

# Journal of the House

FORTY-FIRST DAY

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HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
TOPEKA, KS, Thursday, March 7, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment with Speaker pro tem Carpenter in the chair.

The roll was called with 120 members present.

Reps. Donohoe and Winn were excused on verified illness.

Reps. Alcalá, Moser and Schreiber were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by guest chaplain, Pastor Carl Helm, Marion Christian Church, Marion, and guest of Rep. Hill.

O Lord, You are Holy and we are not. Yet, You have sanctified this group to lead, and may they lead with a servant's heart. The people of this incredible state have chosen their group to represent them. In this perilous time in history, give this body the wisdom to know exactly what decisions to make for the betterment of the great State of Kansas. May each member of this house experience Your peace, Your love, and Your direction today. I ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Concannon.

## INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning, Body. Today I have the privilege of introducing seniors from Southeast High School, located in Wichita USD 259 and my District 88. Southeast High School is one of the largest high schools in Wichita with student enrollment of 2,045 and 123 teachers. The students here with us today are in the semester long government class taught by Tonya Howard. I had the honor of sharing my experience as a legislator last November in her five government classes. Her classroom environment is one of respectful dialogue. Tonya Howard challenges her students to know by name their city councilman or councilwoman, county commissioner, state representative and senator as well as federal legislators; how to contact their elected officials about issues of concern and what to consider when deciding who to vote for. These students are informed on current issues. Several students have registered to vote. I'm very encouraged about the future of these students as engaged citizens focused on making a difference in their community, thanks to what they're learning in their government class.

Tonya Howard is to be commended for her efforts spent to secure a grant rather than using school or students' personal funds to pay for the trip to the Capitol for 50 students to observe Kansas government in action. Here with me (raise your hand when I call your name) are Citlali Martinez, Clara Mimbi, Damia Boller, Danielle Tucker, Edan Williams Parker, Grace Burrows, Laura Cole, Maya Rubio, Raven Percifield and teacher Tonya Howard. Please help me recognize these students and the Southeast High School government students and chaperones in the gallery.

At this time, I'd like to give special recognition to Tonya Howard for her amazing ability to connect with students in a caring, positive and encouraging manner, empowering them to become informed, engaged citizens of their community, state and country.

Rep. Pickert presented her guests with a framed House certificate in honor their accomplishments.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

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

**HB 2819**, AN ACT concerning sales and compensating use tax; relating to city and countywide retailers' sales tax; providing countywide retailers' sales tax authority for Rawlins county for the purpose of financing costs of attendance centers or other district facilities; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 12-187, 12-189 and 12-192 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Taxation.

**HB 2820**, AN ACT concerning infrastructure; relating to drone technology; prohibiting the acquisition of critical components of drone technology from countries of concern; requiring the divesture of such technology, by Committee on Appropriations.

### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. **HCR 5025**—

By Committee on Taxation

A PROPOSITION to amend section 1 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas; relating to property taxation; valuing residential real property based on the average fair market value of the prior 10 calendar years.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate 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~~ 2026, 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.

The valuation of any parcel of 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, classified for property tax purposes pursuant to subclass (1) of class 1, shall be determined based on the average fair market value of the parcel of the 10 calendar years immediately preceding the year of valuation. The legislature may provide for valuation adjustments by law for new construction or improvements, changes in property use, property that is listed as escaped or omitted property, changes to the description of the land, lot or parcel and property that lacks established valuations for any of the prior 10 calendar years.

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..... 11½%
- (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..... 11½%
- (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 property..... 25%

(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 value real property used for residential purposes provided under section 1 of article 11 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas in subclass (1) of class 1 based on the average fair market value of the parcel of the 10 calendar years immediately preceding the year of valuation. The amendment would also authorize the legislature to provide valuation adjustments by law in certain circumstances.

"A vote for this proposition would value parcels of 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 based on the average fair market value of the parcel of the 10 calendar years immediately preceding the year of valuation. The amendment would also authorize the legislature to provide valuation adjustments for new construction or improvements, changes in property use, property that is listed as escaped or omitted property, changes to the description of the land, lot or parcel and property that lacks established valuations for any of the prior 10 calendar years.

"A vote against this proposition would provide no change to the Kansas Constitution."

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, 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 2024, unless a

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

### MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

March 6, 2024

*Message to the Kansas House of Representatives:*

Enclosed herewith is Executive Order No. 24-01 for your information.

Executive Order No. 24-01  
Proclaiming states of drought for Kansas counties

LAURA KELLY  
*Governor*

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

### INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On emergency motion of Rep. Thompson, **HR 6041**, by Reps. Thompson, Curtis, Hoye, Bryce, Clifford, Ellis, Johnson, Neelly, Pickert and Roth, as follows, was introduced and adopted:

**HR 6041**—A RESOLUTION congratulating Goodwill of Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas on its 130th anniversary in 2024.

