designated by the Governor;

(13) A representative of first responders, to be designated by the Governor;

(14) A representative from a hospital with an on-site emergency department, to be designated by the Governor;

(15) A hospital-based social worker, to be designated by the Governor;

(16) An elected coroner, to be designated by the Governor;

(17) An active member or veteran of any branch of the United States military, to be designated by the Governor;

(18) A family member of a person who died by suicide, to be designated by the Governor;

(19) A person who has attempted suicide, recovered, and is now thriving, to be designated by the Governor;

(20) A representative of the suicide prevention nonprofit community, to be designated by the Governor;

(21) A representative of the Arkansas Prevention Network, to be designated by the Director of the Arkansas Prevention Network;

(22) A representative from an interfaith organization, to be designated by the Governor; and

(23) The Chair of the Arkansas Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force, or his or her designee.

(d) The council shall elect annually two (2) cochairs, a vice chair, and a secretary who will serve as an executive board.

(e)(1) The council shall establish a charter and bylaws within ninety (90) days of the first meeting.

(2) A quorum for conducting business is one-half (1/2) of the appointed members.

(f)(1) The council shall meet at least four (4) times each year.

(2) The council shall meet at times and places that the co-chairs deem necessary, but no meeting shall be held outside the state.

(3) Special meetings may be held at the call of the co-chairs, as needed.

(g)(1) The appointed members of the council shall serve staggered terms of four (4) years with no more than two (2) contiguous terms.

(2) If a vacancy occurs in an appointed position, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by an appointment made in the same manner as the original appointment.

(h) Appointments shall:

(1) Represent persons of different ethnic backgrounds;

(2) Include members from each of Arkansas's four (4) congressional districts; and

(3) Include members with expertise from groups associated with high suicide rates and suicide attempts.

(i)(1) The members of the council shall serve without compensation but may seek reimbursement for travel expenses to and from meetings of the council.

(2) The expense reimbursement shall be paid by the Department of Health from moneys available for that purpose.

(j) The Department of Health shall provide staff and programmatic support for the council to the extent that funding is available.

(k) The Department of Health is the designated agency for the purposes of suicide prevention and related state and federal programmatic and funding applications.

(l) Within the first year of its creation, the council shall make recommendations to the General Assembly on staffing and funding needs to implement an effective statewide suicide prevention program."

/s/ Tim Lemons

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks

Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative House, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1964** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1964

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1964** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-50-1203(b), concerning the qualifications of members of the Arkansas Towing and Recovery Board, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(b)(1) The appointed board members shall be residents of the State of Arkansas at the time of appointment and throughout their terms.

(2)(A) A member appointed under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section shall remain engaged in the business of nonconsent towing.

(B) A member appointed under subdivision (a)(2)(B) of this section shall remain in the business of consent-only towing.

(C) A member appointed under subdivision (a)(2)(D) of this section shall remain actively engaged in the insurance industry.

(D) A member appointed under subdivision (a)(2)(A),(B), or (D) of this section who no longer satisfies the requirements for his or her board position under subdivision (b)(2)(A),(B), or (C) of this section shall:

(i) Provide notification of his or her change of status to the Governor and the Director of the Arkansas Towing and Recovery Board; and

(ii) Resign from the board within thirty (30) days of the date upon which the member no longer satisfies the requirements of subdivision (b)(2)(A), (B), or (C) of this section."

/s/ Douglas House

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Leding, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1486** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1486

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1486** as originally introduced:

Add Representatives Sabin, E. Armstrong, Blake, Broadway, Nicks, D. Whitaker as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Add Senator J. Woods as a cosponsor of the bill

/s/ Greg Leding

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Murdock, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1842** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1842

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1842** as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 22, delete "distress" and substitute "distress or fiscal distress status"

AND

Page 3, line 18, delete "being in fiscal distress" and substitute "being in fiscal distress or fiscal distress status"

AND

Page 3, line 19, delete "status" and substitute "or fiscal distress status"

AND

Page 3, line 20, delete "status" and substitute "or fiscal distress status"

AND

Page 3, line 23, delete "status" and substitute "or fiscal distress status"

AND

Page 3, line 25, delete "status" and substitute "or fiscal distress status"

AND

Page 3, line 29, delete "status" and substitute "or fiscal distress status"

AND

Page 3, line 35, delete "fiscal distress" and substitute "fiscal distress or fiscal distress status"

AND

Page 4, line 1, delete "status" and substitute "or fiscal distress status"

AND

Page 4, line 2, delete "status" and substitute "or fiscal distress status"

AND

Page 4, line 7, delete "status" and substitute "or fiscal distress status"

AND

Page 4, line 10, delete "status" and substitute "or fiscal distress status"

AND

Page 4, line 13, delete "status" and substitute "or fiscal distress status"

AND

Page 4, line 15, delete "status" and substitute "or fiscal distress status"

AND

Delete Section 5 of the bill in its entirety and substitute the following:

"SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-20-1911(a), concerning rules and regulations, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The Department of Education shall promulgate rules ~~and regulations~~ as necessary to identify, evaluate, assist, and address school districts in fiscal distress or fiscal distress status."

/s/ Reginald Murdock

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Gossage, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1726** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1726

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1726** as originally introduced:

Delete all language after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

“SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 15, Subchapter 4, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-15-442. Student-centered assessment system.

(a) By June 1, 2016, the State Board of Education shall adopt a student-centered assessment system that:

(1) Requires students to take at least two (2) interim assessments each school year;

(2) Requires the results of the interim assessments to be available to teachers within twenty-four (24) hours of administering the interim assessment;

(3) Has appropriate student interventions available for immediate implementation to address the deficiencies of a student found as a result of an interim assessment;

(4) Requires one (1) summative assessment to be given to a student during the last two (2) weeks of the school year; and

(5) Gives teachers access to an assessment dashboard that the teacher can use to quickly identify the academic strengths and weaknesses of each student and customize instruction to meet those student needs.

(b) The student-centered assessment system shall adopt assessments that require no more than eight (8) hours of testing for a student each school year.”

/s/ Bill Gossage

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Neal, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1851** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1851

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1851** as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 19, delete "COMMITTEES" and substitute "COMMITTEES, AND"
AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 2-9-103(a), concerning appointments to the Arkansas Catfish Promotion Board, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The Arkansas Catfish Promotion Board is created.

(2) The board shall be composed of seven (7) members appointed by the Governor as follows:

~~(1)(A) The Catfish Farmers of Arkansas, Inc., shall submit to the Governor the names of six (6) persons who are members of the catfish industry. The list of nominees shall include commercial catfish producers, processors, and feed dealers identified as such. The Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation shall submit to the Governor the names of six (6) persons who are commercial catfish producers. All members shall be and residents of Arkansas.~~

~~(B) The Governor shall appoint four (4) members from the list submitted by the Catfish Farmers of Arkansas, Inc., and three (3) members from the list submitted by the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation to serve on the board.~~

~~(2)(3) Each year, not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the expiration of the terms of the current members of the board whose terms expire, the organizations named in subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section shall submit to the Governor the names of two (2) nominees for each position to be filled on the board from the respective organizations, subject to the foregoing qualifications, and the Governor shall appoint the new members from each list of nominees. If no lists are submitted, the appointments shall be at the discretion of the Governor. The Governor shall consult the Catfish Farmers of Arkansas, Inc., and the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation before making an appointment under subdivision (a)(2) of this section.~~

~~(3)(A)(4)(A) Each member selected shall serve for a term of two (2) years and until his or her successor is selected as provided in this section.~~

(B) However, the initial members of the board shall be appointed for terms that will result in three (3) members' terms expiring after one (1) year and four (4) members' terms expiring after two (2) years.

~~(4)~~(5) A midterm vacancy on the board shall be filled by appointment by the Governor from a list submitted within thirty (30) calendar days from the organization making the nomination for the position being vacated.

~~(5)~~(6) A member of the board may be removed by a majority vote of the remaining board members for conviction of a felony, for not attending three (3) consecutive meetings, or if the member no longer meets the qualifications for his or her initial appointment.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 2-16-612(c), concerning appointments to the cotton growers' organization, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The organization's board of directors shall be composed as follows:

(1) ~~Two~~ ~~(2)~~ Eight (8) Arkansas cotton growers recommended by the board, to be appointed by the Governor;

~~(2) Three (3) Arkansas cotton growers recommended by the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, to be appointed by the Governor;~~

~~(3) Three (3) Arkansas cotton growers recommended by the Agricultural Council of Arkansas, to be appointed by the Governor;~~

~~(4) One (1) representative of state government from this state recommended by the board, to be appointed by the Governor; and~~

~~(5)~~(4) The cochairs of the University of Arkansas Boll Weevil Eradication Technical Advisory Committee will serve as ex officio members of the cotton growers' organization board to serve in an advisory capacity.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 2-20-404(a), concerning appointments to the Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board is created.

(2) The board shall be composed of nine (9) ~~producer~~ members appointed by the Governor as follows:

~~(1)(A) The Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, Riceland Foods, Inc., Arkansas Soybean Association, and Agriculture Council of Arkansas shall submit the names of five (5) practical soybean producers to the Governor.~~

~~(B) The Governor shall appoint three (3) members from the list submitted by the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, and two (2) members from the list submitted by each of the other organizations named above to serve on the board.~~

~~(C) All of the nine (9) producer members of the board shall be who are practical producers of soybeans in the State of Arkansas, and shall be nominated by their respective organizations;~~

~~(2) Each year, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the terms of the current board members whose terms expire, the organizations named in subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section shall submit to the Governor names of two (2) nominees for each position to be filled on the board from the respective organizations, and the Governor shall appoint the new members from each list of nominees; and~~

(3) The Governor shall consult the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, Riceland Foods, Inc., Arkansas Soybean Association, and Agriculture Council of Arkansas before making an appointment under subdivision (a)(2) of this section.

(4) Each member selected shall serve for a term of two (2) years and until his or her successor is duly selected as provided in this section.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 2-20-505(b), concerning appointments to the Arkansas Rice Research and Promotion Board, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) The board shall be composed of nine (9) producer members to be appointed by the Governor as follows:

(A) Three (3) members shall represent the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation;

(B) Two (2) members shall represent Riceland Foods, Inc.;

(C) One (1) member shall represent the Agricultural Council of Arkansas;

(D) One (1) member shall represent Producers Rice Mill, Inc.;

(E) One (1) member shall represent the Arkansas Rice Council;

and

(F) One (1) member shall represent the independent mills of Arkansas.

(2) All of the nine (9) producer members of the board shall be practical producers of rice in the State of Arkansas ~~and shall be nominated by their respective organizations.~~

~~(3) Each year, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the terms of the current board members whose terms expire in that year, the organizations named in subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall submit to the Governor names of two (2) nominees for each position to be filled on the board from the respective organizations, and the Governor shall appoint the new members from each list of nominees.~~

(3) The Governor shall consult each of the organizations listed in subdivision (b)(1) of this section before making the corresponding appointment.

(4) Each member selected shall serve for a term of two (2) years and until his or her successor is duly selected as provided in this section.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 2-20-604(b), concerning appointments to the Arkansas Wheat Promotion Board, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) The board shall be composed of nine (9) producer members to be appointed by the Governor as follows:

(A) Three (3) members shall represent the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation;

(B) Two (2) members shall represent Riceland Foods, Inc.;

(C) Two (2) members shall represent the Arkansas Wheat Growers Association; and

(D) Two (2) members shall represent the Agricultural Council of Arkansas.

(2) All of the nine (9) members of the board shall be practical producers of wheat in the State of Arkansas ~~and shall be nominated by their respective organizations.~~

~~(3) Each year, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the terms of the current board members whose terms expire in that year, the organizations named above shall submit to the Governor names of two (2) nominees for each position to be filled on the board from the respective organizations, and the Governor shall appoint the new members from each list of nominees.~~

(3) The Governor shall consult each of the organizations listed in subdivision (b)(1) of this section before making the corresponding appointment.

(4) Each member selected shall serve for a term of two (2) years and until his or her successor is duly selected as provided in this section.

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 2-20-804(a), concerning appointments to the Arkansas Corn and Grain Sorghum Promotion Board, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The Arkansas Corn and Grain Sorghum Promotion Board is created and domiciled in Little Rock, Arkansas, 10720 Kanis Road, and is composed of seven (7) producer members appointed by the Governor as provided in this subsection.

(2) All of the seven (7) producer members of the board shall be ~~practical:~~

(A) Practical producers of corn or grain sorghum in the State of Arkansas; ~~and shall be nominated by their respective organizations~~

(B) Appointed by the Governor.

~~(3) Within ten (10) days following July 1, 1997, each of the following organizations, namely, the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, Inc., Riceland Foods, and the Agricultural Council of Arkansas, shall submit the names of five (5) practical corn or grain sorghum producers to the Governor, and he or she shall appoint three (3) members from the list submitted by the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, and two (2) members from the lists submitted by each of the other above-named organizations to serve on the board. The Governor shall consult the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, Riceland Foods, Inc., and the Agricultural Council of Arkansas before making an appointment under subdivision (a)(2) of this section.~~

(4) The members selected as provided in this section from the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, shall draw lots to determine their terms so that two (2) of the members will serve for terms of two (2) years and one (1) shall serve for a term of one (1) year, and the members from each of the other organizations shall draw lots for terms so that one (1) shall serve for a term of one (1) year and one (1) shall serve for a term of two (2) years. Thereafter, each member selected shall serve for a term of two (2) years and until his or her successor is duly selected as provided in this section.

~~(5) Each year thereafter not less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the terms of the current board members whose terms expire, the organizations named in subdivision (a)(3) of this section shall submit to the Governor names of two (2) nominees named for each position to be filled on the board from the respective organizations, and the Governor shall appoint from each list of nominees the new member or members.~~

SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 2-35-303(b), concerning appointments to the Arkansas Beef Council, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) The council shall be composed of seven (7) members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate as follows:

(A) Three (3) cattle producer members shall represent the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation and shall be appointed from a list of names submitted by the board of directors of that organization;

(B) Three (3) cattle producer members shall represent the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association and shall be appointed from a list of names submitted by the board of directors of that organization; and

(C) One (1) member shall be an active Arkansas livestock market operator who shall be appointed from the state at large.

~~(2) Each year, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the terms of the current council members whose terms expire in that year, the~~

~~organizations named shall submit to the Governor two (2) nominees for each position to be filled on the council from the respective organizations. The Governor shall appoint a succeeding member to the council from each organization's list of nominees.~~ The Governor shall consult the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation concerning an appointment under (b)(1)(A) of this section and the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association concerning an appointment under (b)(1)(B) of this section before making the appointment for the position.

(3) Each member selected shall serve for a term of three (3) years and until his or her successor is duly selected as provided in this section.

(4) Vacancies in any unexpired term shall be filled by the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term. The member appointed to fill the vacancy shall represent the same organization as the person whose term is unexpired.

SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 3-5-701(a), concerning appointments to the Arkansas Wine Producers Council, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) There is created the Arkansas Wine Producers Council to be composed of seven (7) members.

(2)(A) Four (4) members of the council shall be selected from the state at large, appointed by the Governor, and confirmed by the Senate ~~from a list of two (2) names submitted by the Arkansas Wine Producers Association for each of the four (4) positions to be filled.~~

(B) The Governor shall consult the Arkansas Wine Producers Association and the Arkansas State Horticulture Society before making an appointment under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section.

~~(3) One (1) member shall be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate from a list of two (2) names submitted by the Arkansas State Horticulture Society.~~

~~(4) One (1) member of the council shall be designated by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas and shall be a faculty member or administrator who is knowledgeable in viticulture.~~

~~(5)(4) One (1) member shall be designated by the State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission, and the member shall be either a member or employee of the commission.~~

SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 6-4-304(a)(5), concerning the Governor's appointment to the State Council for the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, is amended to read as follows:

(5)(A) One (1) member selected from the state at large and appointed by the Governor ~~from a list of three (3) nominees submitted by the Arkansas School Boards Association;~~

(B) The Governor shall consult the Arkansas School Boards Association before making an appointment under subdivision (a)(5)(A) of this section;

SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2516(b)(1), concerning appointments to the Academic Facilities Review Board, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) The board is composed of five (5) members appointed by the Governor as follows:

(A)(i) ~~One (1) member who is a licensed building contractor with five (5) years or more of experience in public school construction selected from a list of three (3) names submitted to the Governor by the Arkansas Chapter, Associated General Contractors of America;~~

(ii) The Governor shall consult the Arkansas Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America, Inc., before making an appointment under subdivision (b)(1)(A)(i) of this section;

(B)(i) ~~One (1) member who is a registered architect with at least five (5) years of experience in public school design selected from a list of three (3) names submitted to the Governor by the Arkansas Chapter, American Institute of Architects;~~

(ii) The Governor shall consult the Arkansas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects before making an appointment under subdivision (b)(1)(B)(i) of this section;

(C)(i) ~~One (1) member who is a licensed or registered engineer with at least five (5) years of experience in public school construction selected from a list of three (3) names submitted to the Governor by the American Council of Engineering Companies of Arkansas and the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers;~~

(ii) The Governor shall consult the American Council of Engineering Companies of Arkansas and the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers before making an appointment under subdivision (b)(1)(C)(i) of this section; and

~~(D)(i) One (1) member who is selected from a list of three (3) names submitted to the Governor by the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators; and~~

~~(E) One (1) member who is selected from a list of three (3) names submitted to the Governor by the Arkansas School Boards Association.~~
Two (2) members who are selected from the public at large.

(ii) The Governor shall consult the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators and the Arkansas School Boards Association before making an appointment under subdivision (b)(1)(D)(i) of this section.

SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 6-47-305(c)(10)-(12), concerning appointments to the Distance Learning Coordinating Council, are amended to read as follows:

(10)(A) One (1) member who is an employee of an education service cooperative appointed by the Governor ~~from a list of three (3) names submitted by the State Board of Education;~~

(B) The Governor shall consult the State Board of Education before making an appointment under this subdivision (c)(10);

(11) One (1) member who is actively engaged in distance learning activities for kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) education appointed by the Governor from the state at large;

(12) Two (2) members who are employed by telecommunications companies that are members of the Arkansas Telecommunications Association and appointed as follows:

(A) One (1) member shall be employed by a telecommunications company with more than seventy-five thousand (75,000) access lines and shall be appointed by the Governor ~~from a list of three (3) names submitted by the association;~~ and

(B) One (1) member shall be employed by a telecommunications company with less than seventy-five thousand (75,000) access lines and shall be appointed by the Governor ~~from a list of three (3) names submitted by the association;~~ and

(C) The Governor shall consult the Arkansas Telecommunications Association before making an appointment under this subdivision (c)(12); and

SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 6-52-204(a), concerning appointments to the State Apprenticeship Coordination Steering Committee, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) ~~The Department of Career Education shall, in collaboration with the Office of Apprenticeship of the United States Department of Labor, recommend to the Governor, and the Governor shall appoint, an apprenticeship and training advisory committee composed of members with the following qualifications:~~

(A) Five (5) persons representing employers of members of apprenticeable trades;

(B) Five (5) persons representing bargaining agents for members of apprenticeable trades;

(C) Five (5) persons representing the minority and female workforce who have knowledge of apprenticeship and are familiar with the needs of vocational and technical education; and

(D) Five (5) persons who teach or immediately supervise preparatory instruction, supplementary instruction, or related instruction courses.

(2) Members of the coordination committee shall serve terms of four (4) years.

(3) Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired portion of a term vacated.

(4) The Governor shall consult the Department of Career Education and the United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship before making an appointment under this subsection.

SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 6-61-201(b), concerning appointments to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) After the appointment of the initial board, the members to be appointed from recent or current boards of two-year and four-year campuses shall be appointed by the Governor ~~from a list of names submitted by the Presidents Council.~~

(2) The Governor shall consult the Presidents Council before making an appointment under this section.

SECTION 14. Arkansas Code § 6-64-304(b)(3), concerning appointments to the Board of Visitors for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, is repealed.

~~(3)(A) The Governor shall select the appointee from a list of five (5) names submitted to him or her by a nominating committee composed of two (2) alumni, two (2) members of the faculty or administration, two (2) students, and three (3) members selected by the Governor to represent the general public.~~

~~(B) However, the Governor shall have the authority to request the names of additional nominees from the nominating committee.~~

SECTION 15. Arkansas Code § 8-7-904(a)(2), concerning appointments to the Advisory Committee on Petroleum Storage Tanks is amended to read as follows:

(2) The Governor shall appoint the members of the advisory committee as follows:

(A) The member appointed Governor shall consult the Arkansas Petroleum Council before making the appointment under subdivision

(a)(1)(B) of this section shall be from a list of three ~~(3)~~ names submitted by the ~~Arkansas Petroleum Council~~;

(B) The ~~member appointed~~ Governor shall consult the Arkansas Oil Marketers Association before making the appointment under subdivision (a)(1)(C) of this section shall be from a list of three ~~(3)~~ names submitted by the ~~Arkansas Oil Marketers Association~~;

(C) The ~~member appointed~~ Governor shall consult the Service Station Dealers of Arkansas before making the appointment under subdivision (a)(1)(D) of this section shall be from a list of three ~~(3)~~ names submitted by the ~~Service Station Dealers of Arkansas~~; and

(D) The ~~member appointed~~ Governor shall consult the Arkansas Environmental Federation before making the appointment under subdivision (a)(1)(G) of this section shall be from a list of three ~~(3)~~ names submitted by the ~~Arkansas Environmental Federation~~.

SECTION 16. Arkansas Code § 12-61-110(a), concerning appointment of the property and finance officer for the United States, is amended to read as follows:

(a) ~~The~~ After consulting with the Adjutant General Governor, ~~upon recommendation of the Adjutant General~~, shall appoint, designate, and detail, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Army, an officer of the National Guard as the property and finance officer for the United States.

SECTION 17. Arkansas Code § 12-64-104(a), concerning appointment of the State Judge Advocate, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The Governor, ~~on the recommendation of the Adjutant General~~, shall appoint an officer of the organized militia as State Judge Advocate.

(2) To be eligible for appointment, an officer must be a member of the bar of the highest court of the state and must have been a member of the bar of the state for at least five (5) years.

(3) The Governor shall consult the Adjutant General before making an appointment under this subsection.

SECTION 18. Arkansas Code § 15-4-2204(b)(1)(D), concerning appointments to the Arkansas Workforce Investment Board, is amended to read as follows:

(D) The following members to be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate:

(i) One (1) chief elected official ~~nominated by~~ appointed by the Governor after consulting the Arkansas Municipal League;

(ii) One (1) chief elected official ~~nominated by~~ appointed by the Governor after consulting the Association of Arkansas Counties;

(iii) No fewer than two (2) representatives of labor organizations to be ~~nominated by~~ appointed by the Governor after consulting the Arkansas Labor Federation;

(iv) No fewer than two (2) representatives of individuals and organizations who have experience with respect to youth activities and programs; and

(v) No fewer than two (2) representatives of individuals and organizations who have experience and expertise in the delivery of workforce investment activities of which:

(a) One (1) member shall be a chief executive officer of a two-year college ~~nominated by~~ appointed by the Governor after consulting the Association of Two-year Colleges; and

(b) One (1) member shall represent a community-based organization;

SECTION 19. Arkansas Code § 15-9-104(a)(7), concerning appointments to the Commission on Information Age Communities, is amended to read as follows:

(7)(A) Three (3) members appointed by the Governor ~~from a list of names submitted by the membership of the commission~~ who are knowledgeable in various aspects of information technology and community development.

(B) The members appointed by the Governor shall serve staggered three-year terms.

(C) The Governor shall consult the commission before making an appointment under this subdivision (a)(7).

SECTION 20. Arkansas Code § 15-12-101(a)-(c), concerning appointments to the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council, is amended to read as follows:

(a) There is established the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council, which shall consist of eleven (11) voting members as follows:

(1) The Director of the Department of Parks and Tourism;

(2) The Director of the Department of Arkansas Heritage;

(3) The Chair of the State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission or his or her designee;

(4) The Chair of the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission or his or her designee;

(5) The Commissioner of State Lands;

(6) Two (2) resident electors of this state as public members who are representatives of recreation groups, conservation groups, or other groups interested in the wise use, preservation, and conservation of Arkansas' natural or cultural resources;

(7)(A) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to represent Arkansas cities and towns, ~~to be named by the Governor from a list of three (3) names recommended to the Governor by the Arkansas Municipal League.~~

(B) This member shall serve a term of two (2) years or until his or her successor is appointed and qualified.

(C) The Governor shall consult the Arkansas Municipal League before making an appointment under this subdivision (a)(7);

(8)(A) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to represent Arkansas counties, ~~who shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of three (3) names submitted to the Governor by the Arkansas County Judges Association.~~

(B) This member shall serve a term of two (2) years or until his or her successor is appointed and qualified.

(C) The Governor shall consult the Arkansas County Judges Association before making an appointment under this subdivision (a)(7);

(9) One (1) member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(10) One (1) member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

(b) The appointments under subdivisions (a)(6)-(8) of this section shall be made by the Governor and, ~~insofar as possible, the Governor shall be made from names recommended to the Governor by groups representative of those organizations~~ consult the organizations described in subdivisions (a)(6)-(8) before making the appointments.

(c)(1) One (1) member appointed under subdivision (a)(6) of this section shall represent rural areas ~~and will be chosen from a list of names submitted to~~ and the Governor by shall consult the Arkansas Forestry Association before making the appointment.

(2) The other member appointed under subdivision (a)(6) of this section shall represent urban areas.

SECTION 21. Arkansas Code § 15-20-305(a)(2)(A), concerning appointments to the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A)(i) Nine (9) of the members shall be appointed by the Governor from persons with an interest in the preservation of natural areas, with two (2)

members to be appointed from each congressional district and one (1) member to be appointed from the state at large.

(ii) One (1) member of the commission shall be a member of the board of directors of a levee or drainage district.

(iii) One (1) member shall be ~~chosen from a list of five (5) persons jointly nominated by~~ appointed by the Governor after consulting the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, the Arkansas Farmers' Union, and the Arkansas Agricultural Council.

(iv) One (1) member shall be ~~chosen from a list of five (5) persons nominated by~~ appointed by the Governor after consulting the Arkansas Wood Products Association.

(v) One (1) member shall be ~~chosen from a list of five (5) persons nominated by~~ appointed by the Governor after consulting the Arkansas Wildlife Federation.

SECTION 22. Arkansas Code § 15-23-201(a), concerning appointments to the Arkansas Waterways Commission, is amended to read as follows:

(a) There is established the Arkansas Waterways Commission to consist of seven (7) members to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, as follows:

(1) ~~Each~~ The Governor shall consult the organized associations established to promote the development of the five (5) navigable stream basin areas of this state, ~~i.e., which are~~ the Arkansas River, White River, Ouachita River, Red River, and Mississippi River basin areas, ~~shall through their organized associations established to promote the development of such basin areas, recommend to the Governor the names of three (3) qualified persons from each of their respective river basin areas of demonstrated experience and interest in river development~~ before making an appointment under this section;

(2) The Governor shall appoint ~~from the list~~ a qualified person of demonstrated experience and interest in river development to represent each of the five (5) river basin areas on the commission; and

(3) The Governor shall name two (2) members from the public at large, one (1) of whom shall be an economist with experience in river development problems.

SECTION 23. Arkansas Code § 15-45-302(b), concerning appointments to the Nongame Preservation Committee, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The remaining two (2) members will be appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. In making the appointments, the Governor will ~~take nominations for representatives from~~ appoint two (2) members after consulting private

conservation organizations from within the state and will appoint the two (2) committee members from the nominations received.

SECTION 24. Arkansas Code § 16-123-303(b), concerning appointments to the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) The commission shall consist of thirteen (13) voting members, to be selected as follows: Seven (7) appointed by the Governor, three (3) appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and three (3) appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, as set forth in this subchapter, for terms of four (4) years whose terms begin on January 1 and end on December 31 of the fourth year or when their respective successors are appointed and qualified.

(2)(A)(i) One (1) member shall have been a licensed real estate broker or licensed real estate salesperson engaged in the practice of residential real estate sales for not fewer than five (5) years prior to his or her ~~nomination~~ appointment.

(ii) One (1) member shall have been a licensed real estate broker or licensed real estate salesperson engaged in the practice of multifamily real estate property management for no fewer than five (5) years prior to his or her ~~nomination~~ appointment.

(iii) One (1) member shall have been a licensed real estate broker or licensed real estate salesperson engaged in the practice of real estate for no fewer than five (5) years prior to his or her ~~nomination~~ appointment.

(B) The Governor shall appoint members to fill vacancies ~~for the two (2) members to represent subdivisions (b)(2)(A)(i) and (ii)~~ under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section ~~from a list of four (4) nominees submitted by~~ after consulting the Arkansas Realtors Association and a member_ to fill a vacancy for the one (1) member to represent subdivision (b)(2)(A)(iii) of this section not involving nominees from the Arkansas Realtors Association.

(3)(A) One (1) member shall have been a licensed homebuilder engaged in the homebuilding business for not fewer than five (5) years.

(B) The Governor shall appoint a member to fill a vacancy for the member to represent subdivision (b)(3)(A) of this section ~~from a list of four (4) nominees submitted by~~ after consulting the Arkansas Homebuilders Association.

(4)(A) One (1) member shall have been a mortgage broker employed for not fewer than five (5) years by a registered mortgage loan company or loan broker.

(B) The Governor shall appoint a member to fill a vacancy for the member to represent subdivision (b)(4)(A) of this section ~~from a list of four (4)~~

~~nominees submitted by~~ after consulting the Arkansas Mortgage Bankers Association.

(5)(A) One (1) member shall have been a banker engaged in the banking business for not fewer than five (5) years.

(B) The Governor shall appoint a member to fill a vacancy for the member to represent subdivision (b)(5)(A) of this section ~~from a list of four (4) nominees jointly submitted by~~ after consulting the Arkansas Community Bankers and the Arkansas Bankers Association.

(6)(A)(i) Seven (7) members shall represent consumers and shall not be actively engaged in or retired from the business of real estate, homebuilding, mortgage lending or banking, including one (1) member who shall be appointed by the Governor to represent persons meeting the definition of "disabled" in this subchapter ~~from a list of four (4) nominees submitted by~~ after consulting the Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities.

(ii) Three (3) of the members to be appointed pursuant to subdivision (b)(6)(A)(i) of this section shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one (1) member who shall be a fair housing attorney or advocate with at least five (5) years of experience in advocacy for fair housing issues.

(iii) Three (3) of the members to be appointed pursuant to subdivision (b)(6)(A)(i) of this section shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, one (1) member of whom shall be sixty (60) years of age or older who shall represent the elderly.

(B) A minimum of four (4) appointments made pursuant to subdivision (b)(6)(A)(i) of this section shall be given to persons protected under §§ 16-123-310 — 16-123-316.

SECTION 25. Arkansas Code § 17-14-201(b), concerning appointments to the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)(A) The Governor shall appoint the members of the board and may remove a member for cause.

(B) The Governor may, at his or her discretion, request additional names to be submitted from organizations mentioned in this subchapter eligible to fill appointments to this board.

~~(2)(A)(i) State chapters of national appraisal organizations which are members of the Appraisal Foundation or its successor, plus the Arkansas Chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc., should each submit to~~

the Governor at least annually, on or before January 15 of each calendar year, a list of two (2) names of members of their respective organizations.

~~(ii) Two (2)(A) The Governor may appoint (2) appraiser board members may be appointed by the Governor from the state at large after consulting the:~~

~~(i) State chapters of national appraisal organizations that are members of the Appraisal Foundation or its successor; and~~

~~(ii) Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc., Arkansas Chapter.~~

~~(B) Any appraiser vacancies shall be filled from these lists with the exception of the Governor's two (2) at-large appointments.~~

~~(C) At least five (5) real estate appraiser members appointed to the board shall be members in good standing of one (1) of the Appraisal Foundation member organizations or the Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc., requiring qualified appraisal experience, education, and testing in order to become a designated member in addition to adherence to standards of professional practice in order to retain such a designation. The nominees must be from the Appraisal Foundation members having operating chapters headquartered within the State of Arkansas.~~

~~(D)(C) No practicing appraisers shall be denied the opportunity to submit their names for consideration to fill either of the two (2) at-large appointments to this board based solely upon membership or lack of membership in any particular appraisal organization.~~

(3) The Arkansas Bankers Association, the Arkansas League of Savings Institutions, the Arkansas Association of Bank Holding Companies, the Arkansas Independent Bankers Association, the Mortgage Bankers Association of Arkansas, and the Arkansas Credit Union League should each submit a list of two (2) names, annually, on or before January 15 of each calendar year, to the Governor, and the financial member shall be appointed and the vacancy filled from the lists of names provided.

SECTION 26. Arkansas Code § 17-15-201(a)(2), concerning appointments to the Arkansas State Board of Architects, Landscape Architects and Interior Designers, is amended to read as follows:

(2) ~~At least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the term of appointment of any board member, other than those of the members appointed from the general public, The Governor shall consult~~ professional societies and associations representing the three (3) design professions ~~may submit to the Governor the names of three (3) persons of recognized ability who have the~~

qualifications prescribed for board members for appointment from that profession for consideration before making an appointment under this section.

SECTION 27. Arkansas Code § 17-24-201(b)(1), concerning appointments to the State Board of Collection Agencies, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)(A)(~~+~~) One (1) member shall be selected by the Governor ~~from a list of three (3) names furnished to him or her by the~~ after consulting the Associated Credit Bureaus of Arkansas, and another shall be selected ~~from a list of three (3) names submitted by~~ after consulting the Arkansas members of the American Collectors Association.

~~(ii)(B)~~ (B) The persons ~~whose names are submitted to the Governor by the Associated Credit Bureaus of Arkansas and the Arkansas members of the American Collectors Association~~ appointed under subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section shall ~~all be:~~

(i) Be actively engaged as the owners or managers of a collection agency or someone employed by collection agencies in an executive capacity; and

~~(B) All nominees on the list submitted to the Governor shall be individuals who have~~

(ii) Have been actively engaged in connection with the operation of a collection agency for five (5) years next preceding their appointment.

SECTION 28. Arkansas Code § 17-25-503(a)(2)(A)(i) and (ii), concerning appointments to the Residential Contractors Committee, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A)(i) The Governor shall appoint five (5) persons, each of whom has at least five (5) years' experience in residential construction.

