

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE  
2023–24 REGULAR SESSION

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# ASSEMBLY DAILY JOURNAL

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**Wednesday, January 10, 2024**

**ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THIRD SESSION DAY**

**FOUR HUNDRED SECOND 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 10, 2024

The Assembly met at 7 a.m.

Hon. Tri Ta, Assembly Member, 70th District, presiding.

Chief Clerk Sue Parker at the Desk.

Reading Clerk David A. Bowman reading.

#### ROLLCALL

The following were placed upon the morning rollcall—68:

Aguiar-Curry	Flora	Lowenthal	Rivas, L.
Alanis	Fong, M.	Maienschein	Rodriguez
Alvarez	Friedman	Mathis	Rubio
Arambula	Gabriel	McCarty	Santiago
Bains	Garcia	McKinnor	Schiavo
Bennett	Gipson	Muratsuchi	Soria
Berman	Grayson	Nguyen	Ta
Boerner	Haney	Ortega	Valencia
Bonta	Hart	Pacheco	Waldron
Bryan	Holden	Papan	Wallis
Calderon	Hoover	Patterson, Jim	Ward
Carrillo, J.	Jackson	Patterson, Joe	Weber
Carrillo, W.	Jones-Sawyer	Pellerin	Wicks
Cervantes	Kalra	Petrie-Norris	Wilson
Chen	Lackey	Quirk-Silva	Wood
Connolly	Lee	Ramos	Zbur
Dixon	Low	Reyes	Mr. Speaker

Quorum present.

**At 12:22 p.m., Hon. Damon Connolly, 12th 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 Davies, Vince Fong, Gallagher, Sanchez, Ting, and Villapudua.*

*On personal business, and waiving per diem: Assembly Members Essayli, Irwin, and Rendon.*

*Because of illness: Assembly Member Addis.*

*Because of illness in her family: Assembly Member Bauer-Kahan.*

*On medical leave, and waiving per diem: Assembly Member Megan Dahle.*

**EXPLANATIONS OF ABSENCE**

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

January 4, 2024

*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 10, 2024 due to legislative business in my district.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

LAURIE DAVIES, Assembly Member  
Seventy-fourth District

January 8, 2024

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

Dear Speaker Rivas: This letter is to respectfully request permission to be excused from Check-in Session on January 10th and 11th for legislative business in the district. If you have any questions, please call Nghia Nguyen.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

VINCE FONG, Assembly Member  
Thirty-second District

January 5, 2024

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

Dear Mr. Speaker: I respectfully request permission to be excused from Check-in Session on Wednesday, January 10th, 2024, due to two legislative meetings being held in the district.

Thank you for your assistance. Please contact Grace Passantino in my office should any questions arise.

Sincerely,

KATE A. SANCHEZ, Assembly Member  
Seventy-first District

January 3, 2024

*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 January 10–11, 2024, due to district business. I have some district meetings that could not get set during recess.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

PHILIP Y. TING, Assembly Member  
Nineteenth District

January 10, 2024

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

Dear Mr. Speaker: I respectfully request permission to be excused from Check-in Session on January 10, due to legislative business.

Thank you for your assistance. Please contact Kristina Calderon, Scheduler, in my office should any questions arise.

Sincerely,

CARLOS VILLAPUDUA, Assembly Member  
Thirteenth District

#### COMMUNICATIONS

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

#### Explanation of Vote—Senate Bill No. 616

December 10, 2023

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

Dear Ms. Parker: I was in attendance for the September 12, 2023 Floor Session, but unintentionally missed the vote for Senate Bill (SB) 616 (Gonzalez). I intended to vote “Aye” on the floor.

I respectfully request that this letter of support be printed in the journal. Thank you for this opportunity to clarify my intent with respect to SB 616.

Sincerely,

CECILIA M. AGUIAR-CURRY  
Assembly Speaker pro Tempore

January 10, 2024

*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 Liz Ortega to replace Assembly Member Dawn Addis on the Assembly Education Committee for today’s hearing only.

Sincerely,

ROBERT RIVAS  
Speaker of the Assembly

January 10, 2024

*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 Buffy Wicks to replace Assembly Member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan on the Assembly Judiciary Committee for the Thursday, January 11 hearing only.

Sincerely,

ROBERT RIVAS  
Speaker of the Assembly

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

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 627**—An act to add Chapter 5.7 (commencing with Section 44170) to Part 5 of Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to air pollution.

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

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 772**—An act to amend Section 1596.799 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to care facilities.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 977**—An act to add Section 1317.5a to the Health and Safety Code, and to amend Sections 241 and 243 of the Penal Code, relating to hospital emergency departments.

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

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1260**—An act to amend Section 3003 of, and to add Section 2937 to, the Penal Code, relating to parole.

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

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 375**—An act to add Section 22599.3 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to business.

Bill read second time and ordered to Consent Calendar.

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1160**—An act to amend Sections 1788.92 and 1788.93 of, and to add Section 1788.94 to, the Civil Code, to amend Section 66022 of, and to add Article 4.3 (commencing with Section 66035) to Chapter 2 of Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 to, the Education Code, and to amend Section 12419.5 of the Government Code, relating to student debts.

