

# Journal of the House

## FIFTY-EIGHTH DAY

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HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
TOPEKA, KS, Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment with Speaker pro tem Capreuter in the chair.

The roll was called with 122 members present.

Rep. Houser was excused on verified illness.

Reps. Poetter Parshall and Thomas were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Excused later: Rep. Collins.

Present later: Rep. Poetter Parshall.

Prayer by Chaplain Holmes:

Dear Father; This current Session was begun with absolute focus and intent. The mission was clear and the objective compelling. Each one gathered here today desired then and desires now to make The State of Kansas an appealing place to live, work and raise a family. I pray the things accomplished in this chamber the past few months will prove to be a blessing to the people of Kansas.

We still have much to complete. Bless that which is set before us I pray. Allow the decisions we make to bless the good people of our State.

Help us to choose words of kindness and grace as we address one another and our work. Guide our minds in such a way that good and productive things are accomplished, and those observing can see we desire to be accountable to them and our tasks.

Many are tired in body and spirit. Renew them with energy that only You can provide. Your Word says, "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." I claim that promise for these legislatures as they work to finish well.

Many of our families have paid a price as we have diligently invested for the people of Kansas. They have endured long hours of absence without us. At times they may have felt we were more concerned about passing laws than spending time with them. O'Lord, would You encourage each family member today. Might the vitality of their relationships be enhanced as things return to somewhat of a reasonable reality.

Bless our local police and first responders. Thank you for giving them to us as instruments of assurance and protection.

In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Martinez.

### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

There being no objection, the following remarks of Rep. Haskins are spread upon the Journal:

Colleagues and guests, it is with immense pride to recognize the accomplishments of the Washburn Rural High School Chess Club and fellow Auburn-Washburn middle school and elementary 2024 Kansas State Chess Champions hosted by the Kansas Scholastic Chess Association. Their remarkable performance not only showcases their talent and competitive spirit but also underscores the countless benefits of chess for our youth and community.

Chess fosters critical thinking, strategic planning, and problem-solving skills crucial for success in academics and life. It cultivates qualities like patience, resilience, and perseverance in the face of challenges. Moreover, research demonstrates that chess players often exhibit improved academic performance and mental agility akin to Olympic athletes. The International Olympic Committee and 100 other countries would call these students – athletes.

Today, we proudly acknowledge the achievements of the twenty Washburn Rural High School chess athletes who participated in six tournaments this year. Together, they secured an impressive tally of three first-place, two second-place, and one third-place team finishes.

Joining us in the gallery are freshman Miles Chapman, juniors Harris Chaudhry and Max Kuhlmann, and Club sponsor Mr. Timothy McVey. On the floor today, we have the senior athletes of the Washburn Rural High 2024 Kansas State Chess Championship team:

- Sam Byrne - Plans to study biology in college.
- Finn Byrne - Finn earned second place in the State competition (K-12 Division). Will be studying Computer Science at KU.
- Eli Chapman - Will be studying Computer Science at KU.
- Chase Eichholz – Will be studying Computer Science at KU.
- Nathan Haskins - Will be studying Computer Science at KU.
- Yecinta Ngure – Plans to study Biomedical Engineering at UMKC.
- Tej Patel - Studying Data Science & Neural Behavior after graduation.
- Pierce Romine- Studying History after graduation.
- Brennen Ross- Studying business administration with a finance emphasis at Washburn University.
- Anshumann Zutshi-Studying economics and international relations in college.

Studies have revealed that chess not only enhances cognitive skills but also fosters a sense of community and a spirit of service. Beyond competing in tournaments, members of our chess team dedicated their time to tutoring middle and elementary school students within the Auburn-Washburn community. Additionally, they played a

pivotal role in initiating chess clubs at Pauline South, Pauline Central, Farley, Indian Hills, Jay Shideler, and Topeka Collegiate.

Joining us in the gallery today are these young chess athletes, who exemplify dedication and service.

