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SEVENTY-NINTH CALENDAR DAY
FORTY-SIXTH SESSION DAY

Senate Chamber
Des Moines, Iowa, Tuesday, March 31, 2026

The Senate met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., President Sinclair presiding.

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

The Journal of Monday, March 30, 2026, was approved.

The Senate stood at ease at 9:03 a.m. until the fall of the gavel for the purpose of party caucuses.

The Senate resumed session at 11:22 a.m., President Sinclair presiding.

RECESS

On motion of Senator Zumbach, the Senate recessed at 11:23 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

RECONVENED

The Senate reconvened at 1:34 p.m., President Sinclair presiding.

HOUSE AMENDMENT CONSIDERED

Senate File 2218

Senator Klimesh called up for consideration 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, amended by the House in House amendment S-5104, filed March 18, 2026.

Senator Evans moved that the Senate refuse to concur in the House amendment.

The motion prevailed by a voice vote and the Senate **refused to concur** in the House amendment.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Leaves of absence were granted as follows:

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

CONSIDERATION OF BILL
(Unfinished Business Calendar)

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration Senate File 2304.

Senate File 2304

On motion of Senator Webster, Senate File 2304, a bill for an act relating to certain public utilities, including the development of ratemaking principles permitted for recovery costs of certain investments in infrastructure by water and wastewater utilities and cost considerations for acquisitions of water, sanitary sewer, or storm water utilities, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Webster offered amendment [S-5124](#), filed by the senator on March 23, 2026, striking and replacing everything after the enacting clause and amending the title page of the bill, and moved its adoption.

Amendment [S-5124](#) 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. 2304](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 46:

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	Whitver	Winckler
Zimmer	Zumbach		

Nays, none.

Absent, 4:

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

IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent that **Senate Files 2218** and **2304** 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 31, 2026, **passed** the following bills in which the concurrence of the House was asked:

[Senate File 492](#), a bill for an act relating to the acquisition of certain vehicles by a vehicle recycler, and making penalties applicable.

[Senate File 2429](#), a bill for an act relating to fluid milk products annual permits, and including effective date provisions.

ALSO: That the House has on March 31, 2026, **amended and passed** the following bills in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked:

[Senate File 2426](#), a bill for an act relating to sufficient English language proficiency requirements for commercial drivers, providing penalties, and including applicability provisions. ([S-5148](#))

[Senate File 2453](#), a bill for an act providing for investment by regents institutions in certified innovation funds and including effective date provisions. ([S-5149](#))

ALSO: That the House has on March 31, 2026, **concurred** in the Senate amendment **and passed** the following bills in which the concurrence of the House was asked:

[House File 648](#), a bill for an act relating to a licensed sedation provider host permit for a dentist.

[House File 917](#), a bill for an act relating to civil liability actions against motocross facilities.

[House File 2583](#), a bill for an act relating to emergency planning and coordination for electric transmission line owners, and providing penalties.

ALSO: That the House has on March 31, 2026, **passed** the following bills in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked:

[House File 2741](#), a bill for an act establishing a scenic byways enhancement fund, including by providing for voluntary contributions to the fund, making appropriations, and including effective date provisions.

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

[House File 2742](#), a bill for an act relating to reports on major maintenance projects for state infrastructure.

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

[House File 2743](#), a bill for an act creating the Iowa rural health transformation fund and making appropriations.

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

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS
(Unfinished Business Calendar)

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration Senate Files 2387 and 2394.

[Senate File 2387](#)

On motion of Senator Guth, [Senate File 2387](#), a bill for an act relating to the compatibility of passenger vehicles rented or leased by the state with biodiesel blended fuel classified as B-20 or higher, and including applicability provisions, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Guth offered amendment [S-5143](#), filed by the senator from the floor, striking and replacing everything after the enacting clause and amending the title page of the bill, and moved its adoption.

Amendment [S-5143](#) was adopted by a voice vote.

Senator Guth asked and received unanimous consent that [House File 2671](#) be **substituted** for [Senate File 2387](#).

House File 2671

On motion of Senator Guth, House File 2671, a bill for an act relating to the compatibility of passenger vehicles rented or leased by the state with biodiesel blended fuel classified as B-20 or higher, and including applicability provisions, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Guth offered amendment S-5147, filed by the senator from the floor to page 1 of the bill, and moved its adoption.

Amendment S-5147 was adopted by a voice vote.

Senator Guth 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. 2671), the vote was:

Yeas, 46:

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	Whitver	Winckler
Zimmer	Zumbach		

Nays, none.

Absent, 4:

Garrett	Rowley	Wahls	Westrich
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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 Guth asked and received unanimous consent that [Senate File 2387](#) be **withdrawn** from further consideration of the Senate.

