Week of February 23, 2026

The 2026 Regular Session has officially completed its eighth week. The House continued work on appropriation and revenue measures this week as key deadlines arrived on the legislative calendar.

Monday, February 23, marked the deadline for making requests for appropriation and revenue bills to be drafted. Wednesday, February 25, was the deadline for original floor action on appropriation and revenue bills originating in the House and Thursday, February 26, served as the deadline for reconsideration and passage of those measures. With these deadlines met, the House has advanced its appropriation and revenue legislation to the Senate for further consideration.

During the week, the House passed several significant measures, including:

House Bill 4074 – Creates the Mississippi Mobile Sports Wagering Act, establishing a regulatory framework for mobile sports betting in the state.

House Bill 4069 – Creates the Mississippi Severe Winter Storm of 2026 Electric Utility Customer Relief and Electric Utility System Restoration Act in response to recent winter weather impacts.

House Bill 4065 – Creates the Mississippi School Resource Officers School Safety (MS ROSS) Act to provide funding to local law enforcement agencies for school safety initiatives.

House Bill 4073 – Creates the Mississippi Work and Save Program, authorizes bond issuance, and revises certain income and sales tax provisions to establish a retirement savings framework.

House Bill 1063 – Revises ad valorem tax provisions related to energy projects and economic development incentives.

House Bill 4014 – Excludes Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) compensation from gross income for state income tax purposes.

House Bill 1941 – Authorizes the issuance of bonds for the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund.

The Capitol welcomed several visitors throughout the week, including Hancock Youth Leadership Academy, Coffeeville High School, Montgomery County 4-H Leadership, MRA Government Class, Puckett High School, Brooklyn High School FFA, Stone County FFA, Mississippi Optometric Association, South Jones Band, JSU Health Policy Class, Senatobia Elementary, the Horn Lake Mayor's Youth Council, the Collins Mayor's Youth Council, the DeSoto County Mayor's Youth Council, the Hernando Mayor's Youth Council, the Gautier Mayor's Youth Council, and the Olive Branch Mayor's Youth Council.

The House will continue its work on Senate legislation and remaining fiscal matters as the session progresses toward upcoming deadlines.