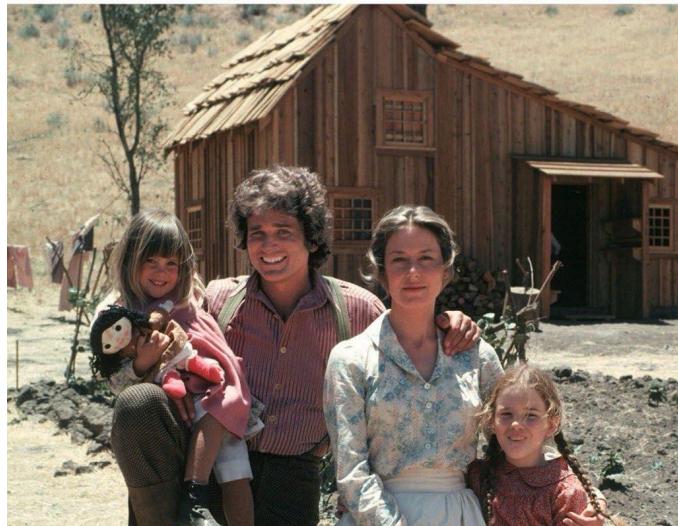




THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026

LEGISLATIVE DAY 4 OF 40

Live footage of the Capitol during the
Verizon outage:



RECAP

Hello Partners! Welcome back to the *Night Owl* 🐣, your nightly recap of need-to-know information and intel on what's happening under the Gold Dome.

Today under the Gold Dome, Governor Brian Kemp delivered his final State of the State address filled with confident claims about Georgia's finances and economic strength. Record reserves, accelerated tax cuts, and another proposed one-time rebate took center stage. But for many Georgians, the gap between those numbers and daily life remains wide.

While families continue to face rising housing costs, health care pressures, and uneven access to opportunity, the administration's vision rests on limiting government growth rather than expanding long-term solutions.

As the legislative session moves forward, the central question is not whether Georgia has the resources to meet this moment. It is whether those resources will be used to stabilize lives, strengthen communities, and make affordability more than a talking point.

We hope you enjoy *The Night Owl*. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for additional content!

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE DAY

[HOUSE FLOOR SESSION LD 04](#) [SENATE FLOOR SESSION LD 04](#)

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCES

- [Budget Week Schedule](#)
- [Adjournment Resolution](#)
- [Senate Rules](#)
- [House Rules](#)
- Committee Chairs and Office Assignments will be updated once available!
- [PGA Legislative Resources](#)
- Please let us know about any 2026 lobby/advocacy days and events [here](#).

IMPORTANT LINKS, RESOURCES, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Need access to one of our resources or want to share an event you're hosting? Get access or share any events using [this link](#). Our resources include:
 - The Night Owl Newsletter
 - 2026 Legislative Calendar
 - This calendar includes legislative information and advocacy days
 - The "GA Rapid Response" Signal chat
 - Press Clips (Tuesday & Thursday)
 - Bill Tracking
 - If you want bills to be included in The Night Owl or our coalition-wide tracker, [please submit them by clicking here!](#)

- Bill Analysis Sign-up: We **need volunteers to help analyze bills** throughout the legislative session. Many of our partners are on the ground at the Capitol lobbying for the issues we all care deeply about, and they need your help! If you love reading legislation, putting together summaries, and highlighting important points about what bills say, this project is for you! Some of you may already be doing this anyway. Please share your knowledge with us so we can assist our partners in being the strongest advocates they can be.
- Join Photo Circle and share any legislative session photos [here](#).
- Open to uplifting rapid-response posts and calls to action on your personal social media accounts? [Share your personal social media handles here](#).

CTAs

- [Asian American Advocacy Fund](#) - Please join us in demanding justice and accountability from our federal legislators for the murder of Renee Nicole Good. As the Jan 30th CR deadline looms, Congress must not approve more funding for DHS/ICE.
- Stay tuned for additional Calls to Action from the Georgia Progressive Coalition!

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- The Georgia Immigrant Rights Alliance will host [Immigrant Rights Thursdays](#) on **January 29 at 8:30 AM**.
- Environmental Justice Day will be held on **Thursday, January 29**. [Click here](#) for more information.
- GCV will host its 100% Day advocacy day on **February 3rd**. Here is the [sign-up link](#), and for more information, please contact Connie Di Cicco (connie@gcvoters.org).
- Latino Advocacy Day, hosted by GALEO, will be held on **February 5th from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**. Please contact Darrick Alvarez (dalvarez@galeoimpactfund.org) or Jerry Gonzalez (jerry@galeo.org) for more information. Here is a [sign-up link](#).
- CSRA will be hosting a New American Celebration event at the Capitol on **February 12th**. Here is the sign-up [link](#).
- The Georgia NAACP State Conference will host their day at the Capitol on **February 12th**. More details to come soon!
- GYJC will have a Youth at the Capitol day [every Thursday](#) during session. For more information, please contact Melody Oliphant (melody@georgiayouthjustice.org)
- Black Voters Matter will host a Black Voters Matter Day at the Capitol on **February 24th** (new date!). Please contact Dr. Melinee Calhoun (melinee@blackvotersmatterfund.org) for more information.
- Our reproductive health partners are going to be hosting a Repro Justice Accountability Day at the Capitol on **February 26th, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**. A link to sign up will be coming soon, so stay on the lookout!
- Black Male Initiative will host Black Men & Boys Day at the Capitol on **March 9th, starting at 8:30 AM**. For more info, please contact D'ante Fair (dfair@bmigeorgia.org).

