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Fourth Calendar Day - Fourth Session Day

Hall of the House of Representatives
Des Moines, Iowa, Thursday, January 15, 2026

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 8:32 a.m., Speaker Grassley in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Holt of Crawford.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jillian Hanson, Majority Leader's Page from La Porte City.

The Journal of Wednesday, January 14, 2026, was approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

[House File 2076](#), by Barker, a bill for an act relating to billing methods for distributed generation customers.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Commerce**.

[House File 2077](#), by Wills, Fisher, Watkins, Barker, Gustoff, Fett, Smith, Gearhart, Bradley, Dunwell, Thompson, Meggers, Golding, and Lundgren, a bill for an act authorizing the expenditure of funding from the secure an advanced vision for education fund for certain insurance costs.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Education**.

[House File 2078](#), by Fett, a bill for an act relating to resident dependents not enrolled in a public school or receiving an educational savings account payment by creating an opportunity tax credit available against the individual income tax, creating a fund, making appropriations, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Education**.

[House File 2079](#), by Jones, Hora, Wheeler, Boden, Dieken, and Grassley, a bill for an act relating to forms of payment for entry into an extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Education**.

[House File 2080](#), by Barker, a bill for an act relating to bona fide retirement and subsequent employment as school district support staff under the Iowa public employees' retirement system.

Read first time and referred to committee on **State Government**.

ADOPTION OF [HOUSE RESOLUTION 101](#)

Kaufmann of Cedar called up for consideration [House Resolution 101](#), a resolution honoring Staff Sergeant William Nathaniel Howard, Staff Sergeant Edgar Brian Torres-Tovar, and their families.

B. Meyer of Polk moved the adoption of [House Resolution 101](#).

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE SENATE

Golding of Linn moved that a committee of three be appointed to notify the Senate that the House was ready to receive it in Joint Convention.

The motion prevailed and the Speaker appointed as such committee, Golding of Linn, Thompson of Wright and Gosa of Scott.

The House stood at ease at 8:46 a.m., until the fall of the gavel.

The House resumed session at 9:53 a.m., Speaker Grassley in the chair.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE SENATE

Golding of Linn, Chair of the committee appointed to notify the Senate that the House was ready to receive it in Joint Convention reported that the committee had performed its duty.

The report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of the President of the Senate, the Secretary of the Senate and the Honorable members of the Senate.

The Senate President was escorted to the Speaker's station, the Secretary to the Chief Clerk's desk and the members of the Senate were seated in the House chamber.

JOINT CONVENTION

In accordance with law and [House Concurrent Resolution 3](#), duly adopted, the Joint Convention was called to order at 9:55 a.m., Senate President Sinclair presiding.

Senator Klimesh of Winneshiek moved that the roll call be dispensed with and that the President of the Joint Convention be authorized to declare a quorum present, which motion prevailed.

Senate President Sinclair announced a quorum present and the Joint Convention duly organized.

Senator Klimesh of Winneshiek moved that a committee of six, consisting of three members from the Senate and three members from the House of Representatives, be appointed to escort Governor Kim Reynolds to the House chamber for the Condition of the Iowa National Guard Message.

The motion prevailed and the Senate President appointed as such committee Senators Driscoll of Iowa, Rozenboom of Marion and Zimmer of Clinton on the part of the Senate, and Representatives Jeneary of Plymouth, Watkins of Lee and Levin of Johnson, on the part of the House.

Senator Klimesh of Winneshiek moved that a committee of six, consisting of three members from the Senate and three members from the House of Representatives, be appointed to escort Adjutant General Stephen Osborn to the House chamber for the Condition of the Iowa National Guard Message.

The motion prevailed and the Senate President appointed as such committee Senators Alons of Woodbury, Reichman of Lee and Blake of

Polk on the part of the Senate, and Representatives Determann of Clinton, Stone of Winnebago and Gjerde of Linn, on the part of the House.

Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Naig; Attorney General, Brenna Bird; Auditor of State, Rob Sand; Secretary of State, Paul D. Pate; and Treasurer of State, Roby Smith, were escorted into the House chamber.

Lieutenant Governor Chris Cournoyer was escorted into the House chamber.

The committee previously appointed waited upon Governor Kim Reynolds and escorted her to the Speaker's station.

The committee previously appointed waited upon Major General Stephen Osborn, Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard and escorted him to the Speaker's station.