A RESOLUTION congratulating Goodwill of Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas on its 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2024.

WHEREAS, The Helping Hand Institute was founded in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1894 to provide food, shelter and a work relief program for those who were homeless and without resources; and

WHEREAS, Goodwill Industries was founded in 1902 with the mission of collecting household goods to be repaired and sold to support the program and hiring and training individuals with disabilities and disadvantages; and

WHEREAS, The Goodwill Industries of Greater Kansas City opened its first repair shop in 1925 at St. Peter's Evangelical Church on Oak Street, where it impacted the community over several decades through the provision of employment skills training and vocational rehabilitation for persons with disabilities and other disadvantages; and

WHEREAS, The Helping Hand Institute and Goodwill Industries of Greater Kansas City merged in 1978 to form the Helping Hand of Goodwill Industries, which, in 2010, was changed to its present name Goodwill of Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas, otherwise known simply as Goodwill; and

WHEREAS, Today, Goodwill continues to be a nonprofit leader in the Kansas City region, providing resources and services to individuals who face barriers to obtaining employment, including one-on-one career navigation and employment services, wraparound services, digital skills training and digital navigation services, reentry services and occupational training within the Goodwill Artemis Institute courses such as the Bridge to Technology and Certified Manufacturing Associate; and

WHEREAS, Goodwill continues to support the community by directly employing nearly 700 people, offering janitorial services to government and commercial customers, operating 17 donated goods retail stores and one outlet center, which provides inexpensive household items and clothing for the community while at the same time diverting such items from landfills: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate Goodwill of Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas on its 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of empowering people and strengthening communities in Eastern Kansas; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to Goodwill of Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas and Representative Thompson.

### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There being no objection, the following remarks of Reps. Thompson, Hoyer and Curtis are spread upon the Journal:

Rep. Thompson began, today, we come before you with a resolution congratulating Goodwill of Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas on its 130th anniversary in 2024. A Goodwill facility is located within each of our districts. We celebrate Goodwill's anniversary with Kristin Wood, Director of Grants and Advocacy, and Jay Ketterling, Chief Financial Officer, for Goodwill Industries.

Rep Hoyer continued, I shared a meaningful connection to this recognition with the carrier of the resolution, and I appreciate the opportunity to share that with all of you per his request. Edgar J. Helms founded what would become Goodwill Industries International, Inc. in Boston in 1902 – he graduated from Cornell College (located in Mt. Vernon, IA) in 1889. Edgar J. Helms and I share an alma mater- I graduated from Cornell College in 2006. Students, alumni, and staff are still celebrating his contributions that match so well with our tradition of service and leadership. It is an honor to recognize his legacy on the floor of the Kansas House of Representatives.

Reps. Curtis and Thompson read **HR 6041** and concluded; colleagues, please join us in recognition of our guest and celebrating Goodwill's 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service to our community.

### INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On emergency motion of Rep. Martinez, **HR 6042**, by Reps. Martinez, Alcala, Amyx, Ballard, Bloom, Buehler, Butler, Carlin, Carr, Clifford, Collins, Curtis, Dodson, Ellis, Essex, Featherston, Francis, Goddard, Goetz, Haswood, Highberger, Hill, Hougland, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoyer, Lewis, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Miller, Miller, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Pickert, Poskin, Probst, Resman, Roth, Ruiz, Sawyer, Sawyer Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoie, Schreiber, Stogsdill, Thompson, Underhill, Waggoner, Winn, Woodard, Xu and Younger, as follows, was introduced and adopted:

**HR 6042**—A RESOLUTION celebrating the historic and immense contributions of the Hispanic and Latino communities to the Kansas economy.

A RESOLUTION celebrating the historic and immense contributions of the Hispanic and Latino communities to the United States and Kansas economies.

WHEREAS, March 6, 2024, is recognized as "Latina Day at the Capitol" to celebrate and honor the achievements of Latina women throughout the history of the United States and Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Since the late 1800s, particularly during the times of railroad expansion, Hispanic and Latino communities have served as an invaluable asset to the United States and Kansas economies; and

WHEREAS, The first Mexican guest-worker program, lasting from 1917 through 1921, and the second guest-worker program known as the Bracero program, lasting from 1942 through 1964, brought over 4.5 million Hispanic and Latino guest workers to the United States to work in the agricultural and railroad industries and support the United States' economy during World War I and World War II; and

WHEREAS, In 2022, Hispanic and Latino individuals accounted for 93% of H-2A visa recipients, a vital program that contributes to the well-being of the agriculture of the United States; and