BILL KEY

	ISSUE		STATUS
📚	Education	👍	Support
❤️	Reproductive Rights	👎	Do not support
🌈	LGBTQIA+	🏃	Moving quickly
😷	COVID-19	⏰	Recent Activity
🏥	Healthcare	🛑	Not likely to move
🗳️	Voting Rights/Elections/Democracy	📢	Time to take action!
⚖️	Criminal Justice/Public Safety	😈	Bad bill
🏡	Housing	😊	Wonderful bill
💕	Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion	🤝	Bipartisan Support
🌐	Environment	🐉	Zombie Bill
🙏	Religion		
🌿	Marijuana		
👷	Economy/Labor/Employment		
🧠	First Amendment		
🌍	Immigration		

FAVORABILITY OR DISAPPROVAL ON THE LEGISLATION LISTED BELOW HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY OUR COALITION'S PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS FROM THEIR LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS AND PRIORITIES. IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL INSIGHT ON ANY LEGISLATION INCLUDED BELOW OR HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO [Nicole Henderson](#). IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL BILLS YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE IN OUR BILL MONITORING THAT AREN'T LISTED, PLEASE [FILL OUT THIS FORM](#).

BILL TRACKING

Bills highlighted in blue have been updated or recently added.

Bill	Key	What's the deal?	Tracking
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HEALTHCARE

SB 965		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill proposes to amend Georgia's health records statute to **grant parents and legal guardians enhanced access to their unemancipated minor children's medical records** 	House Hopper
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CRIMINAL JUSTICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

SB 390		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restricts the deployment of armed military forces from other states into Georgia unless the Governor of Georgia gives explicit permission. The bill reinforces state sovereignty and civilian control, ensuring that Georgia's governor retains authority over when and how armed forces from other states can operate within Georgia's borders. 	Senate Read and Referred
SB 398		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates new criminal offenses related to "virtual peeping", specifically targeting the nonconsensual use of generative artificial intelligence to create realistic images of real people. 	Senate Read and Referred

IMMIGRATION

SB 389		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires certain immigration enforcement officers operating in Georgia to be clearly identifiable to the public while performing immigration enforcement duties. 	Senate Read and Referred
SB 391		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restricts immigration enforcement activities in certain locations unless law enforcement has a judicial warrant. 	Senate Read and Referred

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> areas include schools, hospitals, places of worship, libraries, and family violence shelters to protect due process, child safety, and community stability 	
SB 397		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> creates a civil cause of action against federal officials who violate constitutional rights 	Senate Read and Referred

VOTING RIGHTS/ELECTIONS/ DEMOCRACY

SR 563		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urges the Georgia Secretary of State to immediately and fully comply with a request from the U.S. Department of Justice to securely produce Georgia's voter registration list. 	Senate Read and Referred
SB 392		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes Georgia's budgeting process by requiring the state to use zero-based budgeting when developing the budget. Instead of starting each year's budget by adjusting last year's spending, agencies must justify their funding from scratch May also be known as "Waste Reduction Act of 2026" 	Senate Read and Referred
SB 214		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows voters to cast a physical (paper) absentee ballot on request as an alternative to other authorized methods of in-person voting. 	House Second Readers

ECONOMY

HB 947		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would prohibit the purchase of certain food and beverage items with SNAP benefits 	House Second Readers
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NEWS AND UPDATES

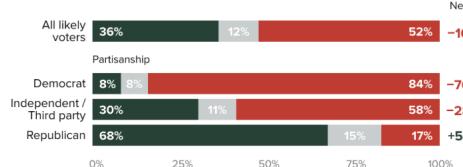
- [Watch Live: Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp's final State of the State address](#)
- [22 candidates enter Georgia race to succeed Marjorie Taylor Greene in Congress](#)
- [Georgia hits insurance companies with \\$25 million in fines](#)
- [Ossoff opens 2026 with \\$25M war chest in high-stakes reelection bid](#)
- [Health insurance deal hits reality check in U.S. Senate](#)
- [Kemp budget includes tax cuts, \\$2,000 for teachers and state employees](#)

RESEARCH AND POLLING

Voters Do Not Believe the ICE Officer in Minneapolis Was Justified in Using Lethal Force

Based on what you have seen or heard, do you believe the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officer who shot and killed a woman in Minneapolis was justified in using lethal force?

