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# ASSEMBLY DAILY JOURNAL

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**Monday, January 12, 2026**

**ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THIRD SESSION DAY**

**FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY**

**AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA**



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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.

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(Corrected 1-23-26)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY

IN ASSEMBLY

Assembly Chamber, Sacramento  
Monday, January 12, 2026

The Assembly met at 1 p.m.  
Hon. Josh Lowenthal, Speaker pro Tempore of the Assembly,  
presiding.  
Assistant Chief Clerk Hugh R. Slayden 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, 1:02 p.m.  
The Speaker pro Tempore directed the Sergeant at Arms to close the  
doors and to bring in the absent Members.

Quorum Present

At 1:19 p.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	Rubio
Aguiar-Curry	Ellis	Lackey	Sanchez
Ahrens	Flora	Lee	Schiavo
Alanis	Fong	Lowenthal	Schultz
Alvarez	Gabriel	Macedo	Solache
Ávila Farías	Gallagher	McKinnor	Soria
Bauer-Kahan	Garcia	Muratsuchi	Stefani
Bennett	Gipson	Nguyen	Ta
Berman	Gonzalez, J.	Ortega	Tangipa
Boerner	González, M.	Pacheco	Valencia
Bonta	Hadwick	Papan	Wallis
Bryan	Haney	Patel	Ward
Calderon	Harabedian	Pellerin	Wicks
Caloza	Hart	Petrie-Norris	Wilson
Carrillo	Hoover	Quirk-Silva	Zbur
Connolly	Irwin	Ramos	Mr. Speaker
Davies	Jackson	Ransom	
DeMaio	Johnson	Rodriguez, M.	
Dixon	Kalra	Rogers	

**PRAYER**

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

There was a time, in old Japan, that after a family experienced a death, they would eat vegetarian for 100 days. In time, this was shortened to 49 days, and later, just one week. Now, that tradition of eating vegetarian is rarely observed at all. The reason this tradition began was because, in simpler times, to prepare a meal with any meat required the act of taking life. The grieving families, knowing the pain and emptiness of loss, felt a deepened awareness that all life is precious. And that feeling, made the taking of any life, even for sustenance, so hard to do. And when families returned to their routine, they did so with a renewed awareness and appreciation for the connectedness of all life.

Nowadays, modern cultures seem focused on individual self-interests and personal well-being. We are sheltered from knowing that oneness of life, felt in days before supermarkets. In a way, to talk of all life being precious and beyond measure, seems just a noble thought.

But the Oneness of all Life is Reality.

And our ability to empathize is part of what makes us human. The Dalai Lama has said that if humankind is to survive, we must nurture “warm-heartedness.” To do this, we must rekindle our awareness that all life is truly precious and beyond measure. We must awaken our empathy, for anger and hate are not the way.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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

**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.

**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 Castillo and Celeste Rodriguez.*

*On personal business, and waiving per diem: Assembly Members Chen and Patterson.*

*Because of illness: Assembly Members Arambula and Bains.*

*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 8, 2026

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

Dear Speaker Rivas: I respectfully request to be excused from Floor Session on Monday, January 12 due to legislative business.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

LETICIA CASTILLO, Assemblywoman  
Fifty-eighth District

January 12, 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 and Check-in Sessions on January 12–16, 2026, for legislative business in the district.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

CELESTE RODRIGUEZ, Assembly Member  
Forty-third District

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The following communications were presented by the Speaker and ordered printed in the Journal:

January 12, 2026

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

Dear Ms. Parker: Please be advised that I have appointed Assembly Member Patrick Ahrens to replace Assembly Member Celeste Rodriguez on the Assembly Higher Education Committee for the Tuesday, January 13 hearing only.

Sincerely,

ROBERT RIVAS  
Speaker of the Assembly

January 9, 2026

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

Dear Ms. Parker: Please be advised that I have appointed Assembly Member Juan Alanis to fill the Vice Chair vacancy on the Assembly Labor and Employment Committee for the Tuesday, January 13 hearing only.