~~(ii) Two (2) of the five (5) residential construction members shall be appointed from a list of at least ten (10) names submitted by~~ The Governor shall consult the statewide trade organization or organizations that represent the residential construction industry before making an appointment under this section.

SECTION 29. Arkansas Code § 17-27-201(c), concerning appointments to the Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) The composition of the board shall include:

(A)(i) Six (6) licensed or licensable counselors, three (3) of whom are practicing counselors and three (3) of whom are counselor educators. One (1) of the six (6) shall also be a licensed marriage and family therapist, if available.

(ii) ~~These members shall be appointed from a list submitted to the Governor not later than November 1 of each year by The Governor shall consult the Executive Committee of the Arkansas Counseling Association ~~or~~ and the Executive Committee of the Arkansas Mental Health Counselors Association before making an appointment under this subdivision (c)(1)(A);~~

(B)(i) One (1) licensed marriage and family therapist.

(ii) ~~This member shall be appointed from a list submitted to the Governor not later than November 1 of each year by The Governor shall consult the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Association for Marriage and Family Therapists before making an appointment under this subdivision (c)(1)(B);~~

(C)(i) One (1) member from the general public who is not licensed or licensable and not actively engaged in or retired from the profession of counseling who shall represent consumers.

(ii) ~~This member shall be appointed from a list submitted to the Governor not later than November 1 of each year by The Governor shall consult the Executive Committee of the Arkansas Counseling Association ~~or~~ and the Executive Committee of the Arkansas Mental Health Counselors Association before making an appointment under this subdivision (c)(1)(C); and~~

(D)(i) One (1) member who shall represent the elderly.

(ii) This member shall be sixty (60) years of age or older and not actively engaged in or retired from the profession of counseling.

(iii) He or she shall be appointed from the state at large subject to confirmation by the Senate and shall be a full voting member but shall not participate in the grading of examinations.

(2) The same person may not be both the consumer representative and the representative of the elderly.

SECTION 30. Arkansas Code § 17-29-201(b), concerning appointments to the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) The board shall consist of seven (7) members, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for a term of three (3) years.

(2) Four (4) members, at least one (1) of whom shall be from each of the four (4) congressional districts, and one (1) at large representative shall be appointed as follows:

(A)(i) Five (5) members of the board shall be embalmers or funeral directors, or both, licensed under § 17-29-301 et seq. who shall have had at least five (5) consecutive years of active experience as embalmers or funeral directors in Arkansas immediately preceding appointment.

(ii) The Governor shall appoint members to the board from three (3) nominees submitted by the consult licensed embalmers and funeral directors. In the event that no nominations are submitted to the Governor by July 1 of any year in which an appointment is to be made, the Governor may make the appointment provided that the appointee meets the other requirements for board membership before making an appointment under this subdivision (b)(2)(A); and

(B) One (1) member of the board shall be designated as a consumer representative. He or she shall be appointed from the state at large, subject to confirmation by the Senate, ~~but he or she shall not be required to be appointed from a list submitted by the licensed embalmers and funeral directors.~~ He or she shall be a full voting member.

(3)(A) One (1) member of the board shall not be actively engaged in or retired from the profession of embalming and funeral directing, shall be sixty (60) years of age or older, and shall represent the elderly. He or she shall be appointed from the state at large, subject to confirmation by the Senate, ~~but he or she shall not be required to be appointed from a list submitted by the licensed embalmers and funeral directors.~~ He or she shall be a full voting member.

(B) The position may not be held by the person holding the consumer representative position.

SECTION 31. Arkansas Code § 17-40-202(a), concerning appointments to the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies shall be composed of seven (7) members as follows:

(1)(A) One (1) citizen who is not registered under this chapter and who is not employed by the same person as any other member of the board, appointed by the Governor ~~from a list of three (3) names submitted by the Arkansas Sheriffs Association,~~ subject to confirmation by the Senate.

(B) The Governor shall consult the Arkansas Sheriffs Association before making an appointment under this subdivision (a)(1);

(2)(A) One (1) municipal law enforcement officer or his or her designee, appointed by the Governor ~~from a list of three (3) names submitted by the Arkansas Municipal Police Association,~~ subject to confirmation by the Senate.

(B) The Governor shall consult the Arkansas Municipal Police Association before making an appointment under this subdivision (a)(2);

(3) One (1) member who is registered under this chapter, who is a Class A or Class D licensee, who has been engaged for a period of five (5) consecutive years as a private investigator, and who is not employed by the same

person as any other member of the board, appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate;

(4) One (1) member who is registered under this chapter, who has been employed for a period of five (5) consecutive years by a security services contractor, and who is not employed by the same person as any other member of the board, appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate;

(5) One (1) polygraph examiner who is registered under § 17-39-101 et seq., who has been engaged for a period of five (5) consecutive years as a polygraph examiner, and who is not employed by the same person as any other member of the board, appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate;

(6) One (1) member in business with contract security service responsibilities that does not hold a license under this chapter, appointed by the Governor ~~from a list of three (3) names submitted by the Arkansas Chapter of the American Society of Industrial Security,~~ subject to confirmation by the Senate.

(B) The Governor shall consult the Arkansas Chapter of the American Society of Industrial Security before making an appointment under this subdivision (a)(6); and

(7) One (1) member who is registered under this chapter, who has been engaged for a period of five (5) consecutive years in the alarms systems profession, and who is not employed by the same person as any other member of the board, appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

SECTION 32. Arkansas Code § 17-42-201 is amended to read as follows:

17-42-201. Creation — Members.

(a)(1) The Arkansas Real Estate Commission shall consist of five (5) members, appointed by the Governor for terms of three (3) years, whose terms shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31 of the third year or when their respective successors are appointed and qualified.

(2)(A) Three (3) members shall have been licensed real estate brokers or licensed real estate salespersons for not fewer than five (5) years prior to their nominations.

(B) The Governor shall ~~appoint members to fill vacancies from a list of four (4) nominees submitted by~~ consult the Arkansas Realtors Association before making an appointment to fill a vacancy.

(3)(A) Two (2) members shall not be actively engaged in or retired from the business of real estate.

(B) One (1) shall represent consumers, and one (1) shall be sixty (60) years of age or older and shall represent the elderly.

(C) Both shall be appointed from the state at large, subject to confirmation by the Senate, ~~but shall not be required to be appointed from a list submitted by the Arkansas Realtors Association.~~

(D) The two (2) positions may not be held by the same person.

(E) Both shall be full voting members but shall not participate in the grading of examinations.

(b) Each commissioner may receive expense reimbursement and stipends in accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq.

SECTION 33. Arkansas Code § 17-43-201(a), concerning appointments to the Arkansas State Board of Sanitarians, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) There is created the Arkansas State Board of Sanitarians to consist of six (6) members who shall be appointed by the Governor.

(2)(A) Five (5) members shall be sanitarians who have been residents in the State of Arkansas for at least one (1) year, have had experience in the field of environmental sanitation for at least five (5) years, are presently engaged in the field of environmental sanitation, and are not less than thirty (30) years of age. Each shall hold a current certificate of registration issued by the board.

(B) Terms of office shall be fixed so that one (1) professional member of the board will be retired each year.

(C)(i) The Governor shall fill the expired term of the retiring board member by ~~choosing one (1) nominee from a list of three (3) names which shall be submitted to him or her each year by~~ appointment.

(ii) The Governor shall consult the Arkansas Society of Professional Sanitarians before making an appointment under this subdivision (a)(2)(C).

(3) One (1) member shall not be actively engaged in or retired as a sanitarian and shall represent consumers. This member shall be appointed from the state at large subject to confirmation by the Senate. He or she shall be a full voting member but shall not participate in the grading of examinations.

SECTION 34. Arkansas Code § 17-47-201(b)(1), concerning appointments to the Arkansas State Board of Registration for Professional Soil Classifiers, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) The board shall consist of five (5) members to be appointed by the Governor for terms of five (5) years. The Governor shall ~~consider for appointment a list of nominees submitted to him or her by~~ consult the Arkansas Association of Professional Soil Classifiers before making an appointment under this section.

SECTION 35. Arkansas Code § 17-81-201(b)(2), concerning appointments to the Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, is amended to read as follows:

~~(2)(A) Five (5) members shall be qualified chiropractors. At least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the term of office of each professional member, the various chartered chiropractic state organizations may submit to the Governor a list of three (3) names of qualified chiropractors for each position for which a term expires. On or before June 30 of each year, the Governor may appoint from the list a person to fill each position for which the term of office expires.~~

(B) The Governor shall consult the various chartered chiropractic state organizations before making an appointment under this subdivision (b)(2).

SECTION 36. Arkansas Code § 17-83-201(d)(1), concerning appointments to the Arkansas Dietetics Licensing Board, is amended to read as follows:

~~(d)(1) The Governor shall consult the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics before appointing the four (4) board members who are representative of the dietetics profession shall be selected from a list of ten (10) names submitted to the Governor by the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.~~

SECTION 37. Arkansas Code § 17-84-201(b)(1)(B), concerning appointments to the Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers, is amended to read as follows:

~~(B) The Governor shall consider nominations from~~ consult the Arkansas Hearing Society before making an appointment under subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section;

SECTION 38. Arkansas Code § 17-87-710(b), concerning appointments to the Medication Assistive Person Advisory Committee, is amended to read as follows:

~~(b)(1) The board~~ Governor shall appoint six (6) members ~~to be approved by the Governor~~ who have the following qualifications:

~~(1)(A)~~ (A) Two (2) members shall be certified medication assistive persons;

~~(2)(B)~~ (B) One (1) member shall be a licensed nursing home administrator who has worked in that capacity for at least five (5) years;

~~(3)(C)~~ (C) One (1) member shall be a registered nurse who has been in a practice using certified nurse aides for at least five (5) years;

~~(4)(D)~~ (D) One (1) member shall be a lay person representing the interest of consumers of health care services; and

~~(5)(E)~~ One (1) member shall be a nursing faculty member of an Arkansas nursing education program.

(2) The Governor shall consult the board before making an appointment under this section.

SECTION 39. Arkansas Code § 17-89-201(b)(4) and (5), concerning appointments to the Arkansas Board of Dispensing Opticians, is amended to read as follows:

(4) One (1) member of the Arkansas Board of Dispensing Opticians shall be a licensed optometrist appointed by the Governor ~~from a list of three (3) names submitted by~~ after consulting the Arkansas Optometric Association.

(5) Two (2) members of the Arkansas Board of Dispensing Opticians shall be licensed ophthalmologists appointed by the Governor ~~from a list of six (6) names submitted by the Ophthalmology Section of~~ by the Governor after consulting the Arkansas Medical Society.

SECTION 40. Arkansas Code § 17-92-209(b), concerning appointments to the Medications Administration Advisory Committee, is amended to read as follows:

~~(b) The Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy~~ Governor shall, after consulting the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, appoint five (5) members, ~~to be approved by the Governor,~~ who have the following qualifications:

(1)~~(A)~~ Two (2) members shall be licensed physicians ~~selected from a list of three (3) names per position submitted jointly by the Arkansas State Medical Board and the Arkansas Medical Society.~~

(B) The Governor shall consult the Arkansas State Medical Board and the Arkansas Medical Society before making the appointments under subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section;

(2) Two (2) members shall be licensed pharmacists; and

(3)~~(A)~~ One (1) member shall be an advanced practice nurse holding a certificate of prescriptive authority ~~selected from a list of three (3) names submitted jointly by the State Nursing Board and the Arkansas Nursing Association.~~

(B) The Governor shall consult the Arkansas State Board of Nursing and the Arkansas Nurses Association before making an appointment under subdivision (b)(3)(A) of this section.

SECTION 41. Arkansas Code § 17-95-301(b), concerning appointments to the Arkansas State Medical Board, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)(A) The board shall consist of fourteen (14) members appointed by the Governor for terms of six (6) years.

(B) The Governor shall consider diversity of practice specialties and geographical areas of practice in making appointments to the board.

(2)(A)(i) Ten (10) members shall be duly qualified, licensed, and active medical practitioners and appointed ~~upon the advice and recommendation of~~ by the Governor after consulting the Arkansas Medical Society.

(ii) At least two (2) members shall be appointed from each of the state's four (4) congressional districts.

(iii) Two (2) members shall be appointed at large.

(B) Congressional district representation required under this subdivision (b)(2) shall be achieved by appointment as vacancies occur.

(3) One (1) member shall be a licensed practicing physician in this state and shall be appointed ~~upon the advice and recommendation of~~ by the Governor after consulting the Physicians' Section of the Arkansas Medical, Dental, and Pharmaceutical Association.

(4) Two (2) members of the board shall not be actively engaged in or retired from the practice of medicine. One (1) member shall represent consumers, and one (1) member shall be sixty (60) years of age or older and shall represent the elderly. Both shall be appointed from the state at large subject to confirmation by the Senate. The two (2) positions may not be held by the same person. Both shall be full voting members but shall not participate in the grading of examinations.

(5) One (1) member shall be a duly qualified, licensed, and practicing osteopathic physician and appointed ~~upon the recommendation of~~ after consulting the Arkansas Osteopathic Medical Association.

SECTION 42. Arkansas Code § 17-96-201(a)(2), concerning appointments to the examining board, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Three (3) members shall be podiatrists and shall have been actually engaged in the practice of podiatric medicine immediately preceding their appointment. They shall be appointed ~~upon recommendation of~~ after consulting the Arkansas Podiatric Medical Association.

SECTION 43. Arkansas Code § 17-97-201(a)(3), concerning appointments to the Arkansas Psychology Board, is amended to read as follows:

~~(3)(A)~~ The academic psychologist member, the practicing psychologist members, and the psychological examiner members shall be appointed ~~from a list of nominees provided by~~ by the Governor after consulting the Arkansas Psychological Association, and the Arkansas Association of Masters in Psychology, ~~or from any other list with the signatures of at least twenty (20) licensed psychologists or psychological examiners attached.~~

~~(B)(i) Each nomination shall be transmitted to the Governor within twenty (20) days after a vacancy occurs.~~

~~(ii) The Governor may disregard the nominees whose names were not transmitted prior to the expiration of the twenty-day period.~~

SECTION 44. Arkansas Code § 17-97-201(a)(5), concerning filling vacancies on the Arkansas Psychology Board, is amended to read as follows:

(5)(A) The Governor shall fill all vacancies on the board within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs. ~~The Arkansas Psychological Association, the Arkansas Association of Psychological Examiners, and other interested licensed psychologists and psychological examiners shall transmit the names of their nominees to the Governor no later than forty (40) days prior to the expiration of board members' terms, and at least thirty (30) days before the expiration of the term of any board member, the Governor shall appoint the person to replace the board member when the term expires.~~

~~(B) The Governor may disregard the nominees of any association that fails to transmit the names of the nominees at least forty (40) days prior to the expiration of the term of office.~~

~~(C) The Governor shall remove any member from the board if he or she:~~

~~(i) Ceases to be qualified;~~

~~(ii) Fails to attend three (3) successive board meetings without just cause as determined by the board;~~

~~(iii) Is found to be in violation of this chapter;~~

~~(iv) Pleads guilty or nolo contendere to or is found guilty of a felony or an unlawful act involving moral turpitude by a court of competent jurisdiction; or~~

~~(v) Pleads guilty or nolo contendere to or is found guilty of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in relation to his or her board duties by a court of competent jurisdiction.~~

SECTION 45. Arkansas Code § 17-98-201 is amended to read as follows:

17-98-201. Creation.

(a) There is created the State Board of Disease Intervention Specialists, which shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be appointed by the Governor ~~from a list of twelve (12) candidates submitted by~~ after consulting the employees of the Division of AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases of the Department of Health.

(b)(1) Members shall be appointed for seven-year terms, except for a person who is appointed to fill out the unexpired term of another member.

(2) The term of office shall expire on January 1 of each year.

(3)(A) Each year, three (3) candidates shall be submitted by registered disease intervention specialists to the Governor, who shall appoint one (1) to fill the expired term.

(B) The term of office shall be fixed so that one (1) member of the board will be retired each year, and each year three (3) candidates shall be submitted by registered disease intervention specialists to the Governor, who shall appoint one (1) to fill the expired term.

(c)(1) The appointees shall be registered disease intervention specialists who have been residents in the State of Arkansas for at least one (1) year, have had experience in the field of disease intervention for at least five (5) years, and are presently engaged in the field of disease intervention.

(2) The board members must hold a current certificate of registration issued by the board.

(d)(4) The Governor shall fill any vacancy caused by death, resignation, or removal for the unexpired term.

~~(2) Vacancies for unexpired terms shall be filled from three (3) candidates submitted within thirty (30) days by registered disease intervention specialists.~~

~~(3) If no candidate is submitted within thirty (30) days, the Governor shall fill the vacancy with any eligible disease intervention specialist.~~

~~(e) The Governor may remove any member of the board for misconduct, incapacity, or neglect of duty.~~

(f) The members of the board shall serve without compensation but may receive expense reimbursement in accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq. However, the expenses shall in no case exceed funds available to the board.

SECTION 46. Arkansas Code § 17-99-203(b), concerning the Arkansas State Respiratory Care Examining Committee, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The committee shall consist of five (5) members, appointed by the Governor for a term of three (3) years:

(1)(A) One (1) member shall be a board-certified anesthesiologist.

(B) The Governor shall appoint that member ~~upon the advice and recommendation of~~ after consulting the board;

(2)(A) One (1) member shall be a member of the American College of Chest Physicians.

(B) The Governor shall appoint that member ~~upon the advice and recommendation of~~ after consulting the board;

(3)(A) Three (3) members shall be licensed under this chapter.

(B) The Governor shall appoint those members ~~upon the advice and recommendation of~~ after consulting the Arkansas Society for Respiratory Care.

SECTION 47. Arkansas Code § 17-100-201(b), concerning appointments to the Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)(A) The board shall be composed of eight (8) members appointed by the Governor to three-year terms.

(B) The members of the board shall be residents of this state for at least two (2) years immediately preceding their appointments.

(2)(A)(i) Seven (7) members of the board shall be appointed ~~from names submitted by~~ by the Governor after consulting the Arkansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association, the American Academy of Audiology, ~~or~~ and other professional groups or individuals.

(ii) Not less than thirty (30) days before the end of each fiscal year, the association may recommend not more than three (3) persons for each vacancy.

(B) The board shall have the following professional members:

(i) Two (2) speech-language pathologists;

(ii) Two (2) audiologists; and

(iii) A fifth member who shall be either a speech-language pathologist or an audiologist.

(C) There shall be one (1) consumer member and one (1) public representative member, neither of whom shall be engaged in a health-related profession.

(3)(A) One (1) member of the board shall represent the elderly.

(B) The representative of the elderly shall:

(i) Be sixty (60) years of age or older;

(ii) Not be actively engaged in or retired from the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology;

(iii) Be appointed from the state at large, subject to confirmation by the Senate; and

(iv) Be a full voting member but shall not participate in the grading of examinations.

(4) The consumer representative position and the representative of the elderly position may not be filled by the same person.

SECTION 48. Arkansas Code § 17-107-201(c), concerning appointments to the Arkansas Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics Advisory Board, is amended to read as follows:

~~(c)(1) Each initial member who is eligible for licensure as an orthotist, a prosthetist, or a pedorthist shall be selected from a list of fifteen (15) candidates who have practiced orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics for at least three (3) years. The Arkansas State Orthotic and Prosthetic Association shall submit the list of candidates to the Governor no later than July 1, 2007.~~

~~(2)(A) Each successor member shall be selected from a list of three (3) individuals per position submitted to the Governor by the board. The Governor shall consult the board before making an appointment under this section.~~

~~(B)(2) Each successor member shall have practiced orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics for at least three (3) years preceding his or her appointment and shall be licensed under this chapter as an orthotist, a prosthetist, or a pedorthist.~~

SECTION 49. Arkansas Code § 19-12-113(e)(1), concerning appointments to the Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Advisory Committee, is amended to read as follows:

(e) The Advisory Committee shall be governed as follows:

(1) The Advisory Committee shall consist of eighteen (18) members; one (1) member to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and one (1) member to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and sixteen (16) members to be appointed by the Governor. ~~The Committee members appointed by the Governor shall be selected from a list of at least three (3) names submitted by~~ consult each of the following designated groups ~~to the Governor before making an appointment~~, and shall consist of the following: one (1) member appointed to represent the Arkansas Medical Society; one (1) member shall represent the Arkansas Hospital Association; one (1) member shall represent the American Cancer Society; one (1) member shall represent the American Heart Association; one (1) member shall represent the American Lung Association; one (1) member shall represent the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Arkansas; one (1) member shall represent Arkansans for Drug Free Youth; one (1) member shall represent the Department of Education; one (1) member shall represent the Arkansas Minority Health Commission; one (1) member shall represent the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement; one (1) member shall represent the Arkansas Association of Area Agencies on Aging; one (1) member shall represent the Arkansas Nurses Association; one (1) member shall represent the Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service, one (1) member shall represent the University of

Arkansas at Pine Bluff; one member shall represent the League of United Latin American Citizens; and one (1) member shall represent the Arkansas Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association. The Executive Committee of Arkansas Students Working Against Tobacco shall serve as youth advisors to this Advisory Committee. All members of this committee shall be residents of the State of Arkansas.

SECTION 50. Arkansas Code § 20-7-102 is amended to read as follows:

20-7-102. Members — Appointment.

(a) The State Board of Health shall consist of the following members, to be appointed by the Governor as follows:

(1)(A) Seven (7) members of the board shall be licensed medical doctors of good professional standing, to be appointed by the Governor as follows:

(i) One (1) member shall be appointed from each of the four (4) congressional districts of this state as established by § 7-2-101 et seq.; and

(ii) Three (3) members shall be appointed from the state at large ~~from a list of not fewer than three (3) names presented for each position by the Governor after consulting~~ the Arkansas Medical Society.

(B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section, at least one (1) of the positions allocated for licensed medical doctors shall be an osteopathic physician appointed ~~from a list of not fewer than three (3) names presented to the Governor by~~ by the Governor after consulting the Arkansas Osteopathic Medical Association from the state at large;

(2) One (1) member shall be a regularly licensed, registered, and practicing dentist who has at least seven (7) years' experience in the practice of his or her profession in this state. This member shall be appointed ~~from a list of not fewer than three (3) names presented by~~ by the Governor after consulting the Arkansas State Dental Association;

(3) One (1) member shall be a professional engineer as defined in § 17-30-101 who has at least seven (7) years' experience in the practice of his or her profession in this state. This member shall be appointed ~~from a list of not fewer than three (3) names presented by~~ by the Governor after consulting the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers;

(4) One (1) member shall be a regularly licensed professional nurse who has been a resident of the state for at least seven (7) years preceding the appointment and who has at least a bachelor's degree and five (5) years' nursing experience in the state. This member shall be appointed from a list ~~of not more than~~

~~three (3) names presented by~~ by the Governor after consulting the Arkansas Nurses Association;

(5) One (1) member shall be a regularly licensed pharmacist who has been actively engaged in the practice of pharmacy for at least seven (7) years preceding his or her appointment. This member shall be appointed ~~from a list of not fewer than three (3) names presented by~~ by the Governor after consulting the Arkansas Pharmacists Association;

(6) One (1) member shall be a regularly licensed veterinarian who has been actively engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine for at least seven (7) years preceding his or her appointment. This member shall be appointed ~~from a list of not fewer than three (3) names presented by~~ by the Governor after consulting the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association;

(7) One (1) member shall be a registered sanitarian who has at least seven (7) years' experience in the practice of his or her profession preceding his or her appointment. This member shall be appointed ~~from a list of not fewer than three (3) names presented by~~ by the Governor after consulting the Arkansas State Board of Sanitarians;

(8) One (1) member shall be a hospital administrator who has at least seven (7) years' experience in the practice of his or her profession in Arkansas. This member shall be appointed ~~from a list of not fewer than three (3) names presented by~~ by the Governor after consulting the Arkansas Hospital Association;

(9) One (1) member shall be a regularly licensed, registered, and practicing optometrist who has at least seven (7) years' experience in the practice of his or her profession in this state. This member shall be appointed ~~from a list of not fewer than three (3) names presented by~~ by the Governor after consulting the Arkansas Optometric Association;

(10) One (1) member shall be a regularly licensed and practicing chiropractor. This member shall be appointed ~~from a list of not fewer than three (3) names submitted by~~ by the Governor after consulting the Arkansas Chiropractic Association or the Arkansas Chiropractic Society;

(11) One (1) member shall be a restaurant operator who has owned or operated a restaurant for a minimum of five (5) years. This member shall be appointed by the Governor ~~from a list of three (3) names submitted by~~ after consulting the Arkansas Hospitality Association;

(12) One (1) member shall be a consumer representative who has an interest in public health. This member shall be appointed by the Governor from the state at large;

(13) One (1) member shall be more than sixty (60) years old and represent the elderly. This person shall not be actively engaged in or retired from any occupation, profession, or industry to be regulated by the board. The member shall be appointed by the Governor from the state at large and be subject to confirmation by the Senate;

(14) One (1) member shall be a licensed doctor of podiatric medicine of good professional standing who has at least seven (7) years' experience in the practice of the profession in this state. The member shall be appointed ~~from a list of not fewer than three (3) names presented by~~ by the Governor after consulting the Arkansas Podiatric Medical Association;

(15) One (1) member shall be a member of the Arkansas Public Health Association. The member shall be appointed by the Governor ~~from a list of three (3) names submitted by~~ after consulting the Arkansas Public Health Association;

(16) One (1) member shall be a licensed medical doctor of good professional standing who shall be appointed by the Governor from a rural county that contains a medically underserved population in the state; and

(17) One (1) member shall be the Director of the Department of Health.

(b) Each of the members of the board so appointed shall take the oath prescribed by the Arkansas Constitution for state officers and shall be commissioned by the Governor in the same manner as other state officials.

SECTION 51. Arkansas Code § 20-10-301(a), concerning appointments to the Long-Term Care Facility Advisory Board, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) There is created the Long-Term Care Facility Advisory Board composed of ten (10) members selected as follows:

(A) One (1) member appointed by the Governor from the public at large;

(B)(i) Two (2) members appointed by the Governor who shall be owners or administrators of long-term care nursing facilities ~~selected from a list of nominees prepared by the Arkansas Health Care Association.~~

(ii) The Governor shall consult the Arkansas Health Care Association before making an appointment under subdivision (a)(1)(B)(i) of this section;

(C) One (1) member appointed by the Governor who shall be a doctor of medicine nominated by the Arkansas Medical Society;

(D)(i) One (1) member appointed by the Governor who shall be a registered nurse with experience in geriatric nursing ~~from a list provided by the Arkansas Nurses Association.~~

(ii) The Governor shall consult the Arkansas Nurses Association before making an appointment under subdivision (a)(1)(D)(i) of this section;

(E) One (1) member who shall be the deputy director of the appropriate division as determined by the Director of the Department of Human Services or his or her appointed representative;

(F) One (1) member who shall be over sixty (60) years of age and represent the elderly. This person shall not be actively engaged in or retired from any occupation, profession, or industry to be regulated by the board. The member shall be appointed by the Governor from the state at large and subject to confirmation by the Senate;

(G) One (1) member who shall be the Director of Department of Health or his or her appointed representative;

(H) One (1) member appointed by the Governor who shall be a provider licensed by the Office of Long-Term Care to provide residential care or adult day-care services; and

(I) One (1) member from the Arkansas Association of Area Agencies on Aging, Inc., selected by the Governor.

(2) All members shall be appointed after consultation with the appropriate professional societies.

(3) The deputy director of the appropriate division as determined by the Director of the Department of Human Services shall be an ex officio member and chair of the board, voting only in case of a tie vote.

(4) Only a member appointed under subdivision (a)(1)(B) of this section may have a financial interest in, be retired from, or be employed by any long-term care facility. However, a provider licensed by the Office of Long-Term Care appointed under subdivision (a)(1)(H) of this section shall not have a financial interest in, be retired from, or employed by any nursing home. The person appointed pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(D) of this section may be employed by a nursing home.

SECTION 52. Arkansas Code § 20-13-807(b), concerning appointments to the Trauma Advisory Council, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The council shall consist of twenty (20) voting members who have a demonstrated interest in trauma systems to be appointed by the Governor as follows:

(1) One (1) member appointed ~~from a list of two (2) nominees submitted by the Governor after consulting~~ the Arkansas Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians;

(2) One (1) member appointed ~~from a list of two (2) nominees submitted by the Governor after consulting~~ the Arkansas Academy of Family Physicians;

(3) One (1) member appointed ~~from a list of two (2) nominees submitted by the Governor after consulting~~ the Arkansas Chapter of the American College of Surgeons;

(4) One (1) member appointed ~~from a list of two (2) nominees submitted by the Governor after consulting~~ Arkansas Medical Society;

(5) Four (4) members appointed ~~from a list of eight (8) nominees submitted by the Governor after consulting~~ the Arkansas Hospital Association;

(6) One (1) member appointed ~~from a list of two (2) nominees submitted by the Governor after consulting~~ the Governor's Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council;

(7) One (1) member appointed ~~from a list of two (2) nominees submitted by the Governor after consulting~~ the Arkansas Emergency Nurses Association;

(8) One (1) member appointed ~~from a list of two (2) nominees submitted by the Governor after consulting~~ the Arkansas Emergency Medical Technicians Association;

(9) One (1) member appointed ~~from a list of two (2) nominees submitted by the Governor after consulting~~ the Arkansas Ambulance Association;

(10) One (1) member appointed ~~from a list of two (2) nominees submitted by the Governor after consulting~~ the Arkansas Emergency Medical Services for Children Program;

(11) One (1) member appointed ~~from a list of two (2) nominees submitted by the Governor after consulting~~ the Arkansas Trauma Society;

(12) One (1) member appointed ~~from a list of two (2) nominees submitted by the Governor after consulting~~ the Arkansas Society of Trauma Nurses;

(13) One (1) member appointed ~~from a list of two (2) nominees submitted by the Governor after consulting~~ the Arkansas Spinal Cord Commission;

(14) One (1) member appointed ~~from a list of two (2) nominees submitted by the Governor after consulting~~ the Arkansas Minority Health Commission;

(15) One (1) member appointed from a list of two (2) nominees submitted by the Governor after consulting the Arkansas Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association;

(16) One (1) member appointed to represent injury prevention; and

(17) One (1) member appointed from the public at large as a consumer representative who has an interest in trauma systems.

SECTION 53. Arkansas Code § 20-15-1503(b), concerning appointments to the Universal Newborn Screening, Tracking, and Intervention Advisory Board, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The board shall be composed of seven (7) members appointed by the Governor, ~~with recommendations from~~ after consulting the Arkansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association, from the following professions or groups:

(1) One (1) audiologist;

(2) One (1) audiologist from the Department of Health;

(3) One (1) audiologist from Arkansas Children's Hospital;

(4) One (1) speech-language pathologist;

(5) One (1) pediatrician-neonatologist or ear, nose, and throat physician;

(6) One (1) adult who is deaf or hard of hearing to represent consumer organizations for deaf and hard of hearing persons; and

(7) One (1) consumer of services who is a parent of a child or children with hearing loss.

SECTION 54. Arkansas Code § 20-22-803(a), concerning appointments to the Arkansas Fire Protection Services Board, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) There is created the Arkansas Fire Protection Services Board.

(2) The board shall be composed of fifteen (15) members to be appointed by the Governor as follows:

(A)(i) Four (4) members shall be fire chiefs ~~recommended by~~ appointed by the Governor after consulting the Arkansas Association of Fire Chiefs.

(ii) Two (2) of the fire chiefs under this subdivision (a)(2)(A) shall be full paid fire chiefs, one (1) shall be a volunteer fire chief, and one (1) shall be a retired fire chief or a volunteer fire chief;

(B) Two (2) members shall be ~~recommended by~~ appointed after consulting the Arkansas Rural and Volunteer Firefighters Association;

(C) Four (4) members ~~recommended by~~ appointed after consulting the Arkansas State Firefighters Association, all of whom shall be volunteer firefighters;

(D) Four (4) members shall be ~~recommended by~~ appointed by the Governor after consulting the Arkansas Professional Fire Fighters Association; and

(E) The State Forester of the Arkansas Forestry Commission or his or her designee.

(3) The Director of the Arkansas Fire Training Academy, the Director of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management or his or her designee, and the State Fire Marshal or his or her designee shall be ex officio members.

(4) Members shall serve three-year terms.

(5) Each member shall hold office until his or her successor is appointed and qualified.

~~(6) Each recommending organization shall submit a minimum of three (3) names for consideration for appointment by the Governor for each position vacancy on the board.~~

SECTION 55. Arkansas Code § 20-24-105(c)(5), concerning appointments to the Elevator Safety Board, is amended to read as follows:

(5) One (1) shall be ~~selected from a list of persons recommended by~~ appointed by the Governor after consulting with the board of trustees of the Elevator Industry Work Preservation Fund.

SECTION 56. Arkansas Code § 20-25-105(a)(2), concerning appointments to the Arkansas Manufactured Home Commission, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Appointments of those active in the manufactured home industry shall be made by the Governor ~~from a list of three (3) names submitted to him or her by~~ after consulting the Arkansas Manufactured Housing Association for each appointment.

SECTION 57. Arkansas Code § 20-77-1604(c), concerning appointments to the Arkansas Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1)(A) The Governor shall ~~select student members from a list of interested students submitted to~~ consult the Department of Education. ~~Each student on the list shall have been recommended by the superintendent of the school district in which the student attends school, by the governing body of the charter school or private school at which the student attends school, or by the president of the institution of higher education at which the student is enrolled~~ before appointing a student member.

(B) The Governor shall select student members to represent each of the following health education center regions:

- (i) Central;
- (ii) South central;

- (iii) North central;
- (iv) Northeast;
- (v) Northwest;
- (vi) Southwest;
- (vii) South; and
- (viii) Delta.

(C) Student members shall be at least thirteen (13) years of age but less than twenty-two (22) years of age when appointed.

(2) The Governor shall select the classroom teacher members ~~from a list of interested teachers who are recommended by~~ after consulting the Arkansas Education Association.

(3) The Governor shall select the school counselor members ~~from a list of interested school counselors who are recommended by~~ after consulting the Arkansas Counseling Association.

(4) All members shall be residents of the State of Arkansas at the time of appointment and throughout their terms.

