

Minutes: Senate State Affairs

Monday, February 09, 2026 10:00 AM

Roll Call

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

The meeting was called to order by Senator Mehlhaff

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 06TH

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

**ALGIN YOUNG OF JACKSON COUNTY, INTERIOR, SOUTH DAKOTA, TO THE
POSITION OF SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL RELATIONS**

Presented by: Jon Kotilnek, Governor's Office

**MOTION: THAT THE SENATE ADVISE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF
ALGIN YOUNG OF JACKSON COUNTY, INTERIOR, SOUTH DAKOTA, TO
THE POSITION OF SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL
RELATIONS**

Moved by: Jensen (Kevin)
Second by: Larson
Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (8-0-1-0)

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

Excused: Karr

SB 112 : establish a currency based on gold and silver.

MOTION: DEFER SB 112 TO THE 41ST LEGISLATIVE DAY

Moved by: Kolbeck (Steve)
Second by: Larson
Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (7-1-1-0)

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

Voting No: Pischke

Excused: Karr

SB 94 : revise provisions pertaining to open records.

Presented by: Senator John Carley
Proponents: Chet Ellsworth, Self
Rick Weible, Self

Opponents: Jessica Pollema, Self
Katie Hruska, Governor's Office
William M Van Camp, South Dakota Retailers Association
Holly Farris, Board of Regents
Eric Erickson, South Dakota Association of County Commissioners
Derek J Hills, South Dakota Municipal League

MOTION: DEFER SB 94 TO THE 41ST LEGISLATIVE DAY

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

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

Voting No: Pischke

SB 214 : amend provisions pertaining to the publication of the statewide voter registration file.

Presented by: Senator Sue Peterson
Proponents: Representative Heather Baxter
Rick Weible, Self
Jessica Pollema, Self
John C Kunnari, Self

MOTION: DO PASS SB 214

Moved by: Perry
Second by: Pischke
Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (9-0-0-0)

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

HAVING PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, THE CHAIR CERTIFIED SB 214 AS UNCONTESTED AND AS SUCH BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

SB 223 : modify the requirements for a petition to refer an excess tax levy of a school district to a vote.

Presented by: Senator Sue Peterson (Handout(s) HO#1)
Proponents: Jason Alan Glodt, Freedom Foundation
Beth Hughes, Self
Amy A Bruner, Self
John C Kunnari, Self
Opponents: Samuel J. Nelson, Rapid City School District
Samuel J. Nelson, Sioux Falls School District
Samuel J. Nelson, South Dakota Municipal League
Nan Kelly, Sioux Falls School District
Heath Larson, Associated School Boards of South Dakota
Jamie Clapham, Self

Dianna Miller, Large School Group

MOTION: AMEND SB 223

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On page 2, line 18, of the Introduced bill, remove the overstrikes from " five percent of the"
On page 2, line 19, of the Introduced bill, delete " fifty registered voters in the school district and" and insert " voters who cast a vote in the most recent regular school district election or fifty voters, whichever is greater. The petition must be"

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

MOTION: DO PASS SB 223 AS AMENDED

Moved by: Karr
Second by: Pischke
Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (6-3-0-0)

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

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

SB 146 : clarify the effect of the resignation of certain gubernatorial appointees.

Presented by: Senator Tom Pischke
Proponents: Jasper Diegel, South Dakota Stockgrowers Association
Opponents: Katie Hruska, Governor's Office

MOTION: DO PASS SB 146

Moved by: Jensen (Kevin)
Second by: Perry
Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (9-0-0-0)

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

SB 244 : address issues facing South Dakota.

THE CHAIR DEFERRED SB 244 UNTIL A LATER DATE

SB 245 : promote the future success and development of South Dakota.

THE CHAIR DEFERRED SB 245 UNTIL A LATER DATE

MOTION: ADJOURN

Moved by: Pischke
Second by: Larson

Action: Prevailed by voice vote

Doug Mortenson, Committee Secretary

/s/ JIM MEHLHAFF
Jim Mehlhaff, Chair