

Minutes: Senate State Affairs

Friday, January 16, 2026 10:00 AM

Roll Call

Present: Sen. Deibert, Sen. Jensen (Kevin), Sen. Karr, Sen. Larson, Sen. Pischke,  
Sen. Kolbeck (Steve), Sen. Perry, and Sen. Mehlhaff

Excused: Sen. Beal

**The meeting was called to order by Senator Mehlhaff**

**SB 5 : require the disclosure of whether a ballot question was proposed by initiative or by the Legislature.**

Presented by: Senator Michael Rohl (Handout(s) HO#1)

**MOTION: DO PASS SB 5**

Moved by: Karr

Second by: Perry

Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (8-0-1-0)

Voting Yes: Deibert, Jensen (Kevin), Karr, Larson, Pischke, Kolbeck (Steve), Perry, and Mehlhaff

Excused: Beal

**HAVING PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, THE CHAIR CERTIFIED SB 5 AS UNCONTESTED AND AS SUCH BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

**SB 56 : require that agencies promulgating permanent rules publish the rules and associated rulemaking forms on a state website.**

Presented by: Senator Taffy Howard

Proponents: Representative Jon Hansen

**MOTION: DO PASS SB 56**

Moved by: Jensen (Kevin)

Second by: Deibert

Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (8-0-1-0)

Voting Yes: Deibert, Jensen (Kevin), Karr, Larson, Pischke, Kolbeck (Steve), Perry, and Mehlhaff

Excused: Beal

**HAVING PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, THE CHAIR CERTIFIED SB 56 AS UNCONTESTED AND AS SUCH BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

**SB 57 : clarify when agency financial resource information must be filed in the permanent administrative rulemaking process.**

Presented by: Senator Taffy Howard

Proponents: Representative Jon Hansen

**MOTION: AMEND SB 57**

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On page 1, line 24, of the Introduced bill, after "§ 1-26-2.3;" insert " the agency financial resource information required by § 1-26-4. 8;"

Moved by: Deibert  
Second by: Pischke  
Action: Prevailed by voice vote

**MOTION: DO PASS SB 57 AS AMENDED**

Moved by: Pischke  
Second by: Kolbeck (Steve)  
Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (8-0-1-0)

Voting Yes: Deibert, Jensen (Kevin), Karr, Larson, Pischke, Kolbeck (Steve), Perry, and Mehlhaff

Excused: Beal

**HAVING PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, THE CHAIR CERTIFIED SB 57 AS UNCONTESTED AND AS SUCH BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

**SB 1 : amend the process by which moneys are distributed from the employer's investment in South Dakota's future fund.**

Presented by: Senator Taffy Howard (Handout(s) HO#2)

Proponents: Representative Marty Overweg  
Representative Julie Auch  
Chet Ellsworth, Self  
Representative Erik Muckey  
Representative Eric Emery  
Senator Red Dawn Foster

Opponents: Bill Even, Gov's Office of Econ Dev (Handout(s) HO#3)  
Kendra Ringstmeyer, SD Dept. of Labor and Regulation  
Michael Lee Bockorny, Economic Development Professionals Association (Handout(s) HO#4)  
Ryan Budmayr, South Dakota Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Julie M. Johnson, Self  
Nathan Sanderson, South Dakota Retailers Association  
Sara Rankin, South Dakota Municipal League  
Mitch Rave, Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce  
Drew Duncan, South Dakota Biotechnology Association  
Grace Beck, South Dakota Board of Technical Education  
Liza Clark, Board of Regents  
Mike Headley, SD Science & Technology Authority

Others: Joe Fiala, Governor's Office of Economic Development

**MOTION: AMEND SB 1**

1A

On page 1, line 23, of the Introduced bill, after "disbursed." delete "The interest rate set on a loan disbursed from the fund may not exceed two hundred basis points more than the federal funds rate set by the Federal Reserve System."

Moved by: Kolbeck (Steve)  
Second by: Perry  
Action: Prevailed by voice vote

**MOTION: DO PASS SB 1 AS AMENDED**

Moved by: Karr  
Second by: Pischke  
Action: Failed by Majority Members Elect (4-4-1-0)

Voting Yes: Jensen (Kevin), Karr, Pischke, and Perry

Voting No: Deibert, Larson, Kolbeck (Steve), and Mehlhaff

Excused: Beal

**THE CHAIR DEFERRED SB 1**

**MOTION: ADJOURN**

Moved by: Perry  
Second by: Deibert  
Action: Prevailed by voice vote

Doug Mortenson, Committee Secretary

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/s/ JIM MEHLHAFF  
Jim Mehlhaff, Chair