Senate President Sinclair presented Major General Osborn, Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard.

Major General Osborn delivered the following Condition of the Iowa National Guard Message:

CONDITION OF THE IOWA NATIONAL GUARD MESSAGE

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.

Thank you, President Sinclair and Speaker Grassley, for the invitation to be here and for the opportunity to speak with you today.

Senate Majority Leader Klimesh, Senate Democrat Leader Weiner, House Majority Leader Kaufmann, and House Democrat Leader Meyer—thank you for your continued leadership and steadfast support of the Iowa National Guard.

Governor Reynolds, Lieutenant Governor Cournoyer, members of the Iowa General Assembly, distinguished state officials, and my fellow Iowans.

Once again, it is an honor to stand before you to present the Annual Condition of the Guard.

On behalf of the 9,000 professional men and women who serve in the Iowa National Guard, I want to express our deepest appreciation for your continued support and partnership.

As your Adjutant General, I am proud to report that 2025 was a year marked by meaningful progress and significant achievements for our organization.

However, before we speak of accomplishments, it is only fitting—given recent events—that we pause to honor sacrifice.

Just over a month ago, on December 13th, two Iowa National Guard Soldiers were killed in action while deployed in the Middle East. Staff Sergeant Nate Howard of Marshalltown and Staff Sergeant Edgar Torres-Tovar of Des Moines.

Their loss is felt deeply across our formation, our state, and our nation. In recognition of their service and sacrifice, I ask that we take a moment to reflect.

At this time, I would like to invite Deputy State Chaplain, Lieutenant Colonel Jeremy Taylor, to the podium to lead us in prayer.

[Prayer]

Thank you, Chaplain.

We begin today with heavy hearts, reflecting on the profound loss of two of our finest Soldiers. Yet even in this time of sorrow, we have witnessed something powerful—the strength, unity, and compassion of the State of Iowa.

On behalf of the entire Iowa National Guard, I want to express our deepest gratitude for the overwhelming outpouring of care and respect shown to our fallen heroes and to their families. Governor Reynolds, Lieutenant Governor Cournoyer, members of our congressional delegation, and state legislators, your leadership and presence during this time mattered deeply.

And to the people of Iowa—from our largest cities to our smallest towns—you stood together. You lined the streets. You waved the American flag. You stood in silent, patriotic tribute as we brought our Soldiers home to their final resting place. Your actions spoke volumes, reminding us all what it truly means to be an Iowan.

To the Soldiers and Airmen who have honored our fallen every step of the journey home—never leaving their side, and providing constant support to their families—your commitment was a powerful embrace in a moment of deep grief, and a solemn promise that their sacrifice will never be forgotten.

We also pause to express our gratitude and continued support for the Soldiers who were wounded in the same attack. Their courage and resilience exemplify the competency of our force, and we remain committed to their recovery and care.

These Iowans represent the very best of our state and our nation. They stood as sentinels of freedom in a dangerous world, and we are forever indebted to them and to their families for their extraordinary service and sacrifice. Their valor and dedication will never fade from our memory.

I would also like to take a moment to recognize the more than 1,800 Iowa Soldiers and Airmen who remain deployed today across the Middle East. They continue to carry out critical missions that are ongoing, demanding, and vital to our national security.

The predominance of our deployed service members are part of our 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division, currently serving under the command of Colonel Eric Soult. Eric is a traditional Iowa Guardsman, and I say with full sarcasm, a part-time Soldier, who is on his 4th deployment having served previously in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo, and now back in the Middle East. Eric epitomizes the dedication and competence of the National Guard, and the professionalism and selfless service of our Soldiers and Airmen.

The Iowa National Guard is dependent on the commitment of our people and that starts and ends with our families. Their love and support are vital not only to our individual success, but ultimately to the success of our entire military. In recognition of all our family members with loved ones deployed, it is my honor to introduce someone who represents the strength and sacrifice of the families who stand behind our force.

Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in welcoming Kelly Soult, wife of Colonel Eric Soult, and their daughter Isabelle.

In the days following these recent events, one of the most common questions we heard was simple—but important: Why is the Guard in Syria?

That is a fair question, and it is one I want to address clearly today.

The National Guard is a core component of our nation's Total Force, providing 40% of the Army and 30% of the Air Force operational forces. The National Guard is not a backup or auxiliary; the National Guard serves as an integral component of the of United States military's global mission to protect our nation, our allies, and our partners.

