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EIGHTIETH CALENDAR DAY
FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION DAY

Senate Chamber
Des Moines, Iowa, Wednesday, April 1, 2026

The Senate met in regular session at 9:03 a.m., President Sinclair presiding.

Prayer was offered by the Honorable Janice Weiner, member of the Senate from Johnson County.

The Journal of Tuesday, March 31, 2026, was approved.

The Senate stood at ease at 9:08 a.m. until the fall of the gavel for the purpose of party caucuses.

The Senate resumed session at 10:03 a.m., President Sinclair presiding.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Leaves of absence were granted as follows:

Senators Bennett and Wahls, until they arrive, on request of Senator Weiner; and Senators Garrett, Lofgren, Reichman, and Rowley, 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 [House File 2697](#).

House File 2697

On motion of Senator Dickey, [House File 2697](#), a bill for an act relating to the payment of pecuniary damages, restitution, and prosecution costs, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 26, 2026, with report of committee recommending passage, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Dickey 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. 2697](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 44:

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

Nays, none.

Absent, 6:

Bennett	Garrett	Lofgren	Reichman
Rowley	Wahls		

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

CONSIDERATION OF BILL
(Appropriations Calendar)

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration [Senate File 2474](#).

Senate File 2474

On motion of Senator Green, Senate File 2474, a bill for an act requiring the department of education to prepare a report related to cardiac emergency response plans and automated external defibrillators and submit the report to the general assembly, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Green 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. 2474), the vote was:

Yeas, 45:

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

Nays, none.

Absent, 5:

Garrett	Lofgren	Reichman	Rowley
Wahls			

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 2474 and House File 2697 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 2202, 2297, and 2366.

Senate File 2202

On motion of Senator Warme, **Senate File 2202**, a bill for an act relating to subacute mental health care facilities and services, and including effective date provisions, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Warme offered amendment **S-5061**, filed by the senator on March 4, 2026, striking and replacing everything after the enacting clause and amending the title page of the bill, and moved its adoption.

Amendment **S-5061** was adopted by a voice vote.

Senator Warme asked and received unanimous consent that **House File 2543** be **substituted** for **Senate File 2202**.

House File 2543

On motion of Senator Warme, **House File 2543**, a bill for an act relating to subacute mental health care facilities and services, and including effective date provisions, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Warme offered amendment **S-5145**, filed by the senator on March 31, 2026, striking and replacing everything after the enacting clause and amending the title page of the bill, and moved its adoption.

A record roll call was requested.

On the question "Shall amendment **S-5145** be adopted?" (**H.F. 2543**), the vote was:

Yeas, 29:

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

Sinclair	Sires	Sweeney	Taylor
Warne	Webster	Westrich	Whitver
Zumbach			

Nays, 16:

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

Absent, 5:

Garrett	Lofgren	Reichman	Rowley
Wahls			

Amendment [S-5145](#) was adopted.

Senator Warne 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. 2543](#)), 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	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, 4:

Garrett	Lofgren	Rowley	Wahls
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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.

WITHDRAWN

Senator Warne asked and received unanimous consent that [Senate File 2202](#) be **withdrawn** from further consideration of the Senate.

[Senate File 2297](#)

On motion of Senator Westrich, [Senate File 2297](#), a bill for an act relating to matters under the purview of the Iowa public employees' retirement system, and including effective date provisions, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Westrich offered amendment [S-5150](#), 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-5150](#) was adopted by a voice vote.

Senator Westrich asked and received unanimous consent that [House File 2345](#) be **substituted** for [Senate File 2297](#).

[House File 2345](#)

On motion of Senator Westrich, [House File 2345](#), a bill for an act relating to matters under the purview of the Iowa public employees' retirement system, and including effective date provisions, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Westrich 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. 2345](#)), 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	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, 4:

Garrett	Lofgren	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 Westrich asked and received unanimous consent that [Senate File 2297](#) be **withdrawn** from further consideration of the Senate.

[Senate File 2366](#)

On motion of Senator Costello, [Senate File 2366](#), a bill for an act relating to certified medication aides, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, with report of committee on State Government recommending passage, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Costello asked and received unanimous consent that [House File 2680](#) be **substituted** for [Senate File 2366](#).

