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FORTY-FIFTH CALENDAR DAY  
TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION DAY

Senate Chamber  
Des Moines, Iowa, Wednesday, February 25, 2026

The Senate met in regular session at 9:01 a.m., President Sinclair presiding.

Prayer was offered by the Honorable Jason Schultz, member of the Senate from Crawford County.

The Journal of Tuesday, February 24, 2026, was approved.

## HOUSE MESSAGES RECEIVED AND CONSIDERED

The following messages were received from the Chief Clerk of the House:

MADAM PRESIDENT: I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House has on February 24, 2026, **passed** the following bills in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked:

[House File 2226](#), a bill for an act relating to the bachelor of science in nursing program at the university of Iowa, including priority for admission and reporting requirements.

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

[House File 2242](#), a bill for an act prohibiting an increase in the amount of tuition charged to resident undergraduate students at regents institutions for a period of time and including effective date provisions.

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

[House File 2246](#), a bill for an act relating to education requirements, including continuing education requirements, for certain licensed professions.

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

[House File 2488](#), a bill for an act prohibiting private institutions of higher education that participate in the Iowa tuition grant program from establishing diversity, equity, and inclusion offices.

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

[House File 2500](#), a bill for an act relating to contracts entered into by state agencies and including applicability provisions.

Read first time and attached to [Senate File 2206](#).

[House File 2502](#), a bill for an act relating to paid parental leave for state employees.

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

[House File 2547](#), a bill for an act relating to 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, and by requiring the state board of regents to submit a report related to establishing a performance-based funding model for the institutions of higher education governed by the state board of regents.

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

#### CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS (Regular Calendar)

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration Senate Resolutions 108 and 109.

### Senate Resolution 108

On motion of Senator Sweeney, [Senate Resolution 108](#), a resolution honoring the enduring special relationship between the state of Iowa and Taiwan, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Sweeney moved the adoption of [Senate Resolution 108](#), which motion prevailed by a voice vote.

### Senate Resolution 109

On motion of Senator Lofgren, [Senate Resolution 109](#), a resolution recognizing the 200th anniversary of the birth of Alexander Clark and honoring his legacy, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Lofgren moved the adoption of [Senate Resolution 109](#), which motion prevailed by a voice vote.

The Senate stood at ease at 9:23 a.m. until the fall of the gavel for the purpose of party caucuses.

The Senate resumed session at 11:34 a.m., President Sinclair presiding.

### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Leaves of absence were granted as follows:

Senator Wahls, until he arrives, on request of Senator Weiner; and Senators Garrett and Rowley, until they arrive, on request of Senator Klimesh.

### CONSIDERATION OF BILLS (Regular Calendar)

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration Senate Files 2187 and 2189.

### Senate File 2187

On motion of Senator Kraayenbrink, [Senate File 2187](#), a bill for an act relating to the verification of citizenship and immigration status of persons who apply for or renew a driver's license or nonoperator's identification card, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Kraayenbrink moved that the bill be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the bill was read the last time.

On the question "Shall the bill pass?" ([S.F. 2187](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 42:

Alons	Bisignano	Blake	Bousselot
Campbell	Costello	Dawson	Dickey
Donahue	Drey	Driscoll	Evans
Green	Gruenhagen	Guth	Hardman
Klimesh	Knox	Koelker	Kraayenbrink
Lofgren	McClintock	Pike	Quirnbach
Reichman	Rozenboom	Salmon	Schultz
Shiple	Sinclair	Sires	Sweeney
Taylor	Townsend	Trone Garriott	Warme
Webster	Weiner	Westrich	Whitver
Zimmer	Zumbach		

Nays, 5:

Bennett	Dotzler	Petersen	Staed
Winckler			

Absent, 3:

Garrett	Rowley	Wahls
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The bill, having received a constitutional majority, was declared to have passed the Senate and the title was agreed to.

### Senate File 2189

On motion of Senator Webster, [Senate File 2189](#), a bill for an act relating to information required for nonresidents who apply for vehicle registration and issuance of a certificate of title, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Webster moved that the bill be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the bill was read the last time.

