

# Journal of the House

## ELEVENTH DAY

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HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
TOPEKA, KS, Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

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

The roll was called with 122 members present.

Reps. Brunk, Poetter Parshall and Winn were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by Chaplain Holmes:

Dear Father, You are a Great and Gracious God, and I give You praise for all the blessings You bestow upon these whom You have created.

Your Holy Word states “How blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gains understanding.” Wisdom and Understanding are good things to pursue. Give us patience as we wait for both!

I pray for Your grace and protection to be abundant for each of these Representatives' family. Be that quiet strength for them as only You can.

For those feeling the ill effects of seasonal sicknesses, I ask for Your healing touch.

Direct and bless our Nation and National leaders in these challenging days.

Now, grant grace and patience in this chamber as the work of the State of Kansas moves forward. In Jesus name. Amen

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Bloom.

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

**HB 2548**, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to personal needs allowances; increasing the personal needs allowance for residents receiving long-term care in a medicaid-approved nursing facility; amending K.S.A. 39-972 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

**HB 2549**, AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to health insurance plans; coverage of pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS) and pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS); amending K.S.A. 40-2,103 and 40-19c09 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 75-6525 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

**HB 2550**, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to certain 340B entities under the federal 340B drug pricing program; requiring such entities to annually report to the Kansas department of insurance on certain costs, savings and payments made under such program; requiring the Kansas department of insurance to publish such reports on the department's website; authorizing the commissioner of insurance to adopt rules and regulations necessary to effectuate and administer the provisions of this act, by Committee on Insurance.

**HB 2551**, AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to third-party administrators; providing for pharmacy services administrative organizations and the regulation thereof by the commissioner of insurance; enacting the Kansas pharmacy services administrative organization act; for contracts between pharmacy services administrative organizations and independent pharmacies, PBMs and third-party payers; requiring certain disclosures relating to ownership; establishing certain requirements pertaining to appeals and audits; providing for penalties for noncompliance, by Committee on Insurance.

**HB 2552**, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to reports and records; requiring presentence investigation reports and journal entries to be completed and submitted in the form and manner prescribed by the Kansas sentencing commission; amending K.S.A. 21-6813, 22-3426, 22-3426a and 22-3439 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Appropriations.

**HB 2553**, AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to distinctive license plates; providing for the PBS Kansas license plate, by Committee on Transportation.

**HB 2554**, AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to distinctive license plates; providing for the pheasants forever and quail forever license plates, by Committee on Transportation.

## REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Agriculture and Natural Resources: **HB 2547**.

Appropriations: **HB 2543**.

Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications: **HB 2544**.

Insurance: **HB 2540**.

Local Government: **HB 2539**.

Taxation: **HB 2541**, **HB 2546**.

Transportation: **HB 2542**.

Transportation and Public Safety Budget: **HB 2545**.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole, with Rep. Rahjes in the chair.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

On motion of Rep. Rahjes, Committee of the Whole report, as follows, was adopted:

Recommended that **HB 2413**, **HB 2422** be passed.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **SB 244** be amended by substituting with a new bill to be designated as "House Substitute for SENATE BILL NO. 244," as follows:

"House Substitute for SENATE BILL NO. 244

By Committee on Judiciary

"AN ACT concerning identification of biological sex; requiring the designation of multiple-occupancy private spaces in public buildings for use by only one sex; imposing criminal and civil penalties for violations; providing a cause of action for individuals aggrieved by an invasion of privacy or other harm when accessing a multiple-occupancy private space; amending the women's bill of rights; defining the term "gender" to mean biological sex at birth for purposes of statutory construction; directing the director of the division of vehicles to invalidate and reissue driver's licenses when necessary to correct the gender identification on such licenses; directing the office of vital statistics to invalidate and reissue birth certificates when necessary to correct the sex identification on such certificates; removing the definition of "gender" from the help not harm act; amending K.S.A. 8-234a and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 8-243, 65-28,137 and 77-207 and repealing the existing sections.";

And the substitute bill be passed.

(**Sub Bill for SB 244** was thereupon introduced and read by title.)

Upon unanimous consent, the House referred back to the regular business, Introduction of Bills and Concurrent Resolutions.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

**HB 2555**, AN ACT concerning rural health; requiring grant applications, expenditure information, reports and other documentation concerning the rural health transformation program to be presented and provided to the state finance council, house of representatives committee on appropriations, senate committee on ways and means and legislative budget committee, by Representative Waymaster.