SECTION 58. Arkansas Code § 20-78-703(b), concerning appointments to the Rita Rowell Hale Prenatal and Early Childhood Nurse Home Visitation Program Advisory Council, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The council shall consist of eleven (11) members to be appointed by the Governor as follows:

(1) Two (2) members from the Department of Health to be ~~nominated by~~ appointed by the Governor after consulting the Director of the Department of Health;

(2) Two (2) members from the College of Medicine of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences to be ~~nominated by~~ appointed by the Governor after consulting the Dean of the College of Medicine of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences;

(3) One (1) member from the College of Nursing of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences to be ~~nominated by~~ appointed by the Governor after consulting the Dean of the College of Nursing of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences;

(4) One (1) member from the Arkansas Nurses Association;

(5) One (1) member from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Social Work to be ~~nominated by~~ appointed by the Governor after consulting the Director of the School of Social Work of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock;

(6) One (1) member from the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education of the Department of Human Services;

(7) One (1) member from the State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board to be ~~nominated by~~ appointed by the Governor after consulting the director; and

(8) Two (2) members from the public at large, at least one (1) of whom shall be active in child advocacy within the state and one (1) of whom shall be African-American.

SECTION 59. Arkansas Code § 23-16-403(c), concerning appointments to the board of directors of the Arkansas Lifeline Individual Verification Effort Corporation, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The Governor shall choose representatives of eligible telecommunications carriers ~~from a list of three (3) names for each position submitted by~~ after consulting representatives of eligible telecommunications carriers.

SECTION 60. Arkansas Code § 23-46-301(c)(3) and (4), concerning appointments to the State Banking Board, is amended to read as follows:

(3) On the occasion of a vacancy on the board of one (1) of the Arkansas Bankers Association banker members, a successor shall be ~~selected from among two (2) or more bankers whose names shall be supplied by~~ appointed by the Governor after consulting the Arkansas Bankers Association.

(4) ~~The Governor shall make the appointment of all successor board members from among those persons recommended as provided in this section, provided that the board shall consist of one (1) member from each of the four (4) congressional districts as prescribed in § 7-2-101 et seq., and two (2) members from the state at large, one (1) of whom shall be the representative of the elderly.~~

SECTION 61. Arkansas Code § 24-10-201 is amended to read as follows:
24-10-201. Members and terms.

(a) The general administration and the responsibility for the proper operation of the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System and for making effective the provisions of this chapter are vested in a board of trustees of seven (7) persons as follows:

(1) One (1) person to be appointed member trustee by the Governor ~~from two (2) lists of persons submitted to him or her, one (1) list from~~ after consulting the Arkansas Professional Fire Fighters Association and ~~one (1) list from~~ the Arkansas State Firefighters Association;

(2) One (1) person to be appointed member trustee by the Governor ~~from two (2) lists of persons submitted to him or her, one (1) list from~~ after

consulting the Arkansas Municipal Police Association and ~~one (1) list from the~~ Arkansas Fraternal Order of Police;

(3) Two (2) persons to be appointed employer trustees by the Governor ~~from a list of persons submitted to him or her by~~ after consulting the Arkansas Municipal League;

(4) One (1) person who is not a member, retirant, or beneficiary of the system and who is not a member of the governing body of any political subdivision to be appointed trustee by the Governor from a list of persons submitted to him or her by the Joint Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs;

(5) One (1) person who is a retired municipal police officer to be appointed a member trustee by the Governor from a list of two (2) persons submitted to him or her by the cochairs of the Joint Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs; and

(6) One (1) person who is a retired municipal firefighter to be appointed a member trustee by the Governor from a list of two (2) persons submitted to him or her by the cochairs of the Joint Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs.

(b)(1) The normal term of office for a trustee shall be four (4) years from January 1 next following his or her election or appointment, as the case may be.

(2) Each trustee shall continue to serve as trustee until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

(c) Trustees elected or appointed as member trustees shall be retired or active members of the system, but:

(1) Not more than one (1) member trustee shall be employed or formerly employed by any one (1) employer;

(2) Not more than two (2) member trustees shall be police officers or retired police officers; and

(3) Not more than two (2) member trustees shall be firefighters or retired firefighters.

(d) Trustees appointed as employer trustees shall be elected or appointed officials of employers with management experience and shall not be members of the system, but not more than one (1) employer trustee shall be from any one (1) employer.

~~(e) Whenever the Governor is to appoint a trustee, the list of persons submitted to him or her shall consist of the names of two (2) persons.~~

SECTION 62. Arkansas Code § 24-11-203(a)-(e), concerning the composition of the Arkansas Fire and Police Pension Review Board, are amended to read as follows:

24-11-203. Arkansas Fire and Police Pension Review Board.

(a) The purpose of this section, which creates and establishes the Arkansas Fire and Police Pension Review Board, is to establish a state pension review board for all municipal firemen's relief and pension funds and policemen's pension and relief funds established under §§ 14-52-106, 24-11-401 — 24-11-403, 24-11-405 — 24-11-413, 24-11-416, 24-11-417, 24-11-422, 24-11-423, 24-11-425, 24-11-428 — 24-11-430, 24-11-801 — 24-11-807, 24-11-809, 24-11-813 — 24-11-815, and 24-11-818 — 24-11-820, which shall oversee all requests for benefit increases and review the annual financial reports and annual actuarial valuations required by this subchapter.

(b)(1) The Arkansas Fire and Police Pension Review Board shall be composed of nine (9) persons as follows:

(A) Two (2) firefighters, an active member, retired member, or a deferred retirement option plan participant, one (1) of whom shall be appointed by the Governor ~~from a list submitted by~~ after consulting the Arkansas State Firefighters Association and the other ~~from a list submitted by~~ after consulting the Arkansas Professional Fire Fighters Association;

(B) Two (2) police officers, an active member, retired member, or a deferred retirement option plan participant, to be appointed by the Governor; ~~one (1) from a list submitted by~~ after consulting the Arkansas Municipal Police Association and ~~the other from a list submitted by~~ the Fraternal Order of Police;

(C) Three (3) persons to be appointed by the Governor ~~from a list submitted by~~ after consulting the Arkansas Municipal League;

(D) One (1) person who is not a member, retirant, or beneficiary of the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System and who is not a current or former member of the governing body of any political subdivision, to be appointed by the Governor from a list of persons submitted to the Governor by the Joint Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs; and

(E) The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration or the director's designee.

(2) The Arkansas Fire and Police Pension Review Board shall elect one (1) of its members as chair.

(c) Members of the Arkansas Fire and Police Pension Review Board who are appointed as employee members must be active members, retired firefighters or police officers, or deferred retirement option plan participants of local firemen's

relief and pension funds and policemen's pension and relief funds established under §§ 14-52-106, 24-11-401 — 24-11-403, 24-11-405 — 24-11-413, 24-11-416, 24-11-417, 24-11-422, 24-11-423, 24-11-425, 24-11-428 — 24-11-430, 24-11-801 — 24-11-807, 24-11-809, 24-11-813 — 24-11-815, and 24-11-818 — 24-11-820.

(d) Members of the Arkansas Fire and Police Pension Review Board who are appointed as employer members shall be elected or appointed officials of municipalities or fire protection districts with established firemen's relief and pension funds or policemen's pension and relief funds. However, employer members shall not be from the same municipality or fire protection district.

~~(e) Whenever the Governor is to appoint a member of the Arkansas Fire and Police Pension Review Board, the list of persons submitted to the Governor shall consist of the names of at least two (2) persons.~~

SECTION 63. Arkansas Code § 25-10-205(a)(1)(B), concerning appointments to the Board of Division of State Services for the Blind, is amended to read as follows:

(B) One (1) member shall be appointed ~~from each list of qualified persons nominated in separate lists furnished by the Governor after consulting~~ each of the following:

(i) The National Federation of the Blind of Arkansas;

(ii) The American Council of the Blind of Arkansas;

(iii) The Arkansas Lions Clubs Council of Governors, who shall be a member of a member club of the International Association of Lions Clubs within Multiple District Seven for Arkansas;

(iv) The American Association for Workers for the Blind;

and

(v) The Arkansas School for the Blind.

SECTION 64. Arkansas Code § 25-14-101(b), concerning appointment of the Director of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The executive head of the department shall be the Director of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality. The director shall ~~be nominated by the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission and confirmed;~~

(1) Be appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate;

(2) Be appointed after the Governor consults with the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission; and shall serve

(3) Serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

SECTION 65. Arkansas Code § 25-27-103(a), concerning appointments to the Board of the Information Network of Arkansas, is amended to read as follows:

(a) There is created the Information Network of Arkansas, a public instrumentality carrying out an essential government function, which shall be governed by a board consisting of twelve (12) voting members, as follows:

(1) The President of the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, or the president's designee;

(2) The Secretary of State, or the Secretary of State's designee;

(3) The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or the director's designee;

(4) Two (2) members, or their designees, who are chief executive officers of agencies of the executive branch other than the Department of Finance and Administration and the Department of Information Systems, shall be appointed by the Governor;

(5)(A)(i)~~(a)~~ Four (4) members from user associations initially selected by the Governor shall be appointed by the Governor ~~from a list of three (3) names submitted by~~ after consulting each user association.

~~(b) Thereafter, the board shall submit a list of at least three (3) names per position, based on the recommendations of user associations.~~

(ii) No two (2) members appointed pursuant to this subdivision (a)(5) shall be members of the same user association.

(B) Such members shall serve staggered three-year terms;

(6)(A)(i) One (1) member who is a public library director appointed by the Governor ~~from a list of three (3) names of public library directors submitted by~~ after consulting the President of the Arkansas Library Association.

~~(ii) Following the initial appointment hereunder, the list shall be composed of librarians of public libraries which subscribe to the Information Network of Arkansas.~~

(B) The member shall serve a three-year term;

(7)(A) One (1) member appointed by the Governor ~~from a list of three (3) names submitted by~~ after consulting the Arkansas Bar Association.

(B) The member shall serve a three-year term; and

(8) The Director of the Department of Information Systems, or the director's designee.

SECTION 66. Arkansas Code § 25-29-101(c), concerning board of directors of the Arkansas Deaf and Hearing Impaired Telecommunications Services Corporation, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The Governor shall ~~choose one (1) name from a list of three (3) names submitted by~~ appoint one (1) member after consulting representatives of the deaf

and hearing-impaired community and one (1) ~~name from a list of three (3) names submitted by member after consulting~~ representatives of Arkansas local exchange carriers.

SECTION 67. Arkansas Code § 26-57-255(a)(3), concerning appointments to the Arkansas Tobacco Control Board, is amended to read as follows:

(3) Four (4) members of the board shall be members of the public at large who are not public employees or officials, at least one (1) of whom shall be an African American, and two (2) of whom shall be ~~selected from a list of at least eight (8) candidates supplied to~~ appointed by the Governor ~~by~~ after consulting the Arkansas Medical Society.

SECTION 68. Arkansas Code § 27-101-405(a) and (b), concerning the Marine Sanitation Advisory Committee, is amended to read as follows:

(a) There is established a Marine Sanitation Advisory Committee, to consist of thirteen (13) members appointed by the Governor as follows:

(1) Five (5) members shall be marina operators;

(2) One (1) member shall be an operator of a marine repair facility;

(3) ~~One (1) member shall be nominated by the Director of the Department of Health;~~

(4) ~~One (1) member shall be nominated by the Director of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality;~~

(5) ~~One (1) member shall be nominated by the Executive Secretary of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission~~ Three (3) members from the state at large to be appointed by the Governor after consulting with the Director of the Department of Health, the Director of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, and the Executive Secretary of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission;

~~(6)(4)~~ Three (3) members shall be boat owners; and

~~(7)(5)~~ One (1) member shall be the Captain of Division 15 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary or his or her designee.

(b)(1) The three (3) members appointed pursuant to subdivisions ~~(a)(3)-(5)~~ (a)(3) of this section shall serve at the pleasure of the ~~director of each respective agency, and the member appointed pursuant to subdivision (a)(7) of this section shall serve as long as the person remains Captain of Division 15, or if the designee of the captain, the designee will serve as long as the person designating him or her is Captain of Division 15~~ Governor.

(2) Of the initial members appointed under subdivisions (a)(1), (a)(2), and ~~(a)(6)~~ (a)(4) of this section, three (3) shall be appointed for one-year terms, three (3) for two-year terms, and three (3) for three-year terms.

(3) Members shall serve three-year terms except that persons appointed to fill vacancies resulting in an unexpired term shall serve for the remainder of that unexpired term."

/s/ Micah Neal

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Richey, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1833** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1833

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1833** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-67-203(a)(10), concerning the scenic highway designation for the Great River Road, is amended to read as follows:

(10) The Great River Road: ~~Highway 82 from the Mississippi line west to Highway 65; Highway 65 north from the Louisiana line to Dumas; Highway 4 from McGehee east through Arkansas City to Highway 1; Highway 1 from its intersection with Highway 4 through Watson to Highway 165 at Back Gate; Highway 165 north from Dumas to Dewitt; Highway 1 north to Highway 316; Highway 316 east to Highway 318; Highway 318 south to Highway 20; Highway 20 east to Elaine; Highway 44 north through Helena-West Helena; Phillips County Routes 239 and 217 and Lee County Route 221 through the St. Francis National Forest; Highway 44 to Marianna; Highway 79 north to Highway 38; Highway 38 east to Highway 147; Highway 147 north to Highway 70; Highway 70 and I-55 through West Memphis to~~

~~the Tennessee line; Highway 77 from Highway 70 in West Memphis north to Highway 61; and Highway 61 through Blytheville to the Missouri line~~ Highway 44 north to Perry Street, Highway 20 north, US Highway 49 Business North, Perry Street and east to Mississippi River Levee Rd. north through Helena-West Helena; Phillips County Road 239, 215 and 217; Lee County Road 217 and 221 through the St. Francis National Forest;"

/s/ Chris Richey

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Richey, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1834** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1834

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1834** as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 8, delete "THE SECOND" and substitute "THE FIRST CLASS OR THE SECOND"

AND

Page 1, line 15, delete "THE SECOND" and substitute "THE FIRST CLASS OR THE SECOND"

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 3-9-203(a), concerning the applicability, purpose, and effects of referendum elections and ordinances regarding on-premises consumption of alcohol, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The provisions of this subchapter authorizing on-premises consumption shall be effective only in cities and counties, or portions thereof of cities and counties, in which the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquor is not prohibited as a result of a local option election held pursuant to Initiated Act No. 1 of 1942, and except in a city of the first class or a city of the second class, in which the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption has been approved by a majority vote at a referendum election as ~~herein~~ provided in this section.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 3-9-203(d), concerning the applicability, purpose, and effects of referendum elections and ordinances regarding on-premises consumption of alcohol, is amended to read as follows:

(d) A city or town may authorize by ordinance the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption under this subchapter if:

(1) The city is a city of the first class or a city of the second class in which the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquor is not prohibited as a result of a local option election; or

~~(1)~~(2) Both:

(A) The city or town is located in a county that authorized the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor after November 1, 2012; and

~~(2)~~(B) The county in which the city or town is located has one hundred (100) active Alcoholic Beverage Control Division permits at the time the city or town chooses to authorize on-premises consumption."

/s/ Chris Richey

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative D. Ferguson, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1847** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1847

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1847** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 85, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23-85-140. Denial of coverage for healthcare services resulting from injury sustained while under influence of alcohol or drugs prohibited.

(a) As used in this section, "elevated blood alcohol content" means a ratio of alcohol in the blood of a person that is eight-hundredths of one percent (0.08%) or more of alcohol, by weight.

(b) A health carrier shall not deny coverage under an insurance policy that is delivered, issued, amended, renewed, or continued in this state for healthcare services to an insured to treat any injury sustained by an insured while the injury occurred when an insured:

(1) Has an elevated blood alcohol content; or

(2) Is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug, or both."

/s/ Deborah Ferguson

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks

Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Davis, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1890** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1890

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1890** as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 11, delete "PRODUCTS;" and substitute "PRODUCTS; TO AMEND THE COLLECTION PROCEDURE FOR TAXES RELATED TO CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS;"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO CLARIFY THE TAX TREATMENT OF CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS; AND TO AMEND THE COLLECTION PROCEDURE FOR TAXES RELATED TO CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 26-75-602(c)(2), concerning the advertising and promotion tax levied by municipal governments, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The portion of the gross receipts or gross proceeds received by restaurants, cafes, cafeterias, delicatessens, drive-in restaurants, carry-out restaurants, concession stands, convenience stores, grocery store-restaurants, or similar businesses as shall be defined in the levying ordinance from the sale of

prepared food and beverages for on-premises or off-premises consumption, but such tax shall not apply to such gross receipts or gross proceeds of organizations qualified under 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3) or to the gross receipts or gross proceeds received by a bakery from the sale of baked goods sold for off-premises consumption.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 26-75-603 is amended to read as follows:

26-75-603. Certification and ~~Collection~~ collection of tax.

~~(a) From the effective date of the levying ordinance, the tax so levied shall be paid by the persons, firms, and corporations liable therefor and shall be collected by the advertising and promotion commission of the levying city or by a designated agent of the commission in the same manner and at the same time as the tax levied by the Arkansas Gross Receipts Act of 1941, § 26-52-101 et seq.~~

~~(b)(1) The person paying the tax shall report and remit it upon forms provided by the commission and as directed by the commission. The rules, regulations, forms of notice, assessment procedures, and the enforcement and collection of the tax under the Arkansas Gross Receipts Act of 1941, § 26-52-101 et seq. and the Arkansas Tax Procedure Act, § 26-18-101 et seq., so far as practicable shall be applicable with respect to the enforcement and collection of the tax levied pursuant to the authority of this subchapter.~~

~~(2) However, the administration and enforcement and all actions shall be by and in the name of the commission through the proper commission officials or agents. The commission shall have the authority to sue and be sued in its name.~~

~~(3) The Department of Finance and Administration shall have no authority to enforce or collect the tax levied pursuant to this subchapter.~~

~~(c) The levying city is authorized to adopt ordinances consistent with and in similar form to the Arkansas Tax Procedure Act, § 26-18-101 et seq., to enable the commission or its agent to enforce the tax through examination of records, notices of proposed and final assessment, and administrative hearings on proposed assessments. The levying city is also authorized to adopt ordinances which enable the commission to:~~

~~(1) Assess penalties and interest against taxpayers who fail to timely report or pay the tax. The penalty is equal to five percent (5%) of the unpaid tax amount per month not to exceed a total assessment of thirty-five percent (35%) of the unpaid tax. Simple interest on unpaid taxes shall be assessed at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum;~~

~~(2) Assess unpaid or unreported tax within three (3) years of the date the tax is due;~~

~~(3) Provide for judicial relief from proposed assessments in accordance with subsection (d) of this section; and~~

~~(4) Issue certificates of indebtedness in accordance with subdivision (c)(3) of this section.~~

~~(d)(1) Within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the notice and demand for payment of a deficiency in tax established by a final determination of the hearing officer, a taxpayer may seek judicial relief from the final determination by either:~~

~~(A) Paying under protest the amount of the deficiency, plus penalty and interest determined by the commission to be due, and filing a suit to recover that amount within one (1) year from the date of payment under protest; or~~

~~(B)(i) Filing with the commission a bond in double the amount of the tax deficiency due and by filing suit within thirty (30) days thereafter to stay the effect of the commission's determination.~~

~~(ii) The bond shall be subject to the condition that the taxpayer shall file suit within thirty (30) days after filing the bond, shall faithfully and diligently prosecute the suit to a final determination, and shall pay any deficiency found by the court to be due and any court costs assessed against the taxpayer.~~

~~(iii) A taxpayer's failure to file suit, diligently prosecute the suit, or pay any tax deficiency and court costs, as required by this subsection, shall result in the forfeiture of the bond in the amount of the assessment and assessed court costs.~~

~~(2) The method provided in this section is the exclusive method for seeking relief from a written decision of the commission establishing a deficiency in tax. No injunction shall issue to stay proceedings for assessment or collection of this tax.~~

~~(e)(1) If a taxpayer does not timely and properly pursue the taxpayer's remedies seeking relief from a decision of the commission and a final assessment is made against the taxpayer, or if the taxpayer fails to pay the deficiency assessed upon notice and demand, then the commission as soon as practicable thereafter shall issue to the circuit clerk of the county where the taxpayer's business is located a certificate of indebtedness certifying that the person named therein is indebted to the commission for the amount of the tax established by the commission as due.~~

~~(2) The circuit clerk shall enter immediately upon the circuit court judgment docket:~~

~~(A) The name of the delinquent taxpayer;~~

~~(B) The amount certified as being due;~~

~~(C) The name of the tax; and~~

~~(D) The date of entry upon the judgment docket.~~

~~(3) The entry of the certificate of indebtedness shall have the same force and effect as the entry of a judgment rendered by the circuit court. This entry shall constitute the commission's lien upon the title of any real and personal property of the taxpayer in the county where the certificate of indebtedness is recorded.~~

~~(4) The certificate of indebtedness authorized by this subsection shall continue in force for ten (10) years from the date of recording and shall automatically expire after the ten-year period has run. Actions on the lien on the certificate of indebtedness shall be commenced within ten (10) years after the date of recording of the certificate, and not afterward.~~

~~(5) The commission shall have all remedies and may take all proceedings for the collection of the tax which may be taken for the recovery of a judgment at law.~~

~~(f) The provisions of subsections (d) and (e) of this section shall be effective only when the levying city adopts an ordinance which specifically provides that these provisions shall be utilized by the commission in enforcing the tax.~~

(a) When the levy of a tax has been approved under this subchapter, the governing body of the city levying the tax shall certify to the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration that the tax has become operative and shall furnish to the director the rate of the tax, including any limitations on the tax, and the date on which the tax is effective.

(b) The director shall collect the tax levied under this subchapter concurrently with and in the same manner as taxes collected under the Arkansas Gross Receipts Act of 1941, § 26-52-101 et seq., and the Arkansas Compensating Tax Act of 1949, § 26-53-101 et seq.

(c) The director shall collect a tax levied under this subchapter for the benefit of the city levying the tax and shall be deposited into the Local Sales and Use Tax Trust Fund for distribution back to the city.

(d) A taxpayer authorized and required to collect a tax levied under this subchapter has the same protections and responsibilities afforded to and required of entities required to collect taxes under § 26-75-501 et seq."

/s/ Andy Davis

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Murdock, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1860** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1860

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1860** as originally introduced:

Delete the title of the bill in its entirety and substitute the following:

“AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING ADEQUACY AND EQUITY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

AND

Delete the subtitle of the bill in its entirety and substitute the following:

“TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING ADEQUACY AND EQUITY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.”

AND

Delete all language after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

“SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(a)(2), concerning per-student foundation funding amounts, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) For the ~~2013-2014~~ 2015-2016 school year, the foundation funding amount is equal to ~~six thousand three hundred ninety-three dollars (\$6,393)~~ six thousand two hundred sixty-three dollars (\$6,263) multiplied by the school district’s average daily membership for the previous school year.

(B) For the ~~2014-2015~~ 2016-2017 school year and each school year thereafter, the foundation funding amount is equal to ~~six thousand five hundred twenty-one dollars (\$6,521)~~ six thousand three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$6,325) multiplied by the school district’s average daily membership for the previous school year.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(2)(A)(i) and (ii), concerning per-student state categorical funding amounts for alternative learning environments, are amended to read as follows:

(2)(A)(i) For the ~~2013-2014~~ 2015-2016 school year, alternative learning environment funding shall be ~~four thousand three hundred five dollars (\$4,305)~~ four thousand four hundred seventy-one dollars (\$4,471) multiplied by the number of identified alternative learning environment students enrolled during the previous school year.

(ii) For the ~~2014-2015~~ 2016-2017 school year and each school year thereafter, alternative learning environment funding shall be ~~four thousand three hundred eighty-three dollars (\$4,383)~~ four thousand five hundred

sixty dollars (\$4,560) multiplied by the number of identified alternative learning environment students enrolled during the previous school year.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(3)(A) and (B), concerning per-student state categorical funding amounts for English-language learners, are amended to read as follows:

(3)(A) For the ~~2013-2014~~ 2015-2016 school year, funding for students who are identified as English-language learners shall be ~~three hundred eleven dollars (\$311)~~ three hundred twenty-four dollars (\$324) for each identified English-language learner.

(B) For the ~~2014-2015~~ 2016-2017 school year and each school year thereafter, funding for students who are identified as English-language learners shall be ~~three hundred seventeen dollars (\$317)~~ three hundred thirty-one dollars (\$331) for each identified English-language learner.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(4)(A)(i)-(iii), concerning per-student state categorical funding amounts for national school lunch students, are amended to read as follows:

(4)(A) National school lunch state categorical funding for each identified national school lunch student shall be as follows:

(i) For a school district in which ninety percent (90%) or greater of the previous school year's enrolled students are national school lunch students, the amount of per-student national school lunch state categorical funding is ~~one thousand five hundred forty-nine dollars (\$1,549)~~;

(a) For the 2015-2016 school year, one thousand five hundred sixty-two dollars (\$1,562); and

(b) For the 2016-2017 school year, one thousand five hundred seventy-six dollars (\$1,576);

(ii) For school districts in which at least seventy percent (70%) but less than ninety percent (90%) of the previous school year's enrolled students are national school lunch students, the amount of per-student national school lunch state categorical funding is ~~one thousand thirty-three dollars (\$1,033)~~;

(a) For the 2015-2016 school year, one thousand forty-two dollars (\$1,042); and

(b) For the 2016-2017 school year, one thousand fifty-one dollars (\$1,051); and

(iii) For school districts in which less than seventy percent (70%) of the previous school year's enrolled students are national school lunch students, the amount of per-student national school lunch state categorical funding is ~~five hundred seventeen dollars (\$517)~~;

(a) For the 2015-2016 school year, five hundred twenty-two dollars (\$522); and

(b) For the 2016-2017 school year, five hundred twenty-six dollars (\$526).

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(5)(A) and (B), concerning per-student state categorical funding amounts for professional development, are amended to read as follows:

~~(5)(A)(5)~~ For the ~~2013-2014~~ 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school year years, professional development funding shall be equal to an amount of up to ~~fifty-three dollars (\$53.00)~~ thirty-two dollars and forty cents (\$32.40) multiplied by the school district's previous school year average daily membership.

~~(B) For the 2014-2015 school year and each school year thereafter, professional development funding shall be equal to an amount of up to fifty-four dollars (\$54.00) multiplied by the school district's previous school year average daily membership.~~

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 20, Subchapter 23, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-20-2309. Public School Student Transportation Funding Act of 2015.

(a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Public School Student Transportation Funding Act of 2015."

(b) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Public school student transportation is currently funded on a per-student basis as part of the foundation funding formula, under which each Arkansas school district receives the same amount of per-student funding for student transportation;

(2) The actual costs of providing student transportation vary widely among Arkansas school districts, and consequently the state student transportation funding for some districts is well below actual transportation costs while for other school districts it is well above actual transportation costs;

(3) There is no persuasive reason to provide each Arkansas school district the same amount of per-student funding for student transportation without regard to a district's actual student transportation costs;

(4) As discussed in the Odden and Picus 2006 report, "Recalibrating the Arkansas School Funding Structure", student transportation costs were included in the foundation funding formula until a separate standards-based funding formula could be developed;

(5) A standards-based student transportation funding formula based on route miles that would accurately and fairly fund the student transportation costs

of Arkansas school districts has been developed:

(6) The Bureau of Legislative Research presented a standards-based student transportation funding formula to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education for the 2008, 2010, 2012, and 2014 adequacy studies; and

(7) The student transportation funding formula presented by the bureau would be ninety-eight percent (98%) accurate in funding school districts' actual student transportation costs.

(c) Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, the Department of Education shall provide to a school district annual state funding for student transportation based on the school district's student transportation costs as determined by a standards-based formula in which student transportation cost is a function of a school district's historical route miles.

(d) Except as provided under subsection (e) of this section, all student transportation funding provided under this subchapter shall be distributed as provided under this section.

(e) To provide a smooth transition to accurate student transportation funding, the department shall distribute student transportation funding to a school district under this section in an amount that is:

(1) For the 2015-2016 school year, not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the amount of funding within the per-student foundation funding amount for the 2014-2015 school year that represents the calculation for student transportation;

(2) For the 2016-2017 school year, not less than fifty percent (50%) of the amount of funding within the per-student foundation funding amount for the 2014-2015 school year that represents the calculation for student transportation;
and

(3) For the 2017-2018 school year, not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of funding within the per-student foundation funding amount for the 2014-2015 school year that represents the calculation for student transportation.

(f) The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that funding for public schools is the obligation of the state; that ensuring adequate funding is provided is the duty of the General Assembly; and that this act is immediately necessary to ensure that funding is provided for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years so that school

districts can budget accordingly. 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.”

/s/ Reginald Murdock

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Murdock, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1843** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1843

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1843** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 19-11-804, concerning the selection of a bidder on a contract, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(c)(1) If a contract under this chapter is awarded to a qualified bidder that is not the lowest bidder on a contract, the Office of State Procurement shall provide to the lowest bidder on a contract the justification for not awarding the contract to the lowest bidder on the contract.

(2) The justification required under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall:

(A) Provide details of possible issues or concerns with the lowest bidder's bid on a contract; and

(B) Explain to the bidder the process to respond to any concerns contained in their bid.

(3) A final decision detailing why the bid was not awarded to the lowest bidder on the contract."

/s/ Reginald Murdock

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Murdock, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1857** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1857

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1857** as originally introduced:

Delete all language after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-601(c), concerning the qualifications for receiving isolated funding, is repealed.

~~(c) Any school district designated as an isolated school district for the 1996-1997 fiscal year that used geographic barriers as one (1) of the four (4) criteria necessary to receive isolated funding shall be allowed to continue to use geographic barriers as a criterion for future allocations of isolated funding.~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-20-603(b) and (c), concerning continued support of isolated school districts, are amended to read as follows:

(b) Each school year, the:

(1) Department of Education shall verify that each isolated school area continues to meet at least four (4) of the five (5) criteria under § 6-20-601(a); and

(2) state State financial aid in the form of isolated funding shall be provided to school districts containing an isolated school area that the department verifies as meeting at least four (4) of the five (5) criteria under § 6-20-601(a) in an amount equal to the prior-year three-quarter average daily membership of the isolated school area multiplied by the per student isolated funding amount for the isolated school areas as set forth under column "C" of subsection (a) of this section.

~~(c)(1) Except as provided under subdivision (c)(2) of this section, a (c) A~~ school district may not receive isolated funding under this section for an isolated school area if the prior-year three-quarter average daily membership of the isolated school area exceeds three hundred fifty (350).

~~(2) A school district is entitled to receive the funding under this section for an isolated school area received by the school district in:~~

~~(A) A consolidation under § 6-13-1401 et seq. or § 6-13-1601 et seq.; or~~

~~(B) An annexation under § 6-13-1401 et seq. or the Public Education Reorganization Act, § 6-13-1601 et seq.~~

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-20-604(b), concerning additional funding, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A school district shall receive special needs funding under subsection (c), (d), or (e) of this section if the school district meets the requirements of subsection (c), (d), or (e), respectively, of this section and if: the Department of Education verifies that the isolated school area in the schools district continues to meet at least four (4) of the five (5) criteria under § 6-20-601(a).

~~(1) The school district was consolidated or annexed or received an annexed school under the Public Education Reorganization Act, § 6-13-1601 et seq.;~~

~~(2) The local school district board of directors by majority vote determines that the isolated school is so isolated that to combine its operation to one (1) school district campus would be impractical or unwise; and~~

~~(3) The isolated school or school district:~~

~~(A) Meets the requirements of § 6-20-601 and filed an affidavit of isolated school status with the State Board of Education during the consolidation or annexation process, and the facts of the affidavit are verified by the state board or its designee;~~

~~(B) Meets the requirements of § 6-20-601 and filed an affidavit of isolated school status with the state board after the consolidation or annexation process or with regard to the 2006-2007 school year no later than June 1, 2006, and the facts of the affidavit are verified by the state board or its designee; or~~

~~(C) Meets the requirements of § 6-20-601 but for the prior-year three-quarter average daily membership requirement of three hundred fifty (350) students or fewer and filed an affidavit of isolated school status with the state board after the consolidation or annexation process or with regard to the 2006-2007 school year no later than June 1, 2006, and the facts of the affidavit are verified by the state board or its designee.~~

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-20-604(e), concerning additional funding, is amended to read as follows:

~~(e)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (e)(2) of this section, a~~ (e) A school district meeting the requirements of subsection (b) of this section shall receive an additional amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the per-student foundation funding amount under § 6-20-2305(a)(2) multiplied by the prior-year three-quarter average daily membership of the isolated school area to be used for the operation of the isolated school area if the school district has school facilities open for kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) in one (1) or more isolated school areas meeting the requirements of subsection (b) of this section.

~~(2) A school district shall receive an additional amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the per-student foundation funding amount under § 6-20-2305(a)(2) multiplied by the prior-year three-quarter average daily membership of the isolated school area to be used for the operation of the isolated school area if:~~

~~(A) The school district has school facilities serving students in any grade in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) in one (1) or more isolated school areas meeting the requirements of subsection (b) of this section; and~~

~~(B) The school district closed an isolated facility serving students in grades seven through twelve (7-12).~~

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-20-604(h)(2)(B), concerning additional funding, is amended to read as follows:

(B) Funds distributed under subdivision (h)(2)(A) of this section shall be used by the school district only for ~~transportation costs of~~ the isolated school areas in the school district.

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 6-20-604(h)(3), concerning additional funding, is repealed.

~~(3) Funding provided under this section is in addition to and in excess of the amount of funds necessary to provide an adequate education as required by the Arkansas Constitution and cannot be relied upon beyond the expiration date of an appropriation made for the purposes of this section.~~

/s/ Reginald Murdock

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Murdock, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1856** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1856

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1865** as originally introduced:

Delete the title in its entirety and substitute the following:

"AN ACT TO REMOVE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FROM THE FOUNDATION FUNDING CALCULATION AND CREATE A TRANSPORTATION CATEGORICAL FUND; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute the following:

"TO REMOVE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FROM THE FOUNDATION FUNDING CALCULATION AND CREATE A TRANSPORTATION CATEGORICAL FUNDING; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY."

AND

Delete all language after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 20, Subchapter 23, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-20-2309. Public School Student Transportation Funding Act of 2015.

