

Journal of the Senate

TENTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Monday, January 26, 2026, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Ty Masterson.

The roll was called with 38 senators present.

Senators Claeys and Peck were excused.

Invocation by Pastor Kyle Lammott, guest of President Masterson:

O Lord, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings and Lord of lords, who, from Your throne, rules over the nations of the earth. You have established Your authority through Jesus Christ, the conquering King, who has triumphed over Satan, sin, and death.

In Your providence, You have established this nation and this state to be Your servant to execute justice, to defend truth, to protect the innocent, and to be a terror to evil.

Your Word declares, "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil." Lord, we confess and ask Your forgiveness. We have called the murder of the unborn good. We have called the mockery of Your truth good. We have called injustice toward evil good. We have called the distortion of marriage and gender good. Forgive us, O Lord, and grant repentance for the wicked laws passed in our land.

With humility, we give thanks that You are rich in mercy, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. By the blood of Your cross, and the abundance of Your grace, grant us forgiveness where we have strayed and grace for the days to come.

May the work of this day be marked by courage, wisdom, obedience and faithfulness. May Your light shine forth from Kansas to the four corners of this great country. May we demonstrate for the nation what it looks like for a state to walk in the fear of the Lord, in the light of righteousness, and to submit all of our ways to the truth and authority of Your holy word.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the one true King, Amen!

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Masterson.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

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

SB 376, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to gambling devices; changing the age for determining when a slot machine is an antique for purposes of exempting such device from criminal gambling statutes; amending K.S.A. 21-6407 and 21-6408 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 377, AN ACT concerning children and minors; relating to recreational facilities; requiring cardiac emergency response plans for such facilities, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 378, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to credits; providing a one-time, nonrefundable vehicle registration property tax credit for eligible vehicles, by Senator Corson.

SB 379, AN ACT concerning emergency communication services; relating to the Kansas 911 act; authorizing the state 911 board to establish a statewide emergency medical dispatch and telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation program; authorizing the board to employ, contract for or enter into an agreement to procure the services of a medical director under such program; authorizing the board to establish, contract for or enter into an agreement to procure a centralized quality assurance system; providing the option for PSAPs to retain or procure the PSAP's own emergency medical dispatch and telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation, medical direction and quality assurance services; establishing the emergency medical dispatch and telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation fund in the state treasury; limiting civil liability for the provision of emergency medical dispatch and telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation, medical direction and quality assurance services; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 12-5362 and 75-6104 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Utilities.

SB 380, AN ACT concerning retail electric suppliers; relating to electric vehicle charging services; requiring retail electric suppliers to offer fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory rates and services to entities that provide electric vehicle charging services; prohibiting recovery of any costs and expenses associated with any electric vehicle charging station of the retail electric supplier through the retail electric supplier's electric rates, by Committee on Utilities.

SB 381, AN ACT concerning education; relating to curriculum for social studies; requiring instruction to provide students with an understanding of communist and socialist regimes and ideologies; requiring students pass an American civics examination in order to graduate with a high school diploma; amending K.S.A. 72-3217 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Education.

SB 382, AN ACT concerning education; relating to virtual schools; providing for the administration and proctoring of statewide assessments to a virtual school student by such student's virtual school; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 72-3717 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Education.

SB 383, AN ACT concerning education; relating to special education state aid reimbursement; adding certain third parties who contract with school districts to the definition of special teacher; authorizing such reimbursement for qualified teachers who provide approved special education or related services to students with an IEP administered by such school district pursuant to a contract; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 72-3404 and 72-3422 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Education.

SB 384, AN ACT concerning education; relating to public innovative districts; extending the application deadline to operate as a public innovative district from December 1 to May 1; deeming applications approved if not approved or denied within 30 days of submission; amending K.S.A. 72-4223 and 72-4225 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Education.

SB 385, AN ACT concerning education; establishing Erin's law; requiring school districts to provide teacher training and age-appropriate student instruction on the identification and reporting of signs of child sexual abuse, by Committee on Education.

SB 386, AN ACT concerning education; relating to federal tax credits for contributions to scholarship granting organizations; electing to participate in the federal tax credit for individual contributions to scholarship granting organizations; relating to the tax credit for low income students scholarship program; increasing the aggregate tax credit limit; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 72-4357 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Education.

SB 387, AN ACT concerning education; relating to school districts; requiring school districts to verify the household gross earned income of each student who qualifies for free meals under the national school lunch program; requiring legislative authorization to receive special assistance payments under federal law, by Committee on Government Efficiency.

SB 388, AN ACT concerning the residential landlord and tenant act; relating to fee provisions in rental agreements; setting a maximum fee for the late payment of rent, by Senator Holscher.

