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# JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Sixteenth Calendar Day - Tenth Session Day

Hall of the House of Representatives  
Des Moines, Iowa, Tuesday, January 27, 2026

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 8:32 a.m., Wills of Dickinson in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Zabner of Johnson.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ethan Tisdal, Page from Coralville.

The Journal of Monday, January 26, 2026, was approved.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

[House File 2167](#), by Gearhart and Sitzmann, a bill for an act providing for a buffer strip program and fund, and making appropriations.

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

[House File 2168](#), by Dieken, a bill for an act creating a state remittance tax and including applicability provisions.

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

[House File 2169](#), by Bagniewski, a bill for an act requiring the Iowa finance authority to conduct a review of the firsthome program's household income limit.

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

[House File 2170](#), by Rinker, a bill for an act relating to minimum roster sizes for interscholastic sports.

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

[House File 2171](#), by Dieken, a bill for an act striking elementary and secondary student immunization requirements.

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

[House File 2172](#), by Fett, a bill for an act modifying testing requirements applicable to pupils who are participating in the education savings account program.

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

[House File 2173](#), by Shipley, a bill for an act relating to the intentional emission of air contaminants into the atmosphere, including prohibitions and reporting requirements, and providing penalties.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Environmental Protection**.

[House File 2174](#), by Lohse, a bill for an act providing for a task force to address legal services for indigent parties.

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

[House File 2175](#), by Shipley, a bill for an act relating to the purchase or sale of an individual including surrogate mother agreements, and making penalties applicable.

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

[House File 2176](#), by Meggers, a bill for an act relating to operating a motor vehicle at excessive speeds, providing penalties, and making penalties applicable.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Public Safety**.

[House File 2177](#), by Sitzmann, a bill for an act providing paid leave to state employees for volunteer activities.

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

[House File 2178](#), by Barker, a bill for an act relating to the practice of reflexology.

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

[House File 2179](#), by Sitzmann, a bill for an act requiring the use of safety belts or safety harnesses by passengers of motor vehicles, and making penalties applicable.

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

[House File 2180](#), by Hermanson, Bloomingdale, Latham, Gearhart, Larson, Wengryn, Gustoff, Determann, Blom, and Wheeler, a bill for an act establishing a service animal training grant program for veterans, providing fees, and making appropriations.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Veterans Affairs**.

[House File 2181](#), by committee on Commerce, a bill for an act relating to rate-regulated utilities, including telecommunications and electronic transmission services.

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

#### STUDY BILL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

##### [H.S.B. 625](#) **Public Safety**

Relating to the peace officer, public safety, and emergency personnel bill of rights.

##### [H.S.B. 626](#) **State Government**

Relating to the determination and collection of certain fees by the auditor of state and the provision of municipal financial management training, and including applicability provisions.

##### [H.S.B. 627](#) **State Government**

Relating to the conduct of elections.

##### [H.S.B. 628](#) **State Government**

Relating to the practice of licensed professions and the duties of the professional licensing boards, including applications, renewals, and fees, and including applicability provisions.

## SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

[House File 192](#)

Judiciary: Gustoff, Chair; Dunwell and Olson.

[House File 245](#)

State Government: Harris, Chair; Lundgren and McBurney.

[House File 863](#)

Natural Resources: Wulf, Chair; Collins and Nielsen.

[House File 2044](#)

State Government: Harris, Chair; Lundgren and Srinivas.

[House File 2066](#)

State Government: Collins, Chair; Dunwell and McBurney.

[House File 2073](#)

State Government: Harris, Chair; Lundgren and Nielsen.

[House File 2086 Reassigned](#)

Judiciary: Nordman, Chair; Thomson and Wilburn.

[House File 2118](#)

State Government: Dunwell, Chair; R. Johnson and Windschitl.

[House File 2135](#)

Judiciary: Fett, Chair; Olson and Thomson.

[House File 2140](#)

State Government: Jones, Chair; Siegrist and Srinivas.

[House File 2144](#)

Judiciary: Thompson, Chair; Thomson and Wilburn.

[House File 2145](#)

Judiciary: Wills, Chair; Wessel-Kroeschell and Wheeler.

## STUDY BILL SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

[House Study Bill 625](#)

Public Safety: Vondran, Chair; Gjerde and Wengryn.