(a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Public School Student Transportation Funding Act of 2015."

(b) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Public school student transportation is currently funded on a per-student basis as part of the foundation funding formula, under which each Arkansas school district receives the same amount of per-student funding for student transportation;

(2) The actual costs of providing student transportation vary widely among Arkansas school districts, and consequently the state student transportation funding for some districts is well below actual transportation costs while for other school districts it is well above actual transportation costs;

(3) There is no persuasive reason to provide each Arkansas school district the same amount of per-student funding for student transportation without regard to a district's actual student transportation cost;

(4) As discussed in the Odden and Picus 2006 report, "Recalibrating the Arkansas School Funding Structure" student transportation costs were included in the foundation funding formula until a separate standards-based funding formula could be developed;

(5) A standards-based student transportation funding formula based

on route miles that would accurately and fairly fund the student transportation costs of Arkansas school districts has been developed;

(6) The Bureau of Legislative Research presented a standards-based student transportation funding formula to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education for the 2008, 2010, 2012, and 2014 adequacy studies; and

(7) The student transportation funding formula presented by the bureau would be ninety-eight percent (98%) accurate in funding school districts' actual student transportation costs.

(c) Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, the Department of Education shall provide to a school district annual state funding for student transportation based on the school district's student transportation costs as determined by a standards-based formula in which student transportation cost is a function of a school district's historical route miles.

(d) Except as provided under subsection (e) of this section, all student transportation funding provided under this subchapter shall be distributed as provided under this section.

(e) To provide a smooth transition to accurate student transportation funding, the department shall distribute student transportation funding to a school district under this section in an amount that is:

(1) For the 2015-2016 school year, not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the amount of funding within the per-student foundation funding amount for the 2014-2015 school year that represents the calculation for student transportation;

(2) For the 2016-2017 school year, not less than fifty percent (50%) of the amount of funding within the per-student foundation funding amount for the 2014-2015 school year that represents the calculation for student transportation; and

(3) For the 2017-2018 school year, not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of funding within the per-student foundation funding amount for the 2014-2015 school year that represents the calculation for student transportation.

(f) The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that it is the state's constitutional obligation to provide a general, suitable, and efficient free system of public schools in the state; that many school districts have high student transportation costs and

must use a greater amount of foundation funding for student transportation than other school districts; that the student transportation funding and distribution under this act are needed to ensure that proper resources are provided to public schools and school districts under the state's constitutional obligation; that the Department of Education shall begin the distribution of public school funding for the 2015 - 2016 school year in August 2015; and that this act is immediately necessary so that public schools and school districts will receive the amount of funding provided under this act for the 2015-2016 school year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2015."

/s/ Reginald Murdock

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Tosh, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1780** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1780

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1780** as originally introduced:

Add Representative Sullivan as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Delete all language after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2808(b)(2), concerning evaluations under the Teacher Excellence and Support System, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) At least one (1) time every ~~three (3)~~ five (5) school years, a public school shall conduct a summative evaluation for a teacher who is not in a status under subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

(B) In a school year in which a summative evaluation is not required for a teacher under this subdivision (b)(2), the teacher:

(i) Shall focus on elements of the teacher's professional learning plan as approved by the evaluator that are designed to help the teacher improve his or her teaching practices; and

(ii) With the evaluator's approval may:

(a) Collaborate with a team of teachers on a shared plan that benefits the whole school, a content area, or a grade level; or

(b) Conduct self-directed research related to the teacher's professional learning plan under § 6-17-2806.

(C) During the ~~two (2)~~ four (4) years in which a summative evaluation is not required, a public school may conduct an evaluation that is lesser in scope than a summative evaluation but uses the portions of the evaluation framework and evaluation rubrics that are relevant to the teacher's professional growth plan."

/s/ Dwight Tosh

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Magie, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1675** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1675

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1675** as originally introduced:

Add Senator Irvin as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 1, delete lines 8 through 11 and substitute the following:

"AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL LIMITED VENUES FOR THE SALE OF RAFFLE TICKETS BY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS; AND FOR OTHER"

AND

Page 1, line 16, delete "ADDITIONAL VENUES" and substitute "ADDITIONAL LIMITED VENUES"

AND

Page 1, delete lines 18 through 20, and substitute the following:

"ORGANIZATIONS."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-114-102(16), concerning the definition of "raffle", is amended to read as follows:

(16)(A) "Raffle" means the selling of tickets to win a prize awarded through a random drawing.

(B) "Raffle" Except as provided in § 23-114-401(b)(2)(C)(i), "raffle" does not include any a game played through the use of a machine or electronic device; and

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-114-103(b) and (c), concerning compensation for charitable bingo or raffles, are amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) ~~No net~~ Net receipts from games of bingo or raffles shall not be used to compensate in any manner ~~any a~~ person who works for or is in any way affiliated with the licensed authorized organization.

(2)(A) ~~Charitable~~ Except as provided under § 23-114-403, charitable bingo or raffles shall only be conducted by a licensed authorized organization through its bona fide officers and members who volunteer their time and receive no compensation for their services.

(B) A licensed authorized organization shall not conduct games of bingo or raffles through any agent or third party.

(c) ~~The provisions of this chapter are not intended and shall not be construed to~~ Except as provided in § 23-114-401(b)(2)(C)(i), this chapter does not allow the play of games of bingo or raffles through any an electronic device or machine.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 23-114-401(b)(2) and (3), concerning the sale of raffle tickets by charitable organizations, are amended to read as follows:

(2) Raffle tickets may be sold:

(A) At the authorized premises of the licensed authorized organization; ~~and~~

(B) Off the authorized premises of the licensed authorized organization if the tickets are sold by uncompensated volunteers of the licensed authorized organization; and

(C)(i) Through the mail, email, fax, telephone, or the website of the licensed authorized organization.

(ii) The department shall adopt rules to ensure that the electronic media authorized under subdivision (b)(2)(C)(i) of this section:

(a) Are owned by and operated exclusively for the licensed authorized organization; and

(b) Do not allow an activity not authorized under this chapter.

(3) ~~No~~ Except as provided under subdivision (b)(2)(C) of this section,
a raffle ticket shall not be sold through the mail or through the Internet, email, fax,
telephone, or any other electronic means.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 23-114-401, concerning the sale of raffle
tickets by charitable organizations, is amended to add an additional subsection to
read as follows:

(c)(1) A licensed authorized organization shall not conduct more than three
(3) raffles per year.

(2) The department shall adopt rules to ensure that the limit of three
(3) raffles per year under subdivision (c)(1) of this section is not circumvented or
distorted.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 23-114-404 is amended to read as follows:

23-114-404. Admission to raffles and games of bingo ~~— Participation by~~
individuals under eighteen (18) years of age prohibited.

(a) A person shall not be denied admission to a raffle or a game of bingo or
the opportunity to participate in a raffle or a game of bingo because of race, color,
creed, religion, national origin, sex, or disability or because the person is not a
member of the licensed authorized organization conducting the raffle or game of
bingo.

(b) ~~No~~ An individual under eighteen (18) years of age ~~may~~ shall not:

(1) play Play a game of bingo conducted by a licensed authorized
organization; or

(2) purchase raffle tickets Purchase a raffle ticket from a licensed
authorized organization directly or through the mail, email, fax, telephone, or the
website of the licensed authorized organization."

/s/ Stephen Magie

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative C. Armstrong, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1958** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1958

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1958** as originally introduced:

Delete all language after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

“SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(4)(A), concerning national school lunch state categorical funding,, is amended to add additional subdivisions to read as follows:

(iv)(a) The amount of funding distributed to a school district under § 6-20-2305(b)(4)(A)(i)-(iii) shall be reduced by two percent (2%) and set aside by the Department of Education to be used to provide grant funding for the Positive Youth Development Grant Program, § 6-5-901 et seq.

(b) Funds set aside for the Positive Youth Development Grant Program, § 6-5-901 et seq., shall be administered by the Department of Education and distributed annually.”

/s/ Charles L. Armstrong

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Bennett, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1822** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1822

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1822** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 10, Chapter 2, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

10-2-133. Constitutional issue assessment.

(a) A constitutional issue assessment shall be prepared by the office of the Attorney General as provided in this section.

(b) The following may request the preparation of a constitutional issue assessment concerning a bill or proposed constitutional amendment filed with the General Assembly:

(1) The sponsor of the bill or proposed constitutional amendment; or

(2) A member of a committee to which a bill or proposed constitutional amendment is assigned.

(c) A constitutional issue assessment prepared by the office of the Attorney General shall contain without limitation:

(1) An analysis of potential legal issues associated with the bill or proposed constitutional amendment under the Arkansas Constitution or United States Constitution; and

(2) An estimate of the cost to defend the bill or proposed constitutional amendment in the event of a legal challenge.

(d)(1) A constitutional issue assessment shall be prepared within five (5) days of the request and submitted to:

(A) The sponsor of the bill or proposed constitutional amendment, if requested by the sponsor of the bill or proposed constitutional amendment; or

(B) The chair of a committee to which the bill or proposed constitutional amendment is assigned, if requested by a member of a committee to which a bill or proposed constitutional amendment is assigned.

(2) If a member of a committee to which a bill or proposed constitutional amendment is assigned requests a constitutional issue assessment under this section, the committee shall not take action on the bill until the constitutional issue assessment is prepared and delivered to the chair of the committee.

(e) If a bill or proposed constitutional amendment for which a constitutional issue assessment is prepared is subsequently amended, a revised constitutional issue assessment shall be prepared for the bill or proposed constitutional amendment.

(f) If a situation arises necessitating the need for a bill or proposed constitutional amendment to be considered immediately, a request for a constitutional issue assessment under this section may be waived by a two-thirds majority vote of the committee to which the bill is assigned."

/s/ Camille Bennett

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks

Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative C. Armstrong, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1977** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1977

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1977** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-4-303(c)-(e), concerning the terms and conditions of a defendant's probation or suspended imposition of sentence, is amended to read as follows:

(c) If the court suspends imposition of sentence on a defendant or places him or her on probation, as a condition of its order the court may require that the defendant:

(1) Support his or her dependents and meet his or her family responsibilities;

~~(2) Work faithfully at suitable employment;~~

~~(3) Pursue a prescribed secular course of study or vocational training designed to equip him or her for suitable employment;~~

~~(4)~~(2) Undergo available medical or psychiatric treatment and enter and remain in a specified institution when required for medical or psychiatric treatment;

~~(5)~~(3) Participate in a community-based rehabilitative program or work-release program that uses practices proven to reduce recidivism and for which the court may impose a reasonable fee or assessment on the defendant to be used in support of the community-based rehabilitative program or work-release program;

~~(6)~~(4) Refrain from frequenting an unlawful or designated place or consorting with a designated person;

~~(7)~~(5) Have no firearm in his or her possession;

~~(8)~~(6) Make restitution to an aggrieved party in an amount the defendant can afford to pay for the actual loss or damage caused by his or her offense;

~~(9)~~(7) Post a bond, with or without surety, conditioned on the performance of a prescribed condition; and

~~(10)~~(8) Satisfy any other condition reasonably related to the rehabilitation of the defendant and not unduly restrictive of his or her liberty or incompatible with his or her freedom of conscience.

(d) If the court places a defendant on probation, as a condition of its order the court may require that the defendant:

(1) Report as directed to the court or the probation officer and permit the probation officer to visit the defendant at the defendant's place of employment or elsewhere;

(2) Remain within the jurisdiction of the court unless granted permission to leave in a written statement by the court or the probation officer; and

(3) Answer any reasonable inquiry by the court or the probation officer and promptly notify the court or probation officer of any change in address or employment.

(e) If the court suspends imposition of sentence on a defendant or places him or her on probation, the ~~defendant~~ court shall:

(1) Require that the defendant either:

(A) Work consistently in suitable employment for the entire duration of his or her suspended sentence or probation or for three (3) years, whichever occurs earlier; or

(B)(i) If the defendant is unemployed, pursue a prescribed secular course of study and show continuous progress in improving academic skills and education by increasing his or her reading, math, and communication skills to at least the ninth grade level regardless of a prior high school or other educational credentials.

(ii) Under subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section, a defendant shall also meet at least one (1) of the following benchmarks:

(a) Earn a Career Readiness Certificate;

(b) Earn a Workforce Alliance for Growth in the Economy Certificate;

(c) Earn a high school diploma by passing the Department of Career Education approved assessment; or

(d) Enroll in vocational training designed to equip him or her for suitable employment.

(iii) If the defendant is serving a suspended sentence or is on probation at the end of the study or training required by subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section, he or she shall work in suitable employment for the remainder of his or her suspended sentence or probation or for three (3) years, whichever occurs earlier; and

(2) ~~be given~~ Give the defendant a written statement explicitly setting forth the conditions under which he or she is being released.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-4-903(b), concerning the incorporation of services into a pre-adjudication probation program, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) A pre-adjudication probation program may incorporate services from various state agencies and educational institutions, including without limitation the Department of Community Correction, ~~and the Department of Human Services, the Adult Education Division of the Department of Career Education, vocational schools, technical schools, community colleges, and two-year and four-year public universities.~~

(2) Participating state agencies and educational institutions may provide:

(A) Persons to serve as pre-adjudication probation officers, drug counselors, or other support staff;

(B) Drug testing and other substance-abuse facilities;

(C) Intensive short-term and long-term residential treatment for participants in the pre-adjudication probation program who have demonstrated a need for substance abuse treatment or other mental health-related treatment; ~~and~~

(D) Educational materials, classrooms, and staff; and

~~(D)~~(E) Other personnel, support staff, or facilities that the circuit court administering the pre-adjudication probation program finds necessary or helpful.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 5-4-907(a), concerning costs and fees associated with a pre-adjudication program, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The pre-adjudication probation program judge may order the offender to pay:

(1) Court costs as provided in § 16-10-305;

(2) Any substance abuse treatment costs;

(3) Drug testing costs;

(4) Costs associated with mental health treatment;

(5) A pre-adjudication probation program user fee;

(6) Any restitution owed the victim of the charged criminal offense;

(7) Necessary supervision fees;

(8) Any applicable residential treatment fees; ~~and~~

(9) Tuition and other educational fees for vocational schools, technical schools, community colleges, or two-year and four-year public universities that are part of the pre-adjudication probation program for which the offender is participating; and

~~(9)~~(10) Any fees determined or authorized under § 12-27-125(b)(17)(B) or § 16-93-104(a)(1), which are to be paid to the Department of Community Correction.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 5-4-908(b), concerning the training and implementation manual associated with a pre-adjudication program, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Each judicial district may develop a training and implementation manual for a pre-adjudication probation program with the assistance of the:

- (1) The Department of Human Services;
- (2) The Department of Education;
- (3) The Department of Career Education;
- (4) The Department of Community Correction; ~~and~~
- (5) The Administrative Office of the Courts; and

(6) Any vocational school, technical school, community college, or two-year and four-year public university that has volunteered to be part of the pre-adjudication program in the judicial district.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 4, Subchapter 9, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

5-4-913. Education screening.

A person eligible to enter a pre-adjudication program under this subchapter shall have his or her education level assessed by the court by completing a reading, literacy, and math assessment by the Department of Career Education.

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 12-27-134 is amended to read as follows:

12-27-134. Probation services — Development of curriculum.

(a) The Department of Community Correction shall administer, in cooperation with the circuit courts, the provision of probation services as prescribed by the circuit courts.

(b) The department shall establish an acceptable procedure that ensures the selection of qualified applicants to meet the needs of the circuit courts and includes subject matter experts from the circuit courts.

(c)(1) The department shall develop a curriculum of vocational or technical education or training programs for persons who have been ordered by a circuit court to complete a required vocational or technical education or training program as a condition of their suspended sentence or probation.

(2) A person who is being supervised on parole, probation, or other program by the department and who is required by court order or otherwise is required by law to complete vocational or technical education or a training program as a condition of release may apply to enroll for vocational or technical education or a training program offered by Riverside Vocational and Technical School, and accommodating the person's admission shall be attempted by the school.

SECTION 7. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 28, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

12-28-108. Preferential housing of inmates — Development of curriculum.

(a) Subject to other rules as implemented by the Board of Corrections as well as security concerns, the Department of Correction shall attempt to house an inmate who requires vocational or technical education or training as a condition of his or her parole under § 16-93-618 in a facility that offers a vocational or technical education or training program through Riverside Vocational and Technical School.

(b)(1) The department shall develop a curriculum of vocational or technical education or training programs that will enable an inmate to be employable upon his or her release and shall make all necessary accommodations for the inmate's ease of entry back into the societal workforce.

(2) An inmate in the department who is required by court order or otherwise is required by law to complete a vocational or technical education or training program as a condition of release may apply to enroll for a vocational or technical education or training program offered by the school, and accommodating the inmate's admission shall be attempted by the school.

SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 12-29-309 is amended to read as follows:

12-29-309. Riverside Vocational and Technical School — Facilities — Operations — Rules and regulations.

(a)(1) For the purpose of enabling the Department of Correction and the Department of Community Correction to fulfill their legal responsibilities as correctional institutions, the The State Board of Career Education shall locate facilities and operate ~~vocational education~~ vocational or technical education or training programs within the Riverside Vocational and Technical School ~~under such agreements, and.~~

(2) ~~The operation of the school is~~ subject to ~~such special rules and regulations, as are deemed appropriate for the operation of vocational and technical school~~ vocational or technical education or training programs at the facilities of the correctional institutions under the control of the Department of Correction and the Department of Community Correction in accordance with agreements, and rules, ~~and regulations~~ mutually developed and agreed to by the State Board of Career Education and the Board of Corrections.

(b)(1) The school shall be entitled to all funds, rights, and privileges and shall be operated in the same manner as other area vocational and technical schools are operated in this state ~~but.~~

(2) However, the school shall be operated in accordance with the special rules and regulations for the operation of ~~such vocational and technical school~~ vocational or technical education or training programs at facilities of the Department of Correction and the Department of Community Correction as provided in §§ 12-29-306 — 12-29-310.

SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 16-90-1404(1), concerning the definition of "completion of a person's sentence" under the Comprehensive Criminal Record Sealing Act of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Completion of a person's sentence" means that the person, after being found guilty:

(A) ~~Has paid~~ Paid his or her fine, court costs, or other monetary obligation as defined in § 16-13-701 in full, unless the obligation has been excused by the sentencing court;

(B) Served any time in county or regional jail, a Department of Community Correction facility, or a Department of Correction facility in full; and

(C) If applicable:

(i) Has been discharged from probation or parole;

(ii) Completed any suspended sentence;

(iii) Paid any court-ordered restitution;

(iv) Completed any court-ordered community service;

(v) Paid any driver's license suspension reinstatement fees, if a driver's license suspension reinstatement fee was assessed as a result of the person's arrest, plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or a finding of guilt for the offense; ~~and~~

(vi) Completed all other driver's license reinstatement requirements, if a driver's license suspension was imposed as a result of the person's arrest, plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or a finding of guilt for the offense; and

(vii) Completed any vocational or technical education or training program that was required as a condition of the person's parole or probation;

SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 16-93-303, concerning first-time offenders and court-ordered probation, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(f) A court as a condition of probation shall order the defendant to:

(1)(A)(i) Enroll in and complete a vocational or technical education or training program at the Riverside Vocational and Technical School or a similar

program if the court finds that the defendant's lack of an employable or marketable skill contributes to the defendant's being unemployed.

(ii) The court may order the person to pay tuition for any education or training program in installments after the completion of the education or training program.

(B) If the defendant is on probation at the end of the vocational or technical education or training program required by subdivision (f)(1)(A) of this section, he or she shall be required to work in suitable employment for the remainder of his or her probation or for three (3) years, whichever occurs earlier; or

(2) Work consistently in suitable employment for the entire duration of his or her probation or for three (3) years, whichever occurs earlier.

SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 16-93-1207, concerning the court order placing a person on probation, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(c) A court as a condition of probation shall order the defendant to:

(1)(A)(i) Enroll in and complete a vocational or technical education or training program at the Riverside Vocational and Technical School or a similar program if the court finds that the defendant's lack of an employable or marketable skill contributes to the defendant's being unemployed.

(ii) The court may order the person to pay tuition for any education or training program in installments after the completion of the education or training program.

(B) If the defendant is on probation at the end of the vocational or technical education or training program required by subdivision (c)(1)(A) of this section, he or she shall be required to work in suitable employment for the remainder of his or her probation or for three (3) years, whichever occurs earlier; or

(2) Work consistently in suitable employment for the entire duration of his or her probation or for three (3) years, whichever occurs earlier."

/s/ Charles L. Armstrong

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative M. J. Gray, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1854** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1854

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1854** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-61-202 is amended to read as follows:
20-61-202. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Capable of use as human food" shall mean and shall apply to any catfish, catfish-like species, or part or product thereof of catfish or a catfish-like species unless it is denatured or otherwise identified as required by regulations prescribed by the Director of the Arkansas Bureau of Standards to deter its use as human food or unless it is naturally inedible by humans;

(2) "Catfish" means any species of the scientific family Ictaluridae;

(3) "Catfish-like" means any species of the scientific genus Pangasius, family Claridae, or family Siluridae;

(4) "Country of origin" means the country or, if within the United States, the state, from which the catfish or catfish-like species or product was obtained;

~~(3)~~ (5) "Director" means the Director of the Arkansas Bureau of Standards;

(4) (6) "Direct retail sale" means the sale of catfish or catfish-like products individually or in small quantities directly to the consumer;

~~(5)~~ (7) "Distributor" means any person offering for sale, exchange, or barter any catfish or catfish-like product destined for direct retail sale in Arkansas;

~~(6)~~ (8) "Label" means a display of written, printed, or graphic matter upon or affixed to the container in which a catfish or catfish-like product is offered for direct retail sale;

~~(7)~~ (9) "Labeling" means all labels and other written, printed, or graphic matter upon a catfish or catfish-like product, or any of its containers or wrappers, offered for direct retail sale;

~~(8)~~ (10) "Pay pond" means a circumscribed body of water owned by a person and operated solely for recreational fishing purposes on a commercial basis for profit;

~~(9)~~ (11) "Person" shall include any individual, partnership, corporation, and association or other legal entity;

~~(10)~~ (12) "Processor" means any person engaged in handling, storing, preparing, manufacturing, packing, or holding catfish or catfish-like products;

~~(11)~~ (13) "Producer" means any person engaged in the business of harvesting catfish or catfish-like species, by any method, intended for direct retail sale;

~~(12)~~ (14) "Product" means any catfish or catfish-like product capable of use as human food which is made wholly or in part from any catfish, catfish-like species, or portion ~~thereof~~ of catfish or catfish-like species, except products which contain catfish or catfish-like species only in small proportions or which in the judgment of the director historically have not been considered by consumers as products of the commercial catfish industry and which are exempted from definition as a catfish or catfish-like product by the director under such conditions as he or she may prescribe to assure that the catfish, catfish-like species, or portions ~~thereof~~ of catfish or catfish-like species contained therein are not adulterated and that the products are not represented as catfish or catfish-like products;

~~(13)~~ (14) "Product name" means the name of the catfish or catfish-like item intended for retail sale which identifies it as to kind, class, or specific use; and

~~(14)~~ (15) "Retailer" means any person offering for sale catfish or catfish-like products to individual consumers and representing the last sale prior to human consumption.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-61-203(a)(2), concerning penalties under the Arkansas Catfish Marketing Act of 1975, is amended to read as follows:

(2) All distributors, processors, wholesalers, or retailers who are distributing or selling species of fish as catfish or catfish-like that are not within the definition of "catfish" or "catfish-like" under § 20-61-202 shall be in violation of this subchapter and shall be assessed a civil penalty of:

(A) Not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for a first violation;

(B) Not less than eight hundred dollars (\$800) nor more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for a second violation within three (3) years after the date of the first violation; and

(C) Not less than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) nor more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for a third violation within three (3) years after the date of the first violation.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 20-61-206 is amended to read as follows:

20-61-206. Labeling.

(a) ~~No~~ A catfish or catfish-like product shall not be offered for direct retail sale for human consumption by a processor, distributor, or retailer unless the catfish or catfish-like product name is specifically labeled in the following manner:

(1) “Farm-Raised Catfish or Catfish-like Species”, if the product has been specifically produced in fresh water according to the usual and customary techniques of commercial aquaculture;

(2) “River or Lake Catfish or Catfish-like Species”, if the product has been produced in any freshwater lake, river, or stream of the state but has not been produced according to the usual and customary techniques of commercial aquaculture;

(3) “~~Imported~~ Country of Origin Catfish or Catfish-like Species”, provided the catfish or catfish-like species is produced from freshwater, either according to the usual and customary techniques of aquaculture, or from freshwater lakes, rivers, or streams ~~of a country other than the United States~~; and

(4) “Ocean Catfish”, provided the catfish product is produced from marine or estuarine waters in the United States.

(b) Any person selling river or lake catfish or catfish-like species exclusively and directly to the consumer may have on his or her premises a sign reasonably visible to the consumer which identifies the product as river or lake catfish or catfish-like species, rather than labeling each individual container or package of catfish or catfish-like product, as provided in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Any retailer selling catfish or catfish-like products not wrapped or in a container may comply with this subchapter by placing a sign on the display case or refrigeration unit so that the sign is reasonably visible to the consumer, giving notice that the catfish or catfish-like species is either farm-raised catfish or catfish-like species, river or lake catfish or catfish-like species, ~~imported country of origin~~ catfish or catfish-like species, or ocean catfish, as the products are defined in subsection (a) of this section.

(d) Any advertising as to any catfish or catfish-like product shall state whether the catfish or catfish-like product is farm-raised catfish or catfish-like species, river or lake catfish or catfish-like species, ~~imported country of origin~~ catfish or catfish-like species, or ocean catfish, as defined in subsection (a) of this section.

(e) Subsections (a)-(d) of this section shall not apply to catfish or catfish-like products exported from the United States.

(f) All distributors, processors, or wholesalers of catfish or catfish-like products distributing or selling catfish or catfish-like products shall provide information to each person, firm, or corporation to whom they distribute or sell

catfish or catfish-like products for resale as to whether the catfish or catfish-like product is farm-raised catfish or catfish-like species, river or lake catfish or catfish-like species, ~~imported~~ country of origin catfish or catfish-like species, or ocean catfish, as these terms are defined in subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 20-61-208 is amended to read as follows:

20-61-208. Publication of data.

The Director of the Arkansas Bureau of Standards shall publish at least biannually, in such form as he or she may deem proper, information concerning the sale of catfish or catfish-like products, together with such data about their production and use as he or she may consider advisable, provided that the information concerning production and sales of catfish or catfish-like products shall not disclose the operation of any person.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 20-61-302 is amended to read as follows:

20-61-302. Identification required.

(a) ~~No~~ A catfish or catfish-like product shall not be offered for direct retail sale for human consumption by a restaurant or other eating establishment unless the catfish or catfish-like product name is identified on the menu in the following manner:

(1) “Farm-Raised Catfish or Catfish-like Species”, if the product has been specifically produced in fresh water according to the usual and customary techniques of commercial aquaculture;

(2) “River or Lake Catfish or Catfish-like Species”, if the product has been produced in any freshwater lake, river, or stream of the state, but has not been produced according to the usual and customary techniques of commercial aquaculture;

(3)~~(A)~~ “~~Imported~~ Country of Origin Catfish or Catfish-like Species”, if the catfish or catfish-like product is produced from fresh water, either according to the usual and customary techniques of aquaculture, in or from freshwater lakes, rivers, or streams ~~of a country other than the United States.~~

(B) The country of origin of the catfish or catfish-like species shall be identified on the menu next to the fish offered for sale in the same type size and font as the fish offered for sale; and

(4) “Ocean Catfish”, if the catfish product is produced from marine or estuarine waters in the United States.

~~(b)(1) Restaurants serving multiple entrees from multiple sources may make a general disclosure of sources upon the menu and shall not be required to disclose the source of each entree. The disclosure shall contain these words: “Upon request of the customer, the origin of each entree will be disclosed.”.~~

~~(2) Upon request of the customer, the specific source shall be disclosed.~~

(e) As used in this subchapter, "catfish" means and "catfish-like" mean the same as defined under the Arkansas Catfish Marketing Act of 1975, § 20-61-201 et seq.

SECTION 6. DO NOT CODIFY. The Arkansas Bureau of Standards shall publish notice of the passage and the substance of this act on the bureau's website within thirty (30) days of the passage of this act.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after January 1, 2016."

/s/ Michael J. Gray

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative M. J. Gray, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1837** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1837

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1837** as originally introduced:

Delete all language after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-16-603, concerning local postsecondary preparatory programs, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(c) If funding is available, a school district shall provide a postsecondary preparatory program and make the postsecondary preparatory program available to each student in grades nine through eleven (9-11)."

/s/ Michael J. Gray

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Hammer, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1867** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1867

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1867** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 7, is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 7 — Hospice Drug Disposal

20-7-701. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter:

(1) "Controlled substance" means a drug, substance, or immediate precursor in Schedules II through V; and

(2)(A) "Hospice" or "hospice program" means an autonomous, centrally administered, medically directed, coordinated program providing a continuum of home, outpatient, and homelike inpatient care for the terminally ill patient and the patient's family and that employs an interdisciplinary team to assist in providing palliative and supportive care to meet the special needs arising out of the physical, emotional, spiritual, social, and economic stresses that are experienced during the final stages of illness and during dying and bereavement.

(B) The care shall be available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, and provided on the basis of need, regardless of ability to pay.

20-7-702. Hospice drug disposal.

(a) A hospice or hospice program shall establish policies and procedures for controlled substance drug disposal consistent with state and federal law.

(b) Upon the death of a patient of a hospice or hospice program, the staff of the hospice or hospice program shall inform the relatives or heirs of the patient of the policies and procedures for controlled substance drug disposal, including without limitation that:

(1) An inventory of the drugs shall be taken and documented; and

(2) The disposal of the drugs shall be in a manner that does not affect the environment.

(c) The hospice or hospice program shall dispose of any drug if the staff of the hospice or hospice program completes the procedure described in subsection

(d) of this section.

(d) The staff of the hospice or hospice program shall:

(1) Inventory the drugs on a form;

(2) Complete appropriate forms to provide to the relatives or heirs, the Division of Pharmacy Services and Drug Control of the Department of Health, the law enforcement officer, and the medical records of the patient; and

(3) Either:

(A) In the presence of a law enforcement officer, place all drugs for disposal in a tamper-proof evidence bag with a copy of the inventory form and provide the tamper-proof evidence bag to the law enforcement officer for disposal; or

(B) Dispose of the controlled substance drug in the presence of a witness by either:

(i) An absorbing substance to render the drug non-retrievable or unstable; or

(ii) A septic system that is not connected to a municipal water system.

(e) A law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency who receives the tamper-proof evidence bag shall dispose of surrendered drugs through the evidence disposal procedures, the utilization of drug take-back collection points, or statewide prescription drug disposal programs, or any combination of the procedures or programs.

(f)(1) A hospice or hospice program shall maintain current and accurate records of the receipt and disposition of all drugs surrendered under subsection (d) of this section.

(2) The Division of Pharmacy Services and Drug Control of the Department of Health may audit periodically the records to ensure accuracy."

/s/ Kim Hammer

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Hammer, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1878** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1878

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1878** as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 9, delete "FEES;" and substitute "FEES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY;"

AND

Page 1, line 14, delete "FEES" and substitute "FEES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY"

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Fee for driver's license reinstatement.

(a) The Office of Driver Services shall order only the payment of one (1) reinstatement fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) to cover all administrative orders to suspend, revoke, or cancel a driver's license for a person if a district court or circuit court judge verifies that the person has successfully completed a court-ordered diversion program, drug court program, diversion program for veterans, pre-adjudication probation, or other court-ordered program designed to rehabilitate the person.

(b) The revenues derived from this fee shall be deposited into the State Treasury as special revenues to the credit of the Department of Arkansas State Police Fund.

(c) The fee under this section is supplemental to and in addition to any fee imposed under § 5-65-119, § 5-65-304, § 5-65-310, or § 27-16-808.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Sunset provision.

This act shall be in effect only from the effective of the act and for six (6) months thereafter.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that it is necessary in most parts of the state that a person have a driver's license to hold gainful employment; that the accumulation of driver's license reinstatement fees by a person who can no longer afford to pay them places a burden on not only the person who is trying to hold gainful employment but on state in the form of state benefits in the place of a paycheck; and that this act is immediately necessary because persons should be able to put the past behind them and start with a clean slate, which will enable them to hold a valid driver's license, which will lead to gainful employment. 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."

/s/ Kim Hammer

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Hammer, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1877** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1877

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1877** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 21, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-77-2104. Claim scrubbing.

(a)(1) The Department of Human Services shall establish a request for proposals for the purposes of establishing a process of claim scrubbing also known as utilizing software to eliminate errors and omissions from medical claims that can result in denial of payment or underpayment from payers.

(2) The process of claim scrubbing shall work in conjunction with the automated eligibility verification system.

(3) The Legislative Council shall review the request for proposals and give approval before the finalization of the request for proposal.

(b) The department may contract with one (1) or more entities to establish and maintain a claim scrubbing process."

/s/ Kim Hammer

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Hammer, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1926** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1926

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1926** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 63, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23-63-116. Certified nurse practitioner reimbursement.

(a) A certified nurse practitioner shall be paid or reimbursed by a health benefit plan to the same extent as a physician for performing a healthcare service.

(b) The Arkansas Medicaid Program and all health benefit plans issued and renewed in this state shall reimburse a certified nurse practitioner at one hundred percent (100%) of the physician reimbursement rate for all out-of-pocket costs, including without limitation laboratory tests, X rays, and any test ordered and performed.

(c)(1) As used in this section, "health benefit plan" means an individual, blanket, or group plan, policy, or contract for healthcare services issued or delivered by a healthcare insurer in this state.

(2) As used in this section, "health benefit plan" includes:

(A) Indemnity and managed care plans; and

(B) Governmental plans as defined in 29 U.S.C. § 1002(32), as it existed on January 1, 2015."

/s/ Kim Hammer

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Hammer, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1884** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1884

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1884** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-319 is amended to read as follows:

5-73-319. Transfer of a license to Arkansas.

