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# JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Fortieth Calendar Day - Twenty-sixth Session Day

Hall of the House of Representatives  
Des Moines, Iowa, Friday, February 20, 2026

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 11:31 a.m., Harris of Appanoose in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Harris of Appanoose.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Harris of Appanoose.

The Journal of Thursday, February 19, 2026, was approved.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

[House File 2650](#), by Srinivas and Barker, a bill for an act relating to drug paraphernalia.

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

[House File 2651](#), by committee on Transportation, a bill for an act relating to fluid milk products annual permits, and including effective date provisions.

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

[House File 2652](#), by committee on Education, a bill for an act relating to play-based learning in preschool, prekindergarten, and kindergarten.

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

[House File 2653](#), by committee on Public Safety, a bill for an act relating to the suspension of a person's driver's license for unlawful or fraudulent uses, and including applicability provisions.

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

[House File 2654](#), by committee on Public Safety, a bill for an act providing for a waiver of resident tuition at community colleges for dependents of first responders.

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

[House File 2655](#), by committee on Transportation, a bill for an act relating to the operating privileges of drivers of authorized emergency vehicles and police officers riding police bicycles.

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

[House File 2656](#), by committee on Veterans Affairs, a bill for an act relating to the staff sergeant William Nathaniel Howard highway, and including applicability provisions.

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

[House File 2657](#), by committee on State Government, a bill for an act relating to residency requirements for fishing and hunting licenses.

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

[House File 2658](#), by committee on Public Safety, a bill for an act relating to street takeovers, and providing penalties.

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

[House File 2659](#), by committee on Economic Growth and Technology, a bill for an act establishing an affordable housing task force.

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

[House File 2660](#), by committee on Judiciary, a bill for an act relating to decedent property, including deposit accounts, small estate affidavits, and distribution of child support.

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

## REREFERRED

The Speaker announced that [House File 2553](#) previously referred to the committee on **Health and Human Services** was rereferred to the committee on **Appropriations**.

## 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 430](#)), relating to the seizure of firearms without the adjudication of a contested court case, providing penalties, and including effective date provisions.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Amend and Do Pass** February 19, 2026.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 14: Representatives Holt-CH, Lawler-VC, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Shipley, Stone, Thompson, Thomson, Watkins, Wheeler, Williams, Wills. Nays, 6: Wilburn-RM, Bagniewski, Ramirez, Srinivas, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wichtendahl. Excused, 1: Olson.

**ALSO:**

**Committee Bill** (Formerly [House File 668](#)), relating to immunity from criminal or civil liability in cases involving the justifiable use of reasonable force.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Do Pass** February 19, 2026.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 15: Representatives Holt-CH, Lawler-VC, Bagniewski, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Shipley, Stone, Thompson, Thomson, Watkins, Wheeler, Williams, Wills. Nays, 5: Wilburn-RM, Ramirez, Srinivas, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wichtendahl. Excused, 1: Olson.

**ALSO:**

**Committee Bill** (Formerly [House File 2144](#)), relating to the expungement of certain criminal history records of victims of human trafficking, and including penalties.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Do Pass** February 19, 2026.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 20: Representatives Holt-CH, Lawler-VC, Wilburn-RM, Bagniewski, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Ramirez, Shipley, Srinivas, Stone, Thompson, Thomson, Watkins, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wheeler, Wichtendahl, Williams, Wills. Nays, 0. Excused, 1: Olson.

**ALSO:**

**Committee Bill** (Formerly [House File 2145](#)), relating to the regulation of places and practices of worship by the governor.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Do Pass** February 19, 2026.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 16: Representatives Holt-CH, Lawler-VC, Bagniewski, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Shipley, Stone, Thompson, Thomson, Watkins, Wheeler, Wichtendahl, Williams, Wills. Nays, 4: Wilburn-RM, Ramirez, Srinivas, Wessel-Kroeschell. Excused, 1: Olson.