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.

#### **INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ASSEMBLY BILLS**

The following bills were introduced and read the first time:

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1812—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.

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1813—Alanis.** An act to add Chapter 14.6 (commencing with Section 50870) to Part 2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing.

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1814—Ting.** An act to add Section 13661 to the Penal Code, relating to law enforcement.

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1815—Weber (Coauthors: Bonta, Bryan, Gipson, Holden, Jackson, Jones-Sawyer, McCarty, McKinnor, and Wilson) (Coauthors: Senators Bradford and Smallwood-Cuevas).** An act to add Section 53.8 to the Civil Code, relating to discrimination.

The following resolution was offered:

**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 122—Weber.** Relative to Maternal Health Awareness Day.

#### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

##### **Committee on Elections**

Date of Hearing: January 10, 2024

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Elections reports:

Assembly Bill No. 1170

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

PELLERIN, Chair

Above bill re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

##### **Committee on Housing and Community Development**

Date of Hearing: January 10, 2024

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Housing and Community Development reports:

Assembly Bill No. 661

With the recommendation: Do pass.

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

WARD, Chair

Above bill ordered to second reading.

Date of Hearing: January 10, 2024

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Housing and Community Development reports:  
Assembly Bill No. 1635

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

WARD, Chair

Above bill re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Date of Hearing: January 10, 2024

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Housing and Community Development reports:  
Assembly Joint Resolution No. 9

With the recommendation: Be adopted.

WARD, Chair

Above resolution ordered to third reading.

**Committee on Arts, Entertainment, Sports, and Tourism**

Date of Hearing: January 10, 2024

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Arts, Entertainment, Sports, and Tourism reports:  
Assembly Bill No. 734

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

GIPSON, Chair

Above bill ordered to second reading.

**Committee on Public Safety**

Date of Hearing: January 9, 2024

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

Assembly Bill No. 15  
Assembly Bill No. 329  
Assembly Bill No. 758

McCARTY, Chair

Above bills ordered filed with the Chief Clerk.

Date of Hearing: March 28, 2023

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

Assembly Bill No. 523

McCARTY, Chair

Above bill ordered filed with the Chief Clerk.

**Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife**

Date of Hearing: January 9, 2024

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife reports:  
Assembly Bill No. 828

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

PAPAN, Chair

Above bill ordered to second reading.

**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

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

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
January 10, 2024

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

Over the last five years, we have worked together to pass budgets that have reflected our priorities—expanding access to education and health care, combatting crime of all kinds, getting tens of thousands of people out of encampments and into housing, building the infrastructure for California's clean future while creating jobs, and addressing the accelerating threats of global climate change. In that time, we have paid tens of billions toward the state's long-term debt, including the "Wall of Debt" and retirement liabilities, and set aside record reserves to help the state deal with its highly volatile, progressive tax system.

I am proud that California remains the home of innovation and extraordinary entrepreneurship and has so many high-income earners. We ask them to pay their fair share to a state that has provided so much for so many. But this tax system inherently creates swings in revenue. As we experienced in the past couple of years, our well-intentioned laws meant to create big reserves and budget resiliency actually end up limiting how much we can put away for rainy days—we should improve the rules governing how much we are able to save in the good times, so we can be even more resilient during the tougher times.

While we have worked together to be responsible fiscal stewards, this year, we must correct for more volatility than originally anticipated. Because the Internal Revenue Service delayed the tax filing and payment deadline for the majority of our state, our work last year was based on revenue projections that did not include essential cash receipts. We knew the risks of being forced to budget with a blindfold on. Now that the receipts are in, we must bring our books back into balance.

Thankfully, because of our approach over the last several years, we are in a strong position to close this budget gap. Together, we have emphasized one-time spending in strong budget years, limiting the expansion of ongoing programs. We shared the recent windfall with millions of Californians, returning more than \$18 billion in tax refunds over the last two years. And importantly, we set aside record budget reserves of almost \$38 billion.

This budget prioritizes the services and programs that Californians depend on most while making necessary adjustments to ensure long-term fiscal stability. And I am proud to present a balanced budget without any broad-based tax increases.

This January budget is based on projections of future revenues. As we learned last year, those projections can change dramatically based on global and national economic and financial trends. So as we begin our work together this year, we must be mindful of the remaining risks.

As always, I value the partnership we have enjoyed these last five years and look forward to continuing our work together to build a better future for California.

With respect,

GAVIN NEWSOM



Receipt

I acknowledge receipt this 10th day of January, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., of the budget for the 2024–25 fiscal year, together with an explanatory message delivered to me personally by Sam Miller.

SUE PARKER

Chief Clerk of the Assembly

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 3 p.m., the Assembly adjourned until 7 a.m., Thursday, January 11, 2024.

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ROBERT RIVAS, Speaker

DANIEL ALVAREZ, Assistant Minute Clerk

**AMENDMENTS CONSIDERED BY THE  
ASSEMBLY ON JANUARY 10, 2024**

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

<b>AB</b>	<b>RN</b>
627	2403183
977	2403025
1160	2403150
1260	2403206

**Daily Total:           4**

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