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NINETY-FIFTH CALENDAR DAY
FIFTY-SIXTH SESSION DAY

Senate Chamber
Des Moines, Iowa, Thursday, April 16, 2026

The Senate met in regular session at 9:08 a.m., President Sinclair presiding.

Prayer was offered by the Honorable Tom Shipley, member of the Senate from Adams County.

The Journal of Wednesday, April 15, 2026, was approved.

BILL REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

President Sinclair announced that [Senate File 2498](#) was referred from the Ways and Means Calendar to the committee on **Appropriations** under Senate Rule 38.

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 April 15, 2026, **passed** the following bill in which the concurrence of the House was asked:

[Senate File 2417](#), a bill for an act establishing requirements and guidelines for conversational AI services, and providing civil penalties, and including applicability provisions.

ALSO: That the House has on April 15, 2026, **concurred** in the Senate amendment to the House amendment, **and passed** the following bill in which the concurrence of the House was 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.

ALSO: That the House has on April 15, 2026, **amended and passed** the following bills in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked:

Senate File 2039, a bill for an act providing for intervention by members of the general assembly in proceedings for judicial review of agency action under the Iowa administrative procedure Act. (S-5188)

Senate File 2168, a bill for an act relating to programs and procedures of the department of workforce development and including effective date provisions. (S-5187)

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. (S-5186)

ALSO: That the House has on April 15, 2026, **insisted** on its amendment to **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, and the Conference Committee members on the part of the House are: the representative from Warren, Representative Boden, Chair; the representative from Crawford, Representative Holt; the representative from Polk, Representative Madison; the representative from Polk, Representative Matson; and the representative from Floyd, Representative Thomson, C.

ALSO: That the House has on April 15, 2026, **concurred** in the Senate amendment **and passed** the following bill in which the concurrence of the House was asked:

House File 777, a bill for an act relating to applications for a motor vehicle salvage certificate of title by an insurer without surrendering the certificate of title or manufacturer's or importer's statement of origin, making penalties applicable, and including effective date provisions.

ALSO: That the House has on April 15, 2026, **passed** the following bills in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked:

[House File 2707](#), a bill for an act relating to alignment of delivery of health and human services programs and services, aging and disability services, and volunteer services, and including applicability and effective date provisions.

Read first time and attached to [Senate File 2338](#).

[House File 2757](#), a bill for an act creating sales and use tax exemptions and refunds relating to commencing or restarting nuclear electric generation facilities, and including retroactive applicability provisions.

Read first time and **passed on file**.

[House File 2761](#), a bill for an act relating to driver's licenses and nonoperator's identification cards marked to reflect gold star status.

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

[House File 2765](#), a bill for an act providing for the regulation of mining, and making penalties applicable.

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

The Senate stood at ease at 9:13 a.m. until the fall of the gavel for the purpose of party caucuses.

The Senate resumed session at 11:32 a.m., President Sinclair presiding.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

The Chair announced the following conference committee on [Senate File 2218](#) on the part of the Senate: Senators Evans, Chair; Blake, Gruenhagen, Rozenboom, and Winckler.

IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent that [Senate File 2218](#) be **immediately messaged** to the House.

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 BILL
(Ways and Means Calendar)

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration [Senate File 2490](#).

[Senate File 2490](#)

On motion of Senator Busselot, [Senate File 2490](#), a bill for an act relating to oil and gas production, including filing requirements, the authority of the department of natural resources, confidential information, pooling orders, negotiation of surface damage, imposition and distribution of a tax, and jurisdiction, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Busselot 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. 2490](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 32:

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

Nays, 15:

Bennett	Bisignano	Campbell	Donahue
Dotzler	Drey	Hardman	Petersen
Quirnbach	Staed	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.

IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent that [Senate File 2490](#) be **immediately messaged** to the House.

SENATE INSISTS

[House File 2200](#)

Senator Klimesh called up for consideration [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, and moved that the Senate insist on its amendment.

The motion prevailed by a voice vote and the Senate **insisted** on its amendment.

HOUSE AMENDMENTS CONSIDERED

[Senate File 2220](#)

Senator Klimesh called up for consideration [Senate File 2220](#), a bill for an act relating to education, including by modifying provisions related to the Iowa statewide assessment of student progress and programs for gifted and talented children, and by requiring school districts to develop an advanced mathematics pathway and implement procedures for subject acceleration and whole-grade acceleration, amended by the House in House amendment [S-5132](#), filed March 24, 2026.

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

The motion prevailed by a voice vote and the Senate **concurred** in the House amendment.

Senator Evans moved that the bill, as amended by the House and concurred in by the Senate, be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by voice vote, and the bill was read the last time.

On the question “Shall the bill pass?” ([S.F. 2220](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 44:

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

Nays, 3:

Donahue	Townsend	Winckler
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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, as amended, was agreed to.

