



Daily Legislative Update

First Extraordinary Session - 91st General Assembly
Wednesday, May 3, 2017 – Day 3

TODAY AT THE CAPITOL

Both Chambers are poised to consider the other Chamber's version of the five bills filed in this Special Session. If all are approved, the Special Session will end today.

The five bills mirrored in each Chamber and sponsored by the Speaker Jeremy Gillam, R-Judsonia, and Senate President Pro Tem Jonathan Dismang, R-Beebe, are:

HB 1001/SB 1 would make technical corrections and incorporate three Acts of 2017 that pertain to ethics laws into Article 19 of the Arkansas Constitution.

HB 1002/SB 2 would make technical corrections and incorporate 23 medical marijuana-related Acts of 2017 into Amendment 98 of the Arkansas Constitution.

HB 1003/SB 3 would require the Department of Human Services to submit a state plan that seeks a federal waiver to amend the benefits of the Arkansas Works program by establishing a work requirement, reducing income-based eligibility and other changes.

HB 1004/SB 4 seek to prohibit the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace from developing technology for a state-based marketplace platform and dissolve the current marketplace oversight committee, placing oversight and study authority with the Legislative Council.

HB 1005 and SB 5 seek to move \$105 million from the Health Century Trust Fund (Tobacco Settlement) to an account for long-term reserve funding.

YESTERDAY AT THE CAPITOL BILL CONSIDERATIONS

The Joint Budget Committee spent a great deal of time debating SB 5/HB 1005 but eventually gave it a Do Pass as Amended. There was also a lengthy debate about SB 3/HB 1003 on the Senate floor. Wesley Brown of *Talk Business & Politics* posted this excellent report about yesterday's legislative action:

<http://talkbusiness.net/2017/05/lawmakers-wrap-up-key-bills-of-special-session-after-long-debate-on-103-million-contingency-fund/>

RULES FOR IMPEACHMENT

HR 1001 was filed yesterday by House Speaker Jeremy Gillam, R-Judsonia. The resolution seeks to set a process for impeachment proceedings. *Talk Business & Politics* posted this report yesterday about this historic action:

<http://talkbusiness.net/2017/05/house-speaker-files-resolution-to-outline-impeachment-proceedings-lawmaker-says-judge-griffen-is-target/>

LEGISLATIVE SESSION INFORMATION AND MESSAGE CENTER

To view schedules, calendars, bill information and legislator information, visit www.arkleg.state.ar.us.

House of Representatives: 501-682-6211
Senate: 501-682-2902

State Chamber/AIA Governmental Affairs Team:

Randy Zook, President/CEO:

rzook@arkansasstatechamber.com

Kenny Hall, Executive Vice President:

khall@arkansasstatechamber.com

Andrew Parker, Director of Governmental Affairs:

aparker@arkansasstatechamber.com

Holly Wilson, Director of Governmental Affairs:

hwilson@arkansasstatechamber.com

Toni Bahn, Director of Governmental Affairs:

tbahn@arkansasstatechamber.com

State Chamber/AIA phone: (501) 372-2222

State Chamber/AIA web site: www.arkansasstatechamber.com

To unsubscribe to *Daily Legislative Updates*, please e-mail Deb Mathis at dmathis@arkansasstatechamber.com and write "unsubscribe DLU" in the subject box.

The Daily Legislative Update is written by Kenny Hall and edited and distributed by Jeff Thatcher.



1200 W. Capitol Ave., P.O. Box 3645
Little Rock, AR 72203-3645

501-372-2222
FAX 372-2722
