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## **92nd General Assembly April 9, 2020 – Fiscal Session Day 2**

### **Daily Legislative Update** April 9, 2020 | Day 2 Fiscal Session of the 92<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly

#### **AT THE CAPITOL**

The Joint Budget Committee began meeting at 9:30 a.m. today.

The House and Senate will reconvene at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15.

The Capitol, Big MAC and the Jack Stephens Center are closed to visitors.

#### **YESTERDAY AT THE CAPITOL**

All pre-filed House Bills, HB 1001 through HB 1099, and all Senate pre-filed bills, SB 1 through SB 99, were introduced and referred to the Joint Budget Committee.

The Joint Budget Committee gave Do Pass recommendations to all but the following bills:

House Bills: 1016, 1030, 1044, 1046, 1048, 1055, 1066, 1068, 1077, 1078, 1082, 1083, 1085, 1088, 1093, 1096, 1097 and 1098.

Senate Bills: 46, 47, 55, 57, 58, 59, 69, 70, 72, 74, 78, 82, 83, 84, 85 and 87.

The content of these bills can be reviewed at: [www.arkleg.state.ar.us](http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us)

The House approved 99 to 0 three House Resolutions: HR 1001-session extension, HR 1002 and HR 1003-authorization to file Revenue Stabilization Act (RSA) bills.

The Senate approved SR 1 by a vote of 34 to 0 and SR 2 by a vote of 35 to 0. Senate Resolutions 1 & 2 authorize the filing of the RSA bill. SR 3 was approved 33 to 2 to extend the session.

HR 1001 and SR 3 extend the session to its legal maximum of 45 days ending on May 22. However, they are free to adjourn Sine Die at any time. The Resolution also authorizes recesses for up to four days.

#### **BILL FILINGS**

Two new Resolutions were filed in the House and Senate. Identical Resolutions would adjust the state's income tax brackets—HR 1004 by Rep. Fred Love and SR 4 by Sen. Linda Chesterfield. Also identical Resolutions were filed to prohibit elective medical procedures—HR 1005 by Rep. Justin Gonzales and SR 5 by Sen. Bob Ballinger.

SR 4 failed by a vote of 5 to 27 in the Senate. This Resolution sought to amend the state's

income tax brackets.

## **STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS**

Governor Asa Hutchinson delivered his State of the State address to the Fiscal Session of the 92<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly yesterday afternoon from the Senate Chamber. Members of the House watched the address by video from the Jack Stephens Center at UALR.

Governor Hutchinson said the honest answer to our state of the State is our economic condition is uncertain. But the character of Arkansans has never been stronger. He said the foundations of our economy are strong, although the roads above may be a little shaky. We are only pausing because of the emergency. But there are businesses that want to come to Arkansas.

“We will do all that is necessary to protect life and to come out of this pandemic with our face looking into the bright days of our future.”

“We have learned through this public health emergency about how fragile life can be, but we have also seen courage and compassion of Arkansans in action,” Governor Hutchinson said. “Our nurses, doctors, respiratory therapists, and EMTs are on the front lines, risking their lives every day

“We may make mistakes, but make no mistake – our eyes are fixed on our next opportunity, our next challenge, and our next future victories. We will do what Americans and Arkansans have always done. We will be strong, and we will prevail.”

You can view the transcript of the speech by clicking [here](#).

## **NEXT WEEK AT THE CAPITOL**

The House and Senate will reconvene at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15.

The State Chamber/AIA’s Legislative Reception scheduled for April 14 has been postponed.

## **LEGISLATIVE SESSION INFORMATION**

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## **Legislative Message Center**

House of Representatives: 501-682-6211  
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- House: <https://www.arkansashouse.org/>
- Senate: <http://www.arkansas.gov/senate/>

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