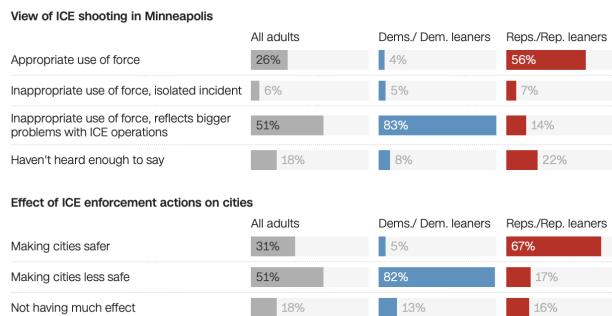
The ICE officer was justified in using lethal force Don't know The ICE officer was not justified in using lethal force



January 9–11, 2026 survey of 1,265 U.S. likely voters

DATA FOR PROGRESS

Most Americans call shooting by ICE agent in Minneapolis an inappropriate use of force



Note: The CNN poll was conducted by SSRS from January 9-12 among a random national sample of 1,209 US adults drawn from a probability-based panel. Surveys were either conducted online or by telephone with a live interviewer. Results shown in this chart have a margin of sampling error of up to ± 4.9 percentage points. Some results may not add to 100% due to rounding.

A Majority of Voters Say ICE's Use of Lethal Force in Minneapolis Was Not Justified

New polling from Data for Progress finds that most voters disagree with the Trump administration's version of events and say that the ICE officer was not justified in using lethal force.

Only 8% of likely voters say they have heard "nothing at all" about the ICE shooting, while 63% say they have heard "a lot" and 29% say they have heard "a little." Additionally, we find that 50% of voters have an unfavorable opinion of ICE, while 46% have a favorable view of the agency.

Most Americans call shooting by ICE agent in Minneapolis an inappropriate use of force

Most Americans see an immigration officer's fatal shooting of Minneapolis resident Renee Good as an inappropriate use of force, a new CNN poll conducted by SSRS finds. Roughly half view it as a sign of broader issues with the way US Immigration and Customs Enforcement is operating, with less than one-third saying that ICE operations have made cities safer.

Majority Of Voters Think Fatal Shooting Of Minneapolis Woman By ICE Agent Was Not Justified

Days after an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agent fatally shot a Minneapolis woman in an incident that was captured on video, voters

82 - 18 percent say they have seen a video of the shooting and a majority (53 percent) think the shooting was not justified, 35 percent think it was justified, and 12 percent did not offer an opinion, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University national poll of registered voters released today.

33. As far as you are aware, do you think this shooting was justified, or not justified?

	REGISTERED VOTERS					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Justified	35%	77%	4%	28%	42%	30%
Not justified	53	10	92	59	44	61
DK/NA	12	13	4	14	14	9

Tracking approval and key issues: The latest AP-NORC polls

● **Handling of immigration**

Percentage of U.S. adults who say they approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling immigration.



The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research is a collaboration between AP and NORC at the University of Chicago. Since its founding in 2011, this partnership has produced hundreds of polls on timely issues. Topline questionnaires can be found at the AP-NORC Center's website.

SOCIAL LISTENING & MIS- AND DISINFORMATION TRACKING

● **Highlights:**

- **INSTAGRAM:** [Rep. Mike Collins “Obama’s apology tour is over. America leads from the FRONT again.” reel.](#)
 - As of 1/15 @ 11:00 AM
 - Views: 26.1k
 - Likes: 514
 - Comments: 321
 - Saves: N/A
- **BLUESKY:** [Joe Rogan speaking out against ICE.](#)
 - As of 1/15 @ 11:00 AM
 - Views: unknown
 - Likes: 661
 - Comments: 164
 - Saves: 18
- **TIKTOK:** [Proposed bills that will limit ICE in the state of Georgia.](#)
 - As of 1/15 @ 4:00 PM
 - Views: 81.1k
 - Likes: 23.2k
 - Comments: 349
 - Saves: 4,063

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[Georgia House of Representatives](#)

[Georgia House Democrats](#)

[House Budget & Research Offices](#)

[Georgia State Senate](#)

[Georgia Senate Democrats](#)

[Georgia Senate Republicans](#)

KEY DATES TO WATCH

JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				01 New Year's Day 	02	03
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
11	12 LD 1	13 LD 2	14 LD 3	15 LD 4	16 LD 5	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20 BUDGET WEEK	21 BUDGET WEEK	22 BUDGET WEEK	23	24
25	26 LD 6	27 LD 7	28 LD 8	29 LD 9	30	31

FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
01	02 LD 10	03 LD 11	04 LD 12	05 LD 13	06 LD 14	07
08	09 LD 15	10 LD 16	11 LD 17	12 LD 18	13	14 
15	16 Presidents' Day	17 LD 19	18 LD 20	19 LD 21	20 LD 22	21
22	23 Committee Work Day	24 LD 23	25 LD 24	26 LD 25	27	28

MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
01	02 Committee Work Day	03 LD 26	04 LD 27	05 Committee Work Day	06 Crossover Day (LD 28)	07
08	09 LD 29	10 LD 30	11 Committee Work Day	12 LD 31	13	14
15	16 LD 32	17 Committee	18 LD 33	19 LD 34	20 LD 35	21



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		Work Day				
22	23 LD 36	24 Committee Work Day	25 LD 37	26 Committee Work Day	27 LD 38	28
29	30	31 LD 39				

APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			01	02 Sine Die! 🎉 (LD 40)	03	04

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