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SIXTY-SIXTH CALENDAR DAY  
THIRTY-NINTH SESSION DAY

Senate Chamber  
Des Moines, Iowa, Wednesday, March 18, 2026

The Senate met in regular session at 9:02 a.m., President Sinclair presiding.

Prayer was offered by the Honorable Annette Sweeney, member of the Senate from Hardin County.

The Journal of Tuesday, March 17, 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 March 17, 2026, **amended and passed** the following bill in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked:

[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. ([S-5104](#))

ALSO: That the House has on March 17, 2026, **passed** the following bills in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked:

[House File 853](#), a bill for an act relating to interpretation of law in administrative and judicial proceedings under the Iowa administrative procedure Act.

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

[House File 2133](#), a bill for an act designating kratom as a schedule I controlled substance, and making penalties applicable.

Read first time and attached to [Senate File 2192](#).

[House File 2686](#), a bill for an act modifying provisions related to transitional coaching authorizations issued by the board of educational examiners and including applicability provisions.

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

## ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Klimesh, the Senate adjourned at 9:18 a.m. until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 19, 2026.

## APPENDIX

### COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

The following communication was received in the office of the Secretary of the Senate and placed on file in the Legislative Services Agency:

#### IOWA HEALTH INFORMATION NETWORK

CyncHealth Iowa Annual Report, pursuant to 2025 Iowa Acts, [HF 972](#), section 79. Report received on March 18, 2026.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### COMMERCE

**Convened:** Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 11:35 a.m.

**Members Present:** Busselot, Chair; Koelker, Vice Chair; Knox, Ranking Member; Bisignano, Blake, Dickey, Drey, Driscoll, Gruenhagen, Petersen, Reichman, Schultz, Sweeney, Warme, Webster, Weiner, and Zumbach.

**Members Absent:** Rowley and Whitver (both excused).

**Committee Business:** [HF 2582](#), [HF 2583](#), [HF 2227](#), [HF 2633](#), and [HF 2434](#).

**Adjourned:** 11:45 a.m.

**JUDICIARY**

**Convened:** Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 3:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Schultz, Chair; Taylor, Vice Chair; Blake, Ranking Member; Bisignano, Boussetot, Dickey, Evans, Green, Lofgren, McClintock, Petersen, Quirnbach, Shipley, Webster, Weiner, Westrich, and Zumbach.

**Members Absent:** Garrett, Knox, and Rowley (all excused).

**Committee Business:** [HF 826](#), [HF 2253](#), [HF 2697](#), [HF 2515](#), [HF 2360](#), [HF 2557](#), [HF 2660](#), and [HF 2720](#).

**Adjourned:** 4:00 p.m.

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT**

**Convened:** Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 1:10 p.m.

**Members Present:** Sweeney, Chair; Shipley, Vice Chair; Staed, Ranking Member; Bennett, Costello, Dotzler, Evans, Hardman, Pike, Rozenboom, Schultz, Sires, Westrich, Zimmer, and Zumbach.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Committee Business:** Gubernatorial appointees and [HF 863](#).

**Adjourned:** 1:20 p.m.

**TRANSPORTATION**

**Convened:** Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 2:30 p.m.

**Members Present:** Zumbach, Chair; Webster, Vice Chair; Townsend, Ranking Member; Bennett, Costello, Dickey, Drey, Hardman, Kraayenbrink, Lofgren, Pike, Rozenboom, Shipley, Warme, Winckler, and Zimmer.

**Members Absent:** Garrett (excused).

**Committee Business:** [HF 777](#), [HF 788](#), [HF 2655](#), [HF 2628](#), and [HF 2679](#).

**Adjourned:** 2:55 p.m.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT**

[House File 2229](#)  
(Reassigned)

COMMERCE: Boussetot, Chair; Driscoll and Knox

## FINAL COMMITTEE REPORTS OF BILL ACTION

## AGRICULTURE

**Bill Title:** [HOUSE FILE 2596](#), a bill for an act regulating the marketing of grain, making penalties applicable, and including effective date provisions.