The National Guard is no longer a strategic reserve to be utilized only in times of the most extreme national emergencies. We are—and will continue to be—the primary COMBAT reserve for the United States Army and the United States Air Force.

That distinction carries real meaning.

It means the Iowa National Guard, where 95% of our budget is funded federally through the Department of War, is a fully capable and fully equipped operational force. We are a critical partner in our nation's defense, addressing complex and evolving threats, and supporting security cooperation around the world.

Our Soldiers and Airmen train, deploy, and fight alongside their active-duty counterparts every single day—not as a backup force, but as an essential part of the joint team.

And at home, as the only dual-status component within our nation's military, our federal funding, training, and equipment allows the National Guard to provide our governors with a ready, disciplined, and capable force that can employ immediately to save lives, protect infrastructure, and reassure the public-while preserving state authority and control.

Why is the Guard in Syria...The Iowa National Guard is in Syria, and many other locations, because the National Guard is a critical piece of America. It is both a shield at home and a sword overseas – an indispensable pillar of national security.

And our men and women understand and embrace this...they join the Iowa National Guard to serve their state, to serve their nation, and to be a part of something honorable and enduring.

Our missions and deployments in 2025 reinforce our role as an indispensable element of the joint force and a trusted partner to our communities, our state, and our nation.

In late May, our 2nd Brigade Combat Team deployed from Iowa to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana, where it executed one of the largest rotations in JRTC history, integrating forces from 16 states and four partner nations. More than 6,000 Soldiers participated in the exercise, which focused on Large-Scale Combat Operations and validated the Brigade's ability to fight, sustain, and command in a complex, contested environment.

Upon completion of the rotation, over half of the Brigade mobilized directly from Fort Polk into the United States Central Command area of responsibility—marking the first time a brigade has deployed directly from JRTC.

The Iowa Air National Guard also remained fully engaged in global operations in 2025, projecting airpower and sustaining joint and coalition forces across multiple theaters.

The 185th Air Refueling Wing deployed nearly 200 Airmen to 24 locations spanning multiple geographic regions. Currently, the 185th has nearly 120 Airmen operating from multiple locations in the Middle East providing direct support to all theater air activity to include Operation Hawkeye Strike missions against ISIS.

The 132d Wing executed distributed global operations, deploying Airmen to six locations worldwide while also deploying more than 100 Airmen in place here at home in Des Moines. From Iowa, they conducted MQ-9 Reaper and targeting operations, providing persistent intelligence, surveillance, and strike capability around the globe to include direct support to United States Central Command and Operation Hawkeye Strike.

This summer we will deploy more than 80 Soldiers from our 734th Regional Support Group to Poland in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. This nine-month deployment will support base operations across NATO sites in Eastern Europe and the Baltic region, reinforcing allied readiness and providing a credible deterrent to Russian aggression.

Both of our Air Wings continue to support federal taskings directly from home station while deploying a number of highly skilled Airmen forward to integrate and serve with our geographic combatant commands.

These missions reflect the reality of the Iowa National Guard—not as a force held in reserve, but as a fully integrated operational component, delivering global reach, precision, and endurance in support of national security.

Every mission we execute, whether in Iowa or overseas, is built on one essential foundation—the readiness of our people, our equipment, and our units.

Recruiting and retention is the metric that defines our personnel readiness, and once again I am proud to say the Iowa National Guard ended Fiscal Year 25 at 99.8% strength and an 82% retention rate. And as I speak today, the Iowa National Guard is over 100% strength with 8,931 assigned and continuing to grow.

These results are not accidental. They reflect strong leadership across the organization, care for our service members and their families, meaningful missions, and unprecedented support from our state leadership.

Another key component of our readiness—and a powerful example of how the Iowa National Guard contributes to security cooperation—is our long-standing partnership with the Republic of Kosovo through the National Guard State Partnership Program.

For the past 15 years, Iowa Soldiers and Airmen have worked side by side with the Kosovo Security Force, building interoperability, trust, and shared understanding.

Together, we have supported the KSF as they transition into a NATO-interoperable territorial defense force capable of protecting Kosovo's sovereignty and contributing to regional stability.

