

Journal of the Senate

TWENTIETH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Monday, February 10, 2025, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Ty Masterson.
The roll was called with 38 senators present.
Senators J. R. Claeys and Faust Goudeau were excused.
President Masterson introduced guest chaplain, Reverend L. D. Holmes, who delivered the following invocation:

Dear Father, everyone in this chamber has a very real sense of the responsibility placed upon them by the people of Kansas. It is You who have blessed them with intelligence, wisdom and a desire to serve. I thank You for calling each one to this moment and hour. Pour Your goodness and grace into them.

Remind us Father that You have said, “Woe to those who call evil good and good evil. Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness. Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and clever in their own sight”.

I pray each in this room would guard themselves from any temptation to change Your will for their will. Protect each one from those who might attempt to use them for selfish purposes or personal gain.

For those wrestling with personal issues, which seem to have no adequate answers, I pray for Your illuminating Spirit to show them the path to take. For those in our midst who are just tired and need new strength to carry on, I pray, “as their days are, their strength might be also.”

I pray for the lost and broken in our spheres of influence, that their brokenness would not define them. Allow us to realize it is You, O God, who has created all mankind and it is only You who can lead into better days.

Bless our families as we are away from them and keep them safe from any harm.

And now Lord, engage our hearts and minds with unusual insight as we undertake the tasks set before us. I ask this In Jesus' Name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Masterson.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 254, AN ACT concerning immigration; relating to state and local public benefits and eligibility thereof; prohibiting aliens who are unlawfully present in the United States from receiving any state or local public benefit in accordance with applicable federal law; requiring individuals 18 years of age and older who apply for any state or

local public benefit to provide proof of being lawfully present; prohibiting the state or any county or local agency from providing any public benefit to any alien without first verifying that the alien is lawfully present by use of the existing systematic alien verification for entitlements program; requiring state and local agencies administering public benefits to cooperate with the United States department of homeland security in achieving verification of an alien's lawful presence; relating to release prior to criminal trial; requiring any person charged with a crime who is not a citizen or national of the United States to undergo verification of such person's immigration status; creating a rebuttable presumption that a person determined to be an alien who is unlawfully present is at risk of flight; amending K.S.A. 22-2802 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 255, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; enacting the second look act; relating to sentencing; authorizing certain inmates in the custody of the secretary of corrections to petition the court that originally sentenced such inmate for a resentencing hearing, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 256, AN ACT concerning state employees; enacting the back to work act; requiring all full-time employees to perform such employees' duties in the assigned office, facility or field location of such employees; providing for certain exceptions by agency heads; requiring certain reports regarding such exceptions, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 257, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to health insurance coverage; expanding medical assistance eligibility; enacting the healthcare access for working Kansans (HAWK) act; directing the department of health and environment to study certain medicaid expansion topics; adding meeting days to the Robert G. (Bob) Bethell joint committee on home and community based services and KanCare oversight to monitor implementation of expanded medical assistance eligibility; amending K.S.A. 39-7,160 and 40-3213 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Ways and Means.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and concurrent resolution were referred to Committees as indicated:

Education: **SB 252**.

Federal and State Affairs: **SCR 1611**.

Financial Institutions and Insurance: **HB 2044, HB 2045, HB 2049, HB 2050**.

Judiciary: **SB 245, SB 246, SB 247, SB 248**.

Public Health and Welfare: **SB 249, SB 250, SB 251, SB 253**.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Announcing passage of **HB 2029, HB 2042, HB 2043**.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HB 2029, HB 2042, HB 2043 were thereupon introduced and read by title.

On motion of Senator Blasi, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks.*
COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

