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Estimated Cost per household: **-\$1,100.00/year.**

Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · HB1044 · Passed 56–11 · 01/26/2026

2. Resolution for God's Healing: Urges South Dakotans to seek God's healing presence and mercy upon the state. **✓**

Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · SCR604 · Passed 42–23 · 01/29/2026

3. Con-Con: Applies to Congress for an Article V constitutional convention to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution. **✓**

Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **No** · SJR503 · Rejected 29–38 · 02/18/2026

4. Free School Meals: Establishes state-reimbursement rules for school districts that provide free or reduced-price meals to students. **✓**

Estimated Cost per household: **-\$1.62/year.**

Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **No** · HB1082 · Passed 46–20 · 02/24/2026

5. Parental Rights: Would have codified certain parental rights in state law, including the right of parents to direct the upbringing, education, and healthcare of their minor children. **✓**

Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · SB190 · Rejected 30–36 · 03/03/2026

6. Abortion-drug Ban: Prohibits the dispensing, distribution, sale, or advertisement of drugs, substances, or other items intended to cause an unlawful abortion. **✓**

Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · HB1274 · Passed 61–6 · 03/10/2026



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