On the question "Shall the bill pass?" ([S.F. 2189](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 47:

Alons	Bennett	Bisignano	Blake
Bousselot	Campbell	Costello	Dawson
Dickey	Donahue	Dotzler	Drey
Driscoll	Evans	Green	Gruenhagen
Guth	Hardman	Klimesh	Knox
Koelker	Kraayenbrink	Lofgren	McClintock
Petersen	Pike	Quirnbach	Reichman
Rozenboom	Salmon	Schultz	Shipley
Sinclair	Sires	Staed	Sweeney
Taylor	Townsend	Trone Garriott	Warme
Webster	Weiner	Westrich	Whitver
Winckler	Zimmer	Zumbach	

Nays, none.

Absent, 3:

Garrett	Rowley	Wahls
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The bill, having received a constitutional majority, was declared to have passed the Senate and the title was agreed to.

#### IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent that **Senate Files 2187** and **2189** be **immediately messaged** to the House.

#### CONSIDERATION OF BILLS (Regular Calendar)

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration Senate Files 2203 and 2218.

### Senate File 2203

On motion of Senator Rozenboom, [Senate File 2203](#), a bill for an act relating to the verification of United States citizenship of persons registering to vote and registered voters, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Rozenboom offered amendment [S-5032](#), filed by the senator from the floor to page 1 of the bill, and moved its adoption.

Amendment [S-5032](#) was adopted by a voice vote.

Senator Rozenboom moved that the bill be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the bill was read the last time.

On the question "Shall the bill pass?" ([S.F. 2203](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 34:

Alons	Blake	Bousselot	Campbell
Costello	Dawson	Dickey	Driscoll
Evans	Green	Gruenhagen	Guth
Klimesh	Koelker	Kraayenbrink	Lofgren
McClintock	Pike	Reichman	Rozenboom
Salmon	Schultz	Shipley	Sinclair
Sires	Sweeney	Taylor	Townsend
Warme	Webster	Westrich	Whitver
Zimmer	Zumbach		

Nays, 13:

Bennett	Bisignano	Donahue	Dotzler
Drey	Hardman	Knox	Petersen
Quirnbach	Staed	Trone Garriott	Weiner
Winckler			

Absent, 3:

Garrett	Rowley	Wahls
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The bill, having received a constitutional majority, was declared to have passed the Senate and the title was agreed to.

### Senate File 2218

On motion of Senator Evans, [Senate File 2218](#), a bill for an act relating to the verification of the identity and employment eligibility of individuals by the board of educational examiners, school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools, and including applicability provisions, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Evans offered amendment [S-5030](#), filed by the senator from the floor to pages 1 and 2 of the bill, and moved its adoption.

Amendment [S-5030](#) was adopted by a voice vote.

Senator Evans moved that the bill be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the bill was read the last time.

On the question “Shall the bill pass?” ([S.F. 2218](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 47:

Alons	Bennett	Bisignano	Blake
Bousselot	Campbell	Costello	Dawson
Dickey	Donahue	Dotzler	Drey
Driscoll	Evans	Green	Gruenhagen
Guth	Hardman	Klimesh	Knox
Koelker	Kraayenbrink	Lofgren	McClintock
Petersen	Pike	Quirnbach	Reichman
Rozenboom	Salmon	Schultz	Shipley
Sinclair	Sires	Staed	Sweeney
Taylor	Townsend	Trone Garriott	Warne
Webster	Weiner	Westrich	Whitver
Winckler	Zimmer	Zumbach	

Nays, none.

Absent, 3:

Garrett	Rowley	Wahls
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The bill, having received a constitutional majority, was declared to have passed the Senate and the title was agreed to.

## IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent that **Senate Files 2203** and **2218** be **immediately messaged** to the House.

## RECESS

On motion of Senator Klimesh, the Senate recessed at 12:27 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

## RECONVENED

The Senate reconvened at 2:11 p.m., President Sinclair presiding.