Sincerely,

ROBERT RIVAS  
Speaker of the Assembly

January 9, 2026

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

Dear Ms. Parker: Please be advised that I have appointed Assembly Member James Gallagher to fill the Republican vacancy on the Assembly Health Committee for the Tuesday, January 13 hearing only.

Sincerely,

ROBERT RIVAS  
Speaker of the Assembly

January 9, 2026

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

Dear Ms. Parker: Please be advised that I have appointed Assembly Member Natasha Johnson to fill the Vice Chair vacancy on the Assembly Business and Professions Committee for the Tuesday, January 13 hearing only.

Sincerely,

ROBERT RIVAS  
Speaker of the Assembly

January 12, 2026

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

Dear Ms. Parker: Please be advised that I have appointed Assembly Member Natasha Johnson to replace Assembly Member Kate Sanchez on the Assembly Judiciary Committee for the Thursday, January 15 hearing only.

Sincerely,

ROBERT RIVAS  
Speaker of the Assembly

January 9, 2026

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

Dear Ms. Parker: Please be advised that I have appointed Assembly Member Alexandra Macedo to fill the Republican vacancy on the Assembly Natural Resources Committee for the Monday, January 12 hearing only.

Sincerely,

ROBERT RIVAS  
Speaker of the Assembly

January 9, 2026

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

Dear Ms. Parker: Please be advised that I have appointed Assembly Member Pilar Schiavo to replace Assembly Member Celeste Rodriguez on the Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee for the Tuesday, January 13 hearing only.

Sincerely,

ROBERT RIVAS  
Speaker of the Assembly

January 9, 2026

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

RE: Appointment of Charles Calderon to  
the California FAIR Plan Association Governing Committee

Dear Ms. Parker: Please be advised that I have appointed Mr. Charles Calderon to the California FAIR Plan Association Governing Committee for a pleasure appointment effective January 9, 2026.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.  
Sincerely,

ROBERT RIVAS  
Speaker of the Assembly

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Education Finance, to convene jointly with Education, on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., at 1021 O Street, Room 1100;

Education, to convene jointly with Arts, Entertainment, Sports, and Tourism, on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., at 1021 O Street, Room 1100;

Insurance, on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 10 a.m., in Room 437.

**REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE**

Pursuant to the Assembly Rules, the following resolutions were referred to committee:

*Assembly Concurrent*

<i>Resolution No.</i>	<i>Committee</i>
<b>115</b> -----	RLS.
<b>116</b> -----	RLS.
<b>117</b> -----	RLS.
<b>118</b> -----	RLS.

<i>House</i>	
<i>Resolution No.</i>	<i>Committee</i>
<b>75</b> -----	RLS.

**BILLS RETURNED TO THIRD READING FILE**

In compliance with a motion given on a previous day pursuant to Assembly Rule 78, the following bill was withdrawn from the inactive file, and placed upon the third reading file:

Assembly Bill No. 362, on request of Assembly Member Ramos.

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

Assembly Member Ortega was granted unanimous consent that Assembly Rule 118(a) be suspended granting the privileges of the Floor and permitting guests in the Chamber and on the Floor.

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

Pursuant to Assembly Rule 78, Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry announced her intention to request that Senate Bill No. 25 be removed from the inactive file.

**CONSIDERATION OF DAILY FILE  
SECOND READING OF ASSEMBLY BILLS**

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 673**—An act to add Article 11 (commencing with Section 54810) to Chapter 9 of Part 29 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code, relating to pupil services.

Bill read second time; amendments proposed by the Committee on Education read and adopted; bill ordered reprinted and to be re-referred to the Committee on Human Services.

**ADJOURN IN MEMORY**

Assembly Member Ortega was granted unanimous consent that when the Assembly adjourns on this day it do so out of respect to the memory of Monica Lynn Hayes of Sacramento.

(Assembly Rule 45.5 suspended.)

**Assembly Rule 112 Suspended**

Assembly Member Ortega was granted unanimous consent that Assembly Rule 112 be suspended to permit her to read a paper on the Floor.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Speaker pro Tempore Lowenthal led the Assembly in observing a moment of silence to honor the memory of Monica Lynn Hayes.

**ADJOURN IN MEMORY**

Assembly Member Macedo was granted unanimous consent that when the Assembly adjourns on this day it do so out of respect to the memory of João Eduino Silva Brasil of Hanford.

