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SEVENTY-FIRST CALENDAR DAY  
FORTY-FIRST SESSION DAY

Senate Chamber  
Des Moines, Iowa, Monday, March 23, 2026

The Senate met in regular session at 1:06 p.m., President Sinclair presiding.

Prayer was offered by the Honorable Mark Costello, member of the Senate from Mills County.

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

## BILL REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

President Sinclair announced that [House File 978](#) was referred from the Regular Calendar to the committee on **Ways and Means** under Senate Rule 38.

## HOUSE MESSAGE RECEIVED AND CONSIDERED

The following message was received from the Chief Clerk of the House:

MADAM PRESIDENT: I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House has on March 19, 2026, **passed** the following bill in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked:

[House File 2739](#), a bill for an act relating to state finances by modifying the taxes imposed on health maintenance organizations, making transfers from the taxpayer relief fund, making and supplementing appropriations to the department of health and human services, and including effective date, contingent effective date, and retroactive applicability provisions.

Read first time and attached to [Senate File 2464](#).

The Senate stood at ease at 1:12 p.m. until the fall of the gavel for the purpose of party caucuses.

The Senate resumed session at 2:57 p.m., President Sinclair presiding.

#### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Leaves of absence were granted as follows:

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

#### CONSIDERATION OF BILLS (Unfinished Business Calendar)

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration Senate Files 2206, 2281, and 2342.

#### Senate File 2206

On motion of Senator Boussetot, Senate File 2206, a bill for an act relating to contracts entered into by state agencies and including applicability provisions, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Boussetot asked and received unanimous consent that House File 2500 be **substituted** for Senate File 2206.

#### House File 2500

On motion of Senator Boussetot, House File 2500, a bill for an act relating to contracts entered into by state agencies and including applicability provisions, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, was taken up for consideration.

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?” ([H.F. 2500](#)), 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.

#### WITHDRAWN

Senator Bousselot asked and received unanimous consent that [Senate File 2206](#) be **withdrawn** from further consideration of the Senate.

#### [Senate File 2281](#)

On motion of Senator Webster, [Senate File 2281](#), a bill for an act relating to controlled substances schedules and precursor substances reporting requirements, making penalties applicable, and including effective date provisions, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Webster asked and received unanimous consent that [House File 2202](#) be **substituted** for [Senate File 2281](#).

### House File 2202

On motion of Senator Webster, [House File 2202](#), a bill for an act relating to controlled substances schedules and precursor substances reporting requirements, making penalties applicable, and including effective date provisions, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, 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?” ([H.F. 2202](#)), 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.

### WITHDRAWN

Senator Webster asked and received unanimous consent that [Senate File 2281](#) be **withdrawn** from further consideration of the Senate.

### Senate File 2342

On motion of Senator Driscoll, [Senate File 2342](#), a bill for an act relating to the required beneficiary and use of a public officer insurance policy, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Driscoll offered amendment [S-5039](#), filed by the senator on March 2, 2026, to page 1 and amending the title page of the bill, and moved its adoption.

Amendment [S-5039](#) was adopted by a voice vote.

Senator Driscoll asked and received unanimous consent that [House File 2522](#) be **substituted** for [Senate File 2342](#).

### House File 2522

On motion of Senator Driscoll, [House File 2522](#), a bill for an act relating to the required beneficiary and use of a public officer insurance policy, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, 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?" ([H.F. 2522](#)), 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

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

#### WITHDRAWN

Senator Driscoll asked and received unanimous consent that [Senate File 2342](#) be **withdrawn** from further consideration of the Senate.

#### IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent that **House Files 2202, 2500, and 2522** be **immediately messaged** to the House.

#### CONSIDERATION OF BILLS (Unfinished Business Calendar)

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration Senate Files 2371, 2370, and 2393.

#### [Senate File 2371](#)

On motion of Senator Shipley, [Senate File 2371](#), a bill for an act creating the uniform family law arbitration Act, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Shipley asked and received unanimous consent that [House File 2619](#) be **substituted** for [Senate File 2371](#).