CONSIDERATION OF BILL  
(Regular Calendar)

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration [Senate File 2426](#).

[Senate File 2426](#)

On motion of Senator Rozenboom, [Senate File 2426](#), a bill for an act relating to sufficient English language proficiency requirements for commercial drivers, providing penalties, and including applicability provisions, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Rozenboom offered amendment [S-5029](#), filed by the senator from the floor to pages 1 and 2 of the bill, and moved its adoption.

Amendment [S-5029](#) was adopted by a voice vote.

Senator Rozenboom moved that the bill be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the bill was read the last time.

On the question “Shall the bill pass?” ([S.F. 2426](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 47:

Alons	Bennett	Bisignano	Blake
Bousselot	Campbell	Costello	Dawson
Dickey	Donahue	Dotzler	Drey
Driscoll	Evans	Green	Gruenhagen
Guth	Hardman	Klimesh	Knox
Koelker	Kraayenbrink	Lofgren	McClintock
Petersen	Pike	Quirnbach	Reichman
Rozenboom	Salmon	Schultz	Shipley
Sinclair	Sires	Staed	Sweeney
Taylor	Townsend	Trone Garriott	Warme
Webster	Weiner	Westrich	Whitver
Winckler	Zimmer	Zumbach	

Nays, none.

Absent, 3:

Garrett	Rowley	Wahls
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The bill, having received a constitutional majority, was declared to have passed the Senate and the title was agreed to.

#### IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent that [Senate File 2426](#) be **immediately messaged** to the House.

#### CONSIDERATION OF BILL (Regular Calendar)

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration [Senate File 2399](#).

#### [Senate File 2399](#)

On motion of Senator Bousselot, [Senate File 2399](#), a bill for an act relating to pretrial bond amounts for certain felonies, was taken up for consideration.

The Senate stood at ease at 2:20 p.m. until the fall of the gavel for the purpose of a Democratic party caucus.

The Senate resumed session at 2:54 p.m., President Sinclair presiding.

The Senate resumed consideration of [Senate File 2399](#).

Senator Boussetot offered amendment [S-5034](#), filed by the senator from the floor to pages 1 and 2 of the bill, and moved its adoption.

Amendment [S-5034](#) was adopted by a voice vote.

Senator Boussetot moved that the bill be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the bill was read the last time.

On the question "Shall the bill pass?" ([S.F. 2399](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 47:

Alons	Bennett	Bisignano	Blake
Boussetot	Campbell	Costello	Dawson
Dickey	Donahue	Dotzler	Drey
Driscoll	Evans	Green	Gruenhagen
Guth	Hardman	Klimesh	Knox
Koelker	Kraayenbrink	Lofgren	McClintock
Petersen	Pike	Quirnbach	Reichman
Rozenboom	Salmon	Schultz	Shipley
Sinclair	Sires	Staed	Sweeney
Taylor	Townsend	Trone Garriott	Warme
Webster	Weiner	Westrich	Whitver
Winckler	Zimmer	Zumbach	

Nays, none.

Absent, 3:

Garrett	Rowley	Wahls
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The bill, having received a constitutional majority, was declared to have passed the Senate and the title was agreed to.

#### IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent that [Senate File 2399](#) be **immediately messaged** to the House.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS  
(Regular Calendar)

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration Senate Files 2412 and 2422.

**Senate File 2412**

On motion of Senator Koelker, [Senate File 2412](#), a bill for an act relating to qualifications for state and local government employment and professional licensure, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Koelker offered amendment [S-5031](#), filed by the senator from the floor to pages 1–3 of the bill.

Senator Koelker offered amendment [S-5035](#), filed by the senator from the floor to pages 1–4 of amendment [S-5031](#), and moved its adoption.

Amendment [S-5035](#) to amendment [S-5031](#) was adopted by a voice vote.

Senator Koelker moved the adoption of amendment [S-5031](#), as amended.

Amendment [S-5031](#) was adopted by a voice vote.

Senator Koelker moved that the bill be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the bill was read the last time.

