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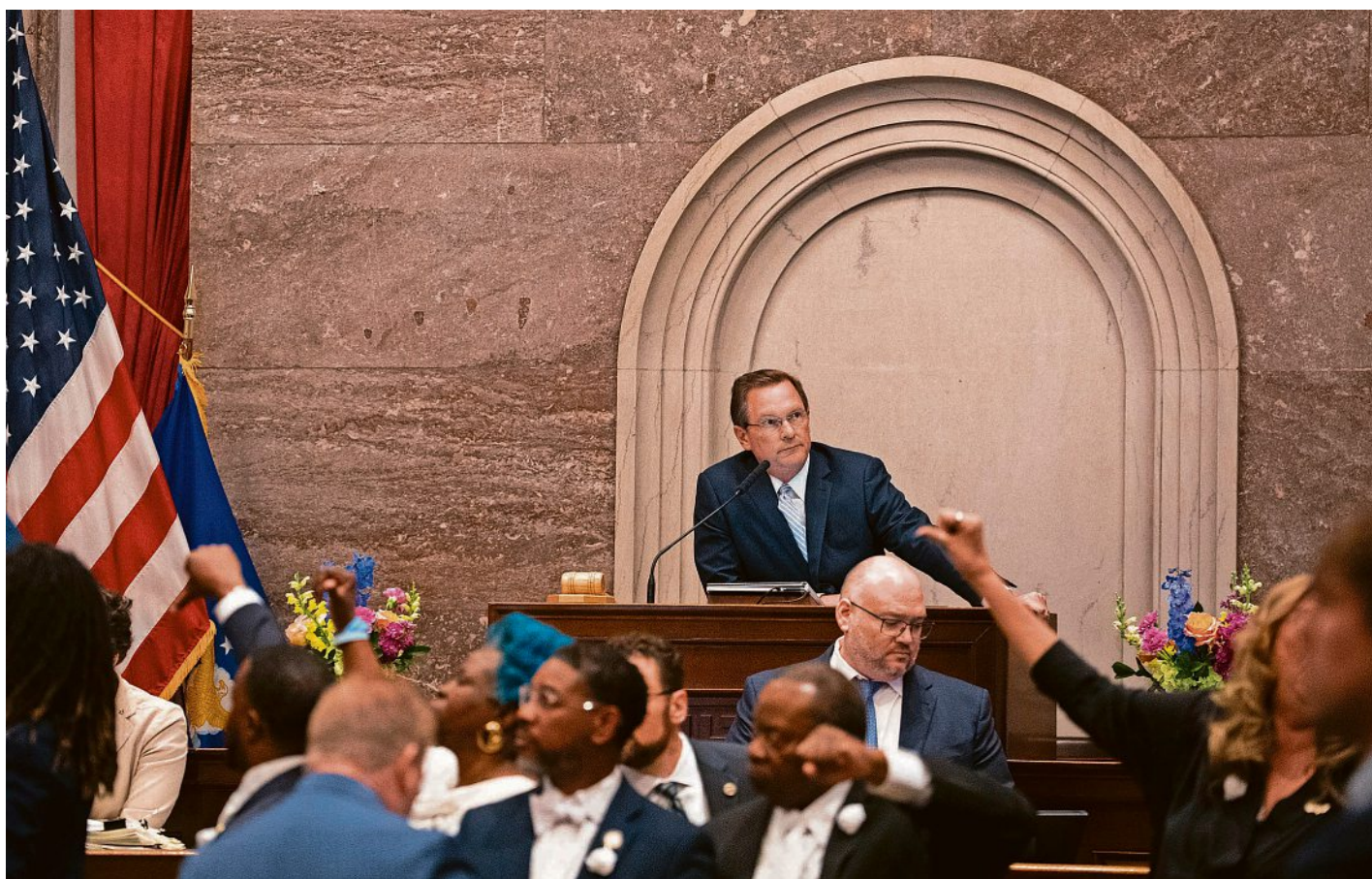


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House Speaker Cameron Sexton looks on May 7 as votes are cast while Democratic representatives protest during a special session that led to new congressional districts in Tennessee. Sexton has sanctioned those Democrats “until further notice.” PHOTOS BY NICOLE HESTER/THE TENNESSEAN

## All House Dems lose spots on committees

Action taken against party after redistricting protest

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House Speaker Cameron Sexton removed every member of the House Democratic Caucus from committees after Democrats stood in the well in protest as Republicans voted to pass new congressional maps that fractured Black voting power in Memphis.

House Democrats received individual letters from Sexton informing them they'd been removed from committees on May 12 — until further notice.

Most of the legislature's committees do not meet except when the body is in session — which will not happen until next January unless another special session is called. The Fiscal Review Committee and Government Operations Committee both meet regularly

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Democratic representatives walk off the House floor together on the third day of special session concerning redistricting at the Tennessee State Capitol Building in Nashville on May 7.

### CLARKSVILLE

## 'Chud the Builder' has \$1.2M bond set after shooting

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Dalton Eatherly, also known as Chud the Builder, appeared before a Montgomery County judge for a brief hearing on May 15, two days after police say he was involved in a shooting in front of the Montgomery County Courthouse.

Eatherly has been charged with attempted murder, employing a firearm during a dangerous felony, aggravated assault and reckless endangerment with a deadly weapon in connection with the May 13 shooting.

During the 9 a.m. hearing, his bond was set at \$1.2 million.

The judge said the bond was set so high because of the number of lives that were put in danger outside the courthouse and because of Eatherly's current bond status.

Eatherly was arrested May 9 in Nashville and charged with theft of services, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

A preliminary hearing in the Clarksville case was set for May 26 and another bond hearing will take place on May 21, the judge ruled May 15.

### What happened in Clarksville?

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and the Clarksville Police were

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The aftermath of a shooting outside the Montgomery County Courthouse in Clarksville on May 13.

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## No strict law on 'home alone' minimum age in TN

### What parents should know before summer

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In just a few weeks, Tennessee schools will let out for the summer, leaving some parents wondering whether their child is ready to stay home alone, and what Tennessee law says about it.

Several factors should be considered before leaving a child home alone, including age and maturity level. In general, parents are recommended to use their best judgment when making that decision.

Here's what to know ahead of summer break.

### At what age can Tennessee children stay home alone?

According to the Tennessee Courts

website, there is no legal age for children to stay home alone.

However, parents and legal guardians are encouraged to use their best judgement and consider keeping the child's maturity level and safety issues in mind.

### Is it legal for Tennessee children to stay home alone?

Tennessee children may stay home alone although their age plays an impor-

tant role in the decision.

Tennessee Courts advises children younger than 10 should not be left without supervision at any time, while older teenage children may be left alone for short periods.

“Your child's age can be used as a guideline in your decision-making process, but not everyone's children mature at the same rate, either,” states Burch and Stewart Attorneys, a Middle

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