#### [House File 2619](#)

On motion of Senator Shipley, [House File 2619](#), a bill for an act creating the uniform family law arbitration Act, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Shipley 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?” ([H.F. 2619](#)), 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.

#### WITHDRAWN

Senator Shipley asked and received unanimous consent that [Senate File 2371](#) be **withdrawn** from further consideration of the Senate.

#### [Senate File 2370](#)

On motion of Senator Taylor, [Senate File 2370](#), a bill for an act establishing the state public defender’s pilot project to implement innovative models of child welfare legal representation as the project to preserve families, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Taylor asked and received unanimous consent that [House File 2356](#) be **substituted** for [Senate File 2370](#).

### House File 2356

On motion of Senator Taylor, [House File 2356](#), a bill for an act establishing the state public defender's pilot project to implement innovative models of child welfare legal representation as the project to preserve families, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Taylor 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?" ([H.F. 2356](#)), 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.

### WITHDRAWN

Senator Taylor asked and received unanimous consent that [Senate File 2370](#) be **withdrawn** from further consideration of the Senate.

### Senate File 2393

On motion of Senator Shipley, [Senate File 2393](#), a bill for an act relating to reporting total gasoline and diesel fuel gallonage sold and dispensed by retail dealers for a determination period, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Shipley offered amendment [S-5098](#), filed by the senator on March 16, 2026, to page 1 of the bill, and moved its adoption.

Amendment [S-5098](#) was adopted by a voice vote.

Senator Shipley asked and received unanimous consent that [House File 2643](#) be **substituted** for [Senate File 2393](#).

### House File 2643

On motion of Senator Shipley, [House File 2643](#), a bill for an act relating to reporting total gasoline and diesel fuel gallonage sold and dispensed by retail dealers for a determination period, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Shipley 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?" ([H.F. 2643](#)), 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

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

#### WITHDRAWN

Senator Shipley asked and received unanimous consent that [Senate File 2393](#) be **withdrawn** from further consideration of the Senate.

#### IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent that **House Files 2356, 2619, and 2643** be **immediately messaged** to the House.

#### CONSIDERATION OF BILLS (Unfinished Business Calendar)

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration [Senate File 2454](#), [House File 648](#), [Senate File 2427](#), and [House File 766](#).

#### [Senate File 2454](#)

On motion of Senator Warme, [Senate File 2454](#), a bill for an act relating to life insurance, permissible third parties, and financial exploitation of eligible adults, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Warme asked and received unanimous consent that [House File 2232](#) be **substituted** for [Senate File 2454](#).

House File 2232

On motion of Senator Warme, House File 2232, a bill for an act relating to life insurance, permissible third parties, and financial exploitation of eligible adults, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Warme 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?" (H.F. 2232), 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.

WITHDRAWN

Senator Warme asked and received unanimous consent that Senate File 2454 be **withdrawn** from further consideration of the Senate.

### House File 648

On motion of Senator Alons, [House File 648](#), a bill for an act relating to a licensed sedation provider host permit for a dentist, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on April 10, 2025, with report of committee recommending passage, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Alons offered amendment [S-5017](#), filed by the senator on February 19, 2026, to pages 1 and 2 of the bill, and moved its adoption.

Amendment [S-5017](#) was adopted by a voice vote.

Senator Alons 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?" ([H.F. 648](#)), 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 2427

On motion of Senator Shipley, [Senate File 2427](#), a bill for an act providing a limitation on civil or criminal liability for any alleged actual or potential effect on climate caused wholly or partly by a greenhouse gas emission, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Shipley asked and received unanimous consent that action on [Senate File 2427](#) be **deferred**.

