

Journal of the Senate

FOURTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Thursday, January 15, 2026, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by Vice President Tim Shallenburger.

The roll was called with 38 senators present.

Senators Gossage and Titus were excused.

Vice President Shallenburger introduced, Dr. K. A. Paul, guest of Pastor Washington, who delivered the following invocation:

Friends, I am here to pray for you and make sure that God give you Solomon's wisdom to help our people and the people of the world to promote peace and prosperity.

Our gracious Heavenly Father, we come before You on behalf of the honorable members of the Kansas State Senate of the United States. Lord, You have called, chosen, appointed, and anointed them for this time and purpose. Bless each of them, their families, their constituents, and their communities.

Anoint them with sincerity, wisdom, knowledge, vision, and the highest integrity as they faithfully serve the people. Lord, grant them the strength and discernment needed to help save Kansas and to save the United States of America.

We pray that India, the world's largest democracy, and the United States, the world's second-largest democracy, will work together for the betterment of the whole world, to protect and preserve every citizen and to establish lasting peace.

Lord, with 58 wars affecting 197 countries, we turn to You, the Prince of Peace. Jesus, You said, "My peace I give unto you." Fill us with Your peace, that we may share it with others. God called us all to stop wars and lead the world in the path of Peace and humanity.

In Jesus' mighty name we pray. Amen!

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Shallenburger.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Oletha Faust Goudeau rose on a Point of Personal Privilege to introduce two guests: Angeline F. Johnson and Crystal Davis.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and concurrent resolution were introduced and read by title:

SB 332, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to the real estate sales validation questionnaire; excluding buyer's premiums from the sale price of property purchased at auction for purposes of the real estate sales validation questionnaire and property valuation; amending K.S.A. 79-1437d and repealing the existing section, by

Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

SB 333, AN ACT concerning water; relating to public water systems; prohibiting the use of fluoride additives in such systems; amending K.S.A. 19-3521a, 65-162a and 65-171m and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 65-171r and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 334, AN ACT concerning nursing workforce development; providing education levels for instructors at nursing schools as a requirement for state approval; amending K.S.A. 65-1119 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Commerce.

SB 335, AN ACT concerning public construction contracts; amending the Kansas fairness in public construction contract act; requiring such contracts to include a mutual waiver of consequential damages; amending K.S.A. 16-1901 and 16-1907 and repealing the existing sections, by Senator Shallenburger.

SB 336, AN ACT concerning elections; providing for a presidential preference primary election in 2028 and every four years thereafter; aligning the special election date in March with the presidential preference primary election date; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-432, 25-1115, 25-2006, 25-2311, 25-2502, 25-4501a, 25-4505 and 25-4506 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 337, AN ACT making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2026, June 30, 2027, June 30, 2028, and June 30, 2029, for state agencies; authorizing certain transfers, capital improvement projects and fees, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements, procedures and acts incidental to the foregoing; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 2-223, 12-1775a, 12-5256, 74-50,107, 74-8711, 74-99b34, 76-775, 76-7,107, 79-3425i, 79-4801, 79-4804 and 82a-955 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 338, AN ACT concerning education; relating to nonaccredited private elementary and secondary schools; including a home school within the definition of private elementary or secondary school; defining home school; amending K.S.A. 72-4345 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Education.

SB 339, AN ACT concerning education; relating to school districts; requiring school districts to provide at least 30 minutes of daily recess time for students in grades kindergarten through five; designating such time as part of the school term; amending K.S.A. 72-3115 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Education.

SB 340, AN ACT concerning education; relating to the Kansas promise scholarship program; prohibiting Kansas promise scholarship awards from being used to fund corequisite courses; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 74-32,274 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Education.

SB 341, AN ACT concerning education; relating to postsecondary courses taught in secondary schools; providing requirements for agreements between school districts and community colleges or technical colleges for the provision of such courses in certain circumstances, by Committee on Education.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. **SCR 1617**—

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

A PROPOSITION to amend section 13 of article 2 of the constitution of the state of Kansas; requiring a simple majority for passage of a resolution to ratify any amendment to the constitution of the United States or to

make any application for congress to call a convention for proposing amendments to the constitution of the United States.

WHEREAS, the federal district court of Kansas has held that the provision of the Constitution of the State of Kansas requiring that $\frac{2}{3}$ of the members of each legislative house approve a resolution to ratify any amendment to the Constitution of the United States or to make application for Congress to call a convention of the states is unconstitutional because such provision violates Article V of the Constitution of the United States.

Now, therefore:

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives concurring therein:

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Section 13 of article 2 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

"§ 13. Majority for passage of bills. A majority of the members then elected (or appointed) and qualified of each house, voting in the affirmative, shall be necessary to pass any bill. ~~Two-thirds (2/3) of the members then elected (or appointed) and qualified in each house, voting in the affirmative, shall be necessary,~~ to ratify any amendment to the Constitution of the United States or to make any application for congress to call a convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States."

Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:

"Explanatory statement. This amendment would require only a simple majority vote of each house of the state legislature to pass a resolution to ratify any amendment to the Constitution of the United States or to make any application for congress to call a convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

"A vote for this proposition would require only a simple majority vote of each house of the state legislature to pass a resolution to ratify any amendment to the Constitution of the United States or to make any application for congress to call a convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

"A vote against this proposition would make no change to the current requirement of a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote of each house of the state legislature to pass a resolution to ratify an amendment to the Constitution of the United States or to make application to Congress to call a convention of the states to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States."

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives, shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the

year 2026, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the special election.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Agriculture and Natural Resources: **SB 317**.

Assessment and Taxation: **SB 319, SB 320, SB 329**.

Federal and State Affairs: **SB 318**.

Financial Institutions and Insurance: **SB 316, SB 330, SB 331**.

Judiciary: **SB 323, SB 325**.

Public Health and Welfare: **SB 322, SB 327, SB 328**.

Transportation: **SB 321, SB 324, SB 326**.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

Annual Certification Regarding Computations and Date for Contributing Negative Rated Employers, Kansas Department of Labor

Report on Substances Proposed for Scheduling, Rescheduling or Deletion, Kansas Board of Pharmacy

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Announcing passage of **HB 2204**, as amended.

Announcing passage of **HB 2332**, as amended.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HB 2204, HB 2332 were thereupon introduced and read by title.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

Under the authority of the President, the Vice President withdrew **SB 326** from the Committee on **Transportation**, and referred the bill to the Committee on **Judiciary**.

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On motion of Senator Blasi, the senate adjourned pro forma until 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 16, 2026.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks*.

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate*.

