

# Journal of the House

TWENTY-SECOND DAY

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HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
TOPEKA, KS, Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

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

The roll was called with 121 members present.

Rep. Gardner was excused on verified illness.

Reps. S. Ruiz, L. Williams and Winn were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Excused later: L. Ruiz.

Prayer by Chaplain Holmes:

Dear Father: Your blessings, goodness and watch-care remind us to be a thankful people, so, we pause and thank You for the myriad of difficulties You have led us through.

I pray for the peace of Christ to inhabit this chamber as discussion and debate ensue. Remind us that civility is a character trait of the mature and thoughtful person. Might we choose our words in ways that honor You and the person You are growing us to be.

I pray for the sick and those who are experiencing physical ailments. Keep us healthy so we can continue to invest our lives well for those who have placed their trust in us.

I close with the words of Aaron from the Old Testament when he prayed, "The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace."

In Jesus Name. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Bryce.

## INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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

Today we honor a remarkable achievement by the Wamego High School Girls' Golf team. At the 4A state tournament, the Red Raiders not only captured the state championship by a commanding margin, but they also continued a legacy of excellence for their program.

Led by senior Addison Douglass, who etched her name in Kansas golf history as just the fourth girl ever to win four individual state titles, this team showed grit, focus, and heart on every hole.

Beyond her individual success, what truly made this team's championship special was the unity and depth of talent. Multiple Red Raiders finished among the state's top competitors, and together they posted a total score that left little doubt about their dominance. They won the title by a 40-stroke margin.

This state title is the third for Wamego Girls Golf in recent years, and it's a testament to the hard work, preparation, and camaraderie of these young athletes. Their success reflects not just skill with a golf club but commitment to each other and to excellence.

The 2025 Girls State 4A Gold Champions are: Addison Douglass, Sophia Hellman, Hailey Honeycutt, Lillian Costa, Gentry McIntosh, Maizie Nickel and Coach Kyrstie Miller.

Rep. Steele also introduced the Wamego Boys Cross Country team: The Wamego Boys Cross Country team is more than a group that has put together strong seasons and back-to-back state championships. Under the leadership of legendary Coach Rick Patton, this program has built something lasting.

Year after year, these young men have represented Wamego with class, earning 11 state championships, but what truly defines them goes deeper than medals. It is the culture. Seniors invest in freshmen. Teammates challenge one another through early mornings and tough miles. There is a shared understanding that excellence is earned in the quiet work long before race day, and that standard has carried this program for decades. The lessons learned on those miles have shaped young men whom have stepped into the world with discipline, resilience, humility, and a work ethic that has served and will serve them long after their final race.

Coach Patton has led this team for 44 years and has announced his retirement. Coach Patton carries a legacy that will run strong for decades to come.

The Wamego 2025 Boys State Champion Team includes: Peyton Parker, Isaac Ibendahl, Braxton Williams, Logyn Evans, Emil Wolfe, Luke Ault, James Bearman and alternate, Grayson Stream.

Rep. Steele presented each of the teams with a framed House certificate in honor of their accomplishments.

## **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

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

I am honored to recognize Florence Crittenton Services—located in Kansas House District 53—for 125 years of service to Topeka and communities across Kansas. This remarkable milestone reflects the organization's enduring role as a trusted provider and community partner, helping individuals and families build brighter futures.

When this nonprofit organization was founded in 1901, mental health care looked vastly different from what we know today. Conversations about emotional well-being were rare, and treatment options were often limited to institutional care or misunderstood interventions. Families facing mental health challenges had few resources and even fewer advocates.

Today, thanks to organizations like Florence Crittenton, we understand that mental health is health—essential to the strength of individuals, families, and communities. Evidence-based practices, trauma-informed care, and supportive community programming have replaced stigma and isolation.

Their mission is especially vital now, as we confront growing challenges related to mental health, trauma, and family stability. Florence Crittenton's legacy is defined not only by its rich history, but by its continued leadership in responding to the needs of Kansas families today. Their commitment to trauma-informed care, clinical excellence, and compassionate support ensures that individuals receive not just treatment, but the tools and stability needed to build long-term well-being.