(a) ~~Any~~ Within thirty (30) days of becoming an Arkansas resident, a person who becomes a resident of Arkansas who has a valid license to carry a concealed handgun issued by a reciprocal another state may and who wishes to obtain a license to carry a concealed handgun in Arkansas shall apply to transfer his or her out-of-state handgun carry license to Arkansas by submitting the following to the Department of Arkansas State Police:

(1) ~~The~~ A copy of the person's current ~~reciprocal~~ out-of-state handgun carry license;

(2) Two (2) properly completed fingerprint cards;

(3) A nonrefundable license fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00); and

(4) Any fee charged by a state or federal agency for a criminal history check; ~~and.~~

~~(5) A digital photograph of the person or a release authorization to obtain a digital photograph of the person from another source.~~

(b) ~~After July 31, 2007, the~~ The newly transferred license to carry a concealed handgun in Arkansas is valid for a period of five (5) years from the date of issuance and binds the holder to all Arkansas laws and regulations regarding the carrying of the concealed handgun.

(c) When a person receives his or her license to carry a concealed handgun in Arkansas, he or she shall promptly surrender the out-of-state handgun carry license to the Department of Arkansas State Police unless that is impractical due to the out-of-state handgun carry license's integration with another government-issued document.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-73-321 is amended to read as follows:

5-73-321. Recognition of other states' licenses.

A person who is not an Arkansas resident and who is in possession of a valid license to carry a concealed handgun issued to the person by another state is entitled to the privileges and subject to the restrictions prescribed by this subchapter."

/s/ Kim Hammer

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Hammer, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1880** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1880

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1880** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-88-301(a)(1)(A), concerning the appointment of commissioners, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A)(i) In the ordinance creating a municipal improvement district, the city or town council shall appoint three (3) owners of real property ~~therein~~ as commissioners, who shall compose a board of improvement for the district.

(ii)(a) The number of commissioners for ~~any an~~ improvement district created under this section may be increased from three (3) to five (5) or seven (7) members by:

(1) ~~ordinance~~ Ordinance of the city or town council; or

(2) Petition to the city or town council signed by fifteen percent (15%) of the property owners of record within the improvement district from three (3) to five (5) members.

(b)(1) On a board of commissioners whose membership has been increased from three (3) to five (5) or seven (7) members under subdivision (a)(1)(A)(ii)(a) of this section, a commissioner is limited to three (3) three-year terms.

(2) The terms shall be initially staggered for terms of one (1) year, two (2) years, and three (3) years as determined by lot, with each term counting toward the three-term limit.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-88-304 is amended to read as follows:

14-88-304. Petition of property owners to fill vacancy.

(a)(1) ~~When there is a vacancy on the board of commissioners of any improvement district due to the death of a commissioner or due to the fact that a commissioner has ceased to reside in the state where such a district was created by any town or city council, and in such case, if five (5) or more property owners of the district petition the city or town council, calling attention to the vacancy on the board of commissioners and requesting the appointment of a new commissioner to fill the vacancy, it shall be the duty of the council to take forthwith the necessary steps to fill the vacancy by appointment of a new commissioner, who shall be a property owner in the district~~ The city or town council shall appoint a new

commissioner to the board of commissioners of an improvement district created by the council if:

(A) There is a vacancy on the board because a commissioner has died or has ceased to reside in the state in which the improvement district was created; and

(B) Ten percent (10%) or more of the property owners of the improvement district petition the council calling attention to the vacancy on the board and requesting the appointment of a new commissioner to fill the vacancy.

(2) A commissioner appointed under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall be a property owner in the improvement district in which the vacancy occurs.

(b)(1) Upon the filing of a petition with the council signed by ~~five (5)~~ ten percent (10%) or more of property owners in the improvement district affected, reciting that any commissioner is no longer a property owner in the improvement district; and accompanied by a corroborative certificate of an abstractor, the person shall automatically cease to be a commissioner.

(2) His The office is declared to be vacant from the date of filing the petition, and the council that created the improvement district shall ~~forthwith~~ name as commissioner of the improvement district to fill the vacancy the person named in the petition and recommended for commissioner of the improvement district if the person is a property owner in the improvement district.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 14-88-305 is amended to read as follows:

14-88-305. Removal of member.

(a)(1) The city or town council ~~shall have the power to~~ may remove a municipal board of improvement or any member ~~thereof~~ of the board by a two-thirds ~~(2/3)~~ vote of the whole number of aldermen elected to the council.

(2)(A) Removal shall be for cause only, including without limitation noncompliance with state or federal law or local ordinance, and after a hearing upon sworn charges proffered in writing by ~~some~~ a real property owner in the improvement district.

(B) Ten (10) days' notice of the hearing of the charges shall be given.

~~(b)(1) The council shall have the power to remove the board or any member thereof of the board by a vote of a majority of the whole number of aldermen elected to the city council, upon the written petition of the owners of a majority in assessed value of the property located within the district, after a hearing upon ten (10) days' notice to each member of the board affected.~~

~~(2) After July 1, 1999, in cities of the first class with a population of between sixty-one thousand five hundred (61,500) and sixty-two thousand (62,000)~~

~~persons according to the 1990 Federal Decennial Census, the~~ The council shall ~~have the power to~~ may remove the board or any member of the board by a vote of a majority of the whole number of aldermen elected to the ~~city~~ council, upon the written petition of ~~twenty-five percent (25%)~~ fifteen percent (15%) of the owners of real property located within the improvement district stating that the petitioners believe it to be in the best interest of the improvement district, and after a mandatory hearing upon ten (10) days' notice to each member of the board affected."

/s/ Kim Hammer

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Hammer, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1945** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1945

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1945** as originally introduced:

Delete everything following the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-1-603(a), concerning public employer conduct prohibited under the Arkansas Whistle-Blower Act, is amended to read as follows:

(a)~~(4)~~ A public employer shall not take adverse action against a public employee because the public employee or a person authorized to act on behalf of the public employee communicates in good faith to an appropriate authority:

~~(A)(1)~~ The existence of waste of public funds, property, or manpower, including federal funds, property, or manpower administered or controlled by a public employer; or

~~(B)(2)~~ A violation or suspected violation of a law, rule, or regulation adopted under the law of this state or a political subdivision of the state.

~~(2) The communication shall be made at a time and in a manner which gives the public employer reasonable notice of need to correct the waste or violation.~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 21-1-607 is amended to read as follows:

21-1-607. Protection of confidentiality.

(a) This subchapter shall not be construed to permit a disclosure which would diminish or impair the rights of any person or any public official to the continued protection of confidentiality of records or working papers where a statute or the common law provides for protection.

(b)(1) All documentation, including notes, memoranda, preliminary drafts of investigation reports, and other data gathered in the investigation of a communication regarding the existence of waste or of a violation is privileged and confidential and is exempt from the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq., except as provided in subdivision (b)(2) of this section.

(2) Final reports issued by a public employer or an appropriate authority concerning a communication regarding the existence of waste or of a violation and any supporting documentation shall be open to public inspection and copying, except for documents that are exempt from disclosure under other law.

(c) This section applies without limitation to communications regarding the existence of waste or of a violation received by a telephone hotline allowing for the reporting of fraud, waste, or abuse in government.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 21, Chapter 1, Subchapter 6, is amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

21-1-611. Report by public employer of communication received from public employee.

If a public employee communicates in good faith to his or her public employer the existence of waste or of a violation, the public employer shall report the communication to:

(1) An appropriate authority; or

(2) A telephone hotline allowing for the reporting of fraud, waste, or abuse in government.

21-1-612. Quarterly reporting to Division of Legislative Audit.

(a) The following persons or entities receiving a communication regarding the existence of waste or of a violation shall report to the Division of Legislative Audit on a quarterly basis all such communications they have received:

- (1) A public employer;
- (2) An appropriate authority; and
- (3) A telephone hotline allowing for the reporting of fraud, waste, or abuse in government.

(b) The division shall develop forms and guidelines for the reporting of information under subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, is amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

25-1-123. Internal control and ethics requirements for state agencies and political subdivisions - New employee orientation - Criminal background checks.

(a) As used in this section, "public employer" means any of the following:

(1) An agency, department, board, commission, division, office, bureau, council, authority, or other instrumentality of the State of Arkansas, including the offices of the various Arkansas elected constitutional officers and the General Assembly and its agencies, bureaus, and divisions;

(2) A state-supported college, university, technical college, community college, or other institution of higher education or department, division, or agency of a state institution of higher education;

(3) The Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the circuit courts, and prosecuting attorneys' offices;

(4) An office, department, commission, council, agency, board, bureau, committee, corporation, or other instrumentality of a county government or a municipality or a district court, a county subordinate service district, a municipally owned utility, or a regional or joint governing body of one (1) or more counties or municipalities; or

(5) A public school district, school, or an office or department of a public school district in Arkansas.

(b) A public employer shall establish:

(1) An internal control system that provides reasonable assurance that objectives have been achieved in:

(A) The effectiveness and efficiency of operations;

(B) The reliability of financial reporting; and

(C) Compliance with applicable laws and rules; and

(2) An effective anti-fraud program that:

(A) Creates a culture of honesty;

(B) Evaluates the risks of fraud and implements the processes, procedures, and controls needed to mitigate those risks; and

(C) Develops an appropriate oversight process.

(c) A public employer shall:

(1) Educate a new employee on the internal control system and anti-fraud program established under subsection (b) of this section;

(2) Educate a new employee regarding his or her rights and obligations to report fraud or other improprieties, including without limitation informing the employee of his or her rights under the Arkansas Whistle-Blower Act, § 21-1-601 et seq.; and

(3) At the conclusion of the activities under subdivisions (c)(1) and (2) of this section and at the beginning of each calendar year, require an employee to sign an acknowledgement indicating his or her understanding of the applicable laws, programs, and policies regarding employee ethics, internal control systems, and anti-fraud practices.

(d)(1) A public employer shall obtain a state and federal criminal background check to be conducted by the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for each prospective employee who:

(A) Will handle or exert control over the funds of the public employer; or

(B) Will participate in making decisions or recommendations concerning the deposit, investment, or expenditure of the funds of the public employer.

(2) The criminal background check shall conform to the applicable federal standards and shall include the taking of fingerprints.

(3) The prospective employee shall sign a release of information to the public employer and shall be responsible for the payment of any fee associated with the criminal background check.

(4) Upon completion of the criminal background check, the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police shall forward to the public employer all releasable information obtained concerning the prospective employee.

25-1-124. Internal audit by public employer - Assurance of independence and objectivity.

(a) As used in this section, "public employer" means any of the following:

(1) An agency, department, board, commission, division, office, bureau, council, authority, or other instrumentality of the State of Arkansas, including the offices of the various Arkansas elected constitutional officers and the General Assembly and its agencies, bureaus, and divisions;

(2) A state-supported college, university, technical college, community college, or other institution of higher education or department, division, or agency of a state institution of higher education;

(3) The Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the circuit courts, and prosecuting attorneys' offices;

(4) An office, department, commission, council, agency, board, bureau, committee, corporation, or other instrumentality of a county government or a municipality or a district court, a county subordinate service district, a municipally owned utility, or a regional or joint governing body of one (1) or more counties or municipalities; or

(5) A public school district, school, or an office or department of a public school district in Arkansas.

(b) An internal audit conducted by a public employer shall comply with sections 1110, 1111, 1120, and 1130 of the International Standards of the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing concerning independence and objectivity as existing on January 1, 2015.

25-1-125. Reporting by bonded disbursement office of public employer.

(a) As used in this section, "public employer" means any of the following:

(1) An agency, department, board, commission, division, office, bureau, council, authority, or other instrumentality of the State of Arkansas, including the offices of the various Arkansas elected constitutional officers and the General Assembly and its agencies, bureaus, and divisions;

(2) A state-supported college, university, technical college, community college, or other institution of higher education or department, division, or agency of a state institution of higher education;

(3) The Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the circuit courts, and prosecuting attorneys' offices;

(4) An office, department, commission, council, agency, board, bureau, committee, corporation, or other instrumentality of a county government or a municipality or a district court, a county subordinate service district, a municipally owned utility, or a regional or joint governing body of one (1) or more counties or municipalities; or

(5) A public school district, school, or an office or department of a public school district in Arkansas.

(b) A bonded disbursement officer for a public employer shall report any losses of public funds to the Division of Legislative Audit, including without limitation:

(1) Apparent unauthorized disbursements of public funds; or

(2) The apparent theft or misappropriation of public funds or property."

/s/ Kim Hammer

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Wallace, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1816** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1816

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1816** as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 9, delete "GOLDSTAR" and substitute "GOLD STAR"

AND

Page 1, line 14, delete "GOLDSTAR" and substitute "GOLD STAR"

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Title 27, Chapter 67, Subchapter 2, is amended to add a new section to read as follows:

27-67-225. The Gold Star Families Highway.

(a) The route along Highway 163 North from its intersection with Highway 42 to its intersection with Highway 310 is designated the "Gold Star Families Highway" to honor Arkansas's fallen service members who have served this great country in the United States Armed Forces and their families.

(b) The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department shall erect appropriate signs along Highway 163 North from its intersection with Highway 42 to its intersection with Highway 310 designating the route as "Gold Star Families Highway".

/s/ David Wallace

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Bell, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1936** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1936

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1936** as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 21 through 23 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 25, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-77-2514. Reward to employee of Medicaid provider when communication of abuse, fraud, or waste results in savings of funds.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Adverse action" means to discharge, threaten, or otherwise discriminate or retaliate against an employee in any manner that affects the employee's employment, including compensation, job location, rights, immunities, promotions, or privileges; and

(2) "Medicaid provider" means a person, corporation, or other entity that provides is directly reimbursed by Medicaid for services in the Arkansas Medicaid Program.

(b) An employee of a Medicaid provider communicating abuse, fraud, or waste by the Medicaid provider employing the employee to the Office of Medicaid Inspector General shall be eligible to receive a reward in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of any savings in Medicaid funds attributable to the communication as calculated under this section.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, upon the resolution of a matter communicated to the Office of Medicaid Inspector General under this section, the Office of Medicaid Inspector General shall provide a written report detailing the content of the communication and the outcome of the communication to the:

(1) Employee who made the communication; and

(2) Medicaid provider that was the subject of the communication.

(d) After receiving a written report under subsection (c) of this section, the Office of Medicaid Inspector General shall:

(1) Document the savings in Medicaid funds attributable to the communication made under this section for one (1) full fiscal year, including without limitation recovery of funds from the Medicaid provider occurring in response to the communication; and

(2)(A) Within thirty (30) days of the end of the first full fiscal year in which the communication under this section was made, issue a report containing:

(i) The total savings in Medicaid funds resulting from the communication under this section for the first full fiscal year in which the communication was made, including without limitation recovery from the Medicaid provider occurring in response to the communication;

(ii) The name of the employee who made the communication resulting in the savings of Medicaid funds; and

(iii) The amount of the reward for which the employee is eligible. The amount of the reward shall be equal to ten percent (10%) of the total savings in Medicaid funds reported under subdivision (d)(2)(A)(i) of this section. If the Office of Medicaid Inspector General concludes that the employee is not eligible for a reward, it shall state the reasons for that determination in the report.

(B) A report under subdivision (d)(2)(A) of this section shall be submitted to the:

(i) Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review Subcommittee of the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Review/PEER Subcommittee of the Joint Budget Committee;

(ii) Employee who made the communication under this section unless the employee has elected to maintain confidentiality under

subsection (g) of this section. The report to the employee shall include a notice to the employee of the right to an appeal under subsection (e) of this section; and

(iii) Clerk of the Arkansas State Claims Commission.

(e)(1) An employee may appeal to the Arkansas State Claims Commission in the same manner for filing a claim under § 19-10-208 if the employee believes that:

(A) A report under subdivision (d)(2)(A) of this section does not accurately reflect the savings attributable to the communication under this section; or

(B) The Office of Medicaid Inspector General did not accurately assess the determination of a reward under this section, including without limitation denying a reward to the employee.

(3)(A) A written request for an appeal under subdivision (e)(1) of this section shall be filed within forty (40) days of the submission of the report under subdivision (d)(2)(A) of this section.

(B) An appeal to the commission under subdivision (e)(1) of this section shall follow the rules and procedures of the commission.

(4) In an appeal to the commission, an employee shall have the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the:

(A) Amount of savings reported by the Office of Medicaid Inspector General under subdivision (d)(2)(A) of this section does not accurately reflect the savings attributable to the communication under this section; or

(B) Office of Medicaid Inspector General did not accurately assess the determination of a reward under this section.

(5)(A) The decision of the commission in a matter appealed under this subsection may be appealed only to the Claims Review Subcommittee of the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Claims Subcommittee of the Joint Budget Committee.

(B)(i) Notice of appeal under subdivision (e)(5)(A) of this section shall be filed with the commission within forty (40) days after the commission renders a decision.

(ii) The commission, in a timely manner, shall notify the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee and all parties to the matter when a notice of appeal to the Claims Review Subcommittee of the Legislative Council or Claims Subcommittee of the Joint Budget Committee is filed with the commission.

(iii) When the commission notifies parties of a decision of the commission, it shall advise the parties of the right of appeal.

(f)(1)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (f)(2) of this section, within thirty (30) days of the end of the period for appeal under subdivision (e)(3)(A) of this section or the resolution of an appeal under subsection (e) of this section, whichever is later, the clerk of the commission shall notify the Office of Medicaid Inspector General of a reward to be paid to an employee making a communication under this section.

(B) Upon receipt of notification under subdivision (f)(1) of this section, the Office of Medicaid Inspector General shall deliver a check to the clerk of the commission who shall deposit the same as a nonrevenue receipt into the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund from which he or she shall disburse the amount of the reward to the state employee.

(2)(A) No reward under this section shall be paid in excess of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500).

(B) If the amount of a reward is greater than twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500), the reward shall be referred to the General Assembly for an appropriation to the Office of Medicaid Inspector General.

(C) If a reward is appropriated to the Office of Medicaid Inspector General for the benefit of an employee, it shall be paid from the funds available to the Office of Medicaid Inspector General.

(g)(1) An employee of a Medicaid provider wishing to maintain confidentiality or who otherwise chooses to forego a reward under this section shall request to the Office of Medicaid Inspector General that the report under subsection (c) of this section not include the employee's name or identifying information.

(2) A state employee making a request under subdivision (g)(1) of this section shall not receive a reward under this section.

(3) The name and identifying information of an employee who requests confidentiality under subdivision (g)(1) of this section is not disclosable under applicable state or federal law.

(h)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (h)(2) of this section, a reward under this section shall not be payable for a communication made by an employee of a Medicaid provider in the normal course of the employee's job duties.

(2) If a communication in the normal course of an employee's job duties detailing abuse, fraud, or waste is not acted upon by the Medicaid provider within ninety (90) days, the employee may make a communication under this section to the Office of Medicaid Inspector General and be eligible for a reward under this section.

(i) A Medicaid provider shall not take adverse action against an employee because:

(1) The employee or a person authorized to act on behalf of the employee communicated abuse, fraud, or waste in good faith to the Office of Medicaid Inspector General in the manner provided by this section; or

(2) The employee pursues an appeal under subdivision (e)(1) of this section."

/s/ Nate Bell

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Bell, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1984** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1984

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1984** as originally introduced:

Delete everything following the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-19-104 is amended to read as follows:
25-19-104. Penalty.

(a) Any Except as provided in this section, any person who negligently violates any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.

(b)(1) A person commits unlawful calling of an executive session if the person negligently makes a motion for an executive session in violation of § 25-19-106.

(2) Unlawful calling of an executive session is a Class C felony.

(3)(A) A person convicted of unlawful calling of an executive session is ineligible to hold an office or employment in any of the departments in this state.

(B)(i) If a person is convicted of unlawful calling of an executive session while employed by any of the departments of this state, he or she shall be removed from employment immediately.

(ii) If a person is convicted of unlawful calling of an executive session while holding public office, the conviction shall be deemed a

misfeasance and malfeasance in office and shall subject the person to impeachment.

(4) It is a defense to prosecution under this section if an executive session is unlawfully called for but does not convene."

/s/ Nate Bell

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Bell, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1787** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1787

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1787** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 120, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

16-120-106. Limitation of liability for local law enforcement agencies.

A local law enforcement agency has tort immunity for any act by an employee of the local law enforcement agency who is a certified law enforcement officer that occurs while the employee is working for a third party outside of the:

(1) Employee's normal working hours; or

(2) Scope of the employee's employment with the local law enforcement agency."

/s/ Nate Bell

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative K. Ferguson, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1914** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1914

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1914** as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 23 and 24, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Findings and purpose.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) An adequate supply of electricity is essential to the safety and well-being of the citizens of this state;

(2) Through circumstances beyond a citizen's control, the citizen temporary may be unable to make utility bill payments on a current basis while providing even more basic necessities of life;

(3) Prepaid energy programs have been successfully adopted in neighboring states to address the need to maintain utility service to citizens; and

(4) The public health and welfare of Arkansas citizens requires that a similar program be implemented in this state.

(b) The purpose of this act is to require the Arkansas Public Service Commission to develop and implement a prepaid energy program that will provide assistance to citizens of this state who require temporary assistance to purchase access to electrical service for personal and household use.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 18, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23-18-108. Prepaid energy program.

(a) The Arkansas Public Service Commission shall develop and implement a prepaid energy program to:

(1) Provide temporary assistance to maintain access to electrical service for personal and household use to qualified citizens through public and private resources;

(2) Establish qualifications for participation in the program;

(3) Establish an application and decision-making process to select qualified applicants and program partners;

(4) Determine the rules and procedures for participation in the program; and

(5) Maximize public and private resources for the benefit of the program.

(b)(1) The commission shall file an annual report with the Legislative Council and the House and Senate cochairs of the Joint Committee on Energy on or before October 1.

(2) The report shall include without limitation:

(A) A summary of the program;

(B) The number and location of program participants;

(C) Funding sources and funding needs to adequately reach the target population for the program;

(D) Providers of electricity that participate in the program; and

(E) Recommendations to improve the program.

(c) The commission may promulgate rules to implement this section."

/s/ Kenneth B. Ferguson

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Jett, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1802** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1802

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1802** as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 9, delete "PROJECTS;" and substitute "PROJECTS; TO AMEND THE WATER RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES ACT;"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO AMEND THE WATER RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES ACT."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 26-51-1003(8), concerning the definition of "project" used under the Water Resource Conservation and Development Incentives Act, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(E)(i) The purchase and installation of equipment, devices, hardware, software, data, systems, or services used for the more efficient use of irrigation water.

(ii) Installation of equipment, devices, hardware, software, data systems, or services used for the more efficient use of irrigation water is considered a conversion from groundwater to surface water for tax credit purposes; and

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 26-51-1007(b)(1), concerning the income credit granted for surface water conversion outside critical areas, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) The tax credit allowed to each approved applicant shall not exceed the lesser of ~~ten percent (10%)~~ twenty-five percent (25%) of the project cost incurred or twenty seven thousand dollars (\$27,000).

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 26-51-1009(b)(1), concerning the income tax credit for land leveling for water conservation, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) The tax credit allowed to each approved applicant shall not exceed the lesser of ~~ten percent (10%)~~ twenty-five percent (25%) of the project cost incurred or twenty seven thousand dollars (\$27,000).

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 26-51-1013(b)(1), concerning the annual compilation of income tax credits under the Water Resource Conservation and Development Incentives Act, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) When the total amount of tax credits used ~~pursuant to the provisions of~~ under this subchapter exceeds ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) in any calendar year for that calendar year, the tax credits established by this subchapter shall ~~expire~~ not be available for new projects for a period of one (1) calendar year, beginning on December 31 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the tax credits used ~~pursuant to the provisions of~~ under this subchapter exceeded ten million dollars (\$10,000,000).

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. Sections 1 through 4 of this act are effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015."

/s/ Joe Jett

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Tucker, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1748** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1748

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1748** as originally introduced:

Delete all language after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

“SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 1, is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 7 – Arkansas P20W Education Data Initiative System

6-1-701. Findings — Intent.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) There is a lack of state-specific information and data concerning the spectrum of education and training programs to guide state officials in making evidence-based decisions; and

(2) Making data and information available to decision makers is essential to the creation of education and training policy for the state.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that:

(1) Education and technical training programs are held accountable for participant outcomes;

(2) Individual privacy and confidentiality are protected; and

(3) All federal and state laws related to privacy are enforced.

(c) The General Assembly acknowledges that:

(1) Research and evaluation of publicly funded educational and training programs is necessary for determining program effectiveness;

(2) Student data exists in multiple state agencies;

(3) The Arkansas Research Center was founded in 2009 under the Arkansas Commission for Coordination of Educational Efforts with funds from the Institute of Education Sciences for the purpose of anonymizing cross-agency data sharing efforts; and

(4) Evidence-based, data-driven decision making allows policy makers to adopt sound policies for the benefit of Arkansans.

6-1-702. Establishment.

(a)(1) The Director of the Arkansas Research Center shall establish and maintain an anonymized statewide longitudinal data system known as the “Arkansas P20W Education Data Initiative System”.

(2) The system shall be administered and maintained by the Arkansas Research Center.

(b) The purpose of the system is to facilitate and be an access point for:

(1) Studies concerning state education information;

(2) Evaluation of the outcomes of publicly funded programs using anonymized administrative data; and
Information and support for policy makers in the state.

(c) Sustainability of the system is contingent upon the availability of funding.

6-1-703. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter:

(1) "Anonymization" means a process for removing personally identifiable information so that education data, workforce data, and other agency-specific data can be analyzed without disclosing the identity of the individuals whose data is being used;

(2) "Education data" means the following data relating to student performance from early childhood learning programs through postsecondary education and other training programs:

(A) College and career readiness;

(B) Courses and grades;

(C) Degree, diploma, or credential attainment;

(D) Demographics;

(E) Educators;

(F) Enrollment;

(G) Financial aid;

(H) High school equivalency diploma;

(I) Remediation;

(J) Retention;

(K) State and national assessments;

(L) Transcripts;

(M) Career and technical education program information; and

(N) Any other data impacting education deemed necessary by

the Arkansas Research Center; and

(3) "Workforce data" means data relating to:

(A) Certification and licensure;

(B) Employer information;

(C) Employment status;

(D) Geographic location of employment;

(E) Job service and training information to support enhanced employment opportunities;

(F) Wage information; and

(G) Any other data impacting the workforce deemed necessary by the Arkansas Research Center.

6-1-704. Data collected and maintained — Funding.

(a) For purposes of the Arkansas P20W Education Data Initiative System, the Arkansas Research Center:

(1) Is considered an education authority and shall have access to information and data from state agencies required for the purpose of maintaining the data system; and

(2) Shall be governed by the Commission for the Coordination of Educational Efforts and guided by the Governor's Office or designee.

(b) The Arkansas Research Center shall collect accurate education data and workforce data for the system to provide anonymized, timely reports about student performance through employment and other outcomes that can be used by policy makers in making decisions that will improve the state's public education system and workforce training programs.

(c) The Arkansas Research Center shall maintain data from:

(1) The Department of Education;

(2) The Department of Higher Education;

(3) The Department of Human Services;

(4) The Department of Workforce Services; and

(5) Other state entities identified by the Commission for the Coordination of Educational Efforts or the Governor's Office.

(d) A private institution of higher education, private school, or parochial school may provide education data and workforce data to the Arkansas Research Center for inclusion in the system.

(e) Any education data or workforce data provided to the Arkansas Research Center for inclusion in the system shall be certified as accurate by the entity providing the data.

(f) Funding for the system may come from:

(1) State appropriations;

(2) Federal grants;

(3) User fees; and

(4) Any other grants or contributions from public or private entities.

6-1-705. Duties of the Arkansas Research Center.

The Arkansas Research Center shall:

(1) Develop and maintain the Arkansas P20W Education Data Initiative System that contains education data, workforce data, and other agency-specific data;

(2) Develop and implement standards and protocols for anonymizing data using recognized best-practices;

(3) Conduct research and evaluation regarding federal, state, and local education and training programs at all educational and employment levels;

(4) Audit and ensure compliance of education and training programs with applicable federal and state requirements as authorized under federal or state law;

(5) Define evaluation metrics for:

(a) Statewide education;

(b) Workforce development; and

(c) Employment;

(6) Ensure the integrity and quality of collected data;

(7) Evaluate anonymized education data, workforce data, and other agency-specific data from multiple sources for consideration in developing broad public policy initiatives;

(8) Develop requirements and definitions for data provided to the Arkansas Research Center;

(9) Develop a reasonable fee schedule for services provided;

(10) Establish data quality standards;

(11) Adopt rules for the administration of the system;

(12) Comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, 45 C.F.R. § 164.501, and all other agency-specific relevant federal and state privacy laws;

(13) Respond to approved research data requests as permitted under law or rule; and

(14) Enter into contracts or other agreements with entities, including without limitation, federal, state, or local agencies, to carry out the duties under this section if the contract or other agreement incorporates provisions for the protection of any confidential information that is shared.

6-1-706. Rules.

The Department of Education, the Department of Higher Education, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Workforce Services, and all other appropriate departments, agencies, and subcontractors shall adopt rules to implement the data-sharing provisions under this subchapter.”

/s/ Clarke Tucker

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks

Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Tucker, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1746** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1746

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1746** as originally introduced:

Immediately after the enacting clause, add an additional section to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) The use of organic materials, such as biochar, is a valuable part of agricultural productions in the state; and

(2) Organic materials, such as biochar, have the potential to provide valuable agricultural and environmental benefits to Arkansas and its citizens."

AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill

/s/ Clarke Tucker

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Tucker, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1693** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1693

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1693** as originally introduced:

Delete the title in its entirety and substitute:

"AN ACT TO AMEND LAWS CONCERNING PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS AND PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCIES; TO CLARIFY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS AND THE AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS A GUARD COMPANY IN AN INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO AMEND LAWS CONCERNING PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS AND PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCIES; AND TO CLARIFY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS AND THE AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS A GUARD COMPANY IN AN INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-40-308(a), concerning insurance requirements for private investigators and security agencies, is amended to read as follows:

(a) ~~No A Class B, Class C, Class D,~~ or general license shall not be issued to a company under this chapter unless the applicant files with the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies proof of a policy of continuing public liability insurance in a sum not less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), conditioned to compensate any person for damages, including, but not limited to, bodily injury, caused by wrongful acts of the principal or its servants, officers, agents, and employees in the conduct of any business licensed by this chapter.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-40-309(b)(4), concerning license classifications, is amended to read as follows:

(4) Class D: A single individual operating as a guard company, covering operations defined in § 17-40-102(12), or as an investigations company, with covering operations defined in § 17-40-102(13), if the individual operating as the guard company or the investigations company has no other employees required to be licensed or registered under this chapter;"

/s/ Clarke Tucker

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Bennett, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1838** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1838

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1838** as originally introduced:

Delete all language after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

“SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 64, Subchapter 7, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-64-716. Diagnostic lab.

(a) By no later than August 2, 2015:

(1) The University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture shall develop and implement a diagnostic lab at the Lonoke extension service; and

(2) The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, College of Agriculture shall transfer all assets, equipment, grants and other funds to the University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture.

(b) By May 1, 2015 the University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture shall provide a written report to the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development concerning the development of the diagnostic lab."

/s/ Camille Bennett

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative C. Douglas, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1807** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1807

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1807** as originally introduced:

Delete the title in its entirety and substitute:

"AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MULTI-AGENCY INSURANCE TRUST FUND ACT; TO PROVIDE FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY THREAT MITIGATION; TO ALLOW FOR ASSESSING AND

INSURING RISK CONCERNING CYBERSECURITY;
TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MULTI-AGENCY
INSURANCE TRUST FUND ACT; TO PROVIDE FOR
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY THREAT
MITIGATION; TO ALLOW FOR ASSESSING AND
INSURING RISK CONCERNING CYBERSECURITY;
AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-35-103(b), concerning permitted uses of the Arkansas Multi-Agency Insurance Trust Fund, is amended to read as follows:

(b) No money shall be appropriated from the trust fund for any purpose except to pay:

- (1) Insurance and reinsurance premiums;
- (2) Loss adjustment expenses;
- (3) Related educational and training expenses;
- (4) Insured claims falling below the annual aggregate deductible level; and
- (5) Expenses including actuarial, consultant, and service contract fees; and
- (6) Cybersecurity risk insurance premiums and expenses.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 25-36-104, concerning participation, is amended to read as follows:

(a) ~~Effective July 1, 2003, the~~ The following state agencies shall participate in the Arkansas Multi-Agency Insurance Trust Fund:

- (1) State agencies participating in the Arkansas Master Agency Property Policy as of June 30, 2003;
- (2) The Department of Correction;
- (3) The Department of Community Correction; ~~and~~
- (4) The Department of Information Systems; and
- (5) State agencies participating in the Arkansas State Master Vehicle Policy as of June 30, 2003.

(b) Upon approval by the risk manager, other state agencies may participate in the trust fund.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that cyber incidents, including data breaches, business interruption, and network damage, present an immediate and ongoing threat to the efficient operation of state government; that obtaining cybersecurity insurance and contributing to a more robust cybersecurity insurance market will facilitate the adoption of appropriate preventative measures and best practices to guard against this threat; and that this act is immediately necessary to protect the state and its computer networks from cyber attacks that may interrupt the provision of state services or damage computer networks at great expense to 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."

/s/ Charlotte Douglas

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative C. Douglas, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1933** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1933

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1933** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-29-404(c), concerning the Parole Board's determination whether an inmate is eligible for transfer to parole due to his or her medical condition, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1)(A) Upon receipt of a communication described in subsection (b) of this section, the board shall assemble or request all such information as is germane to

determine whether the inmate is eligible under this section for immediate transfer to parole supervision.

(B) A person sentenced to life without parole is eligible for immediate transfer to parole supervision under this section.

(2) If the facts warrant and the board is satisfied that the inmate's physical condition makes the inmate no longer a threat to public safety, the board may approve the inmate for immediate transfer to parole supervision.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 93, Subchapter 7, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

16-93-713. Parole eligibility for a person serving a sentence of life without parole.

A person who was convicted of an offense and sentenced to life without parole is eligible for transfer to parole supervision under § 12-29-404.

SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. Retroactivity.

A person serving a sentence of life without the possibility of parole for an offense committed before the effective date of this act is eligible for parole supervision under § 12-29-404."