In 2025 alone, we conducted 26 bilateral exchanges involving more than 500 Soldiers and Airmen. These were not symbolic engagements—they were meaningful, hands-on efforts that strengthened capability, professionalism, and readiness on both sides.

Most notably, after years of training together, the Kosovo Security Force attached an infantry company to Iowa's 2nd Brigade Combat Team during their Joint Readiness Training Center rotation. This was the capstone of years of partnership—and Kosovo's first opportunity to project military capability outside its borders in support of a large-scale training mission. Their performance was exceptional and was praised by JRTC observer-controllers as highly professional.

Our partnership is anchored in five lines of effort: maneuver, military medicine, sustainment, cyber defense, and professional development.

But what truly sets Iowa's partnership apart is that it extends beyond military cooperation.

This year, we proudly enlisted our first Kosovo citizen into the Iowa National Guard. Andren Gashi, a lawful permanent resident, seeking to become a U.S. citizen, joined the Iowa Air National Guard as a Security Forces Airman. His story reflects how this partnership has come full circle, evolving from cooperation, to trust, to shared service and citizenship.

At its core, our partnership with Kosovo is about more than training events or exchanges. It is about shared values, mutual respect, and a commitment to peace and security—both at home and abroad.

At this time, it is my distinct honor to recognize our distinguished guests who represent the commitment of this partnership. Their presence today reaffirms the strength of our bond and the promise of what we continue to build together.

Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in recognizing

- Lieutenant General Bashkim Jashari, Chief of Defense of the Kosovo Security Force;
- Command Sergeant Major Bedri Zuka, their senior enlisted leader;
- and Mr. Drilon Zogaj, Consular General of the Kosovo Consulate here in Des Moines.

Our programs, partnerships, training, and operational successes reflect the strength and dedication of this organization—and, most importantly, the accomplishments of our people.

To illustrate that strength, I would like to recognize a few extraordinary individuals who represent the very best of the Iowa National Guard.

Our first highlight recognizes a state employee with the Department of Public Defense whose dedication and professionalism exemplify the very best of public service.

Krissy Estabrooks has devoted more than 15 years to state service, including the past three years with the Department of Public Defense. Over this last year, she has effectively operated a two-person human resources office on her own—seamlessly managing benefits, payroll, and HR support for more than 250 employees. Her resilience, attention to detail, and commitment to excellence have ensured uninterrupted support for our workforce.

Beyond her professional role, Krissy's commitment to the Iowa National Guard runs deep. She is the proud spouse of Command Sergeant Major Gary Estabrooks, who has served our state and nation for more than 30 years, and the proud mother of SSG Ethan Estabrooks and SGT Gavin Estabrooks—all serving with the Iowa Army National Guard and happen to be here today.

Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in recognizing Krissy Estabrooks and her family.

Master Sergeant Charles Uthe of the 132nd Wing exemplifies the highest standards of dedication, service, and selflessness.

Master Sergeant Uthe is a 12-year veteran of the Iowa Air National Guard and a traditional or part-time Guardsman. In his civilian career, he supports national defense through his work with Collins Aerospace. In uniform, he serves as an All-Source Intelligence Analyst—providing intelligence analysis, targeting, and threat assessments that help maintain situational awareness across today's complex and evolving operational environment.

On May 25th, Master Sergeant Uthe demonstrated that his commitment to service extends far beyond the uniform.

After witnessing a serious motorcycle accident along Highway 151 in Northeast Iowa, he immediately stopped to help—placing the life of a stranger above his own safety.

Using his military medical training, MSgt Uthe stabilized the critically injured motorcyclist, secured the scene, and provided life-saving care until emergency responders arrived.

His quick action and calm leadership were instrumental in ensuring the motorcyclist was safely transported for critical medical treatment.

Master Sergeant Uthe's actions exemplify service before self and reflect the highest traditions of the Iowa Air National Guard.

Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in recognizing Master Sergeant Charles Uthe, who is here today with his wife, Kaitlyn, and their three children.

For over 26 years, Chief Warrant Officer Three Anthony VanCannon has represented the highest ideals of the National Guard. Through a distinguished career in aviation maintenance as a member of the Iowa Army National Guard, CW3 VanCannon has been a steadfast contributor to our nation's security, completing seven operational deployments.

Service runs deep in the VanCannon family. His sister is currently deployed as a counterintelligence officer with our 2nd Brigade Combat Team, and his brother continues to serve in the Alaska National Guard.

