

Journal of the Senate

THIRTY-THIRD DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Ty Masterson.

The roll was called with 37 senators present.

Senators Blew, J.R.Claeys and Shane were excused.

President Masterson introduced guest chaplain, Rev. Dr. Desmond Lamb, guest of Senator Haley, who delivered the following invocation:

Almighty God, we come before You today with hearts humbled by the rewarding responsibility entrusted to this body. As the Kansas Senate gathers in service to the people of this great state, we seek Your wisdom, Your guidance and Your peace.

Bless these elected officials with discernment as they deliberate, courage as they lead and integrity in every decision they make. May their words be measured, their actions just, and their hearts inclined toward the well-being of every Kansan whether in our rural towns, our bustling cities, or the quiet spaces in between.

Lord, in the midst of differing opinions and passionate debate, may unity be found in the shared desire for a stronger, more prosperous Kansas. Dear Lord, grant our elected officials the ability to listen with empathy, to act with fairness and to work toward solutions that uplift the common good of Kansas.

As they carry the weight of leadership, may they be mindful of the generations to come, knowing that the choices made here shape the future of our children and grandchildren. May they be guided by wisdom that transcends partisanship, by justice that seeks to serve all people and by a spirit of cooperation that strengthens our democracy.

We ask for Your blessing upon this chamber, upon the work done here today, and upon all who call Kansas home.

In Jesus' name, we offer this prayer. 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 285, AN ACT concerning the state governmental ethics law; relating to state officers and employees; providing for the treatment of the reimbursement for expenses incurred for travel and activities in attending conferences or events by certain specified nonprofit organizations and discounted or free access to entertainment, sporting events or other activities; amending K.S.A. 46-237 and 46-237a and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 286, AN ACT concerning the state governmental ethics law; relating to the definitions of lobbying and lobbyist; providing for a new definition of lobbying client; amending K.S.A. 46-222 and 46-225 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 287, AN ACT prohibiting law enforcement agencies or officers from assisting with or participating in immigration enforcement by the United States immigration and customs enforcement in places of worship, schools and hospitals, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 288, AN ACT concerning the Kansas offender registration act; making it unlawful for adult sex offenders to enter onto certain school property or certain school activities and creating criminal penalties for violation thereof; amending K.S.A. 22-4901 and 22-4902 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 289, AN ACT concerning public utilities; relating to economic development electric rates; requiring economic development electric rate discounts to cover the incremental and variable costs to serve customers that receive the discount; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 66-101j and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

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

Assessment and Taxation: **SB 283**.

Federal and State Affairs: **SCR 1614**.

Financial Institutions and Insurance: **SB 284**.

President Masterson referred **SB 288** to the Committee on Judiciary.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Announcing passage of **HB 2054**.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HB 2054 was thereupon introduced and read by title.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** recommends **SB 231** be passed.

Committee on **Financial Institutions and Insurance** recommends **HB 2042**, As Amended by House Committee, be amended on page 15, in line 23, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Public Health and Welfare** recommends **HB 2027**, As Amended by House Committee, be passed.

The Committee on **Transportation** recommends **HB 2029**, As Amended by House Committee, be amended on page 2, in line 4, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

On motion of Senator Blasi, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

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