

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

ONE HUNDRED FIRST SESSION

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
Senate Chamber, Pierre
Monday, March 30, 2026

The Senate convened at 1:00 p.m., pursuant to adjournment, the President presiding.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Rev. Sam Handschke, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Senate pages Siene Geigle and Jaxon Johanneson.

Roll Call: All members present except Sens. Beal, Howard, Hulse, Jensen (Kevin), and Marty who were excused.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Legislative Procedure respectfully reports that the Secretary of the Senate has had under consideration the Senate Journal of the 37th day.

All errors, typographical or otherwise, are duly marked in the temporary journal for correction.

And we hereby move the adoption of the report.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Karr, Chair

Which motion prevailed.

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COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

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March 12, 2026

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Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

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I have the honor to inform you that on March 12, 2026, I approved Senate Bills 96, 154, and 245, and the same have been deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Larry Rhoden

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Governor

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March 17, 2026

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Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

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I have the honor to inform you that on March 16, 2026, I approved Senate Bills 41, 42, 44, 45, 137, 139, and 179, and the same have been deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Larry Rhoden

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Governor

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March 18, 2026

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Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

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I have the honor to inform you that on March 17, 2026, I approved Senate Bills 3, 39, 132, and 219, and the same have been deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Larry Rhoden

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Governor

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March 18, 2026

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Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

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I have the honor to inform you that on March 18, 2026, I approved Senate Bill 102, and the same has been deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Larry Rhoden

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Governor

1 March 19, 2026

2 Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

3 I have the honor to inform you that on March 19, 2026, I approved Senate Bills 74, 78, and
4 119, and the same have been deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

5 Respectfully submitted,
6 Larry Rhoden
7 Governor

8 March 20, 2026

9 Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

10 I have the honor to inform you that on March 20, 2026, I approved Senate Bill 159, and the
11 same has been deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

12 Respectfully submitted,
13 Larry Rhoden
14 Governor

15 March 24, 2026

16 Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

17 I have the honor to inform you that on March 23, 2026, I approved Senate Bills 49, 69, 79,
18 107, and 136, and the same have been deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

19 Respectfully submitted,
20 Larry Rhoden
21 Governor

22 March 25, 2026

23 Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

24 I have the honor to inform you that on March 24, 2026, I approved Senate Bills 37, 76, 135,
25 204, and 222, and the same have been deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

26 Respectfully submitted,
27 Larry Rhoden
28 Governor

29 March 25, 2026

30 Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

31 I have the honor to inform you that on March 25, 2026, I approved Senate Bills 15, 89, 90,
32 and 221, and the same have been deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

33 Respectfully submitted,
34 Larry Rhoden
35 Governor

1 March 26, 2026

2 Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

3 I have the honor to inform you that on March 26, 2026, I approved Senate Bills 142, 151, 171,
4 175, and 214, and the same have been deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

5 Respectfully submitted,
6 Larry Rhoden
7 Governor

8 March 27, 2026

9 Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

10 I have the honor to inform you that on March 27, 2026, I approved Senate Bills 106, 131, and
11 231, and the same have been deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

12 Respectfully submitted,
13 Larry Rhoden
14 Governor

15 **REPORTS OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES**

16 MR. PRESIDENT:

17 The **SB121** A Conference Committee on **SB121** respectfully reports that it has considered the
18 disagreement of the two houses, and returns the same with the recommendation that said bill be
19 amended as follows:

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21 On page 1, line 4, of the House Appropriations Engrossed bill, delete " \$101 " and insert "
22 \$8,212,497 "

23 On page 1, line 6, of the House Appropriations Engrossed bill, delete " \$101" and insert "
24 \$8,212,497".

25 Respectfully submitted,
26 Ernie Otten, Chair

Respectfully submitted,
Al Novstrup, Chair

27 **CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES**

28 Sen. Otten moved that the report of the Conference Committee on **SB 121** as found on page
29 550 of the Senate Journal be adopted.

30 The question being on Sen. Otten's motion that the report of the Conference Committee on
31 **SB 121** be adopted.

32 And the roll being called:

33 Yeas 28, Nays 2, Excused 5, Absent 0

1 Yeas: Blanc, Crabtree, Davis, Deibert, Duhamel, Foster, Grove, Hohn, Karr, Kolbeck (Steve),
2 Lapka, Larson, Mehlhaff, Miskimins, Nelson, Otten, Perry, Peterson (Sue), Pischke, Reed, Rohl,
3 Sauder, Schoenfish, Smith, Vilhauer, Voight, Wipf, and Zikmund

4 Nays: Carley and Voita

5 Excused: Beal, Howard, Hulse, Jensen (Kevin), and Marty

6 So the motion having received an affirmative vote of a two-thirds majority of the members-
7 elect, the President declared the motion carried and the report was adopted.

8 MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

9 MR. PRESIDENT:

10 I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the House has adopted the report of the
11 Conference Committee on **SB 121**.

12 Respectfully,
13 Patricia Miller, Chief Clerk

14 There being no objection, the Senate reverted to Order of Business No. 5 - Reports of Standing
15 Committees.

16 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

17 MR. PRESIDENT:

18 The Committee on Legislative Procedure respectfully reports that the Office of Engrossing and
19 Enrolling has carefully compared **SB 121** and finds the same correctly enrolled.

20 Respectfully submitted,
21 Chris Karr, Chair

22 SIGNING OF BILLS

23 The President publicly read the title to

24 **SB 121**: FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to transfer moneys and make an appropriation for the
25 replacement of the Richmond Lake dam and spillway and to declare an emergency.

26 And signed the same in the presence of the Senate.

27 There being no objection, the Senate reverted to Order of Business No. 5 - Reports of Standing
28 Committees.

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REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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MR. PRESIDENT:

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The Committee on Legislative Procedure respectfully reports that **SB 121** was delivered to his Excellency, the Governor, for his approval at 2:50 p.m., March 30, 2026.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Chris Karr, Chair

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The following prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Rev. Sam Handschke.

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Lord God, you have walked alongside these Senators throughout this session. In the longer days and in the shorter days, you have been their rock and the source of their strength. Make their work a blessing to the people of this state. Help these Senators to see the impact of their words and decisions in the lives of the people. As they put this work behind them and return to their families and communities, grant them safe travel and a joyful homecoming. May this chamber rest quietly until the next time that you call these Senators to work for the benefit of your people. I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

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Sen. Foster moved that the Senate do now adjourn sine die in accordance with Article III, Section 16 of the South Dakota Constitution, which motion prevailed, and at 3:14 p.m. the Senate adjourned.

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Peggy Laurenz, Secretary