/s/ Charlotte Douglas

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative C. Douglas, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1991** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1991

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1991** as originally introduced:

Add Senator Cheatham as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Delete all language after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 22, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-17-2207. Duty-free lunch period.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Classified employee" means an employee of a public school or school district who performs work for the public school or school district and is not required to hold a valid teaching license issued by the State Board of Education as a condition of employment;

(2) "Emergency" means a time when the health and safety of a child is immediately at risk; and

(3) "Full-time classified employee" means a classified employee who works thirty-five (35) hours or more per week for a public school or school district.

(b) A public school or school district shall provide at least one (1) thirty (30) minute uninterrupted duty-free lunch period during each student instructional day for each full-time classified employee except in an emergency.

(c) A full-time classified employee who receives one (1) thirty (30) minute uninterrupted duty-free lunch period as provided under subsection (b) of this section is not entitled to two (1) paid breaks under § 6-17-2205.

(d) A full-time classified employee who does not receive a duty-free lunch period as provided under subsection (b) of this section shall be compensated at his or her hourly rate of pay for each duty-free lunch period missed.

(e) A public school or school district is exempt from this section if the public school or school district has collectively negotiated a contract for classified employees through a local teachers' association and the negotiated contract expressly addresses a duty-free lunch period."

/s/ Charlotte Douglas

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative V. Flowers, **HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION NO. 1004** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION NO. 1004

Amend **HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION NO. 1004** as originally introduced:

Delete the title in its entirety and substitute:

"TO HONOR CLARK TERRY, JR., FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO MUSIC AND MUSIC EDUCATION THROUGH HIS CAREER AS A JAZZ MUSICIAN, EDUCATOR, AND MENTOR; AND TO PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF MUSICAL PERFORMANCE AND MUSIC EDUCATION IN ARKANSAS."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO HONOR CLARK TERRY, JR., FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO MUSIC; AND TO PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF MUSICAL PERFORMANCE AND MUSIC EDUCATION IN ARKANSAS."

AND

Page 1, delete lines 23 through 26, and substitute the following:

"WHEREAS, Clark Terry, Jr., was born on December 14, 1920, to Clark Terry, Sr., and Mary Terry in St. Louis, Missouri, and he was the 7th of 11 children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Terry and his brother would make instruments out of household items because they did not have the money to purchase an instrument, and later Mr. Terry would become one of the most recorded musicians in the history of jazz, making more than 900 recordings; and

WHEREAS, in 1942, Mr. Terry enlisted in the United States Navy and played with the United States Naval Band while stationed in Chicago, Illinois, where he also began to play with professionals such as Charlie Barnet, Lionel Hampton, and George Hudson; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, Mr. Terry played with the Quincy Jones orchestra and the next year, he accepted an invitation to join the Tonight Show band, where he became the first African-American staff musician employed by the National Broadcasting Company (NBC), and he remained a part of the Tonight Show band for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Terry went on to perform for 8 United States Presidents and to serve as a jazz ambassador for State Department tours in the Middle East and Africa; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Terry also collaborated with music icons Duke Ellington, Charles Mingus, and Count Basie; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Terry was mentored by Louis Armstrong, and Mr. Terry became a mentor to generations of jazz players, including Miles Davis and Wynton Marsalis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Terry received the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to jazz music, 2 Grammy certificates, 3 Grammy Award nominations, many honorary doctorates, and he was named a National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Master; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Terry's contributions to music education were as important as his many recordings and collaborations, as the trumpeter spent years teaching the art of jazz; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Mr. Terry and his wife, Gwen, retired to Pine Bluff, Arkansas, where Mr. Terry taught as an adjunct professor at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and mentored music students; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Terry passed away on February 21, 2015, in Pine Bluff, Arkansas at 94 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Terry's jazz career as a trumpeter, educator, and jazz ambassador spanned more than seventy years, included collaborations with some of the biggest names in American music, and left an unforgettable mark on jazz music,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives of the Ninetieth General Assembly honors the memory of Clark Terry, Jr., recognizes and appreciates his contributions to music and music education through his career as a jazz musician, educator, and mentor, and extends its sincere condolences to the family of Clark Terry, Jr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, a copy of this resolution be provided to Gwen Terry by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives."

/s/ Vivian Flowers

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks

Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Dotson, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1823** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1823

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1823** as engrossed,
H3/11/15 (version: 03/11/2015 10:09:35 AM):

Page 1, delete line 30 and substitute the following:

"(a)(1) It is not the intent of the General Assembly to cause the licensing entity to engage in simple comparisons of the required hours of training and other personal qualifications under Arkansas' occupational licensing statutes with those qualifications required in the state where the person is credentialed.

(2) It is the intent of the General Assembly to ensure that a person may be credentialed to work in Arkansas if he or she generally demonstrates the skills and ethics required by state law based on the person's experience and credentials in another state.

(b) A licensing entity shall by rule adopt reduced requirements for"

AND

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

"(1) Is a resident of this state or will be a resident of this state when he or she practices the profession for which he or she is seeking licensure, registration, or certification;

(2) Demonstrates that he or she:"

AND

Page 2, line 3, delete "and"

AND

Page 2, delete line 4, and substitute the following:

"(D) Is not holding a suspended or probationary license in any state; and

(E) Is sufficiently competent in his or her field; and"

AND

Page 2, line 5, delete "(2)" and substitute "(3)"

AND

Page 2, line 6, delete "(b)" and substitute "(c)"

AND

Page 2, line 11, delete "(c)(1)" and substitute "(d)(1)"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 20 through 23 and substitute the following:

"(e) A person shall not be required to comply with requirements under this section to obtain reinstatement of his or her license, registration, or certification if the person:

- (1) Meets the requirements for reciprocity; and
- (2) Is not a resident of this state.

(f) If a criminal background check is required of a person currently holding a license, registration, or certification, then the licensing entity may require a person seeking reinstatement under this section to meet the same criminal background check requirements as the person currently holding a license, registration, or certification."

AND

Page 2, line 24, delete "(e)" and substitute "(g)"

/s/ Jim Dotson

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Hammer, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1160** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1160

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1160** as engrossed,

H3/2/15 (version: 03/02/2015 9:10:32 AM):

Page 1, delete lines 9 through 11 and substitute the following:

"ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE; TO CREATE AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE SUBCOMMITTEE IN THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE; AND TO CREATE AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE SUBCOMMITTEE IN THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-87-310(b)(2), concerning prescriptive authority for an advanced practice registered nurse, is amended to read as follows:

(2) An advanced practice registered nurse's prescriptive authority ~~shall only extend~~ shall extend only to drugs listed in ~~Schedules III—V~~ Schedules II—V.

(3) The Arkansas State Board of Nursing shall promptly adopt rules applicable to an advanced practice registered nurse that are consistent with the Arkansas State Medical Board's rules governing the prescription of dangerous drugs and controlled substances.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 87, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

17-87-208. Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Committee — Membership.

(a)(1) The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Committee is created within the Arkansas State Board of Nursing.

(2) The committee shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the board from a list of individuals who are advanced practice registered nurses.

(b)(1) Committee members shall serve three-year terms.

(2) A committee member shall serve until a successor is appointed by the board.

(3) If a vacancy occurs, the board shall appoint a new member to fill the vacancy.

(c)(1) The committee shall elect a chair with powers and duties the committee shall fix.

(2) The chair shall serve a two-year term.

(3) A chair may be elected for no more than two (2) consecutive terms.

(d)(1) A quorum of the committee shall be three (3) members.

(2) The committee shall hold a meeting at least quarterly and at other times the committee considers advisable.

(e)(1) The committee members shall serve without remuneration.

(2) However, if funds are available, the committee members may receive expense reimbursement and stipends in accordance with § 25-16-902, as follows:

(A) The member's actual expenses while attending regular and special meetings of the committee; and

(B) A per diem allowance when in attendance at regular or special meetings of the committee.

(f) Members of the committee who are members of the board shall receive remuneration as now provided to members of the board.

(g) The purpose of the committee is to review all collaborative agreements between physicians and advanced practice registered nurses."

/s/ Kim Hammer

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Sturch, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1657** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1657

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1657** as originally introduced:

Add Representative L. Fite as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 1, line 27, delete "three hundred" and substitute "three hundred fifty (350)"

AND

Page 1, line 28, delete "(350)"

/s/ James Sturch

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

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

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1038

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

Add Representative Bragg as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 1, delete lines 18 and 19, and substitute the following:

"WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 2.3 million individuals worldwide are living with multiple sclerosis; and that the disease generally strikes people in the prime of life, between ages 20 through 50, and causes unpredictable effects in which the progression, severity, and specific symptoms cannot be foreseen, and the cause and cure for this often debilitating disease remain unknown; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Arkansas is committed to a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge about and insight into the disease; and

WHEREAS, since 1946 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatment, and a cure and has invested more than 870 million dollars in groundbreaking research; and

WHEREAS, funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel the efforts of nearly 380 research projects globally totaling 50.6 million dollars annually at the best medical centers, universities, and other institutions throughout the United States and abroad, and because of this MS research has never been more hopeful than it is today; and

WHEREAS, discovering the cause, finding a cure, and preventing future generations from being afflicted with MS is an important task that all Americans and Arkansas should support; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS, a chronic and often devastating disease, and expresses its appreciation and admiration for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society South Central Region has shown toward a future free of MS,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives of the Ninetieth General Assembly recognizes the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the importance of raising awareness of multiple sclerosis in Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, a copy of this resolution be provided by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Eli Rubenstein, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Chairman of the Board, and Cynthia Zagieboylo, President and CEO of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society."

/s/ Charlotte Douglas

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative C. Douglas, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1698** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1698

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1698** as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 27 through 33, and substitute the following:

~~"(b)(1) Any A person so refusing, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a violation and shall be fined in any sum not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) and not more than twenty five dollars (\$25.00) who does not comply with subsection (a) of this section is subject to a penalty in an amount equal to the annual amount of ad valorem taxes on the property for each of the years during which the person did not give the county assessor or appointed deputy all of the information required under subsection (a) of this section.~~

(2) However, the penalty imposed under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall not exceed the total amount of ad valorem taxes on the property for three (3) years."

/s/ Charlotte Douglas

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Hammer, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1659** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1659

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1659** as engrossed,
H3/13/15 (version: 03/13/2015 10:16:43 AM):

Page 2, delete line 34

AND

Page 2, line 35, delete "Two (2) fire department consultants" and substitute "A fire department consultant"

AND

Page 3, delete line 1, and substitute the following:

"by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(T) One (1) member representing the Insurance Services Office, Inc., to be recommended by the cochairs of the Rural Fire Departments Study Committee and appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives."

AND

Page 3, delete line 32, and substitute the following:

"assistance calls, rescues, and other emergency services;

(7) Study and review the role of fire department consultants and establish guidelines and qualifications for fire department consulting services; and"

AND

Page 3, line 33, delete "(7)" and substitute "(8)"

/s/ Kim Hammer

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative House, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1751** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1751

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1751** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-4-617 is amended to read as follows:

5-4-617. Method of execution.

(a) The Department of Correction shall carry out the sentence of death by intravenous lethal injection of a barbiturate described in subsection (c) of this section in an amount sufficient to cause death.

(b) The Director of the Department of Correction or his or her designee may order the dispensation and administration of the drug or drugs for the purpose of carrying out the lethal-injection procedure, and a prescription is not required.

(c) The department shall select one (1) of the following options for a lethal-injection protocol, depending on the availability of the drugs:

(1) Pentobarbital, followed by vecuronium bromide, followed by potassium chloride; or

(2) Midazolam, followed by vecuronium bromide, followed by potassium chloride.

(d) The drug or drugs used to carry out the lethal injection shall be:

(1) Approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration and made by an administration-approved pharmaceutical manufacturer;

(2) Obtained from an administration-registered facility; or

(3) Obtained from a compounding pharmacy that has been accredited by a national organization that accredits compounding pharmacies.

~~(b)~~(e) Before the intravenous lethal injection is administered, the condemned prisoner shall be intravenously administered a benzodiazepine.

~~(e)~~(f) The drugs set forth in subsections ~~(a) and (b)~~ (c) and (e) of this section shall be administered along with any substances that the manufacturer has mixed with the drugs and any additional substances, such as saline solution, called for in the manufacturer's instructions.

~~(d)~~(g) Catheters, sterile intravenous solution, and other equipment used for the intravenous injection of the drugs set forth in subsections ~~(a) and (b)~~ (c) and (e) of this section shall be sterilized and prepared in a manner that is safe and commonly performed in connection with the intravenous administration of drugs of that type.

~~(e)(h)~~ The Director of the Department of Correction director shall develop logistical procedures necessary to carry out the sentence of death, including:

(1) The following matters:

(A) Ensuring that the drugs and substances set forth in ~~subsections (a)-(d)~~ of this section and other necessary supplies for the lethal injection are available for use on the scheduled date of the execution;

(B) Conducting employee orientation of the lethal injection procedure before the day of the execution;

(C) Logistics of the viewing;

(D) Coordinating with other governmental agencies involved with security and law enforcement;

(E) Transferring the condemned prisoner to the facility where the sentence of death will be carried out;

(F) Escorting the condemned prisoner from the holding cell to the execution chamber;

(G) The identity, arrival, and departure of the persons involved with carrying out the sentence of death at the facility where the sentence of death will be carried out; and

(H) Making arrangements for the disposition of the condemned prisoner's body and personal property; and

(2) The following matters pertaining to other logistical issues:

(A) Chaplaincy services;

(B) Visitation privileges;

(C) Determining the condemned prisoner's death, which ~~must~~ shall be pronounced according to accepted medical standards;

(D) Confirming the type and concentration of the drugs and substances set forth in ~~subsections (a)-(d)~~ of this section when they have been received by the department; and

(E) Establishing a protocol for any necessary mixing or reconstitution of the drugs and substances set forth in ~~subsections (a)-(d)~~ of this section in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

(i) The director shall ensure that the person or persons who administer the lethal injection or establish a venous line or lines has at least two (2) years of professional experience as one (1) or more of the following:

(1) Emergency medical technician, intermediate;

(2) Emergency medical technician, paramedic;

(3) Registered nurse;

(4) Physician assistant; or

(5) Physician.

~~(f)(j)~~ The procedures for carrying out the sentence of death and related matters are not subject to the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.

~~(g)(k)(1)~~ The procedures under subdivision ~~(e)(1)(h)(1)~~ of this section, ~~and~~ the implementation of the procedures under subdivision ~~(e)(1)(h)(1)~~ of this section, and the identities of the entities and persons who participate in the execution process or administer the lethal injection are not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.

(2) The department shall keep confidential all information that may identify or lead to the identification of:

(A) The entities and persons who participate in the execution process or administer the lethal injection; and

(B) The entities and persons who compound, test, sell, or supply the drug or drugs, medical supplies, or medical equipment for the execution process.

(3) The department shall not disclose the information covered under this subsection in litigation without first applying to the court for a protective order regarding the information under this subsection.

(l) The department shall make available to the public any of the following information upon request, so long as the information that may be used to identify the compounding pharmacy, testing laboratory, seller, or supplier is redacted and maintained as confidential:

(1) Package inserts and labels, if the drug or drugs in subsection (c) of this section have been made by an administration-approved pharmaceutical manufacturer;

(2) Reports obtained from an independent testing laboratory; and

(3) The department's procedure for administering the drug or drugs set forth in subsection (c) of this section, including the contents of the lethal-injection drug box.

~~(h)(m)~~ The department shall carry out the sentence of death by electrocution if this section is invalidated by a final and unappealable court order.

(n) This section applies to all inmates who have been sentenced to death at any time, including an inmate who was sentenced to death before the effective date of this act.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the constitutional administration of

a lethal injection to the state's most dangerous convicted persons furthers the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Arkansas. 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."

/s/ Douglas House

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

Upon motion of Representative Leding, **HOUSE BILL NO. 1690** was placed back on second reading for the purpose of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1690

Amend **HOUSE BILL NO. 1690** as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative purpose.

(a) The purpose of this act is to distinguish between the closed system vaporizers and the open system atomizer.

(b) An open system atomizer means a device that:

(1) Holds e-liquid with the intent of using a metal attached to a positive and negative electrical circuit to vaporize e-liquid that may contain nicotine to be inhaled;

(2) May include without limitation a rebuildable atomizer, tank atomizer, catomizers, and clearomizers;

(3) Is manufactured with the intent of being refillable with an e-liquid by the owner or consumer; and

(4) Includes a person vaporizer, or an electronic or digital device that when used in conjunction with an open system atomizer provides a vapor that may include nicotine for the purpose of inhalation.

(c) An open system atomizer is separate and distinct from a closed system vaporizer.

(d) It is the intent of this act to explicitly prohibit only a closed system vaporizer.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-27-233(a)(1), concerning the providing minors with e-cigarettes and e-cigarette products prohibited, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "E-cigarette" means an electronic ~~oral~~ or digital device that provides a vapor of nicotine or another substance that, when used or inhaled, simulates smoking, including without limitation a device that:

(A) Is composed of a heating element, battery, electronic circuit, or a combination of heating element, battery, or electronic circuit;

(B) Works in combination with a liquid nicotine delivery device composed either, in whole or in part, of pure nicotine and manufactured for use with e-cigarettes; ~~and~~

(C) Uses:

(i) A closed system cartridge that is prefilled with e-liquid and is not manufactured with the intent of the closed system cartridge being refilled by the consumer; or

(ii) A proprietary threading system that is not intended to be interchangeable with another threading system; or

(D) Is manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, or under any other product name or descriptor; and

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-21-609(a), concerning the prohibition against smoking, the use of tobacco or tobacco products, or the use of e-cigarettes, is amended to read as follows:

(a) As used in this section, "e-cigarette" means an electronic ~~oral~~ or digital device that provides a vapor of nicotine or another substance that, when used or inhaled, simulates smoking, including without limitation a device that:

(1) Is composed of a heating element, battery, or electronic circuit, or a combination of heating element, battery, and electronic circuit;

(2) Works in combination with a liquid nicotine delivery device composed either in whole or in part of pure nicotine and propylene glycol and manufactured for use with e-cigarettes; ~~and~~

(3) Uses:

(A) A closed system cartridge that is prefilled with e-liquid and is not manufactured with the intent of the closed system cartridge being refilled by the consumer; or

(B) A proprietary threading system that is not intended to be interchangeable with another threading system; or

(4) Is manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, or under any other name or descriptor."

/s/ Greg Leding

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

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

The House gave Representative Davis unanimous leave to withdraw
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1009.

The House gave Representative Davis unanimous leave to withdraw
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1010.

The House gave Representative Davis unanimous leave to withdraw
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1011.

The House gave Representative Davis unanimous leave to withdraw
HOUSE BILL NO. 1973.

ENGROSSED BILL REPORTS

JEREMY GILLIAM, CHAIRPERSON

March 17, 2015

The following bill(s) reported correctly engrossed:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1004 BY REPRESENTATIVE S. MEEKS
HOUSE BILL NO. 1160 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMER
HOUSE BILL NO. 1345 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE HILLMAN
HOUSE BILL NO. 1383 BY REPRESENTATIVE COLLINS
HOUSE BILL NO. 1384 BY REPRESENTATIVE COLLINS
HOUSE BILL NO. 1486 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE LEDING
HOUSE BILL NO. 1583 BY REPRESENTATIVE GOSSAGE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1604 BY REPRESENTATIVE MAGIE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1645 BY REPRESENTATIVE BENTLEY
HOUSE BILL NO. 1655 BY REPRESENTATIVE COLLINS
HOUSE BILL NO. 1657 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE STURCH
HOUSE BILL NO. 1659 BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMER
HOUSE BILL NO. 1668 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE VINES
HOUSE BILL NO. 1670 BY REPRESENTATIVE LOWERY
HOUSE BILL NO. 1675 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE MAGIE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1690 BY REPRESENTATIVE LEDING
HOUSE BILL NO. 1693 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE TUCKER
HOUSE BILL NO. 1698 BY REPRESENTATIVE C. DOUGLAS
HOUSE BILL NO. 1701 BY REPRESENTATIVE SABIN
HOUSE BILL NO. 1711 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE TALLEY
HOUSE BILL NO. 1716 BY REPRESENTATIVE PITSCH
HOUSE BILL NO. 1718 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE BAINE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1726 BY REPRESENTATIVE GOSSAGE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1739 BY REPRESENTATIVE VINES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1746 BY REPRESENTATIVE TUCKER
HOUSE BILL NO. 1748 BY REPRESENTATIVE TUCKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1780 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE TOSH
HOUSE BILL NO. 1781 BY REPRESENTATIVE HICKERSON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1787 BY REPRESENTATIVE BELL
HOUSE BILL NO. 1791 BY REPRESENTATIVE VINES

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1793 BY REPRESENTATIVE GOSSAGE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1795 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE GOSSAGE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1796 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE M. GRAY
HOUSE BILL NO. 1797 BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT
HOUSE BILL NO. 1802 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE JETT
HOUSE BILL NO. 1804 BY REPRESENTATIVE EUBANKS
HOUSE BILL NO. 1806 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE VAUGHT
HOUSE BILL NO. 1807 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE C. DOUGLAS
HOUSE BILL NO. 1816 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE WALLACE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1822 BY REPRESENTATIVE BENNETT
HOUSE BILL NO. 1823 BY REPRESENTATIVE DOTSON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1833 BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHEY
HOUSE BILL NO. 1834 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHEY
HOUSE BILL NO. 1837 BY REPRESENTATIVE M. J. GRAY
HOUSE BILL NO. 1838 BY REPRESENTATIVE BENNETT
HOUSE BILL NO. 1842 BY REPRESENTATIVE MURDOCK
HOUSE BILL NO. 1843 BY REPRESENTATIVE MURDOCK
HOUSE BILL NO. 1847 BY REPRESENTATIVE D. FERGUSON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1851 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE NEAL
HOUSE BILL NO. 1854 BY REPRESENTATIVE M. J. GRAY
HOUSE BILL NO. 1856 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE MURDOCK
HOUSE BILL NO. 1857 BY REPRESENTATIVE MURDOCK
HOUSE BILL NO. 1860 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE MURDOCK
HOUSE BILL NO. 1867 BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMER
HOUSE BILL NO. 1877 BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMER
HOUSE BILL NO. 1878 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1884 BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMER
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 HOUSE BILL NO. 1926 BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMER
 HOUSE BILL NO. 1933 BY REPRESENTATIVE C. DOUGLAS
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 HOUSE BILL NO. 1958 BY REPRESENTATIVE C. ARMSTRONG
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 HOUSE BILL NO. 1979 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE SABIN
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 HOUSE BILL NO. 1991 - TITLE - BY REPRESENTATIVE C. DOUGLAS
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 HOUSE BILL NO. 2007 BY REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT
 HOUSE MEMORIAL
 RESOLUTION NO. 1004 - TITLE -BY REPRESENTATIVE V. FLOWERS

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED

HOUSE BILL NO. 1160

BY: REPRESENTATIVES HAMMER, GONZALES

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF AN *ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE*; TO CREATE AN *ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE SUBCOMMITTEE IN THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING*; AND FOR *OTHER PURPOSES*.

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1345

BY: REPRESENTATIVES HILLMAN, *E. ARMSTRONG, BENNETT, BENTLEY, D. DOUGLAS, M. J. GRAY, JETT, RICHEY, SCOTT, D. WHITAKER*
BY: *SENATOR E. WILLIAMS*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR DELAYED PAYMENT FOR CERTAIN METAL TRANSACTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR EXCEPTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1486

BY: REPRESENTATIVES LEDING, *SABIN, E. ARMSTRONG, BLAKE, BROADAWAY, NICKS, D. WHITAKER*
BY: *SENATOR J. WOODS*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE OBLIGATIONS OF RESIDENTIAL LANDLORDS AND RESIDENTIAL TENANTS; TO REQUIRE MINIMUM HABITABILITY STANDARDS FOR TENANTS OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1657

BY: REPRESENTATIVES STURCH, *L. FITE*
BY: *SENATOR IRVIN*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADDRESS PETITIONS FOR MUNICIPAL INCORPORATION; TO ADDRESS CERTAIN ANNEXATION REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1668

BY: REPRESENTATIVE *D. DOUGLAS*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE COLLECTION ACTIVITIES AND THE PRACTICES OF COLLECTION AGENCIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1675

BY: REPRESENTATIVE MAGIE

BY: SENATOR IRVIN

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL LIMITED VENUES FOR THE SALE OF RAFFLE TICKETS BY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1693

BY: REPRESENTATIVE TUCKER

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED *AN ACT TO AMEND LAWS CONCERNING PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS AND PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCIES; TO CLARIFY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS AND THE AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS A GUARD COMPANY IN AN INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1711

BY: REPRESENTATIVE TALLEY

BY: SENATOR TEAGUE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE EMBALMING, CREMATING, FUNERAL DIRECTING, TRANSPORTING HUMAN REMAINS, THE OPERATION OF FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS, CREMATORIUMS, TRANSPORT SERVICES, AND THE STATE BOARD OF EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1718

BY: REPRESENTATIVE BAINE

BY: *SENATOR B. PIERCE*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT; *TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT ACT*; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1780

BY: REPRESENTATIVES TOSH, *SULLIVAN*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE TEACHER EXCELLENCE AND SUPPORT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1795

BY: REPRESENTATIVE GOSSAGE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF LIQUOR SALES PERMITS THAT MAY BE ISSUED REGARDING SMALL FARM WINES, BEER, AND LIGHT WINES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1796

BY: REPRESENTATIVE M. GRAY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED *AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL AND PARTIAL CENSUSES; TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURES FOR A PARTIAL SPECIAL CENSUS TO BE USED FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF HIGHWAY REVENUES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1802

BY: REPRESENTATIVE JETT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING INCENTIVES FOR WATER RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; *TO AMEND THE WATER RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES ACT*; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1806

BY: REPRESENTATIVE VAUGHT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED *AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1807

BY: REPRESENTATIVE C. DOUGLAS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED *AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MULTI-AGENCY INSURANCE TRUST FUND ACT; TO PROVIDE FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY THREAT MITIGATION; TO ALLOW FOR ASSESSING AND INSURING RISK CONCERNING CYBERSECURITY; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1816

BY: REPRESENTATIVE WALLACE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A HIGHWAY DESIGNATION FOR GOLD STAR FAMILIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1834

BY: REPRESENTATIVE RICHEY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A CITY OF *THE FIRST CLASS OR THE SECOND CLASS* TO AUTHORIZE BY ORDINANCE THE ISSUANCE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD PERMITS TO RESTAURANTS FOR THE SALE OF MIXED DRINKS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1851

BY: REPRESENTATIVE NEAL

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS TO CERTAIN BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP ON CERTAIN BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1856

BY: REPRESENTATIVE MURDOCK

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED *AN ACT TO REMOVE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FROM THE FOUNDATION FUNDING CALCULATION AND CREATE A TRANSPORTATION CATEGORICAL FUND; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1860

BY: REPRESENTATIVE MURDOCK

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED *AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING ADEQUACY AND EQUITY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1878

BY: REPRESENTATIVE HAMMER

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED *AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING DRIVER'S LICENSE REINSTATEMENT FEES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1887

BY: REPRESENTATIVES LEMONS, *BALTZ, BENTLEY, BRAGG, COPELAND, COZART, DAVIS, D. FERGUSON, C. FITE, L. FITE, GATES, GOSSAGE, M. GRAY, HAMMER, HARRIS, HENDERSON, JEAN, JETT, JOHNSON, LOVE, LOWERY, MAGIE, RICHEY, RICHMOND, RUSHING, SHEPHERD, B. SMITH, SORVILLO, SPEAKS, STURCH, TOSH, VINES*

BY: SENATOR E. WILLIAMS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED *AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING SUICIDE PREVENTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1890

BY: REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

BY: SENATOR RAPERT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING THE TAXES APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN FOOD *PRODUCTS*; *TO AMEND THE COLLECTION PROCEDURE FOR TAXES RELATED TO CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS*; TO CLARIFY THE TAX TREATMENT OF CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1901

BY: REPRESENTATIVE SABIN

BY: SENATOR J. WOODS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING ARKANSAS LAWS PERTAINING TO ETHICS; *TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY*; AND FOR *OTHER PURPOSES*.

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1940

BY: REPRESENTATIVES GATES, *BALLINGER*, *BENTLEY*, *BROWN*, *COPELAND*, *HARRIS*, *LEMONS*, *J. MAYBERRY*, *B. SMITH*

BY: *SENATORS A. CLARK*, *HESTER*, *J. HUTCHINSON*, *B. KING*, *MALOCH*, *G. STUBBLEFIELD*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE CHARITABLE GIVING AND ELIMINATE PERVERSE AND ABSURD TAXES AND DISINCENTIVES ON CHARITABLE GIVING; TO EXEMPT CERTAIN WITHDRAWALS OF STOCK FROM THE SALES AND USE TAX; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1959

BY: REPRESENTATIVE WARDLAW

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED *AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE SCOPE OF A STATE PERMIT AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BEER AND LIGHT WINE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1979

BY: REPRESENTATIVES SABIN, *BENTLEY*, *RICHMOND*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A STUDY OF AND REPORT ON THE POLICIES NECESSARY TO ENHANCE THE ECONOMY, EXPAND THE LOCALLY PRODUCED FOOD MARKET, IMPROVE NUTRITION AND HEALTH IN THE STATE, PREVENT FOOD WASTE, AND DETERMINE THE FUTURE NEEDS RELATED TO A LOCAL FOOD-BASED INITIATIVE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

HOUSE BILL ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1991

BY: REPRESENTATIVE C. DOUGLAS

BY: *SENATOR E. CHEATHAM*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING DUTY-FREE LUNCH PERIODS FOR CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION ENGROSSED AS TITLE AMENDED
HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION NO. 1004

BY: REPRESENTATIVES V. FLOWERS, K. FERGUSON

TO HONOR CLARK TERRY, JR., FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO MUSIC AND MUSIC EDUCATION THROUGH HIS CAREER AS A JAZZ MUSICIAN, EDUCATOR, AND MENTOR; AND TO PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF MUSICAL PERFORMANCE AND MUSIC EDUCATION IN ARKANSAS.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1019

BY: REPRESENTATIVE BENTLEY

TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTERS IN ARKANSAS.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ AND ADOPTED BY MORE THAN 51 VOTES.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1033

BY: REPRESENTATIVE LOWERY

TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO REVISE ARKANSAS CODE § 9-12-312(A)(4), CONCERNING THE FAMILY SUPPORT CHART, IN ORDER TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE CHILD SUPPORT AWARDS.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ AND ADOPTED BY MORE THAN 51 VOTES.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1042

BY: REPRESENTATIVE D. FERGUSON

TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO PRESERVE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS, FREE MEDIA, AND DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES IN TURKEY; AND TO RECOGNIZE TURKISH-AMERICAN CITIZENS' ENDEAVORS TO IMPROVE TIES BETWEEN THE GREAT STATE OF ARKANSAS AND TURKEY.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ AND ADOPTED BY MORE THAN 51 VOTES.

Morning Hour Expired.

Representative Rushing moved for reconsideration of HOUSE BILL NO. 1699. Motion carried.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1699

BY: REPRESENTATIVE BENNETT

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

AFFIRMATIVE: C. Armstrong, Baine, Baltz, Beck, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadaway, Brown, Collins, Cozart, Davis, Della Rosa, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, K. Ferguson, V. Flowers, Gates, Gossage, M. Gray, M.J. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, M. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, S. Meeks, Murdock, Nicks, B. Overbey, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Sabin, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tosh, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Walker, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Wright.

Total80

NEGATIVE: Ballinger, Copeland, Deffenbaugh, L. Fite, D. Meeks, Payton, Speaks.

Total7

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: E. Armstrong, Bell, Dotson, C. Douglas, Fielding, C. Fite, Gonzales, Ladyman, Miller, Neal, Sorvillo, Womack, Mr. Speaker.

Total13

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....87

Total number voting in the affirmative80

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

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

ARKANSAS SENATE

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1133

Amend HOUSE BILL NO. 1133 as engrossed,
H2/23/15 (version: 02/23/2015 9:57:18 AM):

Add Senator Irvin as a cosponsor of the bill

/s/ Missy Irvin

The Amendment was read and the vote was as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE: C. Armstrong, Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadaway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, K. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gossage, M. Gray, M.J. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, G. Hodges, M. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Sabin, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tosh, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Walker, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker.

Total 88

NEGATIVE:

Total 0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: E. Armstrong, Dotson, C. Douglas, Gonzales, Hillman, Jean, Ladyman, Miller, Sorvillo, Womack, Wright, Mr. Speaker.

Total 12

VOTING PRESENT:

Total 0

Total number of votes cast 88

Total number voting in the affirmative 88

Necessary to concur in the amendment 51

So the Amendment was concurred in.

/s/ Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk

HOUSE BILL NO. 1596

BY: REPRESENTATIVE C. DOUGLAS

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

AFFIRMATIVE: C. Armstrong, Baine, Baltz, Beck, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Brown, Copeland, Deffenbaugh, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Eaves, Farrer, D. Ferguson, K. Ferguson, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gonzales, Gossage, M.J. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, M. Hodges, Leding, Lemons, Love, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, Murdock, Nicks, Petty, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Sabin, Scott, Shepherd, Sorvillo, Sturch, Talley, Tucker, Walker, Wallace, D. Whitaker, Wright.

Total53

NEGATIVE: Ballinger, Bell, Della Rosa, Dotson, Drown, C. Fite, M. Gray, K. Hendren, Jean, Johnson, Linck, Lowery, Lundstrum, McNair, D. Meeks, Neal, Rushing, B. Smith, Speaks, Sullivan, Vines, Wardlaw.

Total22

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: E. Armstrong, Bragg, Broadaway, Collins, Cozart, Davis, Eads, Eubanks, Fielding, Gates, Holcomb, House, Jett, Ladyman, Lampkin, Miller, B. Overbey, Payton, Tosh, Vaught, Womack, Mr. Speaker.

Total22

VOTING PRESENT: Branscum, S. Meeks, Pitsch.

Total3

Total number of votes cast.....78

Total number voting in the affirmative53

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

Upon motion of Representative C. Douglas the Clincher motion failed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1375

BY: REPRESENTATIVE J. MAYBERRY

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

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Beck, Bennett, Bentley, Boyd, Bragg, Broadaway, Brown, Copeland, Davis, Eads, D. Ferguson, K. Ferguson, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gossage, M. Gray, Hammer, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, M. Hodges, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Lowery, J. Mayberry, McElroy, McNair, S. Meeks, Miller, B. Overbey, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Shepherd, Sorvillo, Sturch, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, D. Whitaker, Wright.