**HB 2556**, AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to contracts between an insurer and a dental healthcare provider; prohibiting certain terms in a contract between a health insurer and a dentist; requiring that reviews, audits or investigations of healthcare providers concerning healthcare provider claims be completed within six months; providing certain exceptions thereto; amending K.S.A. 40-2,185 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

**HB 2557**, AN ACT concerning children and minors; relating to the adoption and placement of a child among states; enacting the interstate compact for the placement of children; declaring legislative findings for the enactment of the compact; authorizing the administration and implementation of such compact; allowing for supplementary or financial agreements; requiring compliance with the compact and imposing a penalty

for noncompliance; repealing K.S.A. 38-1201, 38-1202, 38-1203, 38-1204, 38-1205 and 38-1206, by Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care.

**HB 2558**, AN ACT concerning water; relating to funding for the state water plan and water infrastructure projects; increasing the amount of moneys transferred from the state general fund to the state water plan fund; requiring the Kansas water office to transfer appropriations for the water technical assistance fund and the water projects grant fund; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 82a-955, 82a-956 and 82a-957 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Water.

**HB 2559**, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to classification of land devoted to agricultural use; removing the presumption that leased land shall be classified as land devoted to agricultural use; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 79-1448 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

**HB 2560**, AN ACT concerning the disposition of state real property; authorizing the state board of regents on behalf of Kansas state university to sell certain real property in the city of Manhattan, Riley county, Kansas, by Representative Roeser.

**HB 2561**, AN ACT concerning real property of the state board of regents or a state educational institution; authorizing the state board of regents to sell and convey real property valued at \$5,000,000 or less without further legislative authorization; requiring the submission of an annual report listing any such real property sales to the legislature, by Representative Roeser.

**HB 2562**, AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to registration; providing for the issuance of a special license plate or permanent or temporary placard for a person with a disability based on documentation of satisfactory proof of disability from a physical therapist; amending K.S.A. 8-1,125 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

**HB 2563**, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to day care facilities; permitting certain healthcare providers to complete health assessments for children enrolled at day care facilities; requiring such facilities to keep such assessments on file, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

**HB 2564**, AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to dental benefit plans; providing for the use of alternative forms of payment; allowing such payment to remain in force for the duration of the contract between a dentist and a dental benefit plan; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 40-2,227 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

**HB 2565**, AN ACT concerning schools; relating to the Kansas state school for the blind and the Kansas state school for the deaf; requiring that employees of such schools be paid at the same rate of compensation that is paid to a teacher employed by USD 233, Olathe, in the current school year; amending K.S.A. 76-11a16 and 76-11a17 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on K-12 Education Budget.

**HB 2566**, AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to health insurance coverage; enacting the every body can move act; mandating health insurance policies to provide coverage for prosthetic and orthotic devices, by Representative Stiens.

**HB 2567**, AN ACT concerning the environment; enacting the safe battery collection and recycling act; prohibiting the sale of covered batteries or battery-containing products unless the producer is part of a battery stewardship organization with an approved plan; requiring battery stewardship organizations to submit a battery stewardship plan to the secretary of health and environment for approval; providing the

responsibilities of battery stewardship organizations, including cost coverage and reimbursement to local governments; mandating the collection of covered batteries and setting criteria for collection sites and events; promoting the implementation of the battery stewardship plan through education, outreach and safety training; requiring annual reports from battery stewardship organizations, detailing financials, collection data and outreach efforts; mandating the department to publish approved plans and reports on its website, while protecting proprietary information; providing liability protection for compliance with an approved battery stewardship plan; allowing independent fee-based collection services under certain conditions; prohibiting improper disposal of covered batteries and outlining responsibilities for waste facilities; establishing penalties for violations of the act, including false statements and fee nonpayment; directing the department to review studies on expanding coverage to other products or batteries; allowing battery stewardship organizations to recover costs from noncompliant producers through civil actions; establishing the battery stewardship fund for administering the act; authorizing the secretary to adopt rules and regulations for the administration of the act; limiting the number of full time equivalent positions that the department can fill to administer and enforce the act; amending K.S.A. 65-3427 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

#### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

Speaker Hawkins announced the appointment of Rep. Delperdang to replace Rep. Borjon on Committee on Commerce Labor and Economic Development on January 28, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Brantley to replace Rep. Howe on Committee on Federal and State Affairs on, January 29, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Hoffman to replace Rep. Reavis on Committee on Social Services Budget on, January 28 and 29, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Droge to replace Rep. Reavis on Committee on Social Services Budget on, January 30, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Wikle to replace Rep. Woodard on Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources on, January 27, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Woodard to replace Rep. Winn on Committee on Financial Institutions and Pensions on January 28, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. S. Ruiz to replace Rep. Haskins on Committee on Federal and State Affairs on January 28, 2026.

#### REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS

**HB 2183** reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Governor on January 27, 2026.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 28, 2026.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

