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ASSEMBLY DAILY JOURNAL

Thursday, January 15, 2026

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION DAY

FOUR HUNDRED TENTH 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 15, 2026

The Assembly met at 7 a.m.
Hon. Robert Garcia, Assembly Member, 50th District, presiding.
Chief Clerk Sue Parker at the Desk.
Reading Clerk David A. Bowman reading.

ROLLCALL

The following were placed upon the morning rollcall—65:

Addis	Davies	Lackey	Rogers
Aguilar-Curry	DeMaio	Lowenthal	Rubio
Ahrens	Dixon	Macedo	Schiavo
Alanis	Elhawary	McKinnor	Schultz
Alvarez	Flora	Muratsuchi	Sharp-Collins
Ávila Farías	Fong	Nguyen	Solache
Bauer-Kahan	Garcia	Ortega	Soria
Bennett	Gipson	Pacheco	Stefani
Berman	Gonzalez, J.	Papan	Ta
Boerner	González, M.	Patel	Wallis
Bonta	Harabedian	Patterson	Ward
Bryan	Hoover	Pellerin	Wicks
Caloza	Irwin	Petrie-Norris	Zbur
Carrillo	Jackson	Quirk-Silva	Mr. Speaker
Castillo	Johnson	Ramos	
Chen	Kalra	Ransom	
Connolly	Krell	Rodriguez, M.	

Quorum present.

At 12:35 p.m., Hon. Mike Fong, 49th District, presiding

REGULAR BUSINESS DISPENSED WITH

By unanimous consent, the regular order of business of the Assembly was dispensed with for this legislative day.

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 Gallagher, Hadwick, Haney, Hart, Lee, Celeste Rodriguez, Sanchez, and Valencia.

On personal business, and waiving per diem: Assembly Members Ellis, Gabriel, and Tangipa.

Because of illness: Assembly Members Arambula, Bains, Calderon, and Wilson.

EXPLANATIONS OF ABSENCE

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

January 14, 2026

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

Dear Mr. Speaker: I respectfully request to be excused from Check-in Session on January 15, 2026, for legislative business in the district.
Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

JAMES GALLAGHER, Assembly Member
Third District

January 8, 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 Check-in Session on Thursday, January 15th, to participate in a speaking engagement at the 26th Annual Economic Forecast Conference being held at California State University, Chico.
Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

HEATHER HADWICK, Assembly Member
First District

January 8, 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 Check-in Session on January 15, 2026 due to legislative business in the district.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

MATT HANEY, Assembly Member
Seventeenth District

January 9, 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 Check-in Session on January 15, 2026, due to legislative business. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

ALEX LEE, Assembly Member
Twenty-fourth District

January 13, 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 Check-in Session on Thursday, January 15th, for legislative business.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

AVELINO VALENCIA, Assembly Member
Sixty-eighth District

(NOTE: For letter explaining the absence of Assembly Member Celeste Rodriguez on this day on legislative business, pursuant to the Assembly Rules, see Assembly Journal for January 12, 2026; for letter explaining the absence of Assembly Members Hart and Sanchez on this day on legislative business, pursuant to the Assembly Rules, see Assembly Journal for January 14, 2026.)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Budget Subcommittee No. 7 on Accountability and Oversight, on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 9 a.m., in Room 126;

Insurance, on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 10 a.m., in Room 437;

Natural Resources, on Friday, January 16, 2026, upon adjournment of Floor Session, in Room 437.

REPORTS

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

California State Auditor

2024-109
January 15, 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: As directed by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, my office conducted an audit of the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to evaluate its oversight of cities' and counties' (local jurisdictions) submissions of housing elements and HCD's procedures for reviewing housing elements. HCD interprets the housing element law and determines whether local jurisdictions' housing elements substantially comply with it. HCD then issues findings letters to local jurisdictions to notify them of its compliance determination, but the law does not require these letters to provide prescriptive instruction for achieving compliance.

We found that HCD's findings letters generally provide valuable feedback to local jurisdictions; however, jurisdictions that are struggling to develop compliant housing elements also require individualized assistance. The complexity of new legal requirements, increased housing allocations, and community resistance to new development, mean that most local jurisdictions required multiple submissions and significant time to achieve compliance during the sixth housing element cycle. HCD met legal deadlines for reviewing submissions for 10 selected local jurisdictions, but those jurisdictions told us that individualized assistance from HCD was important to help them understand and address the department's findings. Although HCD offers detailed online guidance to help jurisdictions, it did not always release this guidance in a timely manner.

Staff availability during its peak workload constrained HCD's ability to provide important individualized assistance to local jurisdictions. Even with HCD's comprehensive training program for new reviewers and reliance on experienced secondary reviewers to ensure consistency, turnover and overlapping submission deadlines have strained its capacity. To improve the housing element review process, we recommended that HCD conduct a workforce analysis and implement more consistent communication practices, and the Legislature could consider staggering submission deadlines to reduce HCD's workload surges.