(Assembly Rule 45.5 suspended.)



**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Speaker pro Tempore Lowenthal led the Assembly in observing a moment of silence to honor the memory of João Eduino Silva Brasil.

**ADJOURN IN MEMORY**

Assembly Member Ta was granted unanimous consent that when the Assembly adjourns on this day it do so out of respect to the memory of Grandmaster Dang Huy Duc of Orange.

(Assembly Rule 45.5 suspended.)

**ADJOURN IN MEMORY**

Assembly Member Ransom was granted unanimous consent that when the Assembly adjourns on this day it do so out of respect to the memory of Maya Lupian, Journey Rose Guerrero, Amari Peterson, and Susano Archuleta of Stockton and Modesto.

(Assembly Rule 45.5 suspended.)

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Speaker pro Tempore Lowenthal led the Assembly in observing a moment of silence to honor the memory of Maya Lupian, Journey Rose Guerrero, Amari Peterson, and Susano Archuleta.

**ADJOURN IN MEMORY**

Assembly Members Harabedian, Irwin, Caloza, Zbur, and Elhawary were granted unanimous consent that when the Assembly adjourns on this day it do so out of respect to the memory of the victims of the Eaton and Palisades Fires:

Oswald Altmetz;  
Marilyn Hamilton;  
Carolyn Burns;  
Randall Miod;  
Edwin Cridland;  
Elizabeth Morgan;  
Dalyce Curry;  
Charles Mortimer;  
Kevin Devine;  
Betty O'Meara;  
Miva Wheatley Friedli;  
Annette Rossilli;  
Erliene Kelley;  
Mark Shterenberg;  
Barbara Lewis;  
Arthur Simoneau;  
Evelyn McClendon;  
Rory Sykes;  
Patricia McKenna;  
Jeffrey Takeyama;  
Anthony Mitchell;  
Diane Webb;  
Justin Mitchell;  
Hak Wong;

Rodney Nickerson;  
Victor Shaw;  
Lora Swayne;  
Kimberly Winiecki;  
Zhi Feng Zhao;  
Stacey Darden; and  
Juan Francisco Espinoza.

(Assembly Rule 45.5 suspended.)

#### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Speaker pro Tempore Lowenthal led the Assembly in observing a moment of silence to honor the memory of the victims of the Eaton and Palisades Fires.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Speaker pro Tempore Lowenthal announced the following session schedule:

Tuesday, January 13, 2026, Check-in Session, 7 a.m.–3 p.m.;  
Wednesday, January 14, 2026, Check-in Session, 7 a.m.–3 p.m.;  
Thursday, January 15, 2026, Check-in Session, 7 a.m.–3 p.m.;  
Friday, January 16, 2026, Floor Session, 9 a.m.

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Speaker pro Tempore Lowenthal announced that the following committees would meet today, as noted:

Natural Resources, at 2:30 p.m., in Room 437;  
Revenue and Taxation, at 2:30 p.m., in Room 126;  
Transportation, at 2:30 p.m., at 1021 O Street, Room 1100;  
Banking and Finance, at 3:30 p.m., in Room 447.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF DAILY FILE (RESUMED)**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **MOTIONS TO RECONSIDER BILLS CONTINUED**

By unanimous consent, the motions to reconsider the votes on Senate Bill No. 295 and Assembly Bills Nos. 1231 and 596 were continued until Friday, January 16, 2026.

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

At 1:53 p.m., Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry moved that the Assembly do now adjourn.

Assembly Member Alanis seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

#### **QUORUM CALL OF THE ASSEMBLY DISPENSED WITH**

At 1:53 p.m., 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. 1564—Ahrens.** An act to amend, repeal, and add Sections 26071, 26321, 26322, and 26323 of, and to add and repeal Section 26072 of, the Business and Professions Code, relating to cannabis.

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1565—Ta.** An act to add and repeal Sections 17053.10 and 23621.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation, to take effect immediately, tax levy.

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1566—Jackson.** An act to amend Section 11165.2 of the Penal Code, relating to crimes.

