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# **Daily Legislative Update**

94<sup>th</sup> Arkansas General Assembly Tuesday, January 17, 2023 | Day 9

**TODAY 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - STATE CHAMBER/AIA LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION**We hope to see under the "Big Tent" today in our parking lot.

### **TODAY AT THE CAPITOL**

Joint Budget Committee meets at 9 a.m., other Committees meet at 10:00 a.m. The Senate convenes at 1:00 p.m. and the House at 1:30 p.m. Visit <a href="www.arkleg.state.ar.us">www.arkleg.state.ar.us</a> for committee meetings & agenda, floor calendars, bills, rosters and video links to meetings

## LAST WEEK AT THE CAPITOL

The 94<sup>th</sup> General Assembly convened Monday for the regular legislative session, and on Tuesday, Sarah Huckabee Sanders was sworn in as the 47<sup>th</sup> Governor and the first woman Governor of Arkansas. As always, the first week included much pomp and circumstance, both with the Governor's inauguration, as well as swearing in ceremonies for legislators and constitutional officers.

Representative Matthew Shepherd (R-El Dorado) became the state's first Speaker of the House elected to a third term. Senator Bart Hester (R-Cave Springs) was elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate. While there are many returning members, following the recent legislative redistricting, more than a quarter of the General Assembly includes newly elected members. Speaker Shepherd announced appointments of chairs and vice-chairs to House standing committees. Both House and Senate standing committees held organizational meetings throughout the week, and both chambers convened briefly each day.

Meanwhile, Governor Sanders issued <u>8 Executive Orders</u> her first two days in office, addressing topics from tackling fraud and abuse in the state's unemployment insurance program, to instituting a hiring freeze for state employees.

#### **BILL TRACKING**

Bills Filed | Senate: 0 new - 61 filed | House: 0 new - 134 filed State Chamber Tracking: 55

To view all tracked bills by category, click State Chamber AIA Bill Tracking Categories

# **2023 STATE CHAMBER AIA LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

### LEGISLATIVE SESSION INFORMATION

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

### LEGISLATIVE MESSAGE CENTER

House of Representatives: 501-682-6211

Senate: 501-682-2902

### LIVE STREAMING FROM THE CAPITOL

The House and Senate have links to live streaming of their committee meetings and floor session online.

House: <a href="https://www.arkansashouse.org/">https://www.arkansashouse.org/</a>Senate: <a href="http://www.arkansas.gov/senate/">http://www.arkansas.gov/senate/</a>

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