On the question “Shall the bill pass?” ([S.F. 2412](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 47:

Alons	Bennett	Bisignano	Blake
Bousselot	Campbell	Costello	Dawson
Dickey	Donahue	Dotzler	Drey
Driscoll	Evans	Green	Gruenhagen
Guth	Hardman	Klimesh	Knox
Koelker	Kraayenbrink	Lofgren	McClintock
Petersen	Pike	Quirnbach	Reichman
Rozenboom	Salmon	Schultz	Shipley

Sinclair	Sires	Staed	Sweeney
Taylor	Townsend	Trone Garriott	Warme
Webster	Weiner	Westrich	Whitver
Winckler	Zimmer	Zumbach	

Nays, none.

Absent, 3:

Garrett	Rowley	Wahls
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The bill, having received a constitutional majority, was declared to have passed the Senate and the title was agreed to.

### Senate File 2422

On motion of Senator Webster, [Senate File 2422](#), a bill for an act relating to the supplemental nutrition assistance program, the medical assistance program, the Iowa health and wellness plan, and other programs under the purview of the department of health and human services and including effective date provisions, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Blake offered amendment [S-5036](#), filed by the senator from the floor to pages 2–3 of the bill, and moved its adoption.

A record roll call was requested.

On the question “Shall amendment [S-5036](#) be adopted?” ([S.F. 2422](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 16:

Bennett	Bisignano	Blake	Donahue
Dotzler	Drey	Hardman	Knox
Petersen	Quirnbach	Staed	Townsend
Trone Garriott	Weiner	Winckler	Zimmer

Nays, 31:

Alons	Bousselot	Campbell	Costello
Dawson	Dickey	Driscoll	Evans
Green	Gruenhagen	Guth	Klimesh
Koelker	Kraayenbrink	Lofgren	McClintock
Pike	Reichman	Rozenboom	Salmon

Schultz	Shipley	Sinclair	Sires
Sweeney	Taylor	Warme	Webster
Westrich	Whitver	Zumbach	

Absent, 3:

Garrett	Rowley	Wahls
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Amendment [S-5036](#) lost.

Senator Webster offered amendment [S-5033](#), filed by the senator from the floor to pages 3 and 5 of the bill, and moved its adoption.

Amendment [S-5033](#) was adopted by a voice vote.

Senator Webster moved that the bill be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the bill was read the last time.

On the question “Shall the bill pass?” ([S.F. 2422](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 30:

Alons	Bousselot	Campbell	Costello
Dawson	Dickey	Driscoll	Evans
Green	Gruenhagen	Guth	Klimesh
Koelker	Kraayenbrink	Lofgren	McClintock
Pike	Reichman	Rozenboom	Salmon
Schultz	Shipley	Sinclair	Sires
Sweeney	Warme	Webster	Westrich
Whitver	Zumbach		

Nays, 17:

Bennett	Bisignano	Blake	Donahue
Dotzler	Drey	Hardman	Knox
Petersen	Quirnbach	Staed	Taylor
Townsend	Trone Garriott	Weiner	Winckler
Zimmer			

Absent, 3:

Garrett	Rowley	Wahls
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The bill, having received a constitutional majority, was declared to have passed the Senate and the title was agreed to.

## HOUSE MESSAGES RECEIVED AND CONSIDERED

The following messages were received from the Chief Clerk of the House:

MADAM PRESIDENT: I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House has on February 25, 2026, **passed** the following bills in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked:

[House File 2253](#), a bill for an act relating to terminology involving a pregnant female.

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

[House File 2296](#), a bill for an act restricting counties and cities from issuing a local form of identification.

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

[House File 2434](#), a bill for an act relating to insurance coverage for health care services provided pursuant to a referral by an out-of-network primary care provider.

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

[House File 2501](#), a bill for an act relating to matters associated with county officers and the conduct of elections, and including effective date provisions.

Read first time and attached to [Senate File 2287](#).

[House File 2509](#), a bill for an act modifying the time periods alcoholic beverages may be sold, dispensed, or consumed at commercial service airports, and including effective date provisions.

