STATE OF ARKANSAS
House of Representatives

NEWSLETTER FROM REP. Richard Womack

DISTRICT 90

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DAILY SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 4, 2021

The House has adjourned from the 4th week of the Regular Session.

The following bills were passed by the House Thursday afternoon:

HB1315. This bill creates a state meat inspection program. The bill states that a lack of a state meat inspection program causes a significant loss of revenue generated from meat processing for this state and stifles opportunities for farmers to expand their meat processing capacity. It also states that without a state meat inspection program, it is currently prohibitively expensive for food banks to receive and distribute meat.

HB1236-This bill states in the event of a civil disturbance or a crime in progress that requires additional law enforcement resources, the Governor may establish a system of unified command of law enforcement efforts and may designate which law enforcement agency or law enforcement agencies have primary jurisdiction on the State Capitol grounds and in the State Capitol building.

HB1338-This bill raises the number of signatures needed for an individual to be placed on an Arkansas ballot as a candidate for President of the United States. Currently, 1,00 signatures are needed. This bill raises it to 5,000.

HB1228 allows the establishment of designated entertainment districts in an area with entities authorized to sell alcoholic beverages.

HB1124 amends punitive articles of the Military Code of Arkansas concerning sexual assault and sexual contact.

The House passed a resolution to extend the session if needed. HCR1008 provides for a recess on April 9 and an extension of the 2021 Regular Session until May 3, if necessary.
The House will convene on Monday at 1 pm.