Joining me at the Well today are representatives of Florence Crittenton Services, including Chief Executive Officer Dana Schoffelman, along with Jolee Eckert, Karla Schneider, Holli Shipley, Jerry Monasmith, and Mark Salvatore.

Colleagues, please join me in offering our heartfelt congratulations to Florence Crittenton Services on 125 years of extraordinary contributions to Kansas.

Rep. Haskins presented his guests with a framed House certificate in honor of their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

There being no objection, the following remarks of Reps. Wikle, Estes, Mosley, Neelly, Pickert and Featherston are spread upon the Journal:

Senior Airman Oyetunji Oluseye-Aare from Lawrence is the Kansas Air National Guard 2025 Honor Guard Member of the Year. He is recognized today for his outstanding professionalism, selfless service, and unwavering dedication to the highest traditions of honor and respect.

Also from Lawrence, Technical Sergeant Jamie Gardner is the Kansas Air National Guard 2025 Noncommissioned Officer of the Year. Technical Sergeant Gardner embodies the ideal of a well-rounded Airman: technically skilled, people-centered, and committed to elevating the force at every level.

Master Sergeant Ryan Bippert is the Kansas Air National Guard 2025 First Sergeant of the Year. MSgt Bippert is being recognized today for his exceptional leadership, selfless service, and unwavering commitment to the Airmen he serves.

Specialist Shalor Laws is a recent KU Grad with a degree in business management and leadership. He is the epitome of service and this award is clearly one of many he will accomplish in the future. Congratulations Shalor Laws.

Staff Sergeant Dakota Schupp - is the Kansas Air National Guard 2025 Airman of the Year. He is being recognized today for his extraordinary commitment and mission-focused excellence during a period of significant operational risk. While deployed to Africa, his actions were pivotal in the withdrawal of 550 personnel and the safeguarding of the \$2.5 billion in assets, ensuring the successful retrograde of sensitive equipment and the protection of more than 1,000 personnel. That is just one of the many accomplishments that earned him this award.

Senior Master Sergeant Jeremy Williams from Andover and District 88 is the Kansas Air National Guard 2025 Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year. He is recognized for his exceptional professionalism, visionary leadership and unwavering dedication to mission success. As the NCO in charge of the Quality Management Flight,

he led a team of six intelligence experts and spearheaded the development of an innovative data-analytics dashboard that was adopted by the 480th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing, earning him an “Outstanding Performer” distinction from Air Combat Command inspectors. Congratulations, Senior Master Sergeant Jeremy Williams on your outstanding achievement!

Staff Sergeant Christian Cardin from Overland Park is the Kansas Army National Guard 2025 Noncommissioned Officer of the Year. SSG Cardin is being recognized for his exceptional leadership, resilience, and physical excellence demonstrated during the 2025 Kansas Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition, where he earned the titles of Best NCO and Fittest Warrior. Congratulations Staff Sergeant Christian Cardin!

### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

**HB 2773**, AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to income tax; providing for the apportionment of business income for manufacturers of alcoholic liquor depending on whether the taxpayer is a qualifying Kansas investor or a general manufacturer; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 79-3279 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

**HB 2774**, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to crimes against persons; increasing the criminal penalties for assault or battery committed against a public-facing worker while such worker is engaged in the performance of such worker's assigned duties; amending K.S.A. 21-5412 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 21-5413 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Appropriations.

### **REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Appropriations: **HB 2770**.

Commerce, Labor and Economic Development: **HB 2768**.

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2771**, **HB 2772**.

Local Government: **HB 2769**.

Veterans and Military: **HB 2767**.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

February 4, 2026

*Message to the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*

Enclosed herewith is Executive Directive No. 26-603 for your information.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE No. 26-603**

Concerning Authorizing Establishment of Federal Funds

**LAURA KELLY**

Governor

The above Executive Directive is on file and open for inspection in the office of the Chief Clerk.

**MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Announcing passage of **SB 322, SB 328, SB 366, SB 403.**

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The following Senate bills were thereupon introduced and read by title:

**SB 322, SB 328, SB 366, SB 403.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

No objection was made to **HB 2653** appearing on the Consent Calendar for the first day.

**FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

**HB 2243**, AN ACT concerning children and minors; relating to children in need of care; creating a referral process for cases involving children of military personnel to provide families with services that a military family advocacy program offers; requiring the secretary for children and families to enter into a memorandum of understanding with military organizations; amending K.S.A. 38-2230 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 121; Nays 0; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 4.

Yeas: Alcala, Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Boatman, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Paige, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Carr, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Minnix, Moser, Mosley, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Sanders, Sappington, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Simmons, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Stogsdill, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Vaughn, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Wikle, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Wilson, Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Gardner, Ruiz, S., Williams, L., Winn.

The bill passed, as amended.

**HB 2466**, AN ACT concerning economic development; relating to income tax credit incentives; extending the sunset for the angel investor tax credit to 2031; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 74-8133 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 93; Nays 28; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 4.

Yeas: Amyx, Anderson, Ballard, Barrett, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Paige, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter,

Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Estes, Featherston, Francis, Goddard, Haskins, Hawkins, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, McNorton, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Neighbor, Osman, Ousley, Pickert, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Sanders, Sappington, Sawyer, Clayton, Schmoie, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Smith, C., Stiens, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Vaughn, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Wikle, Wilborn, Willcott, Wilson, Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Alcalá, Awerkamp, Bergkamp, Boatman, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Essex, Fairchild, Goetz, Helgerson, Howe, Martinez, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Mosley, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Pishny, Poetter, Schlingensiepen, Simmons, Smith, A., Steele, Stogsdill, Waggoner, Williams, K..

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Gardner, Ruiz, S., Williams, L., Winn.

The bill passed.

#### EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE

MR. SPEAKER: We vote NO on **HB 2466**. We vigorously support economic development; unfortunately, we will not vote for any tax credits for millionaires or billionaires until we have provided significant relief for everyday Kansans. – LYNN MELTON, MELISSA OROPEZA

MR. SPEAKER: While I prioritize workforce development and commerce, I believe this tax incentive for \$7M would be better spent to address the shortfall our districts face for excess costs of special education. This year's budget would need an additional \$225M to reach the statutory amount outlined in statute (92%), yet the members of the majority party seem to lack the political will to make this happen. On principal, I vote NO on **HB 2466** because our current budget proposals do not prioritize special education funding. – NIKKI McDONALD

MR. SPEAKER: I VOTE NO ON **HB 2466**. I cannot prioritize tax cuts for the wealthiest Kansans over tax cuts for working families. Furthermore I would rather allocate funding to support our state's families and small businesses before giving it to billionaires and millionaires. Our constituents have been clear: They need help, and **HB 2466** doesn't provide that. – ALEXIS SIMMONS, TOBIAS SCHLINGENSIEPEN

**HB 2478**, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to nursing licensure; requiring advance practice registered nurses and registered nurse anesthetists to submit to a criminal history check upon application for a nursing license; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 74-1112 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 117; Nays 4; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 4.

Yeas: Alcalá, Amyx, Anderson, Ballard, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Boatman, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Paige, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Carr, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Featherston, Francis, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, Martinez,

McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Minnix, Moser, Mosley, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Pickert, Pishny, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Sanders, Sappington, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Simmons, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Stogsdill, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Vaughn, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Wikle, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Wilson, Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Awerkamp, Fairchild, Poetter, Rhiley.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Gardner, Ruiz, S., Williams, L., Winn.

The bill passed.

#### EXPLANATION OF VOTE

MR. SPEAKER: I vote “No” on **HB 2478**. This bill is a solution in search of a problem. These healthcare professionals are already licensed and practicing in our state. By expanding existing statutes to mandate that private-sector APRNs and CRNAs submit their fingerprints to a federal database, we are unnecessarily growing the surveillance state. Hospitals and private clinics are perfectly capable of conducting their own background checks. They do not need the state to impose new biometric requirements and costs as a condition of private employment. We should not be moving the goalposts on law-abiding professionals who have already met the state’s criteria for licensure. –

BRETT FAIRCHILD

**HB 2487**, AN ACT concerning postsecondary education; relating to the Kansas education opportunity scholarship program act; defining teacher and paraprofessional for purposes of eligibility for a scholarship under such act; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 74-3284 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 121; Nays 0; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 4.