Respectfully submitted,

GRANT PARKS
California State Auditor

Above report referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.

ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT REPORTS

Assembly Chamber, January 15, 2026

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

Assembly Bill No. 768

Assembly Bill No. 1406

And reports the same correctly engrossed.

SUE PARKER, Chief Clerk

Above bills ordered returned to second reading file.

Assembly Chamber, January 15, 2026

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

Assembly Bill No. 35

Assembly Bill No. 292

Assembly Bill No. 333

Assembly Bill No. 623

Assembly Bill No. 643

Assembly Bill No. 683

Assembly Bill No. 762

Assembly Bill No. 1278

And reports the same correctly engrossed.

SUE PARKER, Chief Clerk

Above bills re-referred to committee.

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF
ASSEMBLY BILLS**

The following bills were introduced and read the first time:

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1587—Ta. An act to amend Section 4052 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to prescription drugs.**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1588—Stefani.** An act to amend Section 23109 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1589—Chen.** An act to amend Section 33415 of the Penal Code, relating to firearms.**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1590—Ransom.** An act to amend Section 53076 of the Education Code, relating to career technical education.**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1591—Michelle Rodriguez.** An act to add Article 6 (commencing with Section 128055) to Chapter 2 of Part 3 of Division 107 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health professions.**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1592—Ramos.** An act to add Article 1.8 (commencing with Section 528) to Chapter 1 of Division 1 of the Public Resources Code, relating to state parks.**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1593—Dixon.** An act to add Section 11093.9 to the Government Code, relating to state government.

The following resolution was offered:

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 122—Ahrens. Relative to Anesthesiologists Week.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES
Committee on Revenue and Taxation

Date of Hearing: January 12, 2026

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation reports:

Assembly Bill No. 1265

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

GIPSON, Chair

Above bill ordered to second reading.

Committee on Utilities and Energy

Date of Hearing: January 15, 2026

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Utilities and Energy reports:

Assembly Bill No. 34

With the recommendation: Do pass, and be re-referred to the Committee on Natural Resources with the recommendation: To Consent Calendar.

PETRIE-NORRIS, Chair

Above bill re-referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Date of Hearing: January 15, 2026

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Utilities and Energy reports:

Assembly Bill No. 710

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

PETRIE-NORRIS, Chair

Above bill re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Judiciary

Date of Hearing: January 15, 2026

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Judiciary reports:

Assembly Bill No. 634

Assembly Bill No. 1159

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

KALRA, Chair

Above bills ordered to second reading.

Date of Hearing: January 15, 2026

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Judiciary reports:

Assembly Bill No. 501

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

KALRA, Chair

Above bill re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Date of Hearing: January 15, 2026

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Judiciary reports:

Assembly Bill No. 1382

With the recommendation: Do pass.

KALRA, Chair

Above bill ordered to second reading.

Date of Hearing: January 15, 2026

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Judiciary reports:

Assembly Bill No. 871

With the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

KALRA, Chair

Above bill ordered to second reading.

**CONSIDERATION OF DAILY FILE
ASSEMBLY BILLS RETURNED TO SECOND READING FILE
PURSUANT TO THE RULES**

Pursuant to the Assembly Rules, the following Assembly bills were this day on the second reading file:

Assembly Bills Nos. 768 and 1406, ordered to the third reading file.

SECOND READING OF ASSEMBLY BILLS

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1171—An act to amend Sections 87860, 87860.5, 87861, 87866, and 87867 of, to amend and renumber Section 87863 of, to amend, renumber, and add Section 87864 of, to repeal Section 87862 of, and to repeal and add Section 87868 of, the Education Code, relating to community colleges, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 739—An act to amend Section 5310 of, and to add Section 5403 to, the Civil Code, relating to common interest developments.

Bill read second time; amendments proposed by the Committee on Housing and Community Development read and adopted; bill ordered reprinted and to be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 939—An act to amend Section 65915 of the Government Code, relating to housing.

Bill read second time; amendments proposed by the Committee on Housing and Community Development read and adopted; bill ordered reprinted and to be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1184—An act to amend Sections 4360, 4910, 4935, 4950, 5100, 5120, 5205, and 5235 of, and to add Sections 4921 and 4941 to, the Civil Code, relating to common interest developments.

Bill read second time; amendments proposed by the Committee on Housing and Community Development read and adopted; bill ordered reprinted and to be returned to the second reading file.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned until 9 a.m., Friday, January 16, 2026.

ROBERT RIVAS, Speaker

RUSSELL C. TOMAS, Minute Clerk

**AMENDMENTS CONSIDERED BY THE
ASSEMBLY ON JANUARY 15, 2026**

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

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739	2602564
939	2603265
1171	2603252
1184	2602438

Daily Total: 4

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