I am pleased to announce that Washburn Rural High School was not the sole bearer of glory this year. Both Washburn Rural Middle School and Jay Shideler Elementary School showcased exceptional skills by clinching the 2024 state title in their respective divisions. Furthermore, Indian Hills Elementary School secured the position of state runners-up.

Renowned American chess prodigy and world champion, Bobby Fischer, famously remarked, 'Chess is Life... You must take your opponent into a deep, dark forest where  $2+2=5$ , and the path leading out is only wide enough for one... You have to have a fighting spirit. You have to force moves and take chances.' This quote encapsulates the essence of both these remarkable athletes and the spirit of being a Kansan.

I invite all members of the Auburn-Washburn Chess Club to please stand. Colleagues, based on the state's current statistics of retaining our college graduates after six years, six of these 10 exceptional minds will leave our state. I ask that you rise to not only recognize their accomplishments but also demonstrate our steadfast commitment to do everything we can to keep these exceptional athletes to ensure the future of Kansas will be a checkmate.

Rep. Haskins presented the team with a framed House certificate in recognition of their many accomplishments.

## REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Appropriations: **SB 552**.

Education: **SB 532, SB 544**.

Elections: **SB 367**.

Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications: **SB 457**.

Health and Human Services: **SB 488**.

Insurance: **SB 553**.

K-12 Education Budget: **SB 386**.

Transportation: **SB 426**.

Water: **SB 524**.

## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The Senate nonconcur in House amendments to **Sub SB 287**, requests a conference and has appointed Senators Gossage, Erickson and Pettey as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate nonconcur in House amendments to **Sub SB 318**, requests a conference and has appointed Senators Warren, Wilborn and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate nonconcur in House amendments to **SB 414**, requests a conference and has appointed Senators Warren, Wilborn and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate nonconcur in House amendments to **Sub SB 419**, requests a conference and has appointed Senators Warren, Wilborn and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate nonconcur in House amendments to **Sub SB 420**, requests a conference and has appointed Senators Warren, Wilborn and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate nonconcur in House amendments to **SB 500**, requests a conference and has appointed Senators Warren, Wilborn and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate announced the appointment of Senators Baumgardner, Erickson, and Sykes as conferees on **H Sub SB 73**

The Senate nonconcur in House amendments to **SB 423**, requests a conference and has appointed Senators Longbine, Fagg and Holscher as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate nonconcur in House amendments to **Sub SB 37**, requests a conference and has appointed Senators Longbine, Fagg and Pittman as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate nonconcur in House amendments to **SB 406**, requests a conference and has appointed Senators Longbine, Fagg and Pittman as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2551** and has appointed Senators Billinger, Claeys and Pettey as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **S Sub for HB 2124** and has appointed Senators Thompson, Kloos and Faust-Goudeau as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2358** and has appointed Senators Thompson, Kloos and Faust-Goudeau as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2711** and has appointed Senators Longbine, Fagg and Pittman as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2715** and has appointed Senators Longbine, Fagg and Holscher as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2787** and has appointed Senators Longbine, Fagg and Holscher as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2583** and has appointed Senators Warren, Wilborn and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **S Sub for HB 2144** and has appointed Senators Warren, Wilborn and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **Sub HB2570** and has appointed Senators Erickson, Dietrich and Reddi as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2527** and has appointed Senators Fagg, Petersen and Francisco as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2588** and has appointed Senators Fagg, Petersen and Francisco as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2547** and has appointed Senators Gossage, Erickson and Pettey as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2784** and has appointed Senators Gossage, Erickson and Pettey as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **S Sub for HB 2047** and has appointed Senators Peck, McGinn and Ware as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2607** and has appointed Senators Peck, McGinn and Ware as conferees on the part of the Senate.

### **INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS**

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House acceded to the request of the Senate for a conference on **H Sub SB 37**.

Speaker pro tem Carpenter thereupon appointed Reps. Hoheisel, Clifford and Xu as conferees on the part of the House.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House acceded to the request of the Senate for a conference on **H Sub SB 287**.