Today, CW3 VanCannon brings his experience forward as a Warrant Officer Candidate School instructor at our 185th Regional Training Institute, shaping the next generation of warrant officers. His decorated career—including the Bronze Star and Combat Action Badge—stands as a powerful example of leadership, professionalism, and service.

Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in recognizing Chief Warrant Officer Three Anthony VanCannon who is here with his wife Jen, and their two children.

Our success also depends on strong partners in our communities—especially with our employers—who play a critical role in supporting our traditional, part-time service members. Organizations like Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, or ESGR, are essential in strengthening those relationships and ensuring our Soldiers and Airmen can serve without sacrificing their civilian careers.

This year, we were honored to participate in the presentation of the National ESGR Freedom Award to Mr. Steve Hauschilt, Chief Executive Officer of Graham Construction. Steve was nominated by Master Sergeant Mike Berry, a member of the 132nd Wing and employee at Graham Construction.

The Freedom Award is ESGR's highest honor, recognizing employers nationwide who demonstrate extraordinary commitment to members of the National Guard and Reserve.

Steve, we are grateful you could join us today, and I want to publicly thank you for setting the standard for employer support across Iowa.

Ladies and gentlemen please join me in recognizing Mr. Steve Hauschilt and Graham Construction.

Over the next 10 years, the United States military, to include the Iowa National Guard, will undergo one of the most significant periods of transformation and modernization in our history. This transformation is driven by a rapidly changing environment—one defined by technology, speed, data, precision, and competition across all domains.

Modernization will first focus on people. Our greatest advantage remains the professionalism, ingenuity, and character of our dedicated service members.

Technologically, the force will become more integrated, lethal, and resilient. Artificial intelligence, autonomous systems, cyber capabilities, and space assets will be woven together through secure networks that allow commanders to sense, decide, and act faster than any adversary.

Organizationally, we will become more agile. Units will be designed to deploy faster, operate dispersed, and sustain themselves in contested environments. Joint and combined operations with allies and partners will be the norm, not the exception.

In the Iowa National Guard, transformation is underway as we build a more advanced and capable force. We are launching new Air National Guard units designed with next-generation technologies and creating new and challenging training opportunities for our Airmen. We are also proactively shaping our future Army force structure to be highly relevant in a changing world, while simultaneously delivering value here in Iowa. Foundational to this effort is the modernization of our infrastructure, which is critical to supporting these new missions and securing our readiness for decades to come.

At the 132d Wing, we remain at the forefront of cyber defense- a mission area that is critical to our nation's security and increasingly relevant to the modern fight.

In Sioux City, with the help of our congressional delegation, an authorization of 220-million-dollars to recapitalize the runway at the 185th Air Refueling Wing was included in the 2026 National Defense Authorization Act that passed in December.

The final step will be the appropriation of funds to implement the authorization; this is a huge step forward for the Iowa Air National Guard, Sioux City, and Northwest Iowa.

This past year, we opened our newest Readiness Center in West Des Moines—a modern, purpose-built facility designed to support the Iowa Army National Guard well into the future.

We also broke ground on a new 14-million-dollar, federally funded, Army National Guard equipment maintenance facility in Sioux City, and I'm happy to share, later this year, we will break ground on a similar 14-million-dollar, federally funded, equipment maintenance facility in Waterloo.

As we move into 2026, three priorities will guide the Iowa National Guard.

First, our people remain at the center of everything we do. Recruiting, developing, and supporting Service Members and their families is foundational to readiness and to their success in uniform and beyond.

Second, we will continue to conduct challenging and realistic training that prepares our force for increasingly complex missions at home and abroad.

Finally, we are modernizing our force structure, infrastructure, and equipment to meet emerging threats. This transformation strengthens readiness while creating opportunities for Iowa through economic growth, job creation, and stronger communities—ensuring the Iowa National Guard remains ready for the future.

To highlight the successes of this past year, we have placed copies of our latest annual report on your desks. This book serves as a tool to share our story, celebrating the achievements of our service members and the impact of our missions.

On behalf of the nearly 9,000 Iowans who proudly wear the uniform and swear an oath to both the Constitution of Iowa and the Constitution of the United States, I want to say thank you. Your support provides the foundation upon which we train, modernize, and execute our missions—here at home and around the world.