Yeas: Alcalá, Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Boatman, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Paige, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Carr, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Minnix, Moser, Mosley, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Sanders, Sappington, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Simmons, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Stogsdill, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Vaughn, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Wikle, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Wilson, Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Gardner, Ruiz, S., Williams, L., Winn.

The bill passed.

**HB 2533**, AN ACT concerning health professions and practices; relating to the practice of occupational therapy; enacting the occupational therapy licensure compact to provide interstate practice privileges to occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 121; Nays 0; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 4.

Yeas: Alcalá, Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Boatman, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Paige, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Carr, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Minnix, Moser, Mosley, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Sanders, Sappington, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Simmons, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Stogsdill, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Vaughn, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Wikle, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Wilson, Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Gardner, Ruiz, S., Williams, L., Winn.

The bill passed, as amended.

**HB 2534**, AN ACT concerning health professions and practices; relating to respiratory therapy; enacting the respiratory care interstate compact to provide interstate practice privileges to respiratory therapists, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 121; Nays 0; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 4.

Yeas: Alcalá, Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Boatman, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Paige, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Carr, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Minnix, Moser, Mosley, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Sanders, Sappington, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Simmons, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Stogsdill, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Vaughn, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Wikle, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Wilson, Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Gardner, Ruiz, S., Williams, L., Winn.

The bill passed, as amended.

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

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Recommended that **HB 2470**, **HB 2557** be passed.

Committee report to **HB 2579** be adopted; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee report to **HB 2468** be adopted;

On motion of Rep. Featherston to amend **HB 2468**, Rep. Estes requested a ruling on the amendment being germane to the bill. The Rules Chair ruled the amendment not germane.

Also, on further motion of Rep. Featherston to amend **HB 2468**, Rep. Estes requested a ruling on the amendment being germane to the bill. The Rules Chair ruled the amendment not germane.

Rep. Featherston challenged the ruling of the Rule's Chair.

Roll call was demanded on Rep. Featherston's challenge of the ruling of the Rules Chair, the question being "Shall the Rules Chair be sustained?"

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 84; Nays 33; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 8.

Yeas: Anderson, Awerkamp, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Francis, Goddard, Goetz, Hawkins, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, McNorton, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roth, Sanders, Sappington, Schmoie, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, White, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Wilson, Wolf.

Nays: Alcalá, Amyx, Boatman, Paige, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Curtis, Featherston, Haskins, Helgerson, Hoye, Martinez, McDonald, Meyer, Mosley, Neighbor, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Poskin, Ruiz, L., Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schreiber, Simmons, Stogsdill, Vaughn, Weigel, Winkle, Woodard, Xu.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Ballard, Gardner, Melton, Ohaebosim, Roeser, Ruiz, S., Williams, L., Winn.

The ruling of the Rules Chair was sustained.

Roll call was demanded on motion of Rep. Boatman to amend **HB 2468** As Amended by House Committee, on page 2, in line 27, by striking "\$20,000,000" and inserting "\$10,000,000"; in line 28, by striking all after "(2)"; by striking all in lines 29 through 35; in line 36, by striking "(3)"; in line 39, by striking all before the period;

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 5, by striking all after the semicolon; in line 6, by striking all before the semicolon and inserting "requiring an annual report on the total credits claimed"

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 35; Nays 82; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 8.

Yeas: Alcalá, Amyx, Ballard, Boatman, Paige, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Curtis, Featherston, Haskins, Helgerson, Hoye, Martinez, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Mosley, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Poskin, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schreiber, Simmons, Stogsdill, Vaughn, Weigel, Wikle, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Anderson, Awerkamp, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Brunk, Bryce, Buchler, Butler, Caiharr, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Francis, Goddard, Goetz, Hawkins, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, McNorton, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Sanders, Schmoë, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, VanHouden, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Wilson, Wolf.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Gardner, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sappington, Turner, White, Williams, L., Winn.

The motion of Rep. Boatman to amend **HB 2468** did not prevail.