[Senate File 2379](#)

Senator Klimesh called up for consideration [Senate File 2379](#), a bill for an act relating to victim protections including victim counselors, protective orders, sex offender registration, rights of sexual abuse victims, mental competency and civil commitment, restitution, and victim rights, amended by the House in House amendment [S-5178](#), filed April 14, 2026.

Senator Boussetot moved that the Senate concur in the House amendment.

The motion prevailed by a voice vote and the Senate **concurred** in the House amendment.

Senator Boussetot moved that the bill, as amended by the House and concurred in by the Senate, be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by voice vote, and the bill was read the last time.

On the question "Shall the bill pass?" ([S.F. 2379](#)), 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, as amended, was agreed to.

IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent that **Senate Files 2220 and 2379** and [House File 2200](#) 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 2338](#) and House Files 990, 2305, and 2502.

[Senate File 2338](#)

On motion of Senator Warme, [Senate File 2338](#), a bill for an act relating to alignment of delivery of health and human services programs and services, aging and disability services, and volunteer services, and including applicability and effective date provisions, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 19, 2026, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Warme offered amendment [S-5139](#), filed by the senator on March 30, 2026, to pages 2, and 10–11 of the bill, and moved its adoption.

Amendment [S-5139](#) was adopted by a voice vote.

Senator Warme asked and received unanimous consent that [House File 2707](#) be **substituted** for [Senate File 2338](#).

[House File 2707](#)

On motion of Senator Warme, [House File 2707](#), a bill for an act relating to alignment of delivery of health and human services programs and services, aging and disability services, and volunteer services, and including applicability and effective date provisions, 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. 2707](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 32:

Alons	Bisignano	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

Nays, 15:

Bennett	Blake	Donahue	Dotzler
Drey	Hardman	Knox	Petersen
Quirnbach	Staed	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.

WITHDRAWN

Senator Warme asked and received unanimous consent that [Senate File 2338](#) be **withdrawn** from further consideration of the Senate.

[House File 990](#)

On motion of Senator Webster, [House File 990](#), a bill for an act relating to the licensure of medical cannabidiol dispensaries, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 26, 2026, with report of committee recommending passage, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Webster offered amendment [S-5028](#), filed by the senator on February 25, 2026, to page 1 and amending the title page of the bill, and moved its adoption.

Amendment [S-5028](#) 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?” ([H.F. 990](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 42:

Alons	Bennett	Bisignano	Blake
Bousselot	Donahue	Dotzler	Drey
Driscoll	Evans	Green	Gruenhagen
Guth	Hardman	Klimesh	Knox
Koelker	Kraayenbrink	Lofgren	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, 5:

Campbell	Costello	Dawson	Dickey
McClintock			

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, as amended, was agreed to.

[House File 2305](#)

On motion of Senator Costello, [House File 2305](#), a bill for an act relating to health care decisions related to palliative care, hospice programs, life-sustaining procedures, out-of-hospital do-not-resuscitate orders, and durable power of attorney for health care, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 26, 2026, with report of committee recommending amendment and passage, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Costello offered amendment [S-5185](#), filed by the senator on April 15, 2026, striking and replacing everything after the enacting clause and amending the title page of the bill, and moved its adoption.

Amendment [S-5185](#) was adopted by a voice vote.

With the adoption of amendment [S-5185](#), the Chair ruled the following amendments out of order:

Amendment [S-5140](#), filed by Senator Costello on March 30, 2026, striking and replacing everything after the enacting clause and amending the title page of the bill; and

Amendment [S-5122](#), filed by the committee on Health and Human Services on March 19, 2026, to pages 1–6, 9–12, and 15, and amending the title page of the bill.

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. 2305](#)), 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, as amended, was agreed to.

House File 2502

On motion of Senator Rozenboom, House File 2502, a bill for an act relating to paid parental leave for state employees, the Unfinished Business Calendar on March 26, 2026, with report of committee recommending amendment and passage, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Rozenboom offered amendment S-5115, filed by the committee on State Government on March 19, 2026, to page 1 and amending the title page of the bill, and moved its adoption.

Amendment S-5115 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?" (H.F. 2502), 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, as amended, was agreed to.

IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent that **House Files 990, 2305, 2502, and 2707** be **immediately messaged** to the House.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

The Chair announced the following conference committee on [House File 2200](#) on the part of the Senate: Senators Green, Chair; Bisignano, Boussetot, Drey, and Koelker.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION
(Regular Calendar)

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration [Senate Resolution 114](#).

[Senate Resolution 114](#)

On motion of Senator Shipley, [Senate Resolution 114](#), a resolution honoring Senator Julian Garrett for his service in the Iowa Senate, was taken up for consideration.

The Senate rose and expressed its tribute to Senator Garrett.

Senator Shipley moved the adoption of [Senate Resolution 114](#), which motion prevailed by a voice vote.