Because of that, the Iowa National Guard remains strong and—Always Ready.

God Bless our men and women in uniform, God Bless the great State of Iowa, and God Bless the United States of America, thank you.

Major General Osborn was escorted from the House chamber by the committee previously appointed.

Governor Reynolds was escorted from the House chamber by the committee previously appointed.

On motion by Kaufmann of Cedar, the Joint Convention was dissolved at 10:43 a.m.

Speaker Grassley in the chair at 10:45 a.m.

On motion by Kaufmann of Cedar, the House was recessed at 10:45 a.m., until the conclusion of the afternoon committee block.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The House reconvened at 1:47 p.m., Harris of Appanoose in the chair.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

[House File 2081](#), by Fisher, a bill for an act establishing standards for obstruction lights on wind energy conversion facilities and providing penalties.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Commerce**.

[House File 2082](#), by Stone, a bill for an act relating to restrictions on the use of artificial intelligence, and creating a civil cause of action.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Economic Growth and Technology**.

[House File 2083](#), by Ehlert and Barker, a bill for an act requiring the department of health and human services to pay for child care provided to a foster child participating in the state child care assistance program at the same rate as child care provided to a child with special needs.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Health and Human Services**.

[House File 2084](#), by Stone, a bill for an act relating to autologous and directed blood donations at blood banks and hospitals.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Health and Human Services**.

[House File 2085](#), by Wills, a bill for an act relating to the production and administration of psilocybin and providing penalties.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Health and Human Services**.

[House File 2086](#), by Nordman, a bill for an act relating to child endangerment.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Judiciary**.

[House File 2087](#), by Gearhart and Dieken, a bill for an act relating to the powers and duties applicable to state of disaster emergencies and public health disasters, including a prohibition on regulating religious institutions and practices.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Judiciary**.

[House File 2088](#), by Fisher, a bill for an act relating to fraudulent practices including providing a false social security number to an employer or prospective employer, and making penalties applicable.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Labor and Workforce**.

[House File 2089](#), by Lawler, a bill for an act relating to the distribution of gambling games and sports wagering receipts in this state for nonprofit purposes, and including applicability provisions.

Read first time and referred to committee on **State Government**.

[House File 2090](#), by Wills, a bill for an act providing for a regulatory relief program.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Economic Growth and Technology**.

[House File 2091](#), by Fisher, a bill for an act relating to fraudulent practices involving academic credentials and providing penalties.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Education**.

[House File 2092](#), by A. Meyer, a bill for an act relating to the statewide preschool program by modifying provisions relating to eligibility, funding, and compulsory attendance and including applicability provisions.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Education**.

[House File 2093](#), by Wills, a bill for an act relating to a father's obligation for payment of expenses including those related to a mother's pregnancy and the birth of a child born out of wedlock.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Health and Human Services**.

[House File 2094](#), by A. Meyer and Latham, a bill for an act directing the department of health and human services to increase the number of inpatient psychiatric beds at each state mental health institute.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Health and Human Services**.

[House File 2095](#), by Fisher, a bill for an act requiring the filing of a tax return when child support obligations are delinquent, and providing for penalties.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Health and Human Services**.

[House File 2096](#), by Wills, a bill for an act relating to the disclosure of the prices charged for health services rendered by health care providers and hospitals.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Health and Human Services**.

[House File 2097](#), by Fett, a bill for an act relating to immunization information requested on a medical examiner report used for investigations.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Health and Human Services**.

[House File 2098](#), by Fisher, a bill for an act requiring a child abuse investigation for newborn children whose biological parent previously had the parent's parental rights terminated due to child abuse.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Judiciary**.

[House File 2099](#), by Lohse and Jacoby, a bill for an act relating to the taking of black bears, and making penalties applicable.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Natural Resources**.

[House File 2100](#), by A. Meyer, a bill for an act prohibiting the use of a language other than English for commercial driver's license examinations.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Transportation**.

[House File 2101](#), by A. Meyer, a bill for an act prohibiting the use of a language other than English for class C commercial driver's license examinations.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Transportation**.

[House File 2102](#), by A. Meyer, a bill for an act prohibiting the use of a language other than English for driver's license examinations.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Transportation**.

[House File 2103](#), by Fisher, a bill for an act relating to the speed limit on unpaved roads under county jurisdiction, and making penalties applicable.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Transportation**.