On motion of Rep. Wikle to amend **HB 2468**, Rep. Estes requested a ruling on the amendment being germane to the bill. The Rules Chair ruled the amendment not germane.

On motion of Rep. Poskin to amend **HB 2468**, Rep. Estes requested a ruling on the amendment being germane to the bill. The Rules Chair ruled the amendment not germane.

Rep. Poskin challenged the ruling, the question being "Shall the Rules Chair be sustained?"

The Rules Chair was sustained.

A motion of Rep. Croft to Rise and Report progress was adopted. **HB 2468** remains on General Orders.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Child Welfare and Foster Care** recommends **HB 2524** be amended on page 3, in line 21, by striking all after "shall"; in line 22, by striking "or"; in line 27, after "(i)" by inserting "Has been convicted or adjudicated of an offense described in subsection (a);

(ii)";

Also on page 3, also in line 27, after "child" by inserting "with such conviction or adjudication"; in line 29, by striking "more than 18 years of age but"; in line 34, by striking "when" and inserting "if the secretary determines that there are no safety concerns and a person residing in such home otherwise meets the requirements in paragraph (1) but"; in line 35, by striking "A person"; also in line 35, by striking all after "age"; in line 36, by striking all before the semicolon; in line 37, by striking all after "(B)"; in line 38, by striking all before the period and inserting "has an additional conviction or adjudication described in subsection (a) after release from the custody of the secretary for children and families";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 3, by striking all before "allow"; in line 4, after "persons" by inserting "with convictions or adjudications"; in line 5, after "licensure" by inserting "when certain persons reside in such homes"; and the bill be passed as amendment.

Committee on **Education** recommends **HB 2663** be passed.

Committee on **Elections** recommends **HB 2503** be passed.

Committee on **Financial Institutions and Pensions** recommends **HB 2590, HB 2591** be passed.

Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **HB 2613, HB 2614** be passed.

Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **HB 2444** be amended on page 13, in line 13, after "was" by inserting "in custody for a prior felony or"; in line 39, after "was" by inserting "in custody for a prior felony or";

On page 15, in line 22, by striking all after "(c)"; by striking all in lines 23 through 26 and inserting "(1) If a person is charged with a misdemeanor, the appearance bond shall be executed with sufficient solvent sureties who are residents of the state of Kansas unless the magistrate determines, in the exercise of such magistrate's discretion, that requiring sureties is not necessary to assure the appearance of the person at the time ordered or to assure public safety.

(2) (A) If a person is charged with a felony, the appearance bond shall be executed with sufficient solvent sureties who are residents of the state of Kansas unless the magistrate determines by clear and convincing evidence, after a hearing at which the person charged is present, that requiring sureties is not necessary to assure the appearance of the person at the time ordered or to assure public safety.

(B) Prior to releasing a person charged with a felony without a surety, the magistrate shall determine, after a hearing at which the person is present, whether the person meets the following qualifications:

- (i) Is a lawful resident of the state of Kansas;
- (ii) has no prior felony conviction;
- (iii) has no prior history of failure to appear for any court appearances;
- (iv) has no detainer or hold from any other jurisdiction;
- (v) has not been extradited from and is not awaiting extradition to another state;
- (vi) has not been detained for an alleged violation of probation;
- (vii) has not been charged with a felony violation of K.S.A. 8-1567, and amendments thereto; and
- (viii) has not been charged with a drug severity level 1, 2 or 3 felony.

(C) If the magistrate determines that the person does not meet one or more of the qualifications listed in subparagraph (B), there is a presumption that such person is either a flight risk or that such person's release would endanger the public. Such presumption may only be overcome by clear and convincing evidence. Prior to ordering a release of such person without a surety, the magistrate shall make a written finding on the record that such person is not a public safety risk and not a flight risk and specify which of the qualifications listed in subparagraph (B) that such person meets.";

On page 16, in line 11, by striking "subsection" and inserting "subsections (c) and";