Speaker pro tem Carpenter thereupon appointed Reps. Landwehr, Eplee and Ruiz, S. as conferees on the part of the House.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House acceded to the request of the Senate for a conference on **H Sub SB 318**.

Speaker pro tem Carpenter thereupon appointed Reps. Owens, Smith, E. and Carmichael as conferees on the part of the House.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House acceded to the request of the Senate for a conference on **SB 406**.

Speaker pro tem Carpenter thereupon appointed Reps. Hoheisel, Clifford and Xu as conferees on the part of the House.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House acceded to the request of the Senate for a conference on **SB 414**.

Speaker pro tem Carpenter thereupon appointed Reps. Owens, Smith, E. and Carmichael as conferees on the part of the House.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House acceded to the request of the Senate for a conference on **H Sub SB 419**.

Speaker pro tem Carpenter thereupon appointed Reps. Owens, Smith, E. and Carmichael as conferees on the part of the House.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House acceded to the request of the Senate for a conference on **H Sub SB 420**.

Speaker pro tem Carpenter thereupon appointed Reps. Owens, Smith, E. and Carmichael as conferees on the part of the House.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House acceded to the request of the Senate for a conference on **SB 423**.

Speaker pro tem Carpenter thereupon appointed Reps. Sutton, Penn and Neighbor as conferees on the part of the House.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House acceded to the request of the Senate for a conference on **SB 500**.

Speaker pro tem Carpenter thereupon appointed Reps. Humphries, Lewis and Osman as conferees on the part of the House.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House recessed until 2:00 p.m.

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#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The House met pursuant to recess with Speaker pro tem Carpenter in the chair.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Announcing adoption of **SCR 1620**.

The Senate nonconcurrs in House amendments to **SB 410**, requests a conference and has appointed Senators Petersen, Kloos and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate nonconcurrs in House amendments to **SB 333**, requests a conference and has appointed Senators Erickson, Dietrich and Reddi as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2614** and has appointed Senators Thompson, Kloos and Faust-Goudeau as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2618** and has appointed Senators Thompson, Kloos and Faust-Goudeau as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate concurs in House amendments to **SB 462**, and requests return of the bill.

#### INTRODUCTION OF SENATE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate concurrent resolution was thereupon introduced and read by title:

**SCR 1620.**

#### INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House acceded to the request of the Senate for a conference on **SB 333**.

Speaker pro tem Carpenter thereupon appointed Reps. Tarwater, Borjon and Probst as conferees on the part of the House.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House acceded to the request of the Senate for a conference on **SB 410**.

Speaker pro tem Carpenter thereupon appointed Reps. Francis, Neelly and Ballard as conferees on the part of the House.

#### MOTIONS TO CONCUR IN CONFERENCE

On motion of Rep. W. Carpenter, the House concurred in Senate amendments to **HB 2358**, AN ACT concerning public health; relating to the uniform vital statistics act; certification of an individual's cause of death; permitting cause of death certifiers to provide certification thereto; amending K.S.A. 65-2401 and 65-2412 and repealing the existing sections.

(The House requested the Senate to return the bill, which was in conference).

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 110; Nays 11; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 4.

Yeas: Alcalá, Amyx, Anderson, Ballard, Barth, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Borjon, Bryce, Buehler, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Carr, Concannon, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Dodson, M., Droge, Ellis, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Garber, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Haswood, Hawkins, Helgerson, Highberger, Hill, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Houglan, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Humphries, T. Johnson, Kessler, Lewis, Martinez, Mason, Maughan, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Miller, D., Miller, S., Miller, V., Minnix, Murphy, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Owens, Pickert, Poetter, Poskin, Probst, Proctor, Rahjes, Rhiley, Robinson, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoë, Schreiber, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Stiens, Stogsdill, Sutton, Tarwater, Thompson, Titus, Turk, Turner, Underhill, Vaughn, Waggoner, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Williams, K., Winn, Woodard, Xu, Younger.

Nays: Awerkamp, Blew, Butler, Clifford, Eplee, Landwehr, Moser, Penn, Resman, Smith, E., Williams, L..

