

Minutes: House State Affairs

Monday, March 02, 2026 3:00 PM

Roll Call

Present: Rep. Bahmuller, Rep. Emery, Rep. Gosch, Rep. Hansen, Rep. Healy,
Rep. Heinemann, Rep. Jamison, Rep. Lems, Rep. May, Rep. Schaeffbauer,
Rep. Overweg, and Rep. Odenbach
Excused: Rep. Reisch

The meeting was called to order by Representative Odenbach

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MONDAY, MARCH 02ND

Moved by: Hansen
Second by: Bahmuller
Action: Prevailed by voice vote

SB 151 : require the publication of the results of an election for precinct committeeman or committeewoman and to declare an emergency.

Presented by: Senator Amber Hulse
Proponents: Representative Rebecca Reimer
Leah. Anderson, Minnehaha County Auditor

MOTION: DO PASS SB 151

Moved by: Bahmuller
Second by: Hansen
Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (12-0-1-0)

Voting Yes: Bahmuller, Emery, Gosch, Hansen, Healy, Heinemann, Jamison, Lems, May, Schaeffbauer, Overweg, and Odenbach

Excused: Reisch

SB 171 : amend provisions pertaining to the processing of absentee ballots and to declare an emergency.

Presented by: Leslie Heineman, Self
Proponents: Leah. Anderson, Minnehaha County Auditor
Ellie J. Bailey, South Dakota Advocacy Network for Women
Tawny Heinemann, Moody County Auditor's Office
Jenna Baker, Brookings County Finance Office
Tom Deadrick, Secretary of State
Sheri Lund, Self
Rick Weible, Self
Lindley Howard, McPherson County - Auditor
Opponents: Laura Kotalik, Self
Jeff Stewart, Self

MOTION: AMEND SB 171

On page 1, line 6, of the Introduced bill, remove the overstrikes from " or their designee"

On page 2, line 27, of the Introduced bill, after "counting." delete " If ten or fewer voters in a precinct vote by absentee ballot, the person in charge of the election must forward the absentee ballots to the precinct for counting."

On page 3, line 28, of the Introduced bill, after "§ 12-19-10." insert " If the person in charge of the election convenes the absentee counting board on the day before the election, the board may only process the absentee ballots, as provided in § 12-19-10, and may not manually count any ballots or use the automatic tabulating equipment to count the ballots."

Moved by: Hansen
Second by: Lems
Action: Prevailed by voice vote

MOTION: DO PASS SB 171 AS AMENDED

Moved by: Gosch
Second by: Hansen
Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (11-0-2-0)

Voting Yes: Bahmuller, Emery, Gosch, Hansen, Healy, Heinemann, Jamison, Lems, May, Schaeffbauer, and Odenbach

Excused: Reisch and Overweg

SB 159 : revise requirements pertaining to the minimum age for marriage.

Presented by: Senator Tom Pischke
Proponents: Norman Woods, South Dakota Family Voice Action
Opponents: Michele Hanash, AHA Foundation
Brittany Wright, Self

MOTION: AMEND SB 159

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On page 2, line 1, of the Senate Engrossed bill, delete " filed in" and insert " submitted to"
On page 2, line 5, of the Senate Engrossed bill, delete " filed in" and insert " submitted to"

Moved by: Hansen
Second by: May
Action: Prevailed by voice vote

MOTION: DO PASS SB 159 AS AMENDED

Moved by: Schaeffbauer
Second by: Gosch
Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (7-5-1-0)

Voting Yes: Bahmuller, Gosch, Hansen, Heinemann, Jamison, May, and Schaeffbauer

Voting No: Emery, Healy, Lems, Overweg, and Odenbach

Excused: Reisch

SB 175 : require that an individual provide proof of citizenship when registering to vote and to declare an emergency.

Presented by: Senator John Carley

Proponents: Leah. Anderson, Minnehaha County Auditor
Lucy McBride, Self
Tom Deadrick, Secretary of State
Rick Weible, Self
Laura Kotalik, Self

Opponents: Ellie J. Bailey, South Dakota Advocacy Network for Women
Samantha Chapman, American Civil Liberties Union Foundation Inc

MOTION: DO PASS SB 175

Moved by: Heinemann

Second by: Hansen

Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (11-1-1-0)

Voting Yes: Bahmuller, Emery, Gosch, Hansen, Heinemann, Jamison, Lems, May, Schaeffbauer, Overweg, and Odenbach

Voting No: Healy

Excused: Reisch

SJR 508 : proposing and submitting to the voters at the next general election, amendments to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, removing the lieutenant governor as presiding officer of the Senate.

Presented by: Senator Steve Kolbeck

Proponents: Senator Chris Karr
Senator Tom Pischke

Opponents: Nathan Sanderson, South Dakota Retailers Association
Kellie Rittershausen, National Lieutenant Governors Association

MOTION: DO PASS SJR 508

Moved by: Heinemann

Second by: May

Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (9-3-1-0)

Voting Yes: Bahmuller, Gosch, Hansen, Heinemann, Jamison, Lems, May, Schaeffbauer, and Overweg

Voting No: Emery, Healy, and Odenbach

Excused: Reisch

MOTION: ADJOURN

Moved by: Overweg

Second by: Healy

Action: Prevailed by voice vote

Pam Kean, Committee Secretary

/s/ SCOTT ODENBACH
Scott Odenbach, Chair