SB 389, AN ACT concerning sales taxation; relating to exemptions; providing an exemption for feminine hygiene products, diapers and incontinence products; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 79-3606 and repealing the existing section, by Senator Holscher.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. SCR 1619—

By Senator Holscher

A PROPOSITION to amend section 1 of article 11 of the constitution
of the state of Kansas; relating to property taxation;
decreasing the assessment percentage used for determining
the assessed value of real property used for residential purposes and
mobile homes used for residential purposes from 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ % to 9%.

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 1 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

"§ 1. System of taxation; classification; exemption. (a) The provisions of this subsection shall govern the assessment and taxation of property on and after January 1, ~~2013~~ 2027, and each year thereafter. Except as otherwise hereinafter specifically provided, the legislature shall provide for a uniform and equal basis of valuation and rate of taxation of all property subject to taxation. The legislature may provide for the classification and the taxation uniformly as to class of recreational vehicles and watercraft, as defined by the legislature, or may exempt such class from property taxation and impose taxes upon another basis in lieu thereof. The provisions of this subsection shall not be applicable to the taxation of motor vehicles, except as otherwise hereinafter specifically provided, mineral products, money, mortgages, notes and other evidence of debt and grain. Property shall be classified into the

following classes for the purpose of assessment and assessed at the percentage of value prescribed therefor:

Class 1 shall consist of real property. Real property shall be further classified into seven subclasses. Such property shall be defined by law for the purpose of subclassification and assessed uniformly as to subclass at the following percentages of value:

(1) Real property used for residential purposes including multi-family residential real property and real property necessary to accommodate a residential community of mobile or manufactured homes including the real property upon which such homes are located.....	111/2%9%
(2) Land devoted to agricultural use which shall be valued upon the basis of its agricultural income or agricultural productivity pursuant to section 12 of article 11 of the constitution	30%
(3) Vacant lots	12%
(4) Real property which is owned and operated by a not-for-profit organization not subject to federal income taxation pursuant to section 501 of the federal internal revenue code, and which is included in this subclass by law	12%
(5) Public utility real property, except railroad real property which shall be assessed at the average rate that all other commercial and industrial property is assessed	33%
(6) Real property used for commercial and industrial purposes and buildings and other improvements located upon land devoted to agricultural use	25%
(7) All other urban and rural real property not otherwise specifically subclassified	30%

Class 2 shall consist of tangible personal property. Such tangible personal property shall be further classified into six subclasses, shall be defined by law for the purpose of subclassification and assessed uniformly as to subclass at the following percentages of value:

(1) Mobile homes used for residential purposes	111/2%9%
(2) Mineral leasehold interests except oil leasehold interests the average daily production from which is five barrels or less, and natural gas leasehold interests the average daily production from which is 100 mcf or less, which shall be assessed at 25%	30%
(3) Public utility tangible personal property including inventories thereof, except railroad personal property including inventories thereof, which shall be assessed at the average rate all other commercial and industrial property is assessed	33%
(4) All categories of motor vehicles not defined and specifically valued and taxed pursuant to law enacted prior to January 1, 1985	30%
(5) Commercial and industrial machinery and equipment which, if its economic life is seven years or more, shall be valued at its retail cost when new less seven-year straight-line depreciation, or which, if its economic life is less than seven years, shall be valued at its retail cost when new less straight-line depreciation over its economic life, except that, the value so obtained for such property, notwithstanding its economic life and as long as	

such property is being used, shall not be less than 20% of the retail cost when new of such property25%

(6) All other tangible personal property not otherwise specifically classified 30%

(b) All property used exclusively for state, county, municipal, literary, educational, scientific, religious, benevolent and charitable purposes, farm machinery and equipment, merchants' and manufacturers' inventories, other than public utility inventories included in subclass (3) of class 2, livestock, and all household goods and personal effects not used for the production of income, shall be exempted from property taxation."

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

"Explanatory statement. This amendment would decrease the assessment percentage used to determine the assessed value of real property used for residential purposes and mobile homes used for residential purposes for purposes of property taxation.

"A vote for this proposition would decrease the assessment percentage used to determine the assessed value of real property used for residential purposes and mobile homes used for residential purposes for purposes of property taxation from 11½% to 9%.

"A vote against this proposition would make no changes to the constitution of the state of Kansas and the assessment percentage for such residential property would remain at 11½%."

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

President Masterson referred **SB 387** to the Committee on **Government Efficiency**.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

2025 Annual Report Resilient Lands and Ready Communities: Kansas Forestry and Fire, Kansas Forest Service

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

The President withdrew **SB 318** from the Committee on **Federal and State Affairs**, and referred the bill to the Committee on **Transportation**.

On motion of Senator Blasi, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks.*
COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