On page 18, in line 14, by striking all after the fourth comma; in line 15, by striking

all before "Except"; in line 18, by striking "\$100,000" and inserting "\$50,000"; in line 20, by striking "\$250,000" and inserting "\$100,000"; in line 22, by striking "\$500,000" and inserting "\$250,000"; in line 24, by striking all after "(2)"; by striking all in lines 25 through 30 and inserting "Such bond shall not be reduced or modified downward unless the magistrate determines by a preponderance of the evidence at an evidentiary hearing and makes a written finding on the record that the defendant is not a public safety risk and not a flight risk. At such evidentiary hearing, there shall be a presumption that the defendant is both a public safety risk and a flight risk.";

On page 1, in the title, in line 5, after "while" by inserting "in custody for a prior felony or"; in line 7, after "while" by inserting "in custody for a prior felony or"; in line 8, after the semicolon by inserting "relating to release prior to trial; providing limitations and restrictions on releasing a person charged with a felony upon the person's own recognizance;"

And the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **HB 2357** be amended by substituting with a new bill to be designated as "Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 2357," as follows:

"Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 2357

By Committee on Judiciary

"AN ACT concerning housing; providing that court records in eviction actions in which the underlying rental agreement is governed by the residential landlord and tenant act shall be sealed for certain periods; requiring expungement of certain court records of such eviction actions; providing that certain violations of this act constitute unconscionable acts or practices under the provisions of the Kansas consumer protection act; requiring consideration of mediation in eviction actions in which the underlying rental agreement is governed by the residential landlord and tenant act unless the court finds that mediation would not aid the parties materially; amending K.S.A. 60-2617, 61-3804, 61-3806 and 61-3807 and repealing the existing sections.";

And the substitute bill be passed.

(**Sub Bill for HB 2357** was thereupon introduced and read by title.)

Committee on **Local Government** recommends **HB 2622** be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

Committee on **Local Government** recommends **HB 2711** be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

Committee on **Local Government** recommends **HB 2733** be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

Committee on **Transportation** recommends **HB 2606** be passed.

Committee on **Transportation** recommends **HB 2615** be passed.

## INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS

On motion of Rep. Croft to withdraw **HB 2460** from Calendar, under that order of business, General Orders, pursuant to House Rule 2306, the motion prevailed and the Bill was re-referred to Judiciary.

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES**

Speaker Hawkins announced the appointment of Rep. Howe to replace Rep. L. Williams on Committee on Judiciary on February 11, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Helwig to replace Rep. Laura Williams on Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development on February 11, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Reavis to replace Rep. Bergkamp on Committee on Insurance on, February 13, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Ballard to replace Rep. Winn on Committee on Education on February 11, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Alcalá to replace Rep. S. Ruiz on Committee on Health and Human Services on February 11, 2026.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House recessed until 5:30 p.m.

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**AFTERNOON SESSION**

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

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

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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

Recommended that **HB 2468** be passed as amended.

Committee report recommending a substitute for **Sub HB 2132** be adopted; and the substitute bill be passed.

**HB 2440** be passed.

Committee report to **HB 2479** be adopted; and the bill be passed as amended.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Committee on **Insurance** recommends **HB 2602** be passed.

Committee on **Insurance** recommends **HB 2540** be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

Committee on **Taxation** recommends **HB 2408** be amended on page 1, in line 8, by striking "2024" and inserting "2025";

On page 2, in line 29, by striking "2024" and inserting "2025";

On page 1, in the title, in line 4, by striking "2024" and inserting "2025"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Transportation** recommends **HB 2605** be amended on page 2, in line 9, by striking "deputy sheriff" and inserting "undersheriff"; in line 13, by striking "deputy sheriff" and inserting "undersheriff";

On page 1, in the title, in line 2, by striking "deputy sheriff" and inserting "undersheriff"; and the bill be passed as amended.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS**

On motion of Rep. Croft to withdraw **HB 2357** from Calendar, under that order of business, General Orders, pursuant to House Rule 2306, the motion prevailed and the Bill was re-referred to Judiciary.

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGE**

Speaker Hawkins announced the appointment of Rep. Hoffman to replace Rep. Corbet on Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development on February 12, 2026.

**REPORT ON ENGROSSED BILLS**

**HB 2243, HB 2438, HB 2467, HB 2533, HB 2534** reported correctly engrossed February 10, 2026.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 12, 2026.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