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

[House File 2511](#), a bill for an act relating to statewide resilience planning, including the development, implementation, and periodic updating of an Iowa state resilience plan.

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

[House File 2518](#), a bill for an act relating to the department of health and human services and reporting requirements for shelter care, residential treatment, and Medicaid provider reimbursement rates, and establishing provider reimbursement rates for Medicaid home and community-based waiver services.

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

[House File 2523](#), a bill for an act authorizing the parent or legal guardian of a child to have the child committed for substance use or mental health treatment.

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

[House File 2531](#), a bill for an act relating to interests in minerals owned by counties and cities.

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

[House File 2558](#), a bill for an act relating to the definition of public improvement for purposes of public construction bidding.

Read first time and attached to [Senate File 2410](#).

[House File 2584](#), a bill for an act establishing drug-free homeless service zones, and providing penalties.

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

CONSIDERATION OF BILL  
(Regular Calendar)

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration [Senate File 2430](#).

[Senate File 2430](#)

On motion of Senator Driscoll, [Senate File 2430](#), a bill for an act relating to the display of flags at half-staff on public buildings, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Driscoll moved that the bill be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the bill was read the last time.

On the question "Shall the bill pass?" ([S.F. 2430](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 38:

Alons	Bisignano	Blake	Bousselot
Campbell	Costello	Dawson	Dickey
Drey	Driscoll	Evans	Green
Gruenhagen	Guth	Hardman	Klimesh
Knox	Koelker	Kraayenbrink	Lofgren
McClintock	Pike	Reichman	Rozenboom
Salmon	Schultz	Shipley	Sinclair
Sires	Sweeney	Taylor	Townsend
Warne	Webster	Westrich	Whitver
Zimmer	Zumbach		

Nays, 9:

Bennett	Donahue	Dotzler	Petersen
Quirnbach	Staed	Trone Garriott	Weiner
Winckler			

Absent, 3:

Garrett	Rowley	Wahls
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The bill, having received a constitutional majority, was declared to have passed the Senate and the title was agreed to.

## IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent that **Senate Files 2412, 2422, and 2430** be **immediately messaged** to the House.

## ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Klimesh, the Senate adjourned at 3:53 p.m. until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 26, 2026.

## APPENDIX

## INTRODUCTION OF BILL

[Senate File 2460](#), by Driscoll, a bill for an act providing for the rural veterinarian loan repayment program, including by allowing a loan repayment recipient to exclude net income attributable to loan payments received under the program.

Read first time under Rule 28 and referred to committee on **Ways and Means**.

## STUDY BILL RECEIVED

[SSB 3181](#)      **Ways and Means**

Making certain sales and use tax exemptions relating to nuclear electric generation facilities, web search portal businesses, and data center businesses contingent upon making contributions to institutions of higher education governed by the state board of regents.

## SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

[Senate File 2383](#)

COMMERCE: Dickey, Chair; Bisignano and Webster

[Senate File 2421](#)

COMMERCE: Warme, Chair; Busselot and Knox

House File 2199

JUDICIARY: Reichman, Chair; Blake and Westrich

House File 2521

JUDICIARY: Webster, Chair; Evans and Quirnbach

SSB 3181

WAYS AND MEANS: Dawson, Chair; Quirnbach and Taylor

## AMENDMENTS FILED

<u>S-5028</u>	<u>H.F. 990</u>	Scott Webster
<u>S-5029</u>	<u>S.F. 2426</u>	Ken Rozenboom
<u>S-5030</u>	<u>S.F. 2218</u>	Lynn Evans
<u>S-5031</u>	<u>S.F. 2412</u>	Carrie Koelker
<u>S-5032</u>	<u>S.F. 2203</u>	Ken Rozenboom
<u>S-5033</u>	<u>S.F. 2422</u>	Scott Webster
<u>S-5034</u>	<u>S.F. 2399</u>	Mike Bousselot
<u>S-5035</u>	<u>S.F. 2412</u>	Carrie Koelker
<u>S-5036</u>	<u>S.F. 2422</u>	Matt Blake