**ALSO:**

**Committee Bill** (Formerly [House File 2413](#)), relating to executive branch functions, including ratification of major administrative rules and certain other actions, other matters relating to the state rulemaking process, and terms of service of certain appointed members of certain boards, and including applicability provisions.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Amend and Do Pass** February 19, 2026.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 14: Representatives Holt-CH, Lawler-VC, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Shipley, Stone, Thompson, Thomson, Watkins, Wheeler, Williams, Wills. Nays, 6: Wilburn-RM, Bagniewski, Ramirez, Srinivas, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wichtendahl. Excused, 1: Olson.

**ALSO:**

**Committee Bill** (Formerly [House File 2436](#)), relating to dissolution of marriage, including name change requests.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Amend and Do Pass** February 19, 2026.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 20: Representatives Holt-CH, Lawler-VC, Wilburn-RM, Bagniewski, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Ramirez, Shipley, Srinivas, Stone, Thompson, Thomson, Watkins, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wheeler, Wichtendahl, Williams, Wills. Nays, 0. Excused, 1: Olson.

**ALSO:**

**Committee Bill** (Formerly [House File 2554](#)), relating to the application of foreign law and limiting changes in venue of civil actions, and including applicability provisions.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Do Pass** February 19, 2026.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 20: Representatives Holt-CH, Lawler-VC, Wilburn-RM, Bagniewski, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Ramirez, Shipley, Srinivas, Stone, Thompson, Thomson, Watkins, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wheeler, Wichtendahl, Williams, Wills. Nays, 0. Excused, 1: Olson.

**ALSO:**

**Committee Bill** (Formerly [House File 2555](#)), relating to the use of automatic registration plate readers and providing penalties.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Do Pass** February 19, 2026.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 20: Representatives Holt-CH, Lawler-VC, Wilburn-RM, Bagniewski, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Ramirez, Shipley, Srinivas, Stone, Thompson, Thomson, Watkins, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wheeler, Wichtendahl, Williams, Wills. Nays, 0. Excused, 1: Olson.

**ALSO:**

**Committee Bill** (Formerly [House File 2574](#)), relating to the penalty for public employees and public officials taking money from a public employer.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Do Pass** February 19, 2026.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 20: Representatives Holt-CH, Lawler-VC, Wilburn-RM, Bagniewski, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Ramirez, Shipley, Srinivas, Stone, Thompson, Thomson, Watkins, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wheeler, Wichtendahl, Williams, Wills. Nays, 0. Excused, 1: Olson.

**ALSO:**

**Committee Bill** (Formerly [House Study Bill 570](#)), 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.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Amend and Do Pass** February 19, 2026.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 16: Representatives Holt-CH, Lawler-VC, Bagniewski, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Shipley, Stone, Thompson, Thomson, Watkins, Wheeler, Wichtendahl, Williams, Wills. Nays, 4: Wilburn-RM, Ramirez, Srinivas, Wessel-Kroeschell. Excused, 1: Olson.

**ALSO:**

**Committee Bill** (Formerly [House Study Bill 616](#)), relating to the payment of pecuniary damages, restitution, and prosecution costs.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Do Pass** February 19, 2026.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 19: Representatives Holt-CH, Lawler-VC, Wilburn-RM, Bagniewski, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Shipley, Srinivas, Stone, Thompson, Thomson, Watkins, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wheeler, Wichtendahl, Williams, Wills. Nays, 1: Ramirez. Excused, 1: Olson.

**ALSO:**

**Committee Bill** (Formerly [House Study Bill 631](#)), relating to the collection and publication of judicial officer performance information.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Do Pass** February 19, 2026.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 14: Representatives Holt-CH, Lawler-VC, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Shipley, Stone, Thompson, Thomson, Watkins, Wheeler, Williams, Wills. Nays, 6: Wilburn-RM, Bagniewski, Ramirez, Srinivas, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wichtendahl. Excused, 1: Olson.

