

Journal of the Senate

THIRD DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Ty Masterson.

The roll was called with 39 senators present.

Senator Titus was excused.

Invocation by Reverend Cecil T. Washington:

We Look to You, For Plans and Guidance, We Look To You!
Proverbs 19:21, Psalms 33-10-12

Heavenly Father, as we move into this new legislative session, we're here to serve Your people and bring Your purposes to pass. But Lord, for the fulfillment of that to become reality, we must look to You. In Proverbs, 19:21, You said there are many plans in a man's heart, but it is Your counsel, Your direction, Your guiding principles of life that will stand and endure.

You said in Psalm 33:10-12, that if our plans or strategies are merely of human substance they will crumble, lacking eternal values. But if our plans are extensions of Your plans, they'll have the value of standing forever.

So, Lord, that's our desire in these halls, that Your Supernatural hand be seen day by day in everything we do. And Lord, that's why we continue, moment by moment, day by day to look to You. We Look to you! We look to You for plans! We look to You for guidance! Lord, we look to You! And Lord, of at any time any of us is looking to self, convict us and convert us.

I offer this prayer for Your glory and honor, and for the good of Your people. In the blessed Name of Christ Jesus. So be it! 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 316, AN ACT concerning the office of the state bank commissioner; relating to powers, duties and responsibilities of the state bank commissioner; authorizing the state bank commissioner to establish a nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws of Kansas to provide charitable consumer financial education initiatives in Kansas, by Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance.

SB 317, AN ACT concerning water; relating to the water technical assistance fund and the water projects grant fund; establishing additional criteria for the operation of such funds; requiring municipalities to demonstrate a current 25-year water supply in applications related to water distribution, unless application is for new water supply

source that will extend the current supply beyond 25 years; prohibiting grants for issues related to water rights impaired by another water right; prioritizing applications based on public health, resource management, population trends, funding sources, regional cooperation and weather resiliency; requiring applications to be submitted annually by September 15, with grants subject to revocation and repayment under certain circumstances; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 82a-956 and 82a-957 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

SB 318, AN ACT concerning traffic regulations; relating to turning movements and required signals; creating a definition for a roundabout; requiring that turn signals be used when moving right or left or exiting a roundabout; amending K.S.A. 8-1548 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 319, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to residential and commercial and industrial real property; providing for a rebate when a qualifying property sells in a qualifying sale for a fair market value sale price that is less than 97% of the county's appraised value, by Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

SB 320, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to exemptions; expanding exemption eligibility to include commercial and industrial machinery and equipment that was acquired or transported into this state on or before June 30, 2006; amending K.S.A. 79-223 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

SB 321, AN ACT concerning roads and highways; designating the junction of I-35 and U.S. highway 69 and 18th street expressway in Johnson county as the Representative Robert M Tomlinson memorial interchange, by Committee on Transportation.

SB 322, AN ACT concerning administrative rules and regulations; relating to the prescription monitoring program act; removing the authority of the state board of pharmacy to authorize individuals to access the program database as delegates by rules and regulations; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 65-1682 and repealing the existing section, Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations.

SB 323, AN ACT concerning civil procedure; relating to wage garnishment; modifying the definition of earnings to include paid compensation for wage garnishment exemption purposes; amending K.S.A. 60-2310 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 324, AN ACT concerning traffic regulations; prohibiting the use of a mobile telephone while operating a motor vehicle in a school zone or a road construction zone; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 8-2118 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Transportation.

SB 325, AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to license plates; restricting the use of material or objects covering a license plate; amending K.S.A. 8-133 and 8-15,110 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Transportation.

SB 326, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to driving under the influence test failures; providing that the failure of an alcohol or drug test can be certified when the law enforcement officer administering such test had reasonable grounds to believe a person was attempting to operate a vehicle; amending K.S.A. 8-1002 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Transportation.

SB 327, AN ACT concerning legislative oversight; relating to the Robert G. (Bob) Bethell joint committee on home and community based services and KanCare

oversight; eliminating the requirement that the committee's January and April meetings be held during the regular legislative session; amending K.S.A. 39-7,160 and repealing the existing section, by Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight.

SB 328, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to regulation of pharmacists; permitting a pharmacist to distribute epinephrine delivery systems to a school for emergency medication kits; amending definitions related to medication in schools to allow for use of epinephrine delivery systems; amending K.S.A. 72-6282 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 65-1680 and 72-6283 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

SB 329, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to valuation appeals; requiring the county appraiser to submit a single property appraisal report at the hearing before the regular division of the state board of tax appeals; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 79-1496, 79-1609 and 79-2005 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

SB 330, AN ACT concerning insurance; enacting the transparency in prior authorization act; imposing certain requirements and limitations on the use of prior authorization in the delivery of healthcare services, by Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance.

SB 331, AN ACT repealing K.S.A. 52-717; relating to the payment of negotiable instruments on Saturday afternoons or holidays, by Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

2024-25 Annual Report, Kansas State Department of Education
 Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Report, Kansas Water Office
 Emergency Medical Services, Board of Emergency Medical Services
 2025 Annual Report Kansas State Employees Health Care Commission, Kansas Department of Administration
 2025 Annual Report, Kansas Office of the Child Advocate
 2025 Annual Report Kansas Household Hazardous Waste Program, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
 2025 Annual Report Solid Waste Management Fund, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
 2025 Annual Report Dry Cleaner Program, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
 2025 Annual Report Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
 2025 Annual Report Kansas Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
 Annual Report DEI Complaints, Kansas Board of Regents
 2025 Fiscal Year Technical Education Authority Summary Report, Kansas Board of Regents
 Annual Report KAN-ED, Kansas Board of Regents
 2026 Student Financial Assistance Reports, Kansas Board of Regents
 Kansas Education Opportunity Scholarship Report, Kansas Board of Regents
 2024 Annual Year Kansas Training Information Program Report, Kansas Board of

Regents

Annual Report Surplus Property Disposition Activity, Kansas Board of Regents
Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education Report, Kansas Board of Regents
Annual Year 2025 Qualified Admission Report to the Legislature, Kansas Board of Regents

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The House accedes to the request of the Senate for a conference on **SB 30** and has appointed Representatives Tarwater, Ward and Clayton as Second conferees on the part of the House.

On motion of Senator Blasi, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Thursday, January 15, 2026.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks.*

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