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1567—Ta.** An act to amend Section 65400 of the Government Code, relating to housing.

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1568—Alanis.** An act to amend Section 290.5 of the Penal Code, relating to sex offenses.

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1569—Davies and Chen.** An act to add Article 9 (commencing with Section 49397) to Chapter 8 of Part 27 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code, relating to pupil safety.

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1570—Wilson.** An act to amend Section 1367.65 of the Health and Safety Code, and to amend Section 10123.81 of the Insurance Code, relating to health care coverage.

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1571—Michelle Rodriguez.** An act to amend Section 116023 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to product safety.

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1572—Alanis.** An act to add Section 33356 to the Education Code, relating to interscholastic athletics.

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1573—Bryan.** An act to amend Section 65582 of the Government Code, relating to land use.

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1574—Rogers.** An act to add Section 10553.16 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to foster youth.

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1575—Arambula.** An act to amend Section 4500 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to developmental services.

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1576—Ortega.** An act to amend Sections 4751, 4753.5, 4754, and 4755 of, and to add Sections 4754.1 and 4754.2 to, the Labor Code, relating to workers' compensation, and making an appropriation therefor.

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1577—Bauer-Kahan.** An act to add Section 25302.10 to the Public Resources Code, relating to energy.

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1578—Jackson.** An act to amend Sections 53237.1 and 53237.2 of, and to add Article 13 (commencing with Section 11147) to Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of, the Government Code, relating to public officials.

The following resolutions were offered:

**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 119—Ta.** Relative to Black April Memorial Month.

**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 120—Ávila Farías.** Relative to Positive Parenting Awareness Month.

**AUTHOR'S AMENDMENTS****Committee on Economic Development, Growth, and Household Impact**

January 12, 2026

Mr. Speaker: The Chair of your Committee on Economic Development, Growth, and Household Impact reports:

Assembly Bill No. 685

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

SOLACHE, Chair

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 685**—An act to add and repeal Article 7.5 (commencing with Section 12100.70) of Chapter 1.6 of Part 2 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to economic recovery, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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 Rules**

Date of Hearing: January 12, 2026

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules reports:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 115

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 117

With the recommendation: Be adopted.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rules Nos. 22.1, 22.2, and 22.3, the committee recommends that the above resolutions be placed on the Consent Calendar.

PACHECO, Chair

Above resolutions ordered to Consent Calendar.

Date of Hearing: January 12, 2026

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Rules reports:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 116

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 118

House Resolution No. 75

With the recommendation: Be adopted.

PACHECO, Chair

Above resolutions ordered to third reading.

**MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

January 12, 2026

*Sue Parker*

*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

*State Capitol, Room 319*

*Sacramento, California*

Dear Ms. Parker: By direction of the Senate, I am returning Senate Bill 626 (Smallwood-Cuevas) to the Assembly for further action.

Sincerely,

ERIKA CONTRERAS  
Secretary of the Senate

Senate Chamber, January 12, 2026

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day adopted:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 106

ERIKA CONTRERAS, Secretary of the Senate  
By Heshani Wijemanne, Assistant Secretary

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 3 p.m., pursuant to the motion by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry, the Assembly adjourned until 7 a.m., Tuesday, January 13, 2026, out of respect to the memory of Monica Lynn Hayes on motion of Assembly Member Ortega; out of respect to the memory of João Eduino Silva Brasil on motion of Assembly Member Macedo; out of respect to the memory of Grandmaster Dang Huy Duc on motion of Assembly Member Ta; out of respect to the memory of Maya Lupian, Journey Rose Guerrero, Amari Peterson, and Susano Archuleta on motion of Assembly Member Ransom; and out of respect to the memory of the victims of the Eaton and Palisades Fires on motion of Assembly Members Harabedian, Irwin, Caloza, Zbur, and Elhawary.

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ROBERT RIVAS, Speaker

RUSSELL C. TOMAS, Minute Clerk

**AMENDMENTS CONSIDERED BY THE  
ASSEMBLY ON JANUARY 12, 2026**

The following measures were amended in the Assembly on this day:

<b>AB</b>	<b>RN</b>
673	2601788
685	2603099

**Daily Total:**            **2**

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