**ALSO:**

**Committee Bill** (Formerly [House Study Bill 668](#)), relating to state policies, programs, and licenses with race, gender, or citizenship requirements.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Amend and Do Pass** February 19, 2026.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 14: Representatives Holt-CH, Lawler-VC, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Shipley, Stone, Thompson, Thomson, Watkins, Wheeler, Williams, Wills. Nays, 6: Wilburn-RM, Bagniewski, Ramirez, Srinivas, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wichtendahl. Excused, 1: Olson.

**ALSO:**

**Committee Bill** (Formerly [House Study Bill 722](#)), relating to judicial officers, including magistrate appointments in judicial election districts, senior magistrates, and judicial officer compensation, and including effective date provisions.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Do Pass** February 19, 2026.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 18: Representatives Holt-CH, Lawler-VC, Wilburn-RM, Bagniewski, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Ramirez, Shipley, Stone, Thompson, Watkins, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wheeler, Wichtendahl, Williams, Wills. Nays, 2: Srinivas, Thomson. Excused, 1: Olson.

**ALSO:**

**Committee Bill** (Formerly [House Study Bill 726](#)), 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.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Amend and Do Pass** February 19, 2026.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 14: Representatives Holt-CH, Lawler-VC, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Shipley, Stone, Thompson, Thomson, Watkins, Wheeler, Williams, Wills. Nays, 6: Wilburn-RM, Bagniewski, Ramirez, Srinivas, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wichtendahl. Excused, 1: Olson.

**ALSO:**

**Committee Bill** (Formerly [House Study Bill 738](#)), relating to the grounds for removal of a local assessor and including effective date provisions.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Do Pass** February 19, 2026.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 20: Representatives Holt-CH, Lawler-VC, Wilburn-RM, Bagniewski, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Ramirez, Shipley, Srinivas, Stone, Thompson, Thomson, Watkins, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wheeler, Wichtendahl, Williams, Wills. Nays, 0. Excused, 1: Olson.

**ALSO:**

**Committee Bill** (Formerly [House Study Bill 741](#)), relating to interviews conducted with a child subsequent to a report of child abuse.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Amend and Do Pass** February 19, 2026.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 20: Representatives Holt-CH, Lawler-VC, Wilburn-RM, Bagniewski, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Ramirez, Shipley, Srinivas, Stone, Thompson, Thomson, Watkins, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wheeler, Wichtendahl, Williams, Wills. Nays, 0. Excused, 1: Olson.

**ALSO:**

**Committee Bill** (Formerly [House Study Bill 750](#)), relating to business entity-owned residential arrangements, and including effective date provisions.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Do Pass** February 19, 2026.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 19: Representatives Holt-CH, Lawler-VC, Wilburn-RM, Bagniewski, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Ramirez, Shipley, Srinivas, Stone, Thompson, Thomson, Watkins, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wheeler, Williams, Wills. Nays, 1: Wichtendahl. Excused, 1: Olson.

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

[House File 843](#), a bill for an act relating to oil and gas production, including filing requirements, the authority of the department of natural resources, confidential information, and pooling orders.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Do Pass** February 19, 2026.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 16: Representatives Wood-CH, Golding-VC, Andrews, Baeth, Barker, Collins, Fisher, Gearhart, Harris, Hermanson, Judge, Mommsen, Smith, Wengryn, Wulf, Zabner. Nays, 5: Levin-RM, Gjerde, Jacoby, Nielsen, Scholten. Excused, 0.

Placed on the **Calendar**, February 20, 2026.

MEGHAN NELSON  
Chief Clerk of the House

AMENDMENT FILED

[H-8015](#)      [H.F. 2514](#)      Weldon of Polk

On motion by Young of Dallas, the House adjourned at 11:34 a.m., until 1:00 p.m., Monday, February 23, 2026.