[House File 2680](#)

On motion of Senator Costello, [House File 2680](#), a bill for an act relating to certified medication aides, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Costello 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. 2680](#)), 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	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, 4:

Garrett	Lofgren	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 Costello asked and received unanimous consent that [Senate File 2366](#) be **withdrawn** from further consideration of the Senate.

IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent that **House Files 2345, 2543, and 2680** be **immediately messaged** to the House.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS (Unfinished Business Calendar)

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration House Files 2253 and 2591.

House File 2253

On motion of Senator Westrich, [House File 2253](#), a bill for an act relating to terminology involving a pregnant female, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 26, 2026, with report of committee recommending passage, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Westrich 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. 2253](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 40:

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

Nays, 6:

Bennett	Dotzler	Knox	Petersen
Staed	Weiner		

Absent, 4:

Garrett	Lofgren	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 File 2591

On motion of Senator Shipley, [House File 2591](#), a bill for an act relating to open enrollment, student transfers, and interscholastic athletic eligibility requirements, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 26, 2026, with report of committee recommending amendment and passage, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Shipley offered amendment [S-5103](#), filed by the senator on March 17, 2026, to page 1 and amending the title page of the bill, and moved its adoption.

Amendment [S-5103](#) was adopted by a voice vote.

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. 2591](#)), 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	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, 4:

Garrett	Lofgren	Rowley	Wahls
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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 **House Files 2253** and **2591** be **immediately messaged** to the House.

The Senate stood at ease at 10:38 a.m. until the fall of the gavel for the purpose of a Democratic party caucus.

The Senate resumed session at 10:49 a.m., President Sinclair presiding.

CONSIDERATION OF BILL
(Unfinished Business Calendar)

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration [Senate File 2138](#).

[Senate File 2138](#)

On motion of Senator Green, [Senate File 2138](#), a bill for an act relating to prohibited activities in the administration of alcoholic beverage control by the department of revenue, and including effective date provisions, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Green asked and received unanimous consent that [House File 2200](#) be **substituted** for [Senate File 2138](#).

[House File 2200](#)

On motion of Senator Green, [House File 2200](#), a bill for an act relating to prohibited activities in the administration of alcoholic beverage control by the department of revenue, and including effective date provisions, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Green withdrew amendment [S-5128](#), filed by the senator on March 24, 2026, to pages 1 and 3 and amending the title page of the bill.

Senator Green offered amendment [S-5151](#), filed by the senator from the floor to pages 1 and 3 and amending the title page of the bill, and moved its adoption.

Amendment [S-5151](#) was adopted by a voice vote.

Senator Green 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. 2200](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 43:

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

Nays, 3:

Costello	Dotzler	Taylor
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Absent, 4:

Garrett	Lofgren	Rowley	Wahls
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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.

WITHDRAWN

Senator Green asked and received unanimous consent that [Senate File 2138](#) be **withdrawn** from further consideration of the Senate.

IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent that [House File 2200](#) be **immediately messaged** to the House.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Klimesh, the Senate adjourned at 11:35 a.m. until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, April 2, 2026.

APPENDIX

REPORT OF COMMITTEE MEETING

APPROPRIATIONS

Convened: Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 12:00 p.m.

Members Present: Kraayenbrink, Chair; Zumbach, Vice Chair; Petersen, Ranking Member; Blake, Boussetot, Costello, Dawson, Donahue, Dotzler, Green, Gruenhagen, Guth, Knox, Koelker, Reichman, Shipley, Staed, Warme, Whitver, and Winckler.

Members Absent: Garrett and Rowley (both excused).

Committee Business: [SSB 3186](#) w/amendment; [SSB 3189](#); and [SF 545](#).

Adjourned: 12:15 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

[Senate File 2476](#), by Schultz, a bill for an act relating to Iowa's urban renewal law by modifying the division of revenue for certain emergency medical services property tax levies, and including applicability provisions.

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

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

In accordance with Senate Rule 59, the following senators were appointed to subcommittees of standing committees on April 1, 2026, to investigate the appointment and reappointment of the following appointee:

EDUCATION

As a member of the State Board of Education:

Jeremy Lindquist – Evans, Chair; Quirmbach and Taylor

AMENDMENTS FILED

S-5150	S.F. 2297	Cherielynn Westrich
S-5151	H.F. 2200	Jesse Green