**Recommendation:** AMEND AND DO PASS, AS PROVIDED IN AMENDMENT [S-5105](#).

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 10: Driscoll, Rozenboom, Costello, Green, Gruenhagen, McClintock, Shipley, Sires, Sweeney, and Zumbach. Nays, 4: Zimmer, Bennett, Bisignano, and Quirmbach. Excused, 2: Guth and Knox.

**Fiscal Note:** NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

## COMMERCE

**Bill Title:** [HOUSE FILE 2227](#), a bill for an act relating to land restoration following the initial construction of electric transmission lines, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.

**Recommendation:** DO PASS.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 17: Boussetot, Koelker, Knox, Bisignano, Blake, Dickey, Drey, Driscoll, Gruenhagen, Petersen, Reichman, Schultz, Sweeney, Warme, Webster, Weiner, and Zumbach. Nays, none. Excused, 2: Rowley and Whitver.

**Fiscal Note:** NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

## ALSO:

**Bill Title:** [HOUSE FILE 2582](#), a bill for an act relating to investigations of insurance fraud related to adjusters, appraisers, and umpires, and license and financial responsibility requirements for adjusters, and including effective date provisions.

**Recommendation:** DO PASS.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 17: Boussetot, Koelker, Knox, Bisignano, Blake, Dickey, Drey, Driscoll, Gruenhagen, Petersen, Reichman, Schultz, Sweeney, Warme, Webster, Weiner, and Zumbach. Nays, none. Excused, 2: Rowley and Whitver.

**Fiscal Note:** NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

**ALSO:**

**Bill Title:** [HOUSE FILE 2633](#), a bill for an act relating to living organ donors and life insurance, disability insurance, and long-term care insurance.

**Recommendation:** DO PASS.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 17: Boussetot, Koelker, Knox, Bisignano, Blake, Dickey, Drey, Driscoll, Gruenhagen, Petersen, Reichman, Schultz, Sweeney, Warme, Webster, Weiner, and Zumbach. Nays, none. Excused, 2: Rowley and Whitver.

**Fiscal Note:** NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

**JUDICIARY**

**Bill Title:** [HOUSE FILE 826](#), a bill for an act relating to obscene materials involving minors, and providing penalties.

**Recommendation:** AMEND AND DO PASS, AS PROVIDED IN AMENDMENT [S-5106](#).

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 17: Schultz, Taylor, Blake, Bisignano, Boussetot, Dickey, Evans, Green, Lofgren, McClintock, Petersen, Quirnbach, Shipley, Webster, Weiner, Westrich, and Zumbach. Nays, none. Excused, 3: Garrett, Knox, and Rowley.

**Fiscal Note:** NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

**ALSO:**

**Bill Title:** [HOUSE FILE 2253](#), a bill for an act relating to terminology involving a pregnant female.

**Recommendation:** DO PASS.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 14: Schultz, Taylor, Bisignano, Boussetot, Dickey, Evans, Green, Lofgren, McClintock, Quirnbach, Shipley, Webster, Westrich, and Zumbach. Nays, 3: Blake, Petersen, and Weiner. Excused, 3: Garrett, Knox, and Rowley.

**Fiscal Note:** NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

**ALSO:**

**Bill Title:** [HOUSE FILE 2360](#), a bill for an act relating to child endangerment.

**Recommendation:** DO PASS.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 17: Schultz, Taylor, Blake, Bisignano, Boussetot, Dickey, Evans, Green, Lofgren, McClintock, Petersen, Quirnbach, Shipley, Webster, Weiner, Westrich, and Zumbach. Nays, none. Excused, 3: Garrett, Knox, and Rowley.

**Fiscal Note:** NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

**ALSO:**

**Bill Title:** [HOUSE FILE 2515](#), a bill for an act relating to deferred or suspended sentences for cases involving sexual exploitation of a minor.

**Recommendation:** DO PASS.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 17: Schultz, Taylor, Blake, Bisignano, Boussetot, Dickey, Evans, Green, Lofgren, McClintock, Petersen, Quirnbach, Shipley, Webster, Weiner, Westrich, and Zumbach. Nays, none. Excused, 3: Garrett, Knox, and Rowley.

**Fiscal Note:** NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

**ALSO:**

**Bill Title:** [HOUSE FILE 2557](#), a bill for an act allowing a person to raise, guide, and instruct a child in a manner consistent with the child's sex.

