

# Journal of the House

## TENTH DAY

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HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
TOPEKA, KS, Monday, January 26, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment with Speaker Hawkins in the chair.

The roll was called with 114 members present.

Reps. Brownlee Paige, Delperdang, Huebert and L. Ruiz were excused on verified illness.

Reps. Howe, Neelly, Ohaebosim, Poetter Parshall, Sawyer, Vaughn and Winn were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by Guest Chaplain, Pastor Dave DePue, Capitol Commission:

Almighty God, Thank You for the travel mercies, bringing these faithful legislators and staff back after the weekend winter storms. Your provision is seen and is awe inspiring.

Lord, You have empowered each of these representatives to be chosen and be seated in this historic chamber. They have earned the trust of the people in their respective Kansas districts.

Lord, You inspired wise King Solomon to teach future generations how to gain wisdom. We have an abundance of knowledge from staff in Legislative Research and the Office of Revisor of Statutes. The committee process provides for expert testimony, while members of the public can share their collective perspectives. The wisdom gained empowers each legislator to make judgments as they craft policy.

Our prayer today is that each of these wisdom-filled legislators take counsel from one another as they gain insight. The resulting discernment will create policies which future generations will mark as historic.

This I pray in the Name of Jesus, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Ballard.

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

**HB 2539**, AN ACT concerning libraries; relating to the Eudora community library district; requiring the adoption of a joint resolution to provide for the election of members of the board of directors of such district; amending K.S.A. 12-1295, 12-1296 and 12-1298 and repealing the existing sections, by Representatives Amyx and Neelly.

**HB 2540**, AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to the standard nonforfeiture law for individual deferred annuities; exempting contingent deferred annuities from certain provisions therefrom; authorizing the commissioner of insurance to regulate such contingent deferred annuities through the adoption of rules and regulations; amending K.S.A. 40-4,102 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Insurance.

**HB 2541**, AN ACT concerning economic development; enacting the Kansas rural business growth program act; establishing a premium tax credit program to be administered by the secretary of commerce for the purpose of incentivizing capital investment in rural areas, by Committee on Taxation.

**HB 2542**, AN ACT concerning roads and highways; designating a portion of United States highway 56 as the Bill Tucker memorial highway, by Representatives Long and Pishny.

**HB 2543**, AN ACT concerning wildlife and parks; requiring an annual reimbursement to the Kansas department of wildlife and parks for lost revenue from free or discounted hunting and fishing licenses, permits or passes that were established by legislative enactment on or after July 1, 2027; requiring the department to maintain an accounting of lost revenue and submit such accounting to the director of accounts and reports and the state treasurer by June 30 of each fiscal year; requiring that such accounting be subject to audits by the state treasurer; making an annual transfer from the state general fund to the wildlife fee fund upon certification of such accounting, subject to appropriation acts of the legislature, by Representative W. Carpenter.

**HB 2544**, AN ACT concerning communications service providers; relating to directives from municipalities to relocate facilities located within the public right-of-way; establishing the relocation reimbursement assistance fund to provide monetary assistance to certain communications service providers that are required to relocate facilities; requiring the state treasurer to administer such fund and establish an application process for disbursement of moneys in such fund, by Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications.

**HB 2545**, AN ACT concerning courts; relating to municipal court assessments; increasing certain municipal court fee assessments; crediting such assessment increase to the Kansas commission on peace officers' standards and training fund and the crime victims assistance fund; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 12-4117 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Transportation and Public Safety Budget.

**HB 2546**, AN ACT concerning sales and compensating use tax; relating to city and countywide retailers' sales tax; providing countywide retailers' sales tax authority for Labette county for the purpose of providing financial support to fire departments located in the county; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 12-187, 12-189 and 12-192 and repealing the existing sections, by Representative Goddard.

**HB 2547**, AN ACT concerning wildlife; relating to hunting; requiring a valid upland game bird stamp prior to taking any upland game bird in this state; exempting hunters who are not required to have a hunting license, hunters on private land and lifetime license holders; establishing the upland game bird restoration fund and the upland game bird restoration program; requiring moneys from such fund to be used for the procurement and release of upland game birds in Kansas; establishing a youth season for taking upland game birds; setting a maximum fee for an upland game bird stamp; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 32-988 and repealing the existing section, by Representative Chauncey.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Elections** recommends **HB 2452** be amended on page 1, in line 29, after the colon by inserting "Elected in 2025 for a four-year term shall serve a three-year term;"

On page 15, in line 3, after "(c)" by inserting "(1)"; following line 21, by inserting:

"(2) A person's name may be printed on the official primary ballot more than once if the person is a candidate for a municipality office unless otherwise prohibited by law.";

On page 18, following line 34, by inserting:

"Sec. 18. K.S.A. 25-613 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-613. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the name of each candidate shall be printed on the ballot only once and no name that is printed on the ballot shall be written elsewhere on the ballot. If a person is a candidate for the unexpired term for an office such person's name may be printed on the same ballot as a candidate of the same political party for the next regular term for such office. Also, a person may be an independent candidate for the unexpired term for an office and an independent candidate for the next regular term for such office, and the person's name may be printed for both candidacies on the same official general ballot. To the name of each candidate for a state office shall be added the name of the city in which the candidate resides. To the names of pairs of candidates running for governor and lieutenant governor shall be added the name of the city in which or near which each resides. To the name of each candidate for any national, state, county or township offices shall be added the person's political party or political designation in accordance with the nomination papers of the person.

(b) A person's name may be printed on the general election ballot more than once if the person is a candidate for a municipality office unless otherwise prohibited by law."

On page 35, in line 20, after "25-611," by inserting "25-613,";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 6, after "25-611," by inserting "25-613,"; and the bill be passed as amended.

## INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTION

On motion of Rep. Croft to withdraw **HB 2438** from Calendar, under that order of business, General Orders, pursuant to House Rule 2306, the motion prevailed and the Bill was re-referred to Committee on Elections.

## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

Speaker Hawkins announced the appointment of Rep. Caiharr to replace Rep. Poetter Parshall on Committee on Higher Education Budget effective immediately. This appointment is permanent.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Simmons to replace Rep. Winn on Committee on K-12 Education Budget on January 26, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. McDonald to replace Rep. Haskins on Committee on Federal and State Affairs on, January 27, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Neighbor to replace Rep. Wikle on Committee on Elections on, January 27, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Wikle to replace Rep. Winn on Committee on K-12 Education Budget on, January 27, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Simmons to replace Rep. Winn on Committee on K-12 Education Budget on January 28, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Wikle to replace Rep. Winn on Committee on K-12 Education Budget on, January 29, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Wikle to replace Rep. Winn on Committee on K-12 Education Budget on February 3, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Wikle to replace Rep. Winn on Committee on K-12 Education Budget on, February 5, 2026.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