[Senate File 2394](#)

On motion of Senator Webster, [Senate File 2394](#), a bill for an act relating to a statewide urban design and specifications board, including assessment of costs for local government projects that do not comply with the board's design or specifications manuals, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Webster offered amendment [S-5064](#), filed by the senator on March 4, 2026, to pages 1 and 2 and amending the title page of the bill, and moved its adoption.

Amendment [S-5064](#) was adopted by a voice vote.

Senator Webster asked and received unanimous consent that [House File 2667](#) be **substituted** for [Senate File 2394](#).

[House File 2667](#)

On motion of Senator Webster, [House File 2667](#), a bill for an act relating to a statewide urban design and specifications board, including assessment of costs for local government projects that do not comply with the board's design or specifications manuals, 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. 2667](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 28:

Alons	Bousselot	Costello	Dawson
Dickey	Driscoll	Evans	Green
Gruenhagen	Guth	Klimesh	Koelker

Kraayenbrink	Lofgren	Pike	Reichman
Rozenboom	Salmon	Schultz	ShIPLEY
Sinclair	Sires	Taylor	Townsend
Warne	Webster	Whitver	Zumbach

Nays, 18:

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

Absent, 4:

Garrett	Rowley	Wahls	Westrich
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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 2394](#) be **withdrawn** from further consideration of the Senate.

IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent that **House Files 2667** and **2671** be **immediately messaged** to the House.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS (Regular Calendar)

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration House Files 523 and 863.

[House File 523](#)

On motion of Senator Shipley, [House File 523](#), a bill for an act relating to the ability of peace officers to file a petition for emergency protective orders on behalf of persons seeking relief from domestic abuse, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 26, 2026, with report of committee recommending passage, 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. 523](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 46:

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	Whitver	Winckler
Zimmer	Zumbach		

Nays, none.

Absent, 4:

Garrett	Rowley	Wahls	Westrich
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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 File 863

On motion of Senator Rozenboom, [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, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 26, 2026, with report of committee recommending passage, was taken up for consideration.

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?” ([H.F. 863](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 46:

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	Whitver	Winckler
Zimmer	Zumbach		

Nays, none.

Absent, 4:

Garrett	Rowley	Wahls	Westrich
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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 523** and **863** be **immediately messaged** to the House.

CONSIDERATION OF BILL (Ways and Means Calendar)

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration [Senate File 2470](#).

[Senate File 2470](#)

On motion of Senator Dawson, [Senate File 2470](#), a bill for an act relating to event-driven contracts traded on dedicated contract markets by requiring a permit to conduct business in the state, imposing a tax on adjusted revenues or amounts traded, making adjustments to individual and corporate income taxes, providing for fees, and including contingent effective date, applicability, and retroactive applicability provisions, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Quirnbach withdrew amendment [S-5146](#), filed by the senator from the floor to page 1 and amending the title page of the bill.

Senator Dawson offered amendment [S-5142](#), filed by the senator from the floor to pages 1, 3, and 5 and amending the title page of the bill, and moved its adoption.

Amendment [S-5142](#) was adopted by a voice vote.

Senator Dawson 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. 2470](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 45:

Alons	Bennett	Bisignano	Blake
Bousselot	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	Whitver	Winckler	Zimmer
Zumbach			

Nays, 1:

Campbell

Absent, 4:

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

IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent that [Senate File 2470](#) be **immediately messaged** to the House.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Klimesh, the Senate adjourned at 2:36 p.m. until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 1, 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:

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR OF STATE

Single Audit Report for FY Ended June 30, 2025. Report received on March 31, 2026.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE MEETING**ETHICS**

Convened: Tuesday, March 31, 2026, 12:30 p.m.

Members Present: Evans, Chair; Shipley, Vice Chair; Winckler, Ranking Member; Dawson, Petersen, and Staed.

Members Absent: None.

Committee Business: Reviewed complaint against Senator Webster.

Adjourned: 12:50 p.m.

AMENDMENTS FILED

<u>S-5142</u>	<u>S.F. 2470</u>	Dan Dawson
<u>S-5143</u>	<u>S.F. 2387</u>	Dennis Guth
<u>S-5144</u>	<u>H.F. 2652</u>	Kerry Gruenhagen
<u>S-5145</u>	<u>H.F. 2543</u>	Kara Warme
<u>S-5146</u>	<u>S.F. 2470</u>	Herman C. Quirnbach
<u>S-5147</u>	<u>H.F. 2671</u>	Dennis Guth
<u>S-5148</u>	<u>S.F. 2426</u>	House
<u>S-5149</u>	<u>S.F. 2453</u>	House