WHEREAS, There are 63.7 million Hispanic and Latino individuals throughout the United States and over 382,000 Latinos residing specifically in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics and Latinos contribute to society by working in many important industries, including agriculture, construction, hospitality, meat packaging, food services and public service across the United States and Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Kansas Hispanic and Latino communities held more than \$595 million in spending power and paid nearly \$80 million in state and local taxes in 2019; and

WHEREAS, There are currently 12.6 million Latinas in the United States workforce, comprising 15% of the wider female workforce—a statistic that continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino communities make up 5.6% of small business owners in Kansas and approximately 10% of small business owners nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Latina entrepreneurs represent nearly half of all Latino businesses and create businesses six times faster than any other group in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Latinas continue to break through barriers and thrive, in spite of adversity; and

WHEREAS, Leadership organizations, such as the Latino Community Network, Advocates for Immigrant Rights and Reconciliation and Diversidad Latina, continue to promote civic engagement, education and advocacy in Hispanic and Latino communities throughout Kansas; and

WHEREAS, The social fabric of the United States and Kansas has been enriched by Hispanic and Latino heritage, culture and traditions: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we celebrate the Hispanic and Latino communities for their historic and immense contributions to the United States and Kansas economies; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send 10 enrolled copies of this resolution to Representative Martinez.

## INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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

March is Women's History Month and March 8<sup>th</sup> is International Women's Day. This is a time to celebrate the remarkable contributions of women and how they have helped shaped our society.

Today I want to welcome Latinas from every congressional district in Kansas as well as High School and College students who have traveled to our great Capitol to celebrate Latina Leaders Day at the Capitol. They have come to learn about the legislative process, tour our Capitol and get to know those that represent them.

This day reminds us of the importance of amplifying women's voices, celebrating their achievements advocating for equality and setting a standard for our future leaders.

Honoring Women's history brings to mind the history of countless Latino/ Hispanic people and trailblazers who have paved the way for progress often in the face of immense challenges and adversity, leaders and movements that have broken barriers helping to reshape our state and country, creating the opportunity for us to be here today. I am presenting a resolution, on Thursday, March 7th to commend and celebrate those efforts and contributions, a resolution that I am proud to say received great bipartisan support.

## FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

**Sub Bill for HB 2676**, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to crimes against persons; creating the crime of encouraging suicide and providing criminal penalties therefor, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 119; Nays 1; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 5.

Yeas: Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barth, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blew, Blex, Bloom, Borjon, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Carr, Clifford, Collins, Concannon, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Dodson, M., Droge, Ellis, Eplee, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Garber, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Haswood, Hawkins, Highberger, Hill, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Houglund, Houser, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Humphries, Jacobs, T. Johnson, Kessler, Landwehr, Lewis, Martinez, Mason, Maughan, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Miller, D., Miller, S., Miller, V., Minnix, Murphy, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Owens, Penn, Pickert, Poetter, Poskin, Probst, Proctor, Rahjes, Resman, Rhiley, Robinson, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Smith, E., Stogsdill, Sutton, Tarwater, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Turk, Turner, Underhill, Vaughn, Waggoner, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Williams, K., Williams, L., Woodard, Xu, Younger.

Nays: Helgerson.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Alcalá, Donohoe, Moser, Schreiber, Winn.

The substitute bill passed.

**HB 2749**, AN ACT concerning abortion; relating to reports on abortions performed in this state; requiring the reporting of the reasons for each abortion performed at a medical care facility or by a healthcare provider; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 65-445 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 81; Nays 39; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 5.

Yeas: Anderson, Awerkamp, Barth, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blew, Blex, Bloom, Borjon, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Clifford, Collins, Concannon, Corbet, Croft, Delperdang, Dodson, M., Droge, Ellis, Eplee, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Francis, Garber, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Hawkins, Hill, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Houser, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Humphries, Jacobs, T. Johnson, Kessler, Landwehr, Lewis, Mason, Maughan, McNorton, Minnix, Murphy, Neelly, Owens, Penn, Pickert, Poetter, Proctor, Rahjes, Resman, Rhiley, Robinson, Roth, Sanders, Schmoe, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Smith, E., Sutton, Tarwater, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Turk, Turner, Waggoner, Wasinger, Waymaster, White, Williams, K., Williams, L..

Nays: Amyx, Ballard, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Curtis, Featherston, Haskins, Haswood, Helgerson, Highberger, Houglan, Hoye, Martinez, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Miller, D., Miller, S., Miller, V., Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Poskin, Probst, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Stogsdill, Underhill, Vaughn, Weigel, Woodard, Xu, Younger.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Alcala, Donohoe, Moser, Schreiber, Winn.

The bill passed, as amended.

#### EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE

MR. SPEAKER: “We just want to have more information. Make sure we’re making the right decision for these women.” (A Quote from yesterday). I firmly believe “we” have no business in making this type of decision. