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ASSEMBLY DAILY JOURNAL

Thursday, January 8, 2026

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND SESSION DAY

FOUR HUNDRED THIRD CALENDAR DAY

AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA



NOTE: Official record of rollcall votes. All amendments considered by the Assembly on this day are on file with the Chief Clerk of the Assembly and available on request. All Senate amendments to Assembly measures considered by the Assembly on this day are on file with the Secretary of the Senate and available on request. A list of all measures amended and on which amendments were offered in the Assembly is shown on the final page of this day's Assembly Journal.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY

IN ASSEMBLY

Assembly Chamber, Sacramento
Thursday, January 8, 2026

The Assembly met at 9 a.m.

Hon. Josh Lowenthal, Speaker pro Tempore of the Assembly, presiding.

Chief Clerk Sue Parker at the Desk.

Reading Clerk David A. Bowman reading.

ROLLCALL

The roll was called.

Quorum Call of the Assembly

Assembly Member Wallis moved a quorum call of the Assembly. Motion carried. Time, 10 a.m.

The Speaker pro Tempore directed the Sergeant at Arms to close the doors and to bring in the absent Members.

Quorum Present

At 10:12 a.m., Speaker pro Tempore Lowenthal declared a quorum of the Assembly present.

The rollcall was completed, and the following answered to their names—73:

Addis	Elhawary	Krell	Rogers
Aguiar-Curry	Ellis	Lackey	Rubio
Ahrens	Flora	Lee	Sanchez
Alanis	Fong	Lowenthal	Schiavo
Alvarez	Gabriel	Macedo	Schultz
Avila Farías	Gallagher	Muratsuchi	Solache
Bains	Garcia	Nguyen	Soria
Bauer-Kahan	Gipson	Ortega	Stefani
Bennett	Gonzalez, J.	Pacheco	Ta
Berman	González, M.	Papan	Tangipa
Boerner	Hadwick	Patel	Valencia
Bonta	Haney	Patterson	Wallis
Bryan	Harabedian	Pellerin	Ward
Calderon	Hart	Petrie-Norris	Wicks
Caloza	Hoover	Quirk-Silva	Wilson
Castillo	Irwin	Ramos	Mr. Speaker
Connolly	Jackson	Ransom	
Davies	Johnson	Rodriguez, C.	
DeMaio	Kalra	Rodriguez, M.	

PRAYER

Upon invitation of Speaker pro Tempore Lowenthal, the following prayer was offered by Reverend Bob Oshita:

It is interesting Confucius said, “One who wishes to teach or to lead others should play music for four hours a day.” It is also said that the historical Buddha would engage in solitary meditation for four hours a day. And, interestingly, the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu would begin each day with four hours of quiet prayer.

Whether it is playing music, meditating, or with prayer, these spiritual teachers encouraged the need to engage in calming self-reflection to help remain centered. In trying to play music, we naturally reflect on how we feel. It is impossible to play when we are angry or preoccupied. So too, is it impossible to meditate or pray when we are upset, distracted or unfocused. The greater the responsibilities of leadership the more there is a need for deep and quiet reflection in each day.

Remembering again the humility it takes to truly lead, let us all embrace our responsibilities of leadership with daily self-reflection. Whether it is with music, meditation or prayer, self-reflection can help keep us focused and undistracted as we continue to try to set the bar of leadership high.

Namo Amida Butsu—Let us try to live with kindness and gratitude beyond words.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Speaker pro Tempore Lowenthal led the Assembly in observing a moment of silence to honor the memory of Congressman and former Assembly Member, Doug LaMalfa.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Upon request of Speaker pro Tempore Lowenthal, Assembly Member Quirk-Silva then led the Assembly in the pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Without objection, Speaker pro Tempore Lowenthal recognized all California Native American tribes’ deep connection to the land and their significant contributions to California. He acknowledged that California’s State Capitol sits on the ancestral homelands of the Miwok, Nisenan, Patwin, and Southern Maidu people.

MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH READING OF THE JOURNAL

Further reading of the Journal of the previous legislative day was dispensed with on motion of Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry, seconded by Assembly Member Sanchez.

READING OF THE JOURNAL DISPENSED WITH

By unanimous consent, reading of the Journal of the previous legislative day was dispensed with.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR THE DAY

By unanimous consent, the following Assembly Members were granted leaves of absence for the day:

On legislative business: Assembly Members Carrillo and McKinnor.

On personal business, and waiving per diem: Assembly Member Zbur.

Because of illness: Assembly Members Arambula, Chen, and Dixon.

Because of illness in her family: Assembly Member Sharp-Collins.

EXPLANATIONS OF ABSENCE

Pursuant to the Assembly Rules, the following explanations of absence were ordered printed in the Journal:

January 5, 2026

*The Honorable Robert Rivas
Speaker of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 219
Sacramento, California*

Dear Speaker Rivas: I respectfully request permission to be excused from Floor Session on Thursday, January 8, 2026 due to legislative business. I am attending the National Retailers Federation conference in New York City.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

JUAN CARRILLO, Assembly Member
Thirty-ninth District

October 31, 2025

*The Honorable Robert Rivas
Speaker of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 219
Sacramento, California*

Dear Speaker Rivas: I am writing to respectfully request to be excused from Floor Session on Thursday, January 8, 2026 for legislative business. I will be participating in the National Retail Federation's State Legislative Leadership Experience in New York City, New York.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

TINA McKINNOR, Assembly Member
Sixty-first District

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was presented by the Chief Clerk and ordered printed in the Journal:

January 8, 2026

Sue Parker

*Chief Clerk of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 319
Sacramento, California*

Dear Ms. Parker: Please be advised that Assembly Member Heath Flora has been removed from the committees outlined below for the 2025–26 Regular Session, creating Republican vacancies.

Assembly Member Flora has been removed as Vice Chair of the following committees:

- Budget
- Business and Professions
- Labor and Employment

Assembly Member Flora has been removed as a member of the following committees:

- Health
- Natural Resources
- Joint Legislative Budget
- Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policies

Assembly Member Flora has been removed as Republican Alternate of the following committees:

- Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Health
- Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Human Services
- Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Education Finance
- Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on Climate Crisis, Resources, Energy, and Transportation
- Budget Subcommittee No. 5 on State Administration
- Budget Subcommittee No. 6 on Public Safety

Sincerely,

ROBERT RIVAS
Speaker of the Assembly

REPORTS

The following letter of transmittal was presented by the Chief Clerk and ordered printed in the Journal:

California State Auditor

2025-302
January 8, 2026

*The Honorable Speaker of the Assembly
The Honorable Members of the Assembly
of the Legislature of California
State Capitol, Room 319
Sacramento, California*

Members of the Assembly: This report concludes that the Judicial Council of California (Judicial Council) and the superior courts in the counties of Fresno, Merced, San Diego, Solano, and Tehama have policies and practices that are sufficient and appropriate to guide their procurement and payment activities. The Judicial Council is the policymaking body of the California courts. Under the leadership of the Chief Justice and in accordance with the California Constitution, the Judicial Council is responsible for ensuring the consistent, independent, impartial, and accessible administration of justice.

In 2011, the State enacted the California Judicial Branch Contract Law (judicial contract law), which requires *Judicial Branch entities*—any superior court, court of appeal, the California Supreme Court, the Judicial Council, or the Habeas Corpus Resource Center—to comply with provisions of the Public Contract Code (PCC), subject to certain exceptions.¹ The PCC generally contains the laws for government procurement of goods and services applicable to state agencies and departments.

As an example of one of the ways the judicial contract law compels Judicial Branch entities to comply with elements of the PCC, judicial contract law requires the Judicial Council to adopt a Judicial Branch Contracting Manual (judicial contracting manual), incorporating procurement and contracting policies and procedures that all Judicial Branch entities must follow. The law also requires the Judicial Council and all other Judicial Branch entities to each adopt a local contracting manual (local manual) to direct the procurement and contracting for its own goods and services. These manuals must be consistent with the PCC and contain provisions substantially similar to those in the *State Administrative Manual* (SAM) and *State Contracting Manual* (SCM).

¹ In July 2014, the Judicial Council voted to retire the name *Administrative Office of the Courts* for its staff agency; however, state law continues to use this name.

Since the 2011 enactment of the judicial contract law, the California State Auditor (State Auditor) has been responsible for regularly auditing Judicial Branch entities' implementation of the judicial contract law. In an amendment to the judicial contract law, which became effective January 2025, the Legislature changed the cycle of the State Auditor's required audits of Judicial Branch entities' implementation of the judicial contract law: subject to legislative appropriation, our office now audits the Judicial Council and five additional Judicial Branch entities every three years. In our most recent prior audits of the Judicial Council and five superior courts, we found that both the Judicial Council and the applicable courts had implemented all of our prior recommendations.² As a result of having implemented our recommendations, the Judicial Council and those courts have strengthened their respective procurement and payment policies and practices.

In summer 2025, we contracted with the consulting firm Kearney & Company (consultant), which has in-depth experience auditing procurement processes in the federal and California court systems.

Judicial Council

The consultant evaluated the Judicial Council's procurement and payment policies and performed a detailed review of 50 procurements and more than 20 payments executed by Judicial Council staff from fiscal years 2023–24 through 2024–25. Our consultant determined that in all material respects, the Judicial Council is in compliance with the judicial contract law.

Specifically, our consultant reached the following conclusions:

- Procurement policies: As required, the Judicial Council's contracting manuals are consistent with state law, SAM, and SCM.
- Procurement processes: The Judicial Council has implemented, and its staff is consistently following, appropriate procurement controls and practices.
- Payment processes: The Judicial Council staff is consistently following requirements in its contracting manual and its internal procedures for vendor payments.
- Annual procurement reports: The Judicial Council is accurately reporting to the Legislature and the State Auditor required information on payments and contracts.

² For our most recent prior audit of the Judicial Council, see Report 2023-302, *Judicial Branch of California—Judicial Council*, January 2024. For our most recent prior audit of Judicial Branch entities other than the Judicial Council (five superior courts), see Report 2022-301, *Judicial Branch Procurement: Although Four Superior Courts We Reviewed Generally Met Procurement Requirements, Glenn County Superior Court Needs to Significantly Improve Its Procurement Practices*, January 2023.

Selected Courts

In addition to assessing the Judicial Council's procurement and payment policies and practices, our consultant evaluated the procurement and payment policies for a selection of five superior courts in the following counties: Fresno, Merced, San Diego, Solano, and Tehama. For each of the selected courts, our consultant reviewed a judgmental selection of procurements, payments, and purchases executed by the superior court's staff from fiscal years 2023–24 and 2024–25. The number of procurements selected per court ranged from eight to 26, the payments ranged from 19 to 37, and the monthly purchase card statements ranged from seven to nine. Our consultant determined that, in all material respects, the selected superior courts are in compliance with the judicial contract law.

Specifically, our consultant reached the following conclusions:

- Procurement policies: The selected superior courts' contracting manuals are consistent with requirements in the Judicial Council's contracting manuals, which are consistent with state law, SAM, and SCM.
- Procurement processes: The selected superior courts have implemented appropriate procurement controls and practices, and their staffs are consistently following them.
- Payment processes: The selected superior courts' staffs are consistently following requirements in their contracting manuals and their internal procedures related to vendor payments and purchase card transactions.

The Contracting Manuals of the Judicial Council and the Selected Courts Comply With Legal and Administrative Requirements

The Judicial Council maintains a judicial contracting manual for the various Judicial Branch entities, such as the superior courts. It also maintains its own local manual. The judicial contract law requires that these manuals be consistent with the PCC, which governs contracts entered into by public entities, and they must also be substantially similar to SAM and SCM, which provide additional procurement guidance. Our consultant found in its review that the judicial contracting manual remains consistent with the requirements in the PCC, SAM, and SCM. In addition, our consultant determined that the Judicial Council's local manual conforms to the judicial contracting manual. Finally, our consultant determined that the local manuals that each of the selected superior courts maintains also conform to the judicial contracting manual.

The Judicial Council Has Sufficient Procurement and Payment Processes

Our January 2024 audit of the Judicial Council found that the Judicial Council had established appropriate procedures to govern how it processes payments and that it followed those procedures when paying vendors.³ However, that audit also identified opportunities for the Judicial Council to strengthen certain purchasing practices. As a result of that audit, we made seven recommendations to the Judicial Council, and the Judicial Council has fully implemented all of those recommendations. For this audit, our contractor tested 50 Judicial Council procurements for compliance with the council's local manual and internal procedures, looking specifically at requirements related to competitive bidding and sole-source contracting. Our contractor did not

identify any issues related to the Judicial Council's procurement process. Our contractor also selected more than 20 Judicial Council payments for review and determined that all the payments complied with the requirements of the judicial contracting manual, the local manual, and the council's internal procedures.

The Selected Courts Have Sufficient Procurement and Payment Processes

To assess the procurement controls and practices at the Fresno, Merced, San Diego, Solano, and Tehama superior courts, our contractor tested 76 procurements and did not identify any material concerns with the selected courts' procurement controls and practices. Our contractor also reviewed 141 payments and 42 monthly purchase card statements to assess the courts' payment controls and practices and to determine whether they complied with Judicial Council manuals and court manuals. Our contractor determined that each of the selected courts' payment controls and practices were appropriate.

The Judicial Council Reports Reliable Financial Information

The judicial contract law requires the Judicial Council to submit an annual report to the Legislature and the State Auditor with information about its contracts and payments. Among other information, the reports must include lists of the payments and contract amendments that the Judicial Council made during the reporting period. Our consultant assessed the reliability of the Judicial Council's financial information in both the Financial Information System for California (FISCal) and in its reports to the Legislature for July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025, and determined that the information was reliable.

Our consultant conducted this audit under the authority vested in the California State Auditor by Government Code section 8546 and according to generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that the consultant plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for their findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives specified in the Scope and Methodology section of the report.

Respectfully submitted,

MIKE TILDEN, CPA
Chief Deputy State Auditor

Above report referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

3 Report 2023-302, *Judicial Branch of California—Judicial Council*, January 2024.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

By unanimous consent, the following committees were permitted to meet:

Appropriations, on Thursday, January 22, 2026, upon adjournment of Floor Session, at 1021 O Street, Room 1100;

Arts, Entertainment, Sports, and Tourism, on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 9 a.m., in Room 447;

Economic Development, Growth, and Household Impact, on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 127;

Health, on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., at 1021 O Street, Room 1100;

Higher Education, on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., in Room 127;

Insurance, on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 10 a.m., in Room 126;

Utilities and Energy, to convene jointly with the Privacy and Consumer Protection, on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., in Room 437.

ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT REPORTS

Assembly Chamber, January 8, 2026

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 710

And reports the same correctly engrossed.

SUE PARKER, Chief Clerk

Above bill ordered to third reading file.

Assembly Chamber, January 8, 2026

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 883

And reports the same correctly engrossed.

SUE PARKER, Chief Clerk

Above bill re-referred to committee.

ASSEMBLY RULE 118(a) SUSPENDED—PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Speaker Rivas was granted unanimous consent that Assembly Rule 118(a) be suspended granting the privileges of the Floor and permitting guests on the Floor and at the Rostrum.

**RE-REFERENCE OF BILLS
PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY RULE 96**

Pursuant to Assembly Rule 96, Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry was granted unanimous consent that the following bill be re-referred as noted:

Assembly Bill No. 277 from the Committee on Human Services to the Committee on Public Safety, and to be returned to the Committee on Human Services.

**RE-REFERENCE OF BILLS FROM FILE TO COMMITTEE
PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY RULE 97**

Pursuant to Assembly Rule 97, Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry was granted unanimous consent that Assembly Bill No. 710 be re-referred from the third reading file to the Committee on Utilities and Energy.

**ASSEMBLY RULE 56 SUSPENDED
BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry was granted unanimous consent that Assembly Rule 56 be suspended to permit the following committees to notice hearing of the following bills, pending re-referral to the committees as noted:

Housing and Community Development, to notice hearing of Assembly Bill No. 739 on Wednesday, January 14, 2026;

Local Government, to notice hearing of Assembly Bills Nos. 748 and 874 on Wednesday, January 14, 2026;

Human Services, to notice hearing of Assembly Bill No. 277 on Tuesday, January 13, 2026;

Human Services, to notice hearing of Assembly Bill No. 673 on Tuesday, January 13, 2026;

Water, Parks, and Wildlife, to notice hearing of Assembly Bill No. 946 on Tuesday, January 13, 2026;

Arts, Entertainment, Sports, and Tourism, to notice hearing of Assembly Bill No. 892 on Thursday, January 15, 2026;

Judiciary, to notice hearing of Assembly Bills Nos. 501, 871, 634, 1159, and 1382 on Thursday, January 15, 2026.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REMOVE BILLS
FROM INACTIVE FILE**

Pursuant to Assembly Rule 78, Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry announced her intention to request that Assembly Bill No. 362 be removed from the inactive file.

RECESS

By unanimous consent, at 10:22 a.m., Speaker pro Tempore Lowenthal declared the Assembly recessed.

IN JOINT CONVENTION

At 10:22 a.m., the Senate and Assembly met in Joint Convention. Hon. Robert Rivas, Speaker of the Assembly, presiding.

APPOINTMENT OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON ESCORT

Speaker Rivas appointed Assembly Members Elhawary, Flora, Gipson, Irwin, Quirk-Silva, Stefani, and Solache, and Senators Allen, Caballero, Durazo, Hurtado, Jones, Umberg, and Wahab as a Joint Committee on Escort to escort the Honorable Gavin Newsom, 40th Governor of the State of California, to the Joint Convention.

INTRODUCTION OF FIRST PARTNER OF CALIFORNIA

Speaker Rivas introduced the First Partner of California, Jennifer Siebel Newsom, to the Joint Convention.

INTRODUCTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Speaker Rivas introduced Hon. Eleni Kounalakis, Lieutenant Governor; Hon. Shirley Weber, Secretary of State; Hon. Fiona Ma, Treasurer; Hon. Rob Bonta, Attorney General; Hon. Tony Thurmond, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Hon. Malia M. Cohen, Controller; and Board of Equalization Members: Hon. Sally J. Lieber (Vice Chair and District 2) and Hon. Antonio Vazquez (District 3).

INTRODUCTION OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

Speaker Rivas introduced Hon. Patricia Guerrero, Chief Justice of California; and Associate Justices: Hon. Goodwin H. Liu, Hon. Leondra R. Kruger, Hon. Joshua Groban, and Hon. Kelli M. Evans.

PRESENTATION OF CALIFORNIA DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR CORPS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Speaker Rivas welcomed the California Consular Corps, distinguished public officials, and special guests in attendance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Speaker Rivas led the assemblage in observing a moment of silence to honor the memory of Renee Nicole Good.

PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE

Speaker Rivas then presented the Honorable Monique Limón, President pro Tempore of the Senate, whereupon she addressed the assemblage.

PRESENTATION OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

President pro Tempore Limón then presented the Honorable Eleni Kounalakis, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, whereupon she addressed the assemblage.

PRESENTATION OF GOVERNOR

Lieutenant Governor Kounalakis then presented the Honorable Gavin Newsom, 40th Governor of the State of California, to the Joint Convention.

ADDRESS BY GOVERNOR

Governor Newsom then addressed the Joint Convention.

(NOTE: For the text of the State of the State Address by the Honorable Gavin Newsom, 40th Governor of the State of California, see the Appendix to the Assembly Journal for January 8, 2026.)

ADJOURNMENT OF JOINT CONVENTION

At 11:44 a.m., there being no further business, Speaker Rivas declared the Joint Convention adjourned *sine die*.

IN ASSEMBLY

RECONVENED

At 11:43 a.m., the Assembly reconvened.

Speaker pro Tempore of the Assembly, Josh Lowenthal, 69th District, presiding.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT GRANTED TO PRINT IN JOURNAL

Speaker pro Tempore Lowenthal was granted unanimous consent that the State of the State Address by the Honorable Gavin Newsom, 40th Governor of the State of California, be printed as a separate appendix to the Assembly Journal.

DESK HELD OPEN

Speaker pro Tempore Lowenthal was granted unanimous consent that the Assembly Desk be held open on Friday, January 9, 2026, for the purpose of receiving the Governor's budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker pro Tempore Lowenthal announced the following session schedule:

Friday, January 9, 2026, No session;
Monday, January 12, 2026, Floor Session, 1 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

At 11:45 a.m., Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry moved that the Assembly do now adjourn.

Assembly Member Sanchez seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

QUORUM CALL OF THE ASSEMBLY DISPENSED WITH

At 11:45 a.m., without objection, Speaker pro Tempore Lowenthal declared the quorum call of the Assembly dispensed with.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ASSEMBLY BILLS

The following bills were introduced and read the first time:

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1553—Connolly. An act relating to environmental quality.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1554—Calderon. An act relating to the Wildfire Fund.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1555—Hadwick (Principal coauthor: Senator Dahle). An act to amend Section 76140 of the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1556—Haney. An act relating to public health.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1557—Papan. An act to amend Section 312.5 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1558—Arambula. An act to add Article 7.7 (commencing with Section 8599.5) to Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to volunteer emergency services.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1559—Calderon (Coauthor: Rivas). An act to add Section 2035 to the Insurance Code, relating to insurance.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1560—Tangipa. An act to amend Sections 86100 and 86103 of, and to add Section 86207 to, the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1561—Krell. An act to amend Section 14132.85 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1562—Jackson. An act to amend Sections 12286, 12302, 12303, 12307, 12309, 12318, 12327, 17502, and 17503 of, to repeal Sections 12306 and 12316 of, and to repeal and add Sections 12300 and 12301 of, the Elections Code, relating to elections.

The following resolutions were offered:

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 118—Mark González and Quirk-Silva (Principal coauthors: Senators Choi and Durazo). Relative to Korean American Day.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24—Wallis, Castillo, Davies, Jeff Gonzalez, and Hoover. Relative to enhanced premium tax credits.

AUTHOR'S AMENDMENTS
Committee on Agriculture

January 8, 2026

Mr. Speaker: The Chair of your Committee on Agriculture reports:

Assembly Bill No. 52

With author's amendments with the recommendation: Amend, and re-refer to the committee.

SORIA, Chair

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 52—An act to add Section 513.5 to the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to food and agriculture.

Bill read second time.

Author's amendments, presented pursuant to Assembly Rules, read and adopted; bill ordered reprinted and to be re-referred to the committee.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES
Committee on Education

Date of Hearing: January 7, 2026

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education reports:

Assembly Bill No. 296

With the recommendation: Do pass, and be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

MURATSUCHI, Chair

Above bill re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Date of Hearing: January 7, 2026

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education reports:

Assembly Bill No. 673

With the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended, and be re-referred to the Committee on Human Services.

MURATSUCHI, Chair

Above bill ordered to second reading.

Date of Hearing: January 7, 2026

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education reports the following bill pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 62(a):

Assembly Bill No. 1493

MURATSUCHI, Chair

Above bill ordered filed with the Chief Clerk.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message from the Governor was received and ordered printed in the Journal:

Tribal-State Gaming Compact—Yurok Tribe of the Yurok Reservation

Governor's Office, Sacramento
January 8, 2026

*The Honorable Monique Limón
Senate President pro Tempore
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 8518
Sacramento, California*

*The Honorable Robert Rivas
Speaker of the Assembly
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 8330
Sacramento, California*

Dear President pro Tempore Monique Limón and Speaker Robert Rivas:

I have executed an agreement for an amendment to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact between the State of California and the Yurok Tribe of the Yurok Reservation, a federally recognized Indian tribe, located in the State of California. I am forwarding copies of this amendment for consideration by the Legislature.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Receipt

I acknowledge receipt this 8th day of January 2026 at 2:12 p.m., of the Second Amendment to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact between the State of California and the Yurok Tribe of the Yurok Reservation delivered to me by Natalie Chapin.

