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- Legislative Joint Auditing Committee authorizes expedited review of lectern purchase by governor’s office (Arkansas Democrat Gazette, 10/14/2023)
  - The Legislative Joint Auditing Committee in Arkansas has approved an expedited review of the purchase of a $19,000 lectern by Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders’ office. The decision, initiated by State Sen. Jimmy Hickey, follows public scrutiny after blogger Matt Campbell revealed the purchase on social media. The audit will investigate the transaction and also review expenditures by the governor’s office made confidential under a recent legislative act.

- Arkansas legislative committee to make recommendations for overhaul of state's gun laws (ABC7, 9/16/2024)
  - An Arkansas legislative committee is working on recommendations to overhaul the state's gun laws, focusing on clarifying confusing regulations around concealed carry, hunting, and prohibited locations. The committee, part of the Arkansas Legislative Council, aims to simplify the laws without reducing gun rights, following concerns raised about inconsistent rules after recent legislation. The committee intends to report the findings from its year-long study by

October 2024.

- Read September draft of report