[House Study Bill 626](#)

State Government: Siegrist, Chair; C. Johnson and Zabner.

[House Study Bill 627](#)

State Government: Harris, Chair; Lundgren and Zabner.

[House Study Bill 628](#)

State Government: Bergan, Chair; Nielsen and Windschitl.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

MR. SPEAKER: The Chief Clerk of the House respectfully reports that the following committee recommendations have been received and are on file in the office of the Chief Clerk:

## COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**Committee Bill** (Formerly [House File 2016](#)), relating to requirements for proof of ownership of dogs and providing penalties.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Do Pass** January 26, 2026.

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

**Committee Bill** (Formerly [House Study Bill 566](#)), establishing the state public defender's pilot project to implement innovative models of child welfare legal representation as the project to preserve families.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Do Pass** January 26, 2026.

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

**Committee Bill** (Formerly [House Study Bill 567](#)), relating to public improvement contracts, including notice requirements.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Do Pass** January 26, 2026.

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

**Committee Bill** (Formerly [House Study Bill 569](#)), relating to real estate transfer tax, including declarations of value.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Do Pass** January 26, 2026.

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

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

**Committee Bill** (Formerly [House Study Bill 509](#)), relating to level II law enforcement academy training programs.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Amend and Do Pass** January 27, 2026.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 21: Representatives Vondran-CH, Wengryn-VC, Amos Jr., Brown-Powers, Cisneros, Dieken, Fisher, Gearhart, Gosa, Gustoff, Henderson, Hermanson, Holt, Kressig, Kurth, Levin, Meggers, Mohr, Thomson, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wills. Nays, 0. Excused, 2: Gjerde-RM, Rinker.

**Committee Bill** (Formerly [House Study Bill 528](#)), relating to controlled substances schedules and precursor substances reporting requirements, making penalties applicable, and including effective date provisions.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Do Pass** January 27, 2026.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 21: Representatives Vondran-CH, Wengryn-VC, Amos Jr., Brown-Powers, Cisneros, Dieken, Fisher, Gearhart, Gosa, Gustoff, Henderson, Hermanson, Holt, Kressig, Kurth, Levin, Meggers, Mohr, Thomson, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wills. Nays, 0. Excused, 2: Gjerde-RM, Rinker.

**Committee Bill** (Formerly [House Study Bill 529](#)), relating to sexual misconduct with offenders and juveniles, and providing penalties.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Do Pass** January 27, 2026.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 20: Representatives Vondran-CH, Wengryn-VC, Amos Jr., Brown-Powers, Cisneros, Dieken, Fisher, Gearhart, Gosa, Gustoff, Henderson, Hermanson, Holt, Kressig, Kurth, Meggers, Mohr, Thomson, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wills. Nays, 1: Levin. Excused, 2: Gjerde-RM, Rinker.

**Committee Bill** (Formerly [House Study Bill 551](#)), relating to salaries of peace officers of the department of public safety.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Amend and Do Pass** January 27, 2026.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 21: Representatives Vondran-CH, Wengryn-VC, Amos Jr., Brown-Powers, Cisneros, Dieken, Fisher, Gearhart, Gosa, Gustoff, Henderson, Hermanson, Holt, Kressig, Kurth, Levin, Meggers, Mohr, Thomson, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wills. Nays, 0. Excused, 2: Gjerde-RM, Rinker.

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

**Committee Bill** (Formerly [House Study Bill 587](#)), relating to prohibited activities in the administration of alcoholic beverage control by the department of revenue, and including effective date provisions.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Do Pass** January 27, 2026.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 18: Representatives Bloomingdale-CH, Smith-VC, Nielsen-RM, Baeth, Bergan, Bossman, Collins, Dunwell, Harris, Hora, C. Johnson, Jones, Lundgren, McBurney, Siegrist, Srinivas, Wilz, Wulf. Nays, 2: Cooling, Zabner. Excused, 3: Jeneary, R. Johnson, Windschitl.

MEGHAN NELSON  
Chief Clerk of the House

#### RESOLUTION FILED

[H.R. 103](#), by Collins, a resolution calling upon the United States Congress to support efforts to recognize all United States troops who served in Honduras from 1981 to 1992.

Laid over under **Rule 25**.

On motion by Kaufmann of Cedar, the House adjourned at 8:40 a.m., until 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 28, 2026.