### House File 766

On motion of Senator Warme, [House File 766](#), a bill for an act relating to motor vehicle window tint, and making penalties applicable, with report of committee recommending passage, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Warme 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?" ([H.F. 766](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 31:

Alons	Bennett	Bisignano	Bousselot
Costello	Dawson	Dickey	Driscoll
Evans	Green	Gruenhagen	Guth
Klimesh	Knox	Koelker	Kraayenbrink
Pike	Reichman	Rozenboom	Salmon
Schultz	Shipley	Sinclair	Sires
Sweeney	Taylor	Trone Garriott	Warme
Webster	Whitver	Zumbach	

Nays, 16:

Blake	Campbell	Donahue	Dotzler
Drey	Hardman	Lofgren	McClintock
Petersen	Quirnbach	Staed	Townsend
Weiner	Westrich	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.

## IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent that **House Files 648, 766, and 2232** be **immediately messaged** to the House.

## 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 23, 2026, **passed** the following bills in which the concurrence of House was asked:

**Senate File 572**, a bill for an act prohibiting the licensure of certain entities of the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to establish, conduct, or maintain a hospital or health care facility.

**Senate File 2114**, a bill for an act relating to intimidation with a dangerous weapon, and making penalties applicable.

ALSO: That the House has on March 23, 2026, **concurred** in the Senate amendment and **passed** the following bill in which the concurrence of House was asked:

**House File 571**, a bill for an act relating to protections for medical practitioners, health care institutions, and health care payors including those related to the exercise of conscience, whistleblower activities, and free speech, and providing penalties.

ALSO: That the House has on March 23, 2026, **passed** the following bill in which the concurrence of Senate is asked:

**House File 2601**, a bill for an act relating to campaign finance, including participation in ballot issue campaigns by foreign nationals and investigations of election misconduct, and making penalties applicable.

Read first time and attached to **Senate File 2204**.

## ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Klimesh, the Senate adjourned at 3:54 p.m. until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

## APPENDIX

### INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Resolution 111, by Sires, Salmon, Dotzler, Costello, Sweeney, Lofgren, Winckler, Donahue, Petersen, and Dickey, a resolution recognizing the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the University of Northern Iowa.

Read first time under Rule 28 and referred to committee on **Rules and Administration**.

Senate Resolution 112, by Boussetol, a resolution urging the United States Congress to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require the Supreme Court of the United States to be composed of nine justices.

Read first time under Rule 28 and referred to committee on **Rules and Administration**.

### FINAL COMMITTEE REPORT OF BILL ACTION

#### STATE GOVERNMENT

**Bill Title:** HOUSE FILE 2694, a bill for an act relating to the regulation of certain places and activities by the governor.

**Recommendation:** AMEND AND DO PASS, AS PROVIDED IN AMENDMENT S-5123.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 10: Rozenboom, Reichman, Boussetol, Driscoll, Green, Guth, Koelker, Kraayenbrink, Schultz, and Webster. Nays, 8: Winckler, Bisignano, Blake, Drey, Salmon, Staed, Townsend, and Westrich. Excused, none.

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

### APPOINTMENT

The following appointee was submitted to the Secretary of the Senate for Senate confirmation (all appointees are submitted as **members** unless otherwise specified):

BY THE GOVERNOR

TERM

VETERANS AFFAIRS, COMMISSION OF (Sec. 35A.2)  
David Wilkins, Des Moines

05/01/2026 – 04/30/2028

The appointment was referred to the committee on **Veterans Affairs**.

## APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

In accordance with Senate Rule 59, the following senators were appointed to subcommittees of standing committees on March 23, 2026, to investigate the appointment and reappointment of the following appointees:

### STATE GOVERNMENT

As a member of the Board of Chiropractic:

Leah Pitts – Salmon, Chair; Drey and Schultz

### VETERANS AFFAIRS

As a member of the Commission of Veterans Affairs:

David Wilkins – Reichman, Chair; Dotzler and Pike

## AMENDMENTS FILED

<u>S-5123</u>	<u>H.F. 2694</u>	State Government
<u>S-5124</u>	<u>S.F. 2304</u>	Scott Webster