Total51

NEGATIVE: Ballinger, Bell, Collins, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, D. Douglas, Drown, Gonzales, Lundstrum, Neal, B. Smith, Sullivan.

Total13

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Baltz, Blake, Cozart, C. Douglas, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, M.J. Gray, Harris, Hillman, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Ladyman, Linck, Love, Magie, G. McGill, Murdock, Nicks, Sabin, Speaks, Tosh, Walker, Wardlaw, Womack, Mr. Speaker.

Total31

VOTING PRESENT: Branscum, Fielding, C. Fite, D. Meeks, Scott.

Total5

Total number of votes cast.....69

Total number voting in the affirmative51

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

Upon motion of Representative Hammer the Clincher motion failed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1892

BY: REPRESENTATIVE G. HODGES

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

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Bell, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Deffenbaugh, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, K. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, M.J. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, M. Hodges, Holcomb, Jean, Johnson, Leding, Lemons, Love, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Miller, Murdock, Neal, B. Overbey, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Sabin, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tosh, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright.

Total85

NEGATIVE: Della Rosa, K. Hendren, Jett.

Total3

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Beck, Davis, House, Ladyman, Lampkin, Linck, Nicks, Walker, Mr. Speaker.

Total11

VOTING PRESENT: Branscum.

Total1

Total number of votes cast.....89

Total number voting in the affirmative85

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1240

BY: REPRESENTATIVE TOSH

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

AFFIRMATIVE: C. Armstrong, Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadaway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, C. Fite, L. Fite, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, M.J. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, M. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Miller, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Sabin, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Talley, Tosh, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright.

Total89

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: E. Armstrong, K. Ferguson, V. Flowers, Ladyman, Linck, Love, Sullivan, Tucker, Walker, Mr. Speaker.

Total10

VOTING PRESENT: Fielding.

Total1

Total number of votes cast.....90

Total number voting in the affirmative89

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1680

BY: REPRESENTATIVE GATES

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

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Della Rosa, C. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Farrer, K. Ferguson, C. Fite, L. Fite, Gates, Gossage, M. Gray, M.J. Gray, Hammer, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, M. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Johnson, Lemons, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Pitsch, Richmond, Rushing, Sabin, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Vaught, Wallace.

Total56

NEGATIVE: Lundstrum, Ratliff, Scott, Sullivan, Wardlaw.

Total5

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, D. Douglas, Eubanks, D. Ferguson, V. Flowers, Gonzales, Harris, Jett, Ladyman, Lampkin, Leding, Linck, Love, Lowery, Magie, Miller, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Payton, Petty, Richey, Talley, Tosh, Tucker, Vines, Walker, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright, Mr. Speaker.

Total36

VOTING PRESENT: Branscum, Dotson, Fielding.

Total3

Total number of votes cast.....64

Total number voting in the affirmative56

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1734

BY: REPRESENTATIVE DOTSON

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

AFFIRMATIVE: Ballinger, Beck, Bell, Bentley, Bragg, Branscum, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Deffenbaugh, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Eaves, Farrer, C. Fite, L. Fite, Gonzales, Gossage, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, M. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Miller, Neal, Nicks, Payton, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Sabin, Scott, B. Smith, Speaks, Sullivan, Vines, Wallace, D. Whitaker, Womack.

Total60

NEGATIVE: Broadaway, Della Rosa, Drown, Eads, M. Gray, Lemons, Love, G. McGill, Petty, Rushing, Shepherd, Sturch, Vaught, Wardlaw.

Total14

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Bennett, Blake, Davis, D. Ferguson, K. Ferguson, V. Flowers, Gates, M.J. Gray, Ladyman, Linck, Murdock, B. Overbey, Sorvillo, Talley, Tosh, Tucker, Walker, Wright, Mr. Speaker.

Total21

VOTING PRESENT: Baine, Baltz, Boyd, Eubanks, Fielding.

Total5

Total number of votes cast.....79

Total number voting in the affirmative60

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1211

BY: REPRESENTATIVE DOTSON

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

AFFIRMATIVE: C. Armstrong, Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadaway, Brown, Copeland, Cozart, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Farrer, D. Ferguson, K. Ferguson, C. Fite, L. Fite, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, M. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Miller, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Sabin, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Walker, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack.

Total85

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: E. Armstrong, Bennett, Collins, Davis, C. Douglas, Eubanks, Fielding, V. Flowers, Gates, M.J. Gray, Ladyman, Murdock, Tosh, Wright, Mr. Speaker.

Total15

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....85

Total number voting in the affirmative85

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1216

BY: REPRESENTATIVE D. WHITAKER

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

AFFIRMATIVE: C. Armstrong, Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadaway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Farrer, D. Ferguson, K. Ferguson, C. Fite, L. Fite, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, M. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Miller, Murdock, Neal, B. Overbey, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Sabin, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tosh, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Walker, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack.

Total84

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: E. Armstrong, Bell, Davis, Dotson, Eubanks, Fielding, V. Flowers, M.J. Gray, Ladyman, Leding, Lowery, Nicks, Ratliff, Wright, Mr. Speaker.

Total15

VOTING PRESENT: C. Douglas.

Total1

Total number of votes cast.....85

Total number voting in the affirmative84

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1202

BY: REPRESENTATIVE SHEPHERD

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

AFFIRMATIVE: C. Armstrong, Baine, Baltz, Beck, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Brown, Copeland, Davis, Della Rosa, D. Douglas, Eads, Farrer, C. Fite, L. Fite, Gossage, Hammer, Harris, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, M. Hodges, Johnson, Lemons, Love, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Rushing, Sabin, Scott, Shepherd, Sorvillo, Sullivan, Tosh, Tucker, Walker.

Total49

NEGATIVE: Ballinger, Bentley, Broadaway, Collins, Dotson, Drown, D. Ferguson, Gates, Lundstrum, D. Meeks, Miller, Payton, Richmond, B. Smith, Speaks, Sturch, Talley, Vines, Wallace, Wardlaw, Womack.

Total21

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: E. Armstrong, Bell, Bennett, Branscum, Cozart, Deffenbaugh, C. Douglas, Eaves, Eubanks, K. Ferguson, Fielding, V. Flowers, Gonzales, M.J. Gray, Henderson, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Ladyman, Lampkin, Leding, Linck, Lowery, Vaught, D. Whitaker, Wright, Mr. Speaker.

Total28

VOTING PRESENT: M. Gray, S. Meeks.

Total2

Total number of votes cast.....72

Total number voting in the affirmative49

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

So the Bill failed.

Representative Rushing moved to re-refer SENATE BILL NO. 529 back to Committee. Motion carried.

SENATE BILL NO. 464

BY: SENATOR BURNETT

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

AFFIRMATIVE: C. Armstrong, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadaway, Brown, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, K. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, M. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Miller, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Payton, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Sabin, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tosh, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Walker, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright.

Total91

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: E. Armstrong, Baine, Bell, Collins, M.J. Gray, Hammer, Ladyman, Petty, Mr. Speaker.

Total9

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....91

Total number voting in the affirmative91

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

SENATE BILL NO. 261

BY: SENATOR J. HUTCHINSON

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

AFFIRMATIVE: C. Armstrong, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bentley, Blake, Bragg, Broadaway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, K. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, M. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Miller, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Sabin, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tosh, Tucker, Vaught, Walker, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright.

Total90

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: E. Armstrong, Baine, Bell, Bennett, Boyd, Branscum, M.J. Gray, Ladyman, Vines, Mr. Speaker.

Total10

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....90

Total number voting in the affirmative90

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

SENATE BILL NO. 613

BY: SENATOR IRVIN

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

AFFIRMATIVE: C. Armstrong, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Farrer, D. Ferguson, K. Ferguson, Fielding, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, Hammer, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hillman, G. Hodges, M. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lowery, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Sabin, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tosh, Tucker, Vaught, Walker, Wallace, D. Whitaker, Wright.

Total85

NEGATIVE: Harris, Hickerson, Lundstrum.

Total3

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: E. Armstrong, Baine, Bennett, Eubanks, C. Fite, M.J. Gray, Ladyman, Miller, Vines, Wardlaw, Womack, Mr. Speaker.

Total12

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....88

Total number voting in the affirmative85

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

SENATE BILL NO. 511

BY: SENATOR K. INGRAM

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

AFFIRMATIVE: C. Armstrong, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, K. Ferguson, Fielding, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, M. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Miller, Neal, B. Overbey, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Rushing, Sabin, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tosh, Tucker, Vaught, Walker, Wallace, D. Whitaker, Wright.

Total77

NEGATIVE: Bell, Richmond, Womack.

Total3

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: E. Armstrong, Baine, Bennett, Dotson, C. Douglas, C. Fite, M.J. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Jean, Ladyman, Love, G. McGill, Murdock, Nicks, Payton, Petty, Vines, Wardlaw, Mr. Speaker.

Total20

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....80

Total number voting in the affirmative77

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

SENATE BILL NO. 181

BY: SENATOR E. WILLIAMS

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

AFFIRMATIVE: C. Armstrong, Baine, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Farrer, D. Ferguson, K. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gossage, M. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, M. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Lemons, Linck, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Neal, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Rushing, Sabin, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tosh, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Walker, D. Whitaker.

Total76

NEGATIVE: Gonzales, Richmond, Wallace, Wardlaw, Womack.

Total5

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: E. Armstrong, Ballinger, Bennett, Dotson, Eubanks, M.J. Gray, Jean, Ladyman, Leding, Love, G. McGill, Miller, Murdock, Nicks, B. Overbey, Payton, Petty, Wright, Mr. Speaker.

Total19

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....81

Total number voting in the affirmative76

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

SENATE BILL NO. 171

BY: SENATOR B. SAMPLE

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

AFFIRMATIVE: C. Armstrong, Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, K. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, M.J. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, M. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Lemons, Linck, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Miller, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Sabin, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tosh, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Walker, Wallace, D. Whitaker, Womack.

Total90

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: E. Armstrong, Bell, Ladyman, Leding, Love, G. McGill, Murdock, Wardlaw, Wright, Mr. Speaker.

Total10

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....90

Total number voting in the affirmative.....90

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

There being an Emergency Clause attached to **SENATE BILL NO. 171**, the Speaker ordered the clerk to call the roll upon the adoption of the Emergency Clause. The vote was as follows:

EMERGENCY CLAUSE

AFFIRMATIVE: C. Armstrong, Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadaway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, K. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, M.J. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, M. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Lemons, Linck, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Miller, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Sabin, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tosh, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Walker, Wallace, D. Whitaker, Womack.

Total90

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: E. Armstrong, Bell, Ladyman, Leding, Love, G. McGill, Murdock, Wardlaw, Wright, Mr. Speaker.

Total10

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....90

Total number voting in the affirmative90

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

So the Emergency Clause was adopted.

SENATE BILL NO. 356

BY: SENATOR FILES

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

AFFIRMATIVE: C. Armstrong, Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, K. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, M.J. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, M. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Miller, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Sabin, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright.

Total90

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: E. Armstrong, Bell, Ladyman, Love, G. McGill, Murdock, Tosh, Walker, Wardlaw, Mr. Speaker.

Total10

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....90

Total number voting in the affirmative90

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

SENATE BILL NO. 570

BY: SENATOR B. SAMPLE

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

AFFIRMATIVE: C. Armstrong, Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, K. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, M.J. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, M. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Linck, Love, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Miller, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Sabin, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Walker, Wallace, D. Whitaker.

Total90

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: E. Armstrong, Ladyman, Lemons, G. McGill, Murdock, Tosh, Wardlaw, Womack, Wright, Mr. Speaker.

Total10

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....90

Total number voting in the affirmative90

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

There being an Emergency Clause attached to **SENATE BILL NO. 570**, the Speaker ordered the clerk to call the roll upon the adoption of the Emergency Clause. The vote was as follows:

EMERGENCY CLAUSE

AFFIRMATIVE: C. Armstrong, Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadaway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, K. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, M.J. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, M. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Linck, Love, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Miller, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Sabin, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Walker, Wallace, D. Whitaker.

Total90

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: E. Armstrong, Ladyman, Lemons, G. McGill, Murdock, Tosh, Wardlaw, Womack, Wright, Mr. Speaker.

Total 10

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....90

Total number voting in the affirmative.....90

Necessary to the adoption of the emergency clause67

So the Emergency Clause was adopted.

SENATE BILL NO. 331

BY: SENATOR J. HENDREN

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

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bentley, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, C. Fite, L. Fite, Gates, Gonzales, M. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Johnson, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Petty, Pitsch, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sullivan, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, Wright.

Total68

NEGATIVE: Shepherd, Walker.

Total2

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Bennett, Blake, Broadaway, K. Ferguson, Fielding, V. Flowers, Gossage, M.J. Gray, Hillman, M. Hodges, Jean, Jett, Ladyman, Lampkin, Love, G. McGill, Miller, Murdock, Payton, Ratliff, Sabin, Sturch, Talley, Tosh, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack, Mr. Speaker.

Total30

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....70

Total number voting in the affirmative68

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

There being an Emergency Clause attached to **SENATE BILL NO. 331**, the Speaker ordered the clerk to call the roll upon the adoption of the Emergency Clause. The vote was as follows:

EMERGENCY CLAUSE

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bentley, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, C. Fite, L. Fite, Gates, Gonzales, M. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Johnson, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Petty, Pitsch, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sullivan, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, Wright.

Total68

NEGATIVE: Shepherd, Walker.

Total2

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Bennett, Blake, Broadaway, K. Ferguson, Fielding, V. Flowers, Gossage, M.J. Gray, Hillman, M. Hodges, Jean, Jett, Ladyman, Lampkin, Love, G. McGill, Miller, Murdock, Payton, Ratliff, Sabin, Sturch, Talley, Tosh, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack, Mr. Speaker.

Total30

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....70

Total number voting in the affirmative68

Necessary to the adoption of the emergency clause67

So the Emergency Clause was adopted.

SENATE BILL NO. 743

BY: SENATOR G. STUBBLEFIELD

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

AFFIRMATIVE: C. Armstrong, Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadaway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, K. Ferguson, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Miller, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Sabin, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Walker, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright.

Total90

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: E. Armstrong, Cozart, Dotson, Fielding, M.J. Gray, M. Hodges, Ladyman, Tosh, Vines, Mr. Speaker.

Total10

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....90

Total number voting in the affirmative90

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

SENATE BILL NO. 756

BY: SENATOR HESTER

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

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bentley, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, K. Ferguson, C. Fite, L. Fite, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, M.J. Gray, Hammer, Harris, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, House, Jean, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Lowery, Magie, J. Mayberry, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Neal, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Vaught, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack.

Total67

NEGATIVE: Lampkin, McElroy, B. Overbey, Ratliff, Walker, Wallace.

Total6

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Bennett, Blake, Drown, Fielding, V. Flowers, Henderson, M. Hodges, Holcomb, Jett, Ladyman, Miller, Murdock, Nicks, Richey, Sabin, Talley, Tosh, Tucker, Vines, Wright, Mr. Speaker.

Total23

VOTING PRESENT: Johnson, Love, Lundstrum, G. McGill.

Total4

Total number of votes cast.....77

Total number voting in the affirmative67

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

SENATE BILL NO. 612

BY: SENATOR J. WOODS

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

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bennett, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, D. Ferguson, C. Fite, L. Fite, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Miller, Neal, Nicks, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright.

Total79

NEGATIVE: Walker.

Total1

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Bentley, Blake, Broadaway, Farrer, K. Ferguson, Fielding, V. Flowers, M.J. Gray, M. Hodges, Ladyman, Lampkin, Love, G. McGill, Murdock, B. Overbey, Sabin, Tosh, Mr. Speaker.

Total20

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....80

Total number voting in the affirmative79

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

Representative Rushing moved to re-refer **SENATE BILL NO. 528** back to Committee. Motion carried.

SENATE BILL NO. 57

BY: SENATOR J. WOODS

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

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Eads, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, K. Ferguson, C. Fite, L. Fite, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, M.J. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hillman, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lowery, Lundstrum, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Miller, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright.

Total83

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Bell, Drown, Eaves, Fielding, V. Flowers, Hickerson, M. Hodges, Johnson, Ladyman, Magie, Murdock, Sabin, Tosh, Walker, Mr. Speaker.

Total17

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....83

Total number voting in the affirmative83

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

SENATE BILL NO. 58

BY: SENATOR J. WOODS

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

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, K. Ferguson, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, M.J. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lowery, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, Miller, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, Wardlaw, Womack, Wright.

Total85

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, M. Hodges, Jett, Johnson, Ladyman, Lundstrum, S. Meeks, Murdock, Sabin, Tosh, Walker, D. Whitaker, Mr. Speaker.

Total14

VOTING PRESENT: Fielding.

Total1

Total number of votes cast.....86

Total number voting in the affirmative85

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

SENATE BILL NO. 681

BY: SENATOR A. CLARK

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

AFFIRMATIVE: Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bentley, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadaway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eubanks, D. Ferguson, L. Fite, Gates, Gossage, M.J. Gray, Harris, Henderson, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jett, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Lowery, J. Mayberry, McElroy, McNair, D. Meeks, Neal, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sturch, Sullivan, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, D. Whitaker, Wright.

Total61

NEGATIVE: Eaves, Hammer, K. Hendren, Magie, Walker, Wardlaw, Womack.

Total7

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Bennett, Farrer, K. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, Gonzales, M. Hodges, Jean, Johnson, Ladyman, Lampkin, Love, Lundstrum, G. McGill, Miller, Murdock, B. Overbey, Sabin, Sorvillo, Talley, Tosh, Mr. Speaker.

Total24

VOTING PRESENT: Baine, Blake, Eads, V. Flowers, M. Gray, S. Meeks, Nicks, Speaks.

Total8

Total number of votes cast.....76

Total number voting in the affirmative61

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

There being an Emergency Clause attached to **SENATE BILL NO. 681**, the Speaker ordered the clerk to call the roll upon the adoption of the Emergency Clause. The vote was as follows:

EMERGENCY CLAUSE

AFFIRMATIVE: Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bennett, Bentley, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, L. Fite, Gates, Gossage, M. Gray, M.J. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Lowery, Lundstrum, J. Mayberry, McElroy, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Neal, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sturch, Sullivan, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Wright.

Total69

NEGATIVE: Blake, Magie, Walker.

Total3

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Broadaway, C. Douglas, Eaves, K. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, Gonzales, M. Hodges, Johnson, Ladyman, Lampkin, Love, G. McGill, Miller, Murdock, Nicks, B. Overbey, Sabin, Sorvillo, Speaks, Talley, Tosh, Womack, Mr. Speaker.

Total26

VOTING PRESENT: Baine, V. Flowers.

Total2

Total number of votes cast.....74

Total number voting in the affirmative69

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

So the Emergency Clause was adopted.

SENATE BILL NO. 426

BY: SENATOR J. WOODS

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

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, Fielding, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, M.J. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Walker, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack.

Total 84

NEGATIVE:

Total 0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, K. Ferguson, C. Fite, M. Hodges, Jett, Johnson, Ladyman, Miller, Payton, Richey, Sabin, Sorvillo, Tosh, Wright, Mr. Speaker.

Total 16

VOTING PRESENT:

Total 0

Total number of votes cast..... 84

Total number voting in the affirmative 84

Necessary to the passage of the bill 51

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

SENATE BILL NO. 1001

BY: SENATOR HESTER

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

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bennett, Bentley, Boyd, Bragg, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Farrer, D. Ferguson, C. Fite, L. Fite, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Lemons, Linck, Lowery, Lundstrum, J. Mayberry, McNair, D. Meeks, Miller, Neal, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sullivan, Vaught, Wallace, Wardlaw, Womack.

Total64

NEGATIVE: C. Armstrong, Blake, D. Douglas, V. Flowers, K. Hendren, Love, Magie, McElroy, G. McGill, Murdock, Talley, Walker.

Total12

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: E. Armstrong, Branscum, Eubanks, K. Ferguson, Fielding, M.J. Gray, M. Hodges, Jett, Johnson, Ladyman, Lampkin, Leding, Nicks, B. Overbey, Richey, Sabin, Sturch, Tosh, Tucker, Vines, D. Whitaker, Wright, Mr. Speaker.

Total23

VOTING PRESENT: S. Meeks.

Total1

Total number of votes cast.....77

Total number voting in the affirmative64

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

SENATE BILL NO. 623

BY: SENATOR B. PIERCE

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

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bennett, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadway, Brown, Copeland, Cozart, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Farrer, D. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, M.J. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Love, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Walker, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright.

Total78

NEGATIVE: K. Hendren.

Total1

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Ballinger, Bentley, Collins, Davis, Dotson, C. Douglas, Eubanks, K. Ferguson, Henderson, M. Hodges, Jett, Johnson, Ladyman, Linck, Miller, Payton, Sabin, Tosh, Mr. Speaker.

Total21

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....79

Total number voting in the affirmative78

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

SENATE BILL NO. 555

BY: SENATOR CALDWELL

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

AFFIRMATIVE: C. Armstrong, Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadaway, Brown, Copeland, Cozart, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gossage, M. Gray, M.J. Gray, Hammer, Harris, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Love, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Miller, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Walker, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright.

Total85

NEGATIVE: Gonzales.

Total1

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: E. Armstrong, Bell, Collins, Davis, Dotson, K. Ferguson, Henderson, M. Hodges, Johnson, Ladyman, Linck, Sabin, Tosh, Mr. Speaker.

Total14

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast86

Total number voting in the affirmative85

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

There being an Emergency Clause attached to **SENATE BILL NO. 555**, the Speaker ordered the clerk to call the roll upon the adoption of the Emergency Clause. The vote was as follows:

EMERGENCY CLAUSE

AFFIRMATIVE: C. Armstrong, Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadaway, Brown, Copeland, Cozart, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gossage, M. Gray, M.J. Gray, Hammer, Harris, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Love, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Miller, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Walker, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright.

Total 85

NEGATIVE: Gonzales.

Total 1

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: E. Armstrong, Bell, Collins, Davis, Dotson, K. Ferguson, Henderson, M. Hodges, Johnson, Ladyman, Linck, Sabin, Tosh, Mr. Speaker.

Total 14

VOTING PRESENT:

Total 0

Total number of votes cast..... 86

Total number voting in the affirmative 85

Necessary to the adoption of the emergency clause 67

So the Emergency Clause was adopted.

SENATE BILL NO. 796

BY: SENATOR J. WOODS

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

AFFIRMATIVE: Ballinger, Beck, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Bragg, Brown, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Farrer, D. Ferguson, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, House, Jean, Lemons, Lowery, Magie, J. Mayberry, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Miller, Neal, Payton, Petty, Ratliff, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker.

Total52

NEGATIVE: Boyd, C. Douglas, C. Fite, Lundstrum, McElroy, McNair, Nicks, Richmond, Vines, Wardlaw.

Total10

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Baine, Baltz, Bell, Branscum, Broadway, Collins, Eaves, Eubanks, K. Ferguson, Fielding, M.J. Gray, M. Hodges, Holcomb, Jett, Johnson, Ladyman, Lampkin, Leding, Linck, Love, G. McGill, Murdock, B. Overbey, Pitsch, Richey, Sabin, Sturch, Tosh, Vaught, Walker, Wallace, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright, Mr. Speaker.

Total37

VOTING PRESENT: M. Gray.

Total1

Total number of votes cast.....63

Total number voting in the affirmative52

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

SENATE BILL NO. 794

BY: SENATOR J. WOODS

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

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Farrer, D. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Miller, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack.

Total 84

NEGATIVE: Wright.

Total 1

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Branscum, Davis, Eubanks, K. Ferguson, M.J. Gray, M. Hodges, Johnson, Ladyman, Murdock, Sabin, Tosh, Walker, Mr. Speaker.

Total 15

VOTING PRESENT:

Total 0

Total number of votes cast..... 85

Total number voting in the affirmative 84

Necessary to the passage of the bill 51

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

There being an Emergency Clause attached to **SENATE BILL NO. 794**, the Speaker ordered the clerk to call the roll upon the adoption of the Emergency Clause. The vote was as follows:

EMERGENCY CLAUSE

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Farrer, D. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Miller, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack.

Total84

NEGATIVE: Wright.

Total1

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Branscum, Davis, Eubanks, K. Ferguson, M.J. Gray, M. Hodges, Johnson, Ladyman, Murdock, Sabin, Tosh, Walker, Mr. Speaker.

Total15

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....85

Total number voting in the affirmative84

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

So the Emergency Clause was adopted.

SENATE BILL NO. 487

BY: SENATOR RAPERT

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

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, M.J. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Miller, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Payton, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack.

Total88

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Branscum, K. Ferguson, M. Hodges, Ladyman, Leding, Sabin, Tosh, Walker, Wright, Mr. Speaker.

Total12

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....88

Total number voting in the affirmative88

Necessary to the passage of the bill51

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1031

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

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

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gossage, M. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright.

Total84

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Bell, Branscum, K. Ferguson, Gonzales, M.J. Gray, Hillman, M. Hodges, Ladyman, Miller, Payton, Sabin, Tosh, Walker, Mr. Speaker.

Total16

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....84

Total number voting in the affirmative84

Necessary to the passage of the bill75

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

There being an Emergency Clause attached to **HOUSE BILL NO. 1031**, the Speaker ordered the clerk to call the roll upon the adoption of the Emergency Clause. The vote was as follows:

EMERGENCY CLAUSE

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Broadaway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gossage, M. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright.

Total 84

NEGATIVE:

Total 0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Bell, Branscum, K. Ferguson, Gonzales, M.J. Gray, Hillman, M. Hodges, Ladyman, Miller, Payton, Sabin, Tosh, Walker, Mr. Speaker.

Total 16

VOTING PRESENT:

Total 0

Total number of votes cast..... 84

Total number voting in the affirmative 84

Necessary to the adoption of the emergency clause 67

So the Emergency Clause was adopted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1043

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

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

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gossage, M. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright.

Total84

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Bell, Branscum, K. Ferguson, Gonzales, M.J. Gray, Hillman, M. Hodges, Ladyman, Miller, Payton, Sabin, Tosh, Walker, Mr. Speaker.

Total16

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....84

Total number voting in the affirmative84

Necessary to the passage of the bill75

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

There being an Emergency Clause attached to **HOUSE BILL NO. 1043**, the Speaker ordered the clerk to call the roll upon the adoption of the Emergency Clause. The vote was as follows:

EMERGENCY CLAUSE

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Broadaway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gossage, M. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright.

Total 84

NEGATIVE:

Total 0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Bell, Branscum, K. Ferguson, Gonzales, M.J. Gray, Hillman, M. Hodges, Ladyman, Miller, Payton, Sabin, Tosh, Walker, Mr. Speaker.

Total 16

VOTING PRESENT:

Total 0

Total number of votes cast..... 84

Total number voting in the affirmative 84

Necessary to the adoption of the emergency clause 67

So the Emergency Clause was adopted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1100

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

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

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gossage, M. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright.

Total84

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Bell, Branscum, K. Ferguson, Gonzales, M.J. Gray, Hillman, M. Hodges, Ladyman, Miller, Payton, Sabin, Tosh, Walker, Mr. Speaker.

Total16

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast84

Total number voting in the affirmative84

Necessary to the passage of the bill75

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

There being an Emergency Clause attached to **HOUSE BILL NO. 1100**, the Speaker ordered the clerk to call the roll upon the adoption of the Emergency Clause. The vote was as follows:

EMERGENCY CLAUSE

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gossage, M. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lowery, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright.

Total 84

NEGATIVE:

Total 0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Bell, Branscum, K. Ferguson, Gonzales, M.J. Gray, Hillman, M. Hodges, Ladyman, Miller, Payton, Sabin, Tosh, Walker, Mr. Speaker.

Total 16

VOTING PRESENT:

Total 0

Total number of votes cast..... 84

Total number voting in the affirmative 84

Necessary to the adoption of the emergency clause 67

So the Emergency Clause was adopted.

SENATE BILL NO. 41

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

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

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, Hammer, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Petty, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright.

Total84

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Branscum, K. Ferguson, M.J. Gray, Harris, M. Hodges, Ladyman, Lowery, Miller, Payton, Pitsch, Sabin, Tosh, Walker, Mr. Speaker.

Total16

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....84

Total number voting in the affirmative84

Necessary to the passage of the bill75

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

There being an Emergency Clause attached to **SENATE BILL NO. 41**, the Speaker ordered the clerk to call the roll upon the adoption of the Emergency Clause. The vote was as follows:

EMERGENCY CLAUSE

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Broadaway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, Hammer, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Petty, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright.

Total 84

NEGATIVE:

Total 0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Branscum, K. Ferguson, M.J. Gray, Harris, M. Hodges, Ladyman, Lowery, Miller, Payton, Pitsch, Sabin, Tosh, Walker, Mr. Speaker.

Total 16

VOTING PRESENT:

Total 0

Total number of votes cast..... 84

Total number voting in the affirmative 84

Necessary to the adoption of the emergency clause 67

So the Emergency Clause was adopted.

SENATE BILL NO. 642

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

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

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Baltz, Beck, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, Hammer, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright.

Total83

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Ballinger, Bell, Davis, K. Ferguson, M.J. Gray, Harris, M. Hodges, Ladyman, Lowery, Miller, Payton, Sabin, Tosh, Walker, Mr. Speaker.

Total17

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast83

Total number voting in the affirmative83

Necessary to the passage of the bill75

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

There being an Emergency Clause attached to **SENATE BILL NO. 642**, the Speaker ordered the clerk to call the roll upon the adoption of the Emergency Clause. The vote was as follows:

EMERGENCY CLAUSE

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Baltz, Beck, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadaway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, Hammer, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright.

Total 83

NEGATIVE:

Total 0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Ballinger, Bell, Davis, K. Ferguson, M.J. Gray, Harris, M. Hodges, Ladyman, Lowery, Miller, Payton, Sabin, Tosh, Walker, Mr. Speaker.

Total 17

VOTING PRESENT:

Total 0

Total number of votes cast..... 83

Total number voting in the affirmative 83

Necessary to the adoption of the emergency clause 67

So the Emergency Clause was adopted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1522

BY: REPRESENTATIVE C. FITE

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

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Bragg, Branscum, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, M.J. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright.

Total86

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Bell, K. Ferguson, M. Hodges, Ladyman, Lowery, Miller, Payton, Sabin, Tosh, Walker, Mr. Speaker.

Total13

VOTING PRESENT: Boyd.

Total1

Total number of votes cast.....87

Total number voting in the affirmative86

Necessary to the passage of the bill75

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

There being an Emergency Clause attached to **HOUSE BILL NO. 1522**, the Speaker ordered the clerk to call the roll upon the adoption of the Emergency Clause. The vote was as follows:

EMERGENCY CLAUSE

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Ballinger, Baltz, Beck, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Bragg, Branscum, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gates, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, M.J. Gray, Hammer, Harris, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, Hillman, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Lampkin, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, Wardlaw, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright.

Total86

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Bell, K. Ferguson, M. Hodges, Ladyman, Lowery, Miller, Payton, Sabin, Tosh, Walker, Mr. Speaker.

Total13

VOTING PRESENT: Boyd.

Total1

Total number of votes cast.....87

Total number voting in the affirmative.....86

Necessary to the adoption of the emergency clause67

So the Emergency Clause was adopted.

SENATE BILL NO. 363

BY: SENATOR J. ENGLISH

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

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, M.J. Gray, Hammer, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright.

Total82

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Ballinger, K. Ferguson, Gates, Harris, Hillman, M. Hodges, Ladyman, Lampkin, Lowery, Miller, Payton, Sabin, Tosh, Walker, Wardlaw, Mr. Speaker.

Total18

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast82

Total number voting in the affirmative82

Necessary to the passage of the bill75

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

There being an Emergency Clause attached to **SENATE BILL NO. 363**, the Speaker ordered the clerk to call the roll upon the adoption of the Emergency Clause. The vote was as follows:

EMERGENCY CLAUSE

AFFIRMATIVE: Baine, Baltz, Beck, Bell, Bennett, Bentley, Blake, Boyd, Bragg, Branscum, Broadway, Brown, Collins, Copeland, Cozart, Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, C. Douglas, D. Douglas, Drown, Eads, Eaves, Eubanks, Farrer, D. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Gonzales, Gossage, M. Gray, M.J. Gray, Hammer, Henderson, K. Hendren, Hickerson, G. Hodges, Holcomb, House, Jean, Jett, Johnson, Leding, Lemons, Linck, Love, Lundstrum, Magie, J. Mayberry, McElroy, G. McGill, McNair, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Murdock, Neal, Nicks, B. Overbey, Petty, Pitsch, Ratliff, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Scott, Shepherd, B. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sturch, Sullivan, Talley, Tucker, Vaught, Vines, Wallace, D. Whitaker, Womack, Wright.

Total82

NEGATIVE:

Total0

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Ballinger, K. Ferguson, Gates, Harris, Hillman, M. Hodges, Ladyman, Lampkin, Lowery, Miller, Payton, Sabin, Tosh, Walker, Wardlaw, Mr. Speaker.

Total18

VOTING PRESENT:

Total0

Total number of votes cast.....82

Total number voting in the affirmative82

Necessary to the adoption of the emergency clause67

So the Emergency Clause was adopted.