**Recommendation:** DO PASS.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 12: Schultz, Taylor, Boussetot, Dickey, Evans, Green, Lofgren, McClintock, Shipley, Webster, Westrich, and Zumbach. Nays, 5: Blake, Bisignano, Petersen, Quirnbach, and Weiner. Excused, 3: Garrett, Knox, and Rowley.

**Fiscal Note:** NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

**ALSO:**

**Bill Title:** [HOUSE FILE 2660](#), a bill for an act relating to decedent property, including deposit accounts, small estate affidavits, and distribution of child support.

**Recommendation:** DO PASS.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 17: Schultz, Taylor, Blake, Bisignano, Boussetot, Dickey, Evans, Green, Lofgren, McClintock, Petersen, Quirnbach, Shipley, Webster, Weiner, Westrich, and Zumbach. Nays, none. Excused, 3: Garrett, Knox, and Rowley.

**Fiscal Note:** NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

**ALSO:**

**Bill Title:** [HOUSE FILE 2697](#), a bill for an act relating to the payment of pecuniary damages, restitution, and prosecution costs.

**Recommendation:** DO PASS.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 17: Schultz, Taylor, Blake, Bisignano, Boussetot, Dickey, Evans, Green, Lofgren, McClintock, Petersen, Quirnbach, Shipley, Webster, Weiner, Westrich, and Zumbach. Nays, none. Excused, 3: Garrett, Knox, and Rowley.

**Fiscal Note:** NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

**ALSO:**

**Bill Title:** [HOUSE FILE 2720](#), a bill for an act relating to dissolution of marriage, including name change requests.

**Recommendation:** DO PASS.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 17: Schultz, Taylor, Blake, Bisignano, Boussetot, Dickey, Evans, Green, Lofgren, McClintock, Petersen, Quirnbach, Shipley, Webster, Weiner, Westrich, and Zumbach. Nays, none. Excused, 3: Garrett, Knox, and Rowley.

**Fiscal Note:** NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT**

**Bill Title:** [HOUSE FILE 863](#), a bill for an act relating to the use of blue lights on vessels operating on waters under the jurisdiction of the natural resource commission.

**Recommendation:** DO PASS.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 15: Sweeney, Shipley, Staed, Bennett, Costello, Dotzler, Evans, Hardman, Pike, Rozenboom, Schultz, Sires, Westrich, Zimmer, and Zumbach. Nays, none. Excused, none.

**Fiscal Note:** NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

**TRANSPORTATION**

**Bill Title:** [HOUSE FILE 788](#), a bill for an act requiring state employees to provide a specimen for alcohol and drug analysis following certain motor vehicle accidents or collisions resulting in serious injury or death under certain circumstances, and making penalties applicable.

**Recommendation:** DO PASS.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 16: Zumbach, Webster, Townsend, Bennett, Costello, Dickey, Drey, Hardman, Kraayenbrink, Lofgren, Pike, Rozenboom, Shipley, Warme, Winckler, and Zimmer. Nays, none. Excused, 1: Garrett.

**Fiscal Note:** NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

**ALSO:**

**Bill Title:** [HOUSE FILE 2679](#), a bill for an act relating to specially constructed motorcycles.

**Recommendation:** DO PASS.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 16: Zumbach, Webster, Townsend, Bennett, Costello, Dickey, Drey, Hardman, Kraayenbrink, Lofgren, Pike, Rozenboom, Shipley, Warme, Winckler, and Zimmer. Nays, none. Excused, 1: Garrett.

**Fiscal Note:** NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEES PLACED ON  
EN BLOC CONFIRMATION CALENDAR

The following appointees, assigned to standing committees for investigation, were placed on the En Bloc Confirmation Calendar with recommendation for confirmation:

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT**

Jason Ballard – Environmental Protection Commission

Paul Assman – Flood Mitigation Board

Vicki Stoller – Flood Mitigation Board

**AMENDMENTS FILED**

<a href="#">S-5104</a>	<a href="#">S.F. 2218</a>	House
<a href="#">S-5105</a>	<a href="#">H.F. 2596</a>	Agriculture
<a href="#">S-5106</a>	<a href="#">H.F. 826</a>	Judiciary