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Collins, Houser, Jacobs, Thomas.

On motion of Rep. Owens, the House concurred in Senate amendments to **HB 2583**, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to crimes against the public morals; increasing the criminal penalty for harming or killing certain dogs and horses; requiring restitution for such crime to include veterinary medical treatment, funeral and burial expenses and replacement of such animal; amending K.S.A. 21-6416 and 21-6604 and repealing the existing sections.

(The House requested the Senate to return the bill, which was in conference).

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 115; Nays 6; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 4.

Yeas: Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barth, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blew, Blex, Bloom, Borjon, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Clifford, Concannon, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Dodson, M., Droge, Ellis, Eplee, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Haswood, Hawkins, Helgerson, Highberger, Hill, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Humphries, T. Johnson, Kessler, Landwehr, Lewis, Martinez, Mason, Maughan, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Miller, D., Miller, S., Miller, V., Minnix, Moser, Murphy, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Osman, Owens, Penn, Pickert, Poetter, Poskin, Probst, Proctor, Rahjes, Resman, Rhiley, Robinson, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoë, Schreiber, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Smith, E., Stiens, Stogsdill, Sutton, Tarwater, Thompson, Titus, Turk, Turner, Underhill, Vaughn, Waggoner, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Williams, K., Williams, L., Winn, Woodard, Xu, Younger.

Nays: Alcalá, Carr, Garber, Houglan, Oropeza, Ousley.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Collins, Houser, Jacobs, Thomas.

### INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS

On emergency motion of Rep. Croft, pursuant to House Rule 2311, **HR 6045** was advanced to Final Action, subject to amendment, debate and roll call.

### FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

**HR 6045**, A RESOLUTION approving an amendment to the gaming compact between the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska and the State of Kansas, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 101; Nays 20; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 4.

Yeas: Alcalá, Amyx, Anderson, Ballard, Barth, Blew, Blex, Bloom, Borjon, Bryce, Buehler, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Carr, Clifford, Concannon, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Dodson, M., Droge, Ellis, Eplee, Essex, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Haskins, Haswood, Hawkins, Helgerson, Highberger, Hoheisel, Houglund, Howe, Howerton, Hoye, Humphries, T. Johnson, Kessler, Lewis, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Miller, D., Miller, S., Miller, V., Minnix, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Owens, Pickert, Poetter, Poskin, Probst, Rahjes, Resman, Robinson, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Smith, E., Stiens, Stogsdill, Sutton, Tarwater, Thompson, Titus, Turk, Turner, Underhill, Vaughn, Waggoner, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Williams, K., Williams, L., Winn, Woodard, Xu, Younger.

Nays: Awerkamp, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Butler, Carlin, Estes, Garber, Goetz, Hill, Hoffman, Howell, Landwehr, Mason, Maughan, Moser, Murphy, Penn, Proctor, Rhiley, Roth.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Collins, Houser, Jacobs, Thomas.

The resolution was adopted.

### CHANGE OF CONFEREES

Reps. Waymaster, Hoffman, and Helgerson are appointed to replace Reps. Sutton, Penn, and Neighbor as members of the conference committee on **SB 18**.

Reps. Landwehr, Eplee, and S. Ruiz are appointed to replace Reps. Sutton, Penn, and Neighbor as members of the conference committee on **HB 2531**.

Reps. W. Carpenter, Kessler, and Hoye are appointed to replace Reps. Sutton, Penn, and Neighbor as members of the conference committee on **HB 2532**.

Reps. Howe, Sanders, and Woodard are appointed to replace Reps. Hoheisel, Clifford, and Xu as members of the conference committee on **HB 2105**.

### REPORT ON ENGROSSED BILLS

**HB 2675** reported correctly engrossed April 2, 2024.



**REPORT ON RE-ENGROSSED BILLS**

**HB 2483** reported correctly re-engrossed April 2, 2024.

**REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS**

**HB 2590, HB 2604, HB 2605, HB 2628, HB 2632, HB 2661, HB 2703** reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Governor on April 2, 2024.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