The Senate stood at ease at 1:19 p.m. until the fall of the gavel for the purpose of a Republican party caucus.

The Senate resumed session at 4:14 p.m., President Sinclair presiding.

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 April 16, 2026, **amended and passed** the following bills in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked:

[Senate File 2284](#), a bill for an act relating to the use of automated systems that detect traffic violations or registration plate information, and making penalties applicable. ([S-5192](#))

[Senate File 2263](#), a bill for an act relating to the carrying, transportation, and possession of weapons, and including effective date provisions. ([S-5191](#))

ALSO: That the House has on April 16, 2026, **passed** the following bill in which the concurrence of the House was asked:

[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.

ALSO: That the House has on April 16, 2026, **passed** the following bill in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked:

[House File 2754](#), a bill for an act relating to education, including by modifying provisions related to charter school approval, contracts, funding, and operations, services provided to charter schools by area education agencies, charter school student participation in extracurricular activities provided by public schools, the Iowa public employees' retirement system, education savings accounts, independent accreditation, teacher training and licensure, the statewide voluntary preschool program, the district-to-community college sharing or concurrent enrollment program, open enrollment, school tuition organizations, private instruction, and innovation zone schools; making appropriations; and including effective date and applicability provisions.

Read first time and attached to [Senate File 2501](#).

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Klimesh, the Senate adjourned at 4:20 p.m. until 1:00 p.m., Monday, April 20, 2026.

APPENDIX

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

[Senate File 2501](#), by committee on Appropriations, a bill for an act relating to education, including by modifying provisions related to charter school approval, contracts, funding, and operations, services provided to charter schools by area education agencies, charter school student participation in extracurricular activities provided by public schools, the Iowa public employees' retirement system, education savings accounts, independent accreditation, teacher training and licensure, the statewide voluntary preschool program, the district-to-community college sharing or concurrent enrollment program, open enrollment, school tuition organizations, and innovation zone schools; making appropriations; and including effective date and applicability provisions.

Read first time under Rule 28 and **placed on Appropriations calendar**.

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT

[Senate File 2498](#)

APPROPRIATIONS: Dawson, Chair; Blake and Warme

FINAL COMMITTEE REPORT OF BILL ACTION

APPROPRIATIONS

Bill Title: [SENATE FILE 2501](#) (formerly [SF 2425](#)), a bill for an act relating to education, including by modifying provisions related to charter school approval, contracts, funding, and operations, services provided to charter schools by area education agencies, charter school student participation in extracurricular activities provided by public schools, the Iowa public employees' retirement system, education savings accounts, independent accreditation, teacher training and licensure, the statewide voluntary preschool program, the district-to-community college sharing or concurrent enrollment program, open enrollment, school tuition organizations, and innovation zone schools; making appropriations; and including effective date and applicability provisions.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Yeas, 13: Kraayenbrink, Zumbach, Bousset, Costello, Dawson, Green, Gruenhagen, Guth, Koelker, Reichman, Shipley, Warme, and Whitver. Nays, 7: Petersen, Blake, Donahue, Dotzler, Knox, Staed, and Winckler. Excused, 2: Garrett and Rowley.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE

MADAM PRESIDENT: I was present in the Senate Chamber on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, when the vote was taken on [Senate File 2379](#). I was present and I voted “Nay.” My vote nay represented an inadvertent and accidental use of the red button (Nay), when in fact I had intended to utilize the green button (Yea) in the vote. The President of the Senate had closed the voting system prior to my being able to change my vote. Let it herein be noted that I was in favor of final passage of [Senate File 2379](#).

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BILLS ENROLLED, SIGNED, AND SENT TO GOVERNOR

The Secretary of the Senate submitted the following report:

MADAM PRESIDENT: The Secretary of the Senate respectfully reports that the following bill has been enrolled, signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, and presented to the Governor on this 16th day of April, 2026.

[Senate File 2411](#).

W. CHARLES SMITHSON
Secretary of the Senate

BILLS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

A communication was received announcing that on April 16, 2026, the Governor approved and transmitted to the Secretary of State the following bills:

[Senate File 2411](#) – Establishing an Iowa-Ireland trade commission.

[Senate File 2463](#) – Concerning the executive branch rulemaking process, including the uniform rules on agency procedure and review and regulatory readoption of rules, and including effective date provisions.

AMENDMENTS FILED

S-5186	S.F. 2187	House
S-5187	S.F. 2168	House
S-5188	S.F. 2039	House
S-5189	S.F. 2500	Dawn Driscoll

<u>S-5190</u>	<u>H.F. 2104</u>	Kevin Alons Sandy Salmon Dennis Guth Dave Sires Lynn Evans Doug Campbell Cherielynn Westrich Mark Lofgren Mike Pike Jeff Taylor Charlie McClintock
<u>S-5191</u>	<u>S.F. 2263</u>	House
<u>S-5192</u>	<u>S.F. 2284</u>	House