Week of February 16, 2026

The seventh week of the 2026 Regular Session has concluded. February 16 marked the deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider general bills and constitutional amendments originating in the House.

During the week, the House considered and passed 53 appropriation bills funding state agencies for the upcoming fiscal year, including the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, Transportation, Environmental Quality, Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, and the Division of Medicaid, along with judicial offices and regulatory boards. These measures represent continued progress in advancing the state budget.

The House also passed **Senate Bill 2294 – the Mississippi Future Innovators Act**, which requires high schools to offer computer science courses or career and technical education (CTE) programs with embedded computer science instruction.

Additionally, the House adopted several resolutions recognizing outstanding individuals, student achievements, and championship athletic teams, as well as a resolution encouraging continued economic ties and friendship with the Republic of China (Taiwan).

The Alcorn State University Choir performed in the Capitol rotunda on Tuesday.

The Capitol welcomed students, educators, and community groups this week, including Delta Sigma Theta, Alcorn State University Choir, Ridgeland Mayor's Youth Council, Madison County Youth Leadership, Jackson Prep AP Government Class, Enterprise High School Senior History Class, River Heritage Home School, Classical Conversations Home School, Revive Church Home School, Impact Home School, Stone County Home Schoolers, Petal High School Ambassadors, Hartfield Varsity Cheerleaders and Dance, Word of Truth Ministries, Rankin Youth Leadership, Natchez High School, DAR Members, First Baptist Church Kindergarten, St. Augustine School, and Hope Academy.