HOUSE BILLS ORDERED TRANSMITTED TO THE SENATE AS PASSED

HOUSE BILL NO. 1031	BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1043	BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1100	BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1211	BY REPRESENTATIVE DOTSON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1216	BY REPRESENTATIVE D. WHITAKER
HOUSE BILL NO. 1240	BY REPRESENTATIVE TOSH
HOUSE BILL NO. 1375	BY REPRESENTATIVE J. MAYBERRY
HOUSE BILL NO. 1522	BY REPRESENTATIVE C. FITE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1596	BY REPRESENTATIVE C. DOUGLAS
HOUSE BILL NO. 1680	BY REPRESENTATIVE GATES
HOUSE BILL NO. 1699	BY REPRESENTATIVE BENNETT
HOUSE BILL NO. 1734	BY REPRESENTATIVE DOTSON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1892	BY REPRESENTATIVE G. HODGES

SENATE BILLS ORDERED RETURNED TO THE SENATE AS PASSED

SENATE BILL NO. 41	BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
SENATE BILL NO. 57	BY SENATOR J. WOODS
SENATE BILL NO. 58	BY SENATOR J. WOODS
SENATE BILL NO. 171	BY SENATOR B. SAMPLE
SENATE BILL NO. 181 AS AMENDED #1	BY SENATOR E. WILLIAMS
SENATE BILL NO. 261 AS AMENDED #1	BY SENATOR J. HUTCHINSON
SENATE BILL NO. 331	BY SENATOR J. HENDREN
SENATE BILL NO. 356	BY SENATOR FILES
SENATE BILL NO. 363	BY SENATOR J. ENGLISH
SENATE BILL NO. 426	BY SENATOR J. WOODS
SENATE BILL NO. 464	BY SENATOR BURNETT
SENATE BILL NO. 487 AS AMENDED #1 & #2	BY SENATOR RAPERT
SENATE BILL NO. 511	BY SENATOR K. INGRAM
SENATE BILL NO. 555	BY SENATOR CALDWELL
SENATE BILL NO. 570	BY SENATOR B. SAMPLE

SENATE BILLS ORDERED RETURNED TO THE SENATE AS PASSED,
CONTINUED

SENATE BILL NO. 612	BY SENATOR J. WOODS
SENATE BILL NO. 613 AS AMENDED #1	BY SENATOR IRVIN
SENATE BILL NO. 623	BY SENATOR B. PIERCE
SENATE BILL NO. 642	BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
SENATE BILL NO. 681	BY SENATOR A. CLARK
SENATE BILL NO. 743	BY SENATOR G. STUBBLEFIELD
SENATE BILL NO. 756	BY SENATOR HESTER
SENATE BILL NO. 794	BY SENATOR J. WOODS
SENATE BILL NO. 796	BY SENATOR J. WOODS
SENATE BILL NO. 1001	BY SENATOR HESTER

ARKANSAS SENATE

HOUSE BILLS RETURNED FROM THE SENATE AS PASSED

HOUSE BILL NO. 1178 AS AMENDED #2	BY REPRESENTATIVE PITSCH
HOUSE BILL NO. 1367 AS AMENDED #1 & #2	BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMER
HOUSE BILL NO. 1394	BY REPRESENTATIVE C. FITE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1399	BY REPRESENTATIVE HILLMAN
HOUSE BILL NO. 1406 AS AMENDED #1	BY REPRESENTATIVE BENTLEY
HOUSE BILL NO. 1418	BY REPRESENTATIVE D. WHITAKER
HOUSE BILL NO. 1427	BY REPRESENTATIVE JETT
HOUSE BILL NO. 1445	BY REPRESENTATIVE K. FERGUSON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1587 AS AMENDED #1	BY REPRESENTATIVE STURCH
HOUSE BILL NO. 1584	BY REPRESENTATIVE GOSSAGE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1825	BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS
HOUSE BILL NO. 1893	BY REPRESENTATIVE WALLACE

ARKANSAS SENATE
SENATE BILLS RECEIVED FROM SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 172	BY SENATOR J. HUTCHINSON
SENATE BILL NO. 424	BY SENATOR B. JOHNSON
SENATE BILL NO. 563	BY SENATOR TEAGUE
SENATE BILL NO. 759	BY SENATOR FILES
SENATE BILL NO. 767	BY SENATOR RAPERT
SENATE BILL NO. 816	BY SENATOR B. SAMPLE
SENATE BILL NO. 817	BY SENATOR E. WILLIAMS
SENATE BILL NO. 835	BY SENATOR IRVIN
SENATE BILL NO. 841	BY SENATOR B. SAMPLE
SENATE BILL NO. 855	BY SENATOR D. SANDERS
SENATE BILL NO. 935	BY SENATOR RICE

ENROLLED AND DELIVERY TO GOVERNOR REPORTS

Little Rock, Arkansas

March 17, 2015

MR. SPEAKER:

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1097	BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1234	BY REPRESENTATIVE BALTZ, ET AL
HOUSE BILL NO. 1314	BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS, ET AL
HOUSE BILL NO. 1369	BY REPRESENTATIVE BAINE, ET AL
HOUSE BILL NO. 1415	BY REPRESENTATIVE HICKERSON, ET AL
HOUSE BILL NO. 1438	BY REPRESENTATIVE BENTLEY, ET AL
HOUSE BILL NO. 1462	BY REPRESENTATIVE BENNETT
HOUSE BILL NO. 1463	BY REPRESENTATIVE BENNETT
HOUSE BILL NO. 1484	BY REPRESENTATIVE BENNETT
HOUSE BILL NO. 1517	BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1518	BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
HOUSE BILL NO. 1628	BY REPRESENTATIVE SHEPHERD, ET AL
HOUSE BILL NO. 1641	BY REPRESENTATIVE MURDOCK
HOUSE BILL NO. 1642	BY REPRESENTATIVE MURDOCK
HOUSE BILL NO. 1665	BY REPRESENTATIVE BENNETT
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1008	BY REPRESENTATIVE C. DOUGLAS, ET AL
HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL RESOLUTION NO. 1001	BY REPRESENTATIVE JEAN, ET AL

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 11:10 a.m. delivered them to the Governor for his approval.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jeremy Gillam
Chairperson

RECEIPT FROM THE GOVERNOR

RECEIVED FROM THE HOUSE:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1097	BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
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/s/ Asa Hutchinson - Governor

TIME: 11:10 a.m.

By: Angie Dover

STATE OF ARKANSAS
ASA HUTCHINSON
GOVERNOR

March 16, 2015

TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Dear Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that on March 12, 2015, I approved the following measures from the Regular Session of the Ninetieth General Assembly:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1265 - ACT 388
HOUSE BILL NO. 1468 - ACT 389
HOUSE BILL NO. 1504 - ACT 390
HOUSE BILL NO. 1606 - ACT 391

Sincerely,

/s/ Asa Hutchinson

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STATE OF ARKANSAS

ASA HUTCHINSON

GOVERNOR

March 16, 2015

TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Dear Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that on March 13, 2015, I approved the following measures from the Regular Session of the Ninetieth General Assembly:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1042 - ACT 403

HOUSE BILL NO. 1095 - ACT 404

HOUSE BILL NO. 1315 - ACT 405

HOUSE BILL NO. 1385 - ACT 406

Sincerely,

/s/ Asa Hutchinson

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ASA HUTCHINSON
GOVERNOR

March 17, 2015

TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Dear Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that on March 16, 2015, I approved the following measures from the Regular Session of the Ninetieth General Assembly:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1177 - ACT 409

HOUSE BILL NO. 1255 - ACT 410

HOUSE BILL NO. 1386 - ACT 411

HOUSE BILL NO. 1489 - ACT 412

Sincerely,

/s/ Asa Hutchinson

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JEREMY GILLAM, SPEAKER

MEMORANDUM

TO: Whom It May Concern
FROM: House Committee on the Journal; Engrossed and Enrolled Bills
DATE: March 17, 2015
SUBJECT: Amendment #1 to **HOUSE BILL NO. 1851**

The House Committee on the Journal; Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, by this letter, approves the correction of an error in Amendment #1 to **HB1851**.

Amendment #1, page 1, delete the first line

The Committee authorizes the Chief Clerk to carry out the intent of the amendment by correctly engrossing **HB1851**.

/s/ Jeremy Gillam
Rep. Jeremy Gillam, Chairperson
Speaker of the House

/s/ Charlene Fite
Rep. Charlene Fite

/s/ John T. Vines
Rep. John T. Vines, Chairperson
House Rules

/s/ Dave Wallace
Rep. Dave Wallace

/s/ Bill Gossage
Rep. Bill Gossage, Chairperson
House Management Committee

/s/ Finos "Buddy" Johnson
Finos "Buddy" Johnson
Parliamentarian

cc: Sherri Stacks, Chief Clerk

ERROR CORRECTION 3-17-15

Talked to Jennifer Waymack

Hall of the House of Representatives

90th General Assembly – Regular Session, 2015

Amendment Form**Subtitle of House Bill No. 1851**

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS TO AND MEMBERSHIP
ON CERTAIN BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND OTHER
ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1851

Amend House Bill No. 1237 as originally introduced:

DELE SJS 3-17-15

Page 1, line 19, delete "COMMITTEES" and substitute "COMMITTEES, AND"

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

“SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 2-9-103(a), concerning appointments to the
Arkansas Catfish Promotion Board, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The Arkansas Catfish Promotion Board is created.

(2) The board shall be composed of seven (7) members appointed by
the Governor as follows:

~~(1)(A) The Catfish Farmers of Arkansas, Inc., shall submit to the
Governor the names of six (6) persons who are members of the catfish industry.
The list of nominees shall include commercial catfish producers, processors, and
feed dealers identified as such. The Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation shall submit
to the Governor the names of six (6) persons who are commercial catfish
producers. All members shall be and residents of Arkansas.~~

~~(B) The Governor shall appoint four (4) members from the list
submitted by the Catfish Farmers of Arkansas, Inc., and three (3) members from
the list submitted by the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation to serve on the board.~~

~~(2)(3) Each year, not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the
expiration of the terms of the current members of the board whose terms expire, the
organizations named in subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section shall submit to the
Governor the names of two (2) nominees for each position to be filled on the board
from the respective organizations, subject to the foregoing qualifications, and the
Governor shall appoint the new members from each list of nominees. If no lists are~~

HOUSE BILL NO. 1383

BY: REPRESENTATIVE COLLINS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE THE INCOME TAX APPLICABLE TO CAPITAL GAINS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1384

BY: REPRESENTATIVE COLLINS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE INCOME TAXES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1604

BY: REPRESENTATIVE MAGIE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE COMBATING PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE ACT; TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1645

BY: REPRESENTATIVE BENTLEY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A RESTRICTED DRIVING PERMIT UPON SUSPENSION OF THE DRIVER'S LICENSE OF A SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAM PARTICIPANT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1668

BY: REPRESENTATIVE *D. DOUGLAS*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE COLLECTION ACTIVITIES AND THE PRACTICES OF COLLECTION AGENCIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1670

BY: REPRESENTATIVE LOWERY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT THE PARENTAL RIGHTS OF A PUTATIVE FATHER; TO VACATE AN ADOPTION WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS FROM THE FINAL ADOPTION ORDER UPON EVIDENCE OF FRAUD OR A LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF THE CHILD'S EXISTENCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1675

BY: REPRESENTATIVE MAGIE

BY: SENATOR IRVIN

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL LIMITED VENUES FOR THE SALE OF RAFFLE TICKETS BY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1690

BY: REPRESENTATIVES LEDING, G. HODGES

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED *AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF E-CIGARETTE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1693

BY: REPRESENTATIVE TUCKER

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED *AN ACT TO AMEND LAWS CONCERNING PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS AND PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCIES; TO CLARIFY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS AND THE AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS A GUARD COMPANY IN AN INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1711

BY: REPRESENTATIVE TALLEY

BY: SENATOR TEAGUE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE EMBALMING, CREMATING, FUNERAL DIRECTING, TRANSPORTING HUMAN REMAINS, THE OPERATION OF FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS, CREMATORIUMS, TRANSPORT SERVICES, AND THE STATE BOARD OF EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1716

BY: REPRESENTATIVE PITSCH

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED TAX; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF A VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED TAX TO ADDRESS DECLINING FUEL TAX REVENUES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1718

BY: REPRESENTATIVE BAINE

BY: SENATOR B. PIERCE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT; TO *CREATE THE ARKANSAS ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT ACT*; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1726

BY: REPRESENTATIVE GOSSAGE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING ASSESSMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1739

BY: REPRESENTATIVE VINES

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE SHIPPING OF WINE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1745

BY: REPRESENTATIVE SORVILLO

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDIT OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP *PROGRAM*; TO CREATE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR TUITION PAYMENTS FOR *DEPENDENTS WITH CERTAIN DISABILITIES*; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1746

BY: REPRESENTATIVE TUCKER

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR THE PURCHASE OF ORGANIC MATERIALS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1748

BY: REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, SABIN, COZART

BY: SENATORS D. JOHNSON, ELLIOTT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ARKANSAS P20W EDUCATIONAL DATA SYSTEM; TO IMPLEMENT THE ARKANSAS P20W EDUCATIONAL DATA SYSTEM ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1751

BY: REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF A LETHAL INJECTION AT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1771

BY: REPRESENTATIVE SHEPHERD

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES, PENALTIES, AND INTEREST ON MINERAL INTERESTS; TO AMEND THE METHODS OF COLLECTING DELINQUENT TAXES, PENALTIES, AND INTEREST ON MINERAL INTERESTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1780

BY: REPRESENTATIVES TOSH, SULLIVAN

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE TEACHER EXCELLENCE AND SUPPORT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1781

BY: REPRESENTATIVE HICKERSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1787

BY: REPRESENTATIVE BELL

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT LIMITING THE LIABILITY OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FOR ACTS COMMITTED BY A CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN THE AGENCY'S EMPLOYMENT WHILE THE OFFICER IS WORKING FOR A PRIVATE THIRD PARTY OUTSIDE OF HIS OR HER NORMAL WORKING HOURS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1791

BY: REPRESENTATIVE VINES

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING HAZING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1793

BY: REPRESENTATIVE GOSSAGE

BY: SENATOR L. CHESTERFIELD

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES, PER DIEM, AND MILEAGE COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1795

BY: REPRESENTATIVE GOSSAGE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF LIQUOR SALES PERMITS THAT MAY BE ISSUED REGARDING SMALL FARM WINES, BEER, AND LIGHT WINES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1796

BY: REPRESENTATIVE M. GRAY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED *AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL AND PARTIAL CENSUSES; TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURES FOR A PARTIAL SPECIAL CENSUS TO BE USED FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF HIGHWAY REVENUES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1802

BY: REPRESENTATIVE JETT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING INCENTIVES FOR WATER RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; *TO AMEND THE WATER RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES ACT*; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1804

BY: REPRESENTATIVE EUBANKS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE STATE CONTINGENCY FEE CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE ATTORNEYS; TO REQUIRE TRANSPARENCY OF ALL STATE CONTINGENCY FEE CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE ATTORNEYS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1806

BY: REPRESENTATIVE VAUGHT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE *UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE*; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1807

BY: REPRESENTATIVE C. DOUGLAS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED *AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MULTI-AGENCY INSURANCE TRUST FUND ACT; TO PROVIDE FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY THREAT MITIGATION; TO ALLOW FOR ASSESSING AND INSURING RISK CONCERNING CYBERSECURITY; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1816

BY: REPRESENTATIVE WALLACE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A HIGHWAY DESIGNATION FOR *GOLD STAR* FAMILIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1822

BY: REPRESENTATIVES BENNETT, M. J. GRAY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING THE PREPARATION OF A CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE ASSESSMENT FOR CERTAIN BILLS FILED WITH THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1833

BY: REPRESENTATIVE RICHEY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING SCENIC HIGHWAY DESIGNATIONS; TO REDESIGNATE THE GREAT RIVER ROAD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1834

BY: REPRESENTATIVE RICHEY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A CITY OF *THE FIRST CLASS OR THE SECOND CLASS* TO AUTHORIZE BY ORDINANCE THE ISSUANCE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD PERMITS TO RESTAURANTS FOR THE SALE OF MIXED DRINKS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1837

BY: REPRESENTATIVE M. J. GRAY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING ACT PREPARATORY TRAINING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1838

BY: REPRESENTATIVE BENNETT, M. J. GRAY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS AT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1843

BY: REPRESENTATIVE MURDOCK

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE FAIRNESS IN THE BIDDING PRACTICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLICLY FUNDED PROJECTS; TO REQUIRE JUSTIFICATION OF AWARDING A PUBLICLY FUNDED PROJECT TO A BIDDER OTHER THAN THE LOW BIDDER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1847

BY: REPRESENTATIVE D. FERGUSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT A HEALTH CARRIER FROM DENYING COVERAGE FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES DUE TO AN INJURY SUSTAINED BY AN INSURED WHILE THE INSURED IS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1851

BY: REPRESENTATIVE NEAL

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS TO CERTAIN BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP ON CERTAIN BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on STATE AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1854

BY: REPRESENTATIVE M. J. GRAY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE MARKETING, LABELING, AND IDENTIFICATION OF CATFISH AND CATFISH-LIKE SPECIES AND PRODUCTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1856

BY: REPRESENTATIVE MURDOCK

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED *AN ACT TO REMOVE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FROM THE FOUNDATION FUNDING CALCULATION AND CREATE A TRANSPORTATION CATEGORICAL FUND; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1857

BY: REPRESENTATIVE MURDOCK

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ISOLATED FUNDING AND ISOLATED SPECIAL NEEDS FUNDING, INCLUDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THOSE FUNDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1860

BY: REPRESENTATIVE MURDOCK

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED *AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING ADEQUACY AND EQUITY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1867

BY: REPRESENTATIVE HAMMER

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A HOSPICE DRUG DISPOSAL PROCEDURE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1877

BY: REPRESENTATIVE HAMMER

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MEDICAID PROGRAM CLAIM SCRUBBING PROCESS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1878

BY: REPRESENTATIVE HAMMER

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING DRIVER'S LICENSE REINSTATEMENT *FEES*; *TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY*; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1880

BY: REPRESENTATIVE HAMMER

BY: SENATORS J. HUTCHINSON, ELLIOTT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1884

BY: REPRESENTATIVE HAMMER

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING THE CARRYING OF A CONCEALED HANDGUN BY A CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSEE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1887

BY: REPRESENTATIVES LEMONS, *BALTZ, BENTLEY, BRAGG, COPELAND, COZART, DAVIS, D. FERGUSON, C. FITE, L. FITE, GATES, GOSSAGE, M. GRAY, HAMMER, HARRIS, HENDERSON, JEAN, JETT, JOHNSON, LOVE, LOWERY, MAGIE, RICHEY, RICHMOND, RUSHING, SHEPHERD, B. SMITH, SORVILLO, SPEAKS, STURCH, TOSH, VINES*

BY: SENATOR E. WILLIAMS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING SUICIDE PREVENTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1890

BY: REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

BY: SENATOR RAPERT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING THE TAXES APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN FOOD *PRODUCTS*; TO AMEND THE *COLLECTION PROCEDURE FOR TAXES RELATED TO CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS*; TO CLARIFY THE TAX TREATMENT OF CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1900

BY: REPRESENTATIVE SABIN

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND PROJECTS; TO CREATE THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1901

BY: REPRESENTATIVE SABIN

BY; SENATOR J. WOODS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING ARKANSAS LAWS PERTAINING TO ETHICS; *TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1902

BY: REPRESENTATIVE SABIN

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS OF STATE EMPLOYEES; TO ALLOW A STATE EMPLOYEE TO CONTRIBUTE TO CERTAIN COLLEGE SAVINGS PLANS WITH A VOLUNTARY DEDUCTION FROM HIS OR HER PAY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1904

BY: REPRESENTATIVE SABIN

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PERMIT A CHILD CONCEIVED THROUGH ASSISTED REPRODUCTION AFTER THE DEATH OF A PARENT TO INHERIT REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE PARENT THAT DIED INTESTATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1914

BY: REPRESENTATIVE K. FERGUSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICE TO CONSUMERS; TO AUTHORIZE ELECTRIC UTILITIES TO PROVIDE PREPAID ENERGY PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1916

BY: REPRESENTATIVE GONZALES

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO REPORT CERTAIN INFORMATION; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO REPORT ON THE REVENUE IMPACT OF EACH TAX AND EACH TAX CREDIT, DEDUCTION, AND EXEMPTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1926

BY: REPRESENTATIVE HAMMER**BY: SENATOR RAPERT**

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1933

BY: REPRESENTATIVE C. DOUGLAS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL RELEASE OF AN INMATE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1936

BY: REPRESENTATIVE BELL

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF WASTE OR MISUSE OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROVIDERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on STATE AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1945

BY: REPRESENTATIVE HAMMER

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE PREVENTION AND DETECTION OF FRAUD AND OTHER IMPROPER ACTIVITIES WITHIN STATE GOVERNMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on STATE AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1958

BY: REPRESENTATIVE C. ARMSTRONG

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS RELATED FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH STATE CATEGORICAL FUNDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1959

BY: REPRESENTATIVE WARDLAW

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED *AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE SCOPE OF A STATE PERMIT AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BEER AND LIGHT WINE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1964

BY: REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTE CONCERNING THE CREATION, MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS, AND PHYSICAL LOCATION OF THE ARKANSAS TOWING AND RECOVERY BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1965

BY: REPRESENTATIVE COPELAND

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE PROCESS FOR ISSUING PERMITS TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1970

BY: REPRESENTATIVE LOWERY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING POSTSECONDARY REMEDIATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1977

BY: REPRESENTATIVE C. ARMSTRONG

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING THE SENTENCING OF A CRIMINAL DEFENDANT; CONCERNING ALTERNATIVE SENTENCES; CONCERNING PREADJUDICATION AND POSTADJUDICATION PROBATION PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1984

BY: REPRESENTATIVE BELL

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING EXECUTIVE SESSIONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1991

BY: REPRESENTATIVE C. DOUGLAS

BY: SENATOR E. CHEATHAM

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING DUTY-FREE LUNCH PERIODS FOR CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 2005

BY: REPRESENTATIVE DEFFENBAUGH

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PERSONAL FINANCE COURSES IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 2007

BY: REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING COMMUNITY COLLEGES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 62

BY: SENATOR J. HUTCHINSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR A GRANT FOR TEACH FOR *AMERICA AND THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC ROADMAP*; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 63

BY: SENATOR J. HUTCHINSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR AFTER SCHOOL LITERACY AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 136

BY: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATORS AND THE OFFICIAL COURT REPORTERS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 172

BY: SENATORS J. HUTCHINSON, S. FLOWERS, D. JOHNSON

BY: REPRESENTATIVES WRIGHT, BENNETT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED *AN ACT TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATIVE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF ATTORNEYS WHO ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF TITLE INSURANCE; TO REGULATE TITLE INSURANCE, TITLE INSURANCE AGENCIES AND AGENTS, AND ABSTRACTERS; TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS LAND TITLE COMMISSION TO REGULATE THE BUSINESS OF TITLE INSURANCE AND THE BUSINESS OF ABSTRACTING; TO ABOLISH THE ARKANSAS ABSTRACTERS' BOARD AND TRANSFER ITS DUTIES AND FUND BALANCE TO THE ARKANSAS LAND TITLE COMMISSION; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

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

SENATE BILL NO. 357

BY: SENATOR RAPERT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 364

BY: SENATOR J. HUTCHINSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 397

BY: SENATOR RAPERT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES FOR A GRANT TO THE CONWAY HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 398

BY: SENATOR RAPERT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES FOR GRANTS FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 399

BY: SENATOR RAPERT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 400

BY: SENATOR RAPERT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 424

BY: SENATOR D. JOHNSON

BY: REPRESENTATIVE TOSH

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE COMMISSIONS DERIVED FROM CERTAIN PRISONER SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on STATE AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

SENATE BILL NO. 465

BY: SENATOR TEAGUE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR A GRANT TO THE ARKANSAS RURAL NURSING EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING TEACHING TECHNOLOGIES AND MEDICAL SIMULATION LABS SITUATED ON EIGHT COLLEGE CAMPUSES ACROSS RURAL ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 482

BY: SENATOR E. WILLIAMS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 494

BY: SENATOR J. HUTCHINSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR A GRANT FOR ARKANSAS TEACHER CORPS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 495

BY: SENATOR L. CHESTERFIELD

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 496

BY: SENATOR L. CHESTERFIELD

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 497

BY: SENATOR L. CHESTERFIELD

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE PULASKI TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 498

BY: SENATOR L. CHESTERFIELD

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CAREER EDUCATION FOR GRANTS FOR TUTORING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, LITERACY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, NUTRITIONAL SERVICES AND ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 499

BY: SENATOR L. CHESTERFIELD

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL SERVICES FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 500

BY: SENATOR L. CHESTERFIELD

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES FOR JOB COUNSELING AND WORKFORCE READINESS TRAINING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 501

BY: SENATOR L. CHESTERFIELD

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY FOR GRANTS FOR LIBRARIES AND THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ARKANSAS HISTORY AND CULTURE PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 502

BY: SENATOR L. CHESTERFIELD

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR GRANTS AND PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR EMPOWERING STUDENTS IN ARKANSAS TO UNDERSTAND ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND LEVERAGE BROADBAND TECHNOLOGIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 504

BY: SENATOR L. CHESTERFIELD

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 505

BY: SENATOR L. CHESTERFIELD

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 506

BY: SENATOR L. CHESTERFIELD

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 507

BY: SENATOR L. CHESTERFIELD

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 508

BY: SENATOR L. CHESTERFIELD

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND NONPROFIT SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 523

BY: SENATOR E. WILLIAMS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM COMMISSION FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 530

BY: SENATOR L. CHESTERFIELD

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FOR A TRANSFER AND GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 531

BY: SENATOR L. CHESTERFIELD

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES FOR MEALS ON WHEELS GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 532

BY: SENATOR L. CHESTERFIELD

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 533

BY: SENATOR L. CHESTERFIELD

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES FOR A TRANSITIONAL LIVING SHELTER GRANT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 534

BY: SENATOR L. CHESTERFIELD

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FOR PEDIATRIC EARLY LITERACY PROGRAM GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 563

BY: SENATOR TEAGUE**BY: REPRESENTATIVE TALLEY**

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE CERTAIN WATERWORKS COMMISSIONS; TO REGULATE THE TERMS AND QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE WATERWORKS COMMISSIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 578

BY: SENATOR S. FLOWERS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 579

BY: SENATOR S. FLOWERS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 580

BY: SENATOR S. FLOWERS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 581

BY: SENATOR S. FLOWERS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL SERVICES FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 582

BY: SENATOR S. FLOWERS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 588

BY: SENATOR S. FLOWERS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 589

BY: SENATOR S. FLOWERS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS HERITAGE FOR MATCHING GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 590

BY: SENATOR A. CLARK

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 608

BY: SENATOR L. CHESTERFIELD

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS HERITAGE FOR GRANTS FOR MARITIME MUSEUMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 609

BY: SENATOR L. CHESTERFIELD

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR CONNECT ARKANSAS PROJECT GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 621

BY: SENATOR B. PIERCE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 117 OF 2015, AN ACT TO REAPPROPRIATE THE BALANCES OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 638

BY: SENATOR J. WOODS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR WORK COLLEGES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 639

BY: SENATOR J. WOODS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES - NORTHWEST ARKANSAS MEDICAL SCHOOL FOR PERSONAL SERVICES, OPERATING EXPENSES, RENOVATION, EQUIPPING, CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, AND UPGRADE AND REPAIR OF REAL PROPERTY AND FACILITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 640

BY: SENATOR J. WOODS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE SAU-TECH FOR CANDIDATE PHYSICAL ABILITY TEST EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 651

BY: SENATOR J. HUTCHINSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL SERVICES FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 652

BY: SENATOR J. HUTCHINSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 653

BY: SENATOR J. HUTCHINSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - ATHLETIC COMMISSION FOR GRANTS TO BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS STATEWIDE FOR CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, MAINTENANCE, PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 659

BY: SENATOR U. LINDSEY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - PARTNERS FOR INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 662

BY: SENATOR HICKEY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RED RIVER WATERWAYS PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 665

BY: SENATOR B. PIERCE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES FOR ADULT SICKLE CELL CLINICAL NETWORK MATCHING FUNDS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 666

BY: SENATORS B. PIERCE, B. SAMPLE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS WATERWAYS COMMISSION FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 670

BY: SENATOR D. JOHNSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - UA SYSTEM FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 671

BY: SENATOR D. JOHNSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR CLINTON SCHOOL OF PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS, OPERATIONS, AND EQUIPMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 674

BY: SENATOR J. WOODS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE OFFICE OF HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR ELECTRONIC RECORDS MANAGEMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 675

BY: SENATOR J. WOODS

BY: REPRESENTATIVE DELLA ROSA

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ON-LINE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 678

BY: SENATOR J. WOODS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES FOR GRANTS TO LICENSED NONPROFIT COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FOR ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS AND TELEHEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 679

BY: SENATOR D. JOHNSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR GRANTS FOR AN ARTS ENRICHED CURRICULUM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 693

BY: SENATOR S. FLOWERS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES - REGIONAL PROGRAMS - SOUTH CENTRAL FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 694

BY: SENATOR U. LINDSEY

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - PRYOR CENTER FOR ORAL AND VISUAL HISTORY FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 699

BY: SENATOR MALOCH

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES - REGIONAL PROGRAMS - SOUTH FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 701

BY: SENATOR IRVIN

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED *AN ACT TO LIMIT THE USE OF FACTORS THAT ARE NOT UNDER A PHYSICIAN'S CONTROL IN DETERMINING REIMBURSEMENT IN ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT SYSTEMS.*

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

SENATE BILL NO. 704

BY: SENATOR RAPERT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS HERITAGE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 705

BY: SENATOR RAPERT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT FOR GRANTS TO REGIONAL INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 706

BY: SENATOR RAPERT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 707

BY: SENATOR RAPERT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL SERVICES FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 708

BY: SENATOR ELLIOTT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 709

BY: SENATORS ELLIOTT, L. CHESTERFIELD, D. JOHNSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES - 12TH STREET HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 710

BY: SENATOR ELLIOTT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND FOR GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT ASSIST THE BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 714

BY: SENATOR ELLIOTT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK - NANOTECHNOLOGY CENTER FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 717

BY: SENATOR IRVIN**BY: REPRESENTATIVE BOYD**

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 728

BY: SENATOR J. WOODS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 732

BY: SENATOR L. CHESTERFIELD

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 734

BY: SENATOR K. INGRAM

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES FOR THE ARKANSAS AUTISM WAIVER PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 739

BY: SENATOR D. JOHNSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR A GRANT TO EASTER SEALS OF ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 740

BY: SENATOR B. PIERCE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR GRANTS TO INSTITUTIONS FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 751

BY: SENATOR IRVIN

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING COURT COSTS IN THE CLEBURNE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 759

BY: SENATOR FILES

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE FOR SUPPORT OF HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE; REPEALING THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE FOR PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 767

BY: SENATOR RAPERT**BY: REPRESENTATIVE COLLINS**

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE PREPAID FUNERAL BENEFITS CONTRACTS UNDER THE ARKANSAS PREPAID FUNERAL BENEFITS LAW; TO DEFINE A NONGUARANTEED PREPAID CONTRACT; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 789

BY: SENATOR J. HENDREN

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES FUNDING AID PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 816

BY: SENATOR B. SAMPLE

BY: REPRESENTATIVE RUSHING

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTION LAWS CONCERNING ELECTION EQUIPMENT, TESTING PROCEDURES, ELECTION PROCESSES, AND ELECTION PROCEDURES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on STATE AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

SENATE BILL NO. 817

BY: SENATOR E. WILLIAMS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING REGISTRATION AND REPORTING BY APPROVED POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES; TO AMEND PORTIONS OF ARKANSAS LAW RESULTING FROM INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1990 AND INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1996; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on STATE AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

SENATE BILL NO. 823

BY: SENATOR J. HENDREN

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS OF A STATE EMPLOYEE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on STATE AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

SENATE BILL NO. 835

BY: SENATOR IRVIN

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF MARRIAGE LICENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 837

BY: SENATORS IRVIN, S. FLOWERS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE FILING OF MAPS UPON ANNEXATION, CONSOLIDATION, DETACHMENT, INCORPORATION, OR UNINCORPORATION PROCEEDINGS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 841

BY: SENATOR B. SAMPLE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ACCOUNTANTS AND LICENSE RENEWALS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on STATE AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

SENATE BILL NO. 842

BY: SENATOR D. SANDERS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT SERVICES PROVIDED BY CERTAIN LEGALLY ADMITTED ALIENS FROM THE DEFINITION OF EMPLOYMENT UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES LAW; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 848

BY: SENATOR D. JOHNSON

BY: REPRESENTATIVE TUCKER

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A VALIDATED RISK AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT IN A JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PROCEEDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 855

BY: SENATOR D. SANDERS

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE ABANDONMENT OF UNPAVED ROAD EASEMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 871

BY: SENATOR HICKEY**BY: REPRESENTATIVE HICKERSON**

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR TRANSPORTATION OF A CONTAINERIZED CARGO UNIT; TO MODIFY RESTRICTIONS AND COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF A SPECIAL CARGO UNIT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 880

BY: SENATOR RAPERT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE EMERGENCY SERVICES OF FIRST RESPONDERS; TO CREATE THE NALOXONE ACCESS ACT; TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY FOR PRESCRIBING, DISPENSING, AND ADMINISTERING NALOXONE AND OTHER OPIOID ANTAGONISTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 882

BY: SENATOR RAPERT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE CONSUMER LAWSUIT LENDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 903

BY: SENATOR HESTER

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE CITY APPROVAL OF A DEDICATION OF LAND TO THE CITY FOR CITY PARK PURPOSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 910

BY: SENATOR HESTER

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF LEASES AND PERMITS FOR NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE STATE AND THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE; TO INCREASE PENALTIES FOR REMOVING NATURAL RESOURCES WITHOUT A PERMIT FROM OR LEASE WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF STATE LANDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 912

BY: SENATOR HESTER

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ADVERTISEMENT OF THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY, INSPECTION, OR INVESTIGATION OF A LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 925

BY: SENATOR FILES**BY: REPRESENTATIVE RUSHING**

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE BUSINESS RAPID RESPONSE TO STATE DISASTERS FACILITATION ACT; TO EXEMPT OUT-OF-STATE BUSINESSES AND THEIR EMPLOYEES FROM CERTAIN TAXES AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS DURING A DISASTER RESPONSE PERIOD; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 935

BY: SENATOR RICE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRED PRIOR TO UNDERTAKING NEW CONSTRUCTION OR OPERATION OF EQUIPMENT FOR SUPPLYING A PUBLIC SERVICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 953

BY: SENATOR ELLIOTT

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SCHOOL OF INNOVATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 969

BY: SENATOR B. SAMPLE

BY: REPRESENTATIVE HICKERSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED VEHICLES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

Upon motion of Representative S. Meeks, the House adjourned at 6:24 p.m. until 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, 2015.

ATTEST:

Jeremy Gillam
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sherri Stacks
Chief Clerk