[House File 2104](#), by committee on Judiciary, a bill for an act relating to the exercise of eminent domain for carbon oxide pipelines, and including applicability and effective date provisions.

Read first time and placed on the **calendar**.

REREFERRED

The Speaker announced that [House File 2011](#) previously referred to committee on **Health and Human Services** was rereferred to committee on **Ways and Means**.

STUDY BILL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

[H.S.B. 564](#) Judiciary

Relating to the safety of persons in certain professions involved with the judicial system, including authorizing a judicial officer, attorney general, deputy attorney general, or assistant attorney general to be issued a professional permit to carry weapons, and establishing the criminal offenses of threatening and the malicious sharing of personal information of a judicial officer or a judicial officer's immediate family, and providing penalties.

[H.S.B. 565](#) Judiciary

Relating to the appointment of counsel by the court for an indigent person, and including effective date provisions.

[H.S.B. 566](#) Judiciary

Establishing the state public defender's pilot project to implement innovative models of child welfare legal representation as the project to preserve families.

H.S.B. 567 Judiciary

Relating to public improvement contracts, including notice requirements.

H.S.B. 568 Judiciary

Relating to the final disposition of human remains.

H.S.B. 569 Judiciary

Relating to real estate transfer tax, including declarations of value.

H.S.B. 570 Judiciary

Relating to victim protections including victim counselors, protective orders, sex offender registration, rights of sexual abuse victims, mental competency and civil commitment, restitution, and victim rights.

H.S.B. 571 Judiciary

Relating to criminal investigation, including the extension of DNA submission requirements to persons arrested for a felony or aggravated misdemeanor, and making appropriations to support the investigation of cold cases.

H.S.B. 572 Higher Education

Relating to career education, including by modifying provisions related to career academies, the collective statewide articulation agreement between community colleges and the state board of regents, the district-to-community college sharing or concurrent enrollment program, and individual career and academic plans.

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**House File 2012**

Higher Education: Wheeler, Chair; Jacoby and Shipley.

House File 2015

Judiciary: Fett, Chair; Thomson and Wilburn.

[House File 2016](#)

Judiciary: Fett, Chair; Wheeler and Wichtendahl.

[House File 2019](#)

Local Government: Bloomingdale, Chair; Gosa and Lawler.

[House File 2061](#)

Local Government: Williams, Chair; Golding and Wichtendahl.

[House File 2062](#)

Local Government: Lawler, Chair; Wengryn and Zabner.

[House File 2064](#)

Natural Resources: Gearhart, Chair; Fisher and Jacoby.

STUDY BILL SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

[House Study Bill 564](#)

Judiciary: Lawler, Chair; Thomson and Wilburn.

[House Study Bill 565](#)

Judiciary: Lawler, Chair; Bagniewski and Thomson.

[House Study Bill 566](#)

Judiciary: Thomson, Chair; Watkins and Wessel-Kroeschell.

[House Study Bill 567](#)

Judiciary: Gustoff, Chair; Bagniewski and Stone.

[House Study Bill 568](#)

Judiciary: Wheeler, Chair; Fett and Srinivas.

[House Study Bill 569](#)

Judiciary: Gustoff, Chair; Watkins and Wichtendahl.

[House Study Bill 570](#)

Judiciary: Lawler, Chair; Ramirez and Williams.

[House Study Bill 571](#)

Judiciary: Lawler, Chair; Gustoff and Ramirez.

[House Study Bill 572](#)

Higher Education: Stone, Chair; Brown-Powers and Wills.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MR. SPEAKER: The Chief Clerk of the House respectfully reports that the following committee recommendation has been received and is on file in the office of the Chief Clerk:

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Committee Bill (Formerly [House Study Bill 507](#)), relating to the exercise of eminent domain for carbon oxide pipelines, and including applicability and effective date provisions.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Do Pass** January 14, 2026.

Final Vote: Yeas, 19: Representatives Holt-CH, Lawler-VC, Bagniewski, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Ramirez, Shipley, Srinivas, Stone, Thompson, Thomson, Watkins, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wheeler, Wichtendahl, Williams, Wills. Nays, 2: Wilburn-RM, Olson. Excused, 0.

MEGHAN NELSON
Chief Clerk of the House

On motion by Weldon of Polk, the House adjourned at 1:53 p.m., until 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 16, 2026.