SUE PARKER
Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Above tribal-state gaming compact and accompanying documents referred to the Committee on Governmental Organization.

**FOUR HUNDRED FOURTH CALENDAR DAY
AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA**

Assembly Chamber, Friday, January 9, 2026

At 12 midnight.

Speaker pro Tempore of the Assembly, Josh Lowenthal, 69th District, presiding.

ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT REPORTS

Assembly Chamber, January 9, 2026

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:
Assembly Bill No. 52

And reports the same correctly engrossed.

SUE PARKER, Chief Clerk

Above bill re-referred to committee.

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF
ASSEMBLY BILLS**

The following bill was introduced and read the first time:

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1563—Gabriel. An act making appropriations for the support of the government of the State of California and for several public purposes in accordance with the provisions of Section 12 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of California, relating to the state budget, to take effect immediately, budget bill.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following budget message from the Governor was received and ordered printed in the Journal:

Governor's Office, Sacramento
January 9, 2026

Dear Members of the California Legislature:

Last year, California faced a succession of trials—economic upheaval, natural disaster, and political chaos from a new federal administration hell bent on destroying American institutions and the values we hold dear as a state. And yet, time and again, California chose steadiness over panic, forward movement over retreat, and responsibility over easy answers.

Because of what we have built and protected in past state budgets, millions of Californians are better off today. Children can get through the school day with full stomachs and stronger foundations for learning. Young people have greater access to college at all levels and are prepared for good-paying jobs through apprenticeships. We have confronted climate change as a call to invent, build, and lead with new technologies. We have cut drug costs, expanded tax credits for businesses and families, and put unprecedented efforts into tackling the mental health and housing crises that have gripped this country for too long. These examples—among many that we can be proud of—are not accidents. They are the result of deliberate action taken hand-in-hand with the California Legislature.

The budget I present to you today rests on that foundation of shared values. But it's also shaped by an understanding of the moment before us. There are encouraging signs in the California economy—our population is increasing, businesses are expanding, and our innovation ecosystem, fueled in no small part by the state's burgeoning AI industry, has boosted budget revenues. Yet history teaches us that prosperity, if taken for granted, can vanish as quickly as it arrives. California's responsibility is to act with steady hands and anticipate future instability. Significantly, the Trump Administration and leaders in Congress—chaos agents who act with cruel indifference or outright malice—have attempted to shift costs to California taxpayers and disrupt the lives of working families here.

The work of governing is not bluster and threats on social media, but preparing for storms before they arrive. For that reason, this 2026–27 budget must honor the commitments we have already made—to educate our children, care for the vulnerable, protect public safety—and preserve the long-term health of our finances. By rebuilding reserves and confronting structural challenges directly, we will ensure that California can meet the next crisis without abandoning the people who depend on us.

This January budget is not the final word. It is a beginning—a statement of purpose. In the months ahead, we will work together to refine a final budget that looks beyond a single year, mindful of the obligations to the people we serve. I look forward to working with you to safeguard what we have built, to strengthen what remains unfinished, and to prepare California for the years ahead.

With respect,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Receipt

I acknowledge receipt this 9th day of January 2026, at 9:40 a.m., of the budget for the 2026–2027 fiscal year, together with an explanatory message delivered to me personally by Natalie Chapin.

SUE PARKER
Chief Clerk of the Assembly

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:40 a.m., Friday, January 9, 2026, pursuant to the motion by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry, on Thursday, January 8, 2026, the Assembly adjourned until 1 p.m., Monday, January 12, 2026.

ROBERT RIVAS, Speaker

DANIEL ALVAREZ, Assistant Minute Clerk

**AMENDMENTS CONSIDERED BY THE
ASSEMBLY ON JANUARY 8, 2026**

The following measure was amended in the Assembly on this day:

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Daily Total: 1

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