



INTERNATIONAL ROLL-CALL® CORPORATION'S 3RD READING SYSTEM

TRANSFORMING LEGISLATIVE PROCESSES AND DEVELOPING A MODERN SOLUTION FOR LEGISLATIVE EFFICIENCY

International Roll-Call® Corporation (IRC) has a rich legacy of providing cutting-edge solutions to state legislatures across the United States. Their latest innovation, the 3rd Reading™ Legislative Management System, is poised to revolutionize legislative processes in state legislatures and beyond. IRC recognizes the value of time during legislative sessions. Legislators and staff need efficient tools to navigate the complex legislative landscape. The 3rd Reading™ system aims to automate redundant tasks while enhancing the overall legislative experience.

ALABAMA 3RD READING PROJECT

International Roll-Call® Corporation (IRC) and the Alabama Legislature recently completed its 5th Session (Regular and Special Sessions) using the Alabama LINX/3rd Reading Legislative Management System. IRC and the Alabama Legislature initially deployed the LINX/3rd Reading system application during the Regular 2023 Session and a Special Session that was called immediately after the convening of the Regular Session. IRC was contracted in June 2019 by the Alabama Senate, House of Representatives, and Legislative Services Agency to conduct a five-month comprehensive Legislative Process Study with the goal of replacing the legacy ALIS system.

The Legislative Process Study required meeting with and listening to the Alabama "subject matter experts" (SMEs) to accurately document all legislative process functions and related workflow. Over the course of the study there were many opportunities for improvements revealed that would allow the new system to be built on the foundations of the old system. In addition, staff were on board to collectively define and implement an approach that would serve their future needs. The implementation was not without hiccups, but collaboratively through communication and discussion, hurdles were overcome, challenges resolved, and opportunities accepted with positive results achieved.

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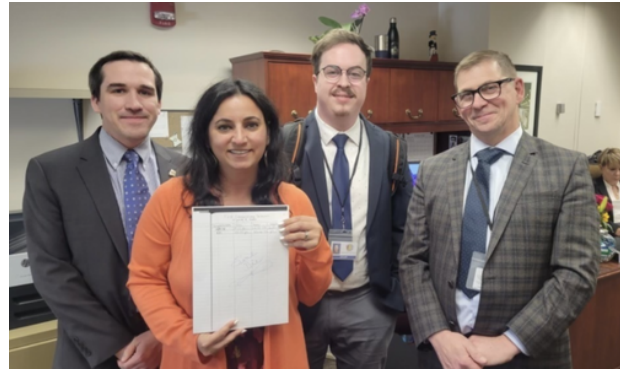
After adjournment of the 2024 Legislative Session, Alabama House Clerk John Treadwell commented,

“The Alabama Legislature recently completed the 2024 Regular Session, and the newly implemented LINX system was instrumental to the success of the session. LINX has streamlined numerous legislative functions for committee staff, has enhanced the efficiency and lessened the workload for the engrossing and enrolling process which has dramatically reduced the potential for errors in bills, improved our messaging system, and significantly enhanced the work of Journal staff by fully integrating various components of legislative action in committee and on the chamber floor. LINX has encompassed all functionalities of the legislative process into a single system, from legislation drafting through to enactment. We are excited to move forward with all that LINX has to offer.”

Joyce Wright, Alabama Chief Clerk to the Secretary of the Alabama Senate added,

“Several years ago, when faced with a computer system that had been in place since 1998 and was at the end of its useful lifespan, we asked ourselves how the Legislature’s one-of-a-kind computer system could be replaced and at the same time improved upon. As a user of that system since the beginning, I knew IRC had their work cut out for them to design a new upgraded and enhanced system for the Alabama Legislature. Their charge and mission and many hours of hard work was hugely apparent when the new system known as LINX was unveiled and put into operation for the 2024 Legislative Session and was a great success.

There were improvements on so many different levels from simplifying the introduction of legislation to committee reporting, creating amendments, enrolling and engrossing, creating calendars and generating the journal. The system was enthusiastically embraced by the users as they found the LINX system to be complex and sophisticated in the output, while simplistic and user friendly with the input. IRC has been with us every step of the way and we have confidence that this system will serve the Alabama Legislature well for years to come.”



IRC staff on site during Alabama Session



IRC and AL LINX/3rd Reading Project Leaders

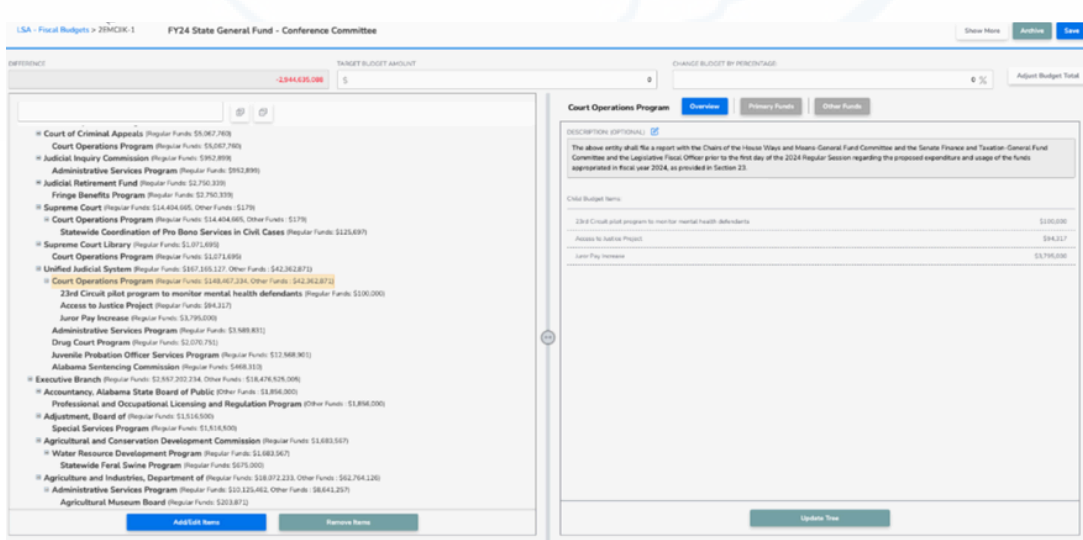
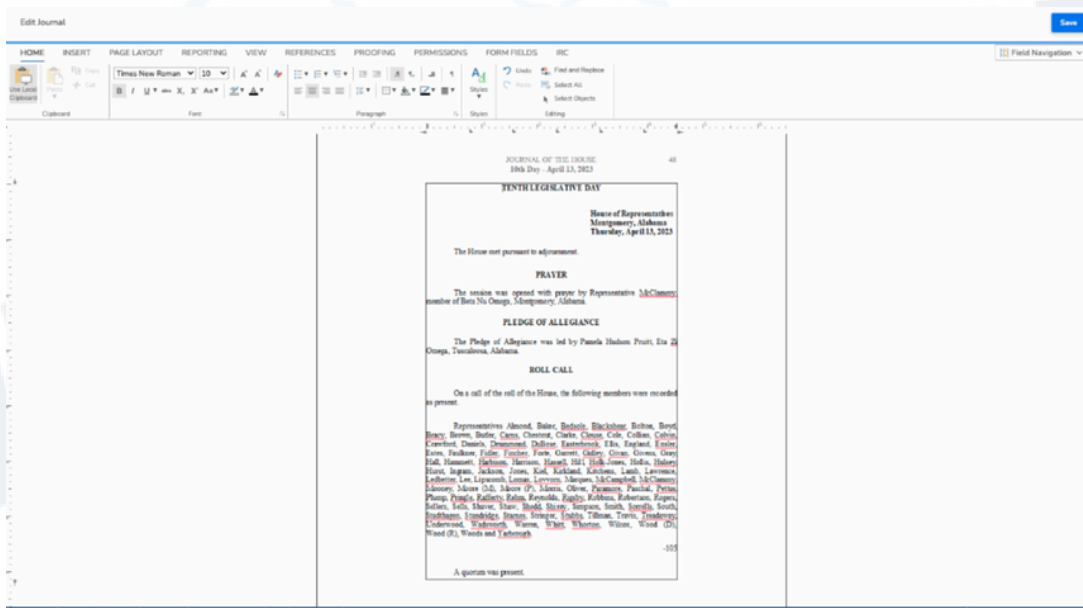
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KEY FEATURES OF THE 3RD READING LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

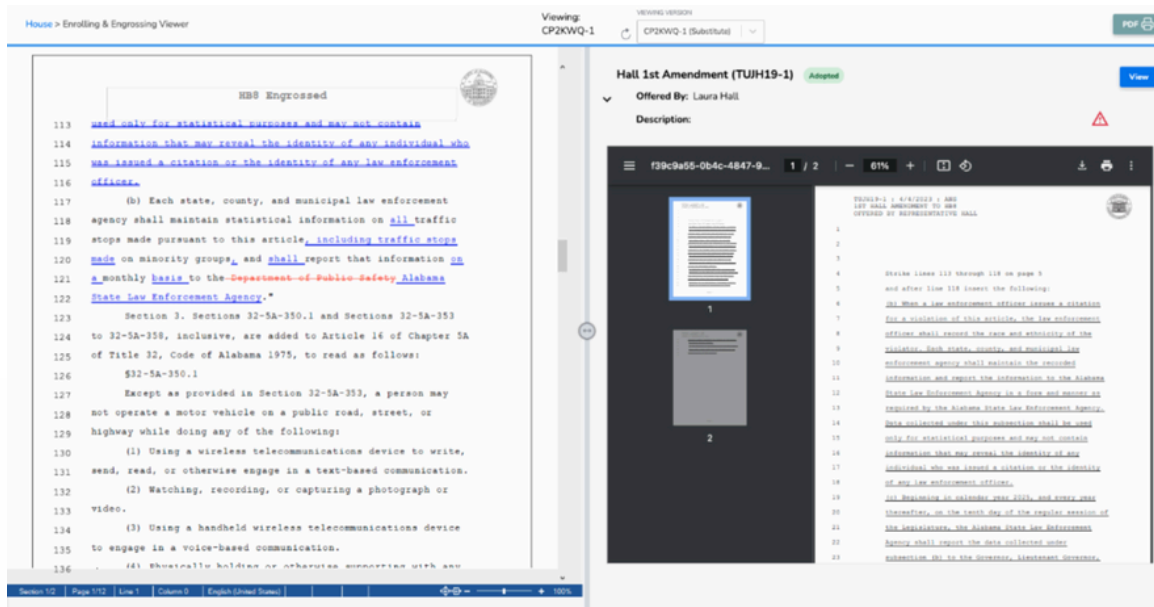
The 3rd Reading™ system encompasses multiple modules, each catering to a unique aspect of the legislative process. These include:

- Configuration: Customizable to meet the specific needs of each state legislature or chamber.
- Drafting and Document Support: Streamlining bill, resolution, and budget creation.
- Indexing: Efficiently organizing legislative content.
- Committee Support: Facilitating committee workflows.
- Calendar and Journal: Managing legislative schedules and records.
- Messaging: Enhancing communication among legislators and staff.
- Engrossing and Enrolling: Ensuring accurate final versions of legislation.

Sample of LINX/3rd Reading functionalities:



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3RD READING POST-SESSION REVIEWS

As each Session has adjourned, the IRC team has reviewed and met with Alabama Staff to strengthen the product to better serve the needs of the Alabama Legislature's members and staff.

The outcome of these reviews has produced the following results:

General

- Audit capability allowing IT and Supervisor staff the ability to know throughout the legislative process who has used the system in any capacity, and accessed specific documents for editing, deleting, etc.
- Users can switch between light and dark mode to enhance the user experience.

Request Management and Drafting

- LINX/3rd Reading allows drafting supervisors the ability to see who is assigned to which requests for drafting legislation, memos, amendments, and substitutes. This workload distribution resource provides supervisors and staff the ability to assist with work if personnel resources are unavailable or stretched thin. Users can assign requests for drafting to one or more users to ensure the drafting and review process is transparent, efficient, and consistent.

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- LINX/3rd Reading provides customizable templates at both a system and user level to ensure that documents produced within the organization are consistently formatted and efficiently created.
- The application automatically controls versions of both draft and introduced legislation, draft and offered amendments and substitutes, messages, and journal.
- The ability to: copy documents for minor modifications without having to retype; copy and paste, which they were unable to do in previous systems; and incorporate Alabama State Code seamlessly into drafts and modify as needed; and maintain a single source of Alabama State Code and codified language from Session to Session.

Fiscal / Budget

- Reduced the time required to generate a budget from days to minutes.
- Ability to amend or substitute the budget seamlessly during session.
- Ability to re-use or copy prior Session budgets within minutes eliminating the need recreate a budget from scratch for each Session.
- Created a budget version comparison feature within or across previous sessions.
- Provide a version control for fiscal notes as legislation travels from introduction to enactment.

Committees

- Ability to adapt to new processes requested by leadership that arose prior to Session (Engrossed Committee Substitute) with minimal impact to IT or staff.

Journal

- Automatically generate the journal for each legislative day and the cumulative session with its corresponding index.

Amendments / Substitutes - Enrolling & Engrossing

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- Ability to generate in-line amendments that allow for the system to automatically incorporate adopted amendments into an engrossed or enrolled bill. Amendments can be seen in context through pre-engrossed and pre-enrolled versions of the bill.
- Ability to create substitutes and amendments that remain associated with the bill for a comprehensive history of the bill as it passes through legislation.
- Ability to manually override or scrivener's edit legislation in instances where complex amendments or substitutes may need manual intervention.

Messages

- Automated message triggers that give users the ability to review and edit prior to releasing. This feature significantly impacts the time needed to create messages and reduces typing errors.
- Ability to seamlessly recall a message that may have been sent in error.

Technology

- Due to the technology stack selected by IRC's expert development team, changes or modifications to the application approved by the Alabama leadership were able to be received, processed, tested, and deployed in a timely manner with minimal impact, if any, to the Session schedule, Members, or staff.
- A support services portal was created to enter requests for enhancements, urgent bug fixes, or requests for new features that is monitored and processed by IRC's project manager and associated development team.

As IRC continues to refine and enhance 3rd Reading™, legislatures can focus on their core responsibilities of effective governance and representation. The system's adaptability and scalability make it an asset for any legislative environment.

**For more information or to schedule a demonstration,
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