

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE  
2025–26 REGULAR SESSION

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# ASSEMBLY DAILY JOURNAL

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**Wednesday, January 28, 2026**

**ONE HUNDRED FORTY-THIRD SESSION DAY**

**FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-THIRD 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.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY

IN ASSEMBLY

Assembly Chamber, Sacramento  
Wednesday, January 28, 2026

The Assembly met at 7 a.m.  
Hon. Juan Alanis, Assembly Member, 22nd District, presiding.  
Chief Clerk Sue Parker at the Desk.  
Reading Clerk David A. Bowman reading.

ROLLCALL

The following were placed upon the morning rollcall—71:

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

Quorum present.

At 11:03 a.m., Hon. Alex Lee, 24th 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 Castillo, Connolly, Gabriel, Gallagher, Jeff Gonzalez, and Celeste Rodriguez.*

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

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

**EXPLANATIONS OF ABSENCE**

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

January 20, 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 Check-in Session on Wednesday, January 28th due to legislative business.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

LETICIA CASTILLO, Assemblywoman  
Fifty-eighth District

January 28, 2026

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

Dear Speaker Rivas: I am respectfully requesting permission to be excused from Check-in Session on Wednesday, January 28th for legislative business in my district.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

DAMON CONNOLLY, Assembly Member  
Twelfth District

January 15, 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 Wednesday, January 28, 2026 due to legislative business in my District.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

JESSE GABRIEL, Assembly Member  
Forty-sixth District

January 27, 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 28, 2026, for district business. I will be meeting with my district staff in our district office.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

JAMES GALLAGHER, Assembly Member  
Third District

January 23, 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 the 28th of January for legislative business in my district.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

JEFF GONZALEZ, Assemblyman  
Thirty-sixth 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 26, 2026.)

#### COMMUNICATIONS

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

January 28, 2026

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

RE: Appointment of Assembly Member Stefani to  
the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Governing Board

Dear Ms. Parker: Please be advised that I have appointed Assembly Member Catherine Stefani to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Governing Board. This is a pleasure appointment effective January 28, 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:

Select Committee on Alternative Protein Innovation, on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., at UC Davis, Conference Center Ballroom B, 550 Alumni Lane, Davis 95616;

The Joint Legislative Audit Committee, on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., in Room 126;

The Joint Legislative Audit Committee, on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 447.

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF  
ASSEMBLY BILLS**

The following bills were introduced and read the first time:

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1648—Michelle Rodriguez.** An act to add Chapter 1.8 (commencing with Section 103872) to Part 2 of Division 102 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1649—Ahrens.** An act to amend Section 14005.12 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1650—Caloza (Principal coauthor: Ortega).** An act to add Section 1939.36 to the Civil Code, relating to rental passenger vehicles.

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1651—Dixon.** An act to add Section 6060.15 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to attorneys.

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1652—Patterson.** An act to add Section 11000.3 to the Government Code, relating to state government.

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1653—Lackey.** An act to add Section 51900.4 to the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

The following resolution was offered:

**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 129—Haney and Bryan.** Relative to a sister state relationship with Lagos State, Nigeria.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 3 p.m., the Assembly adjourned until 9 a.m., Thursday, January 29, 2026.

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ROBERT RIVAS, Speaker

RUSSELL C. TOMAS, Minute Clerk

