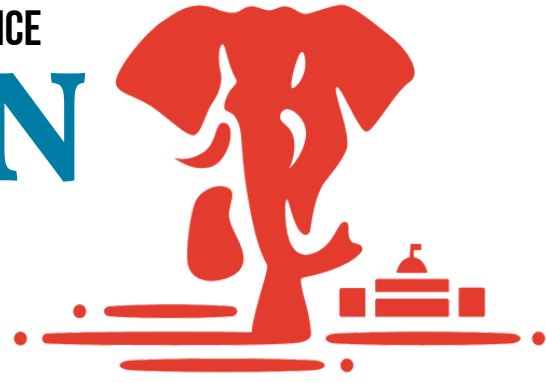


A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE SENATE MAJORITY LEADER'S OFFICE

THIS WEEK IN THE SENATE

2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION • WEEK 1



A PRODUCTIVE START TO THE WORK THAT LIES AHEAD

BY SENATE MAJORITY LEADER STEVE LIVINGSTON

The 2024 Legislative Session kicked off this week on Tuesday, February 6, with a productive start to the work that lies ahead. Throughout the coming months, our state legislators will be at work for the people of Alabama. As the Senate hears impactful legislation and begins to consider a number of policies, I commit to you that this session will be one of purpose.

On Tuesday, Governor Ivey delivered her State of the State Address, setting the tone for this session by prioritizing election security, labor force shortages, and supporting our students. These policies promise to positively impact the lives of Alabamians and defend our fundamental values of freedom, hard work, and opportunity.

Senate Republicans are inspired by this bold path forward and are committed to working together toward our shared vision of Alabama's continued success.

In the coming weeks, Senate Republicans will remain laser-focused on alleviating runaway inflation while continuing to stop dangerous radical leftist policies from taking root in Alabama. We remain unified in securing our freedoms and constitutional rights, defending Alabama values and our families, empowering parents, promoting job growth and labor force participation, and stopping the radical ideologies threatening our way of life.

It is the honor of a lifetime to serve as your Senate Majority Leader. I look forward to navigating the challenges, exploring new opportunities, and continuing to build a future that makes Alabama an even better place to call home.

Until next week,

Senator Steve Livingston

Senate Majority Leader, Alabama Senate

UPDATES FROM THE SENATE



PARENT'S RIGHT TO KNOW BILL PASSES THE SENATE

The Parent's Right To Know Bill keeps families informed of the content of their children's education by requiring curricula to be posted on a school's public website. *SB 48, sponsored by Senator Reed, passed the Senate on Thursday.*

INCREASING DAM SAFETY BILL MOVES TO THE HOUSE

SB 39, sponsored by Senator Chambliss, provides safety procedures for state-owned dams and reservoirs, increasing public safety and ensuring the protection of communities surrounding these vital resources. *SB 39 passed the Senate on Thursday.*

STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE PASSES THE SENATE

Senator Orr's Senate Bill 54 will guarantee that periodicals used in K-12 schools are suitable for the classroom by requiring the State Textbook Committee to conduct regular reviews of the material. *The bill passed the Senate on Thursday.*



BALLOT HARVESTING ADVANCES OUT OF COMMITTEE

Senate Republicans are advancing legislation to defend election integrity and demand confidence in elections. Wednesday was a testament to our continued work in making elections transparent, trackable, and verifiable as *SB 1, sponsored by Senator Gudger, received a favorable report from the State Government Committee.*

STATE HOUSE EVENTS



ALABAMA SENATE ATTENDS GOVERNOR'S STATE OF THE STATE

On Tuesday, Governor Ivey addressed the House and Senate bodies in her annual State of the State Address, outlining her legislative priorities for the 2024 Legislative Session. Pro Tem Greg Reed, Majority Leader Steve Livingston, and Senator Clyde Chambliss were proud to join Governor Ivey on stage to report that the state of Alabama is strong and only getting stronger.

LEGISLATURE HOSTS ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

The legislature gathered for its annual Legislative Prayer Breakfast hosted by Pro Tem Greg Reed and Speaker Nathaniel Ledbetter at the RSA Activity Center on Thursday. Senator Reed's Pastor, Andy Frazier, from Jasper's First Baptist Church, delivered the message at the breakfast and later led the invocation in the Senate chamber.



SENATE PRESENTS ROOKIE OF THE YEAR WITH JOINT RESOLUTION

On Thursday, the Alabama Senate had the honor of recognizing one of its own with a joint resolution for his extraordinary achievements in baseball. Selma native, Gunnar Henderson was named the American League Rookie of the Year, leading all rookies in home runs, triples, RBIs, and runs scored. Henderson's performance for the Baltimore Orioles is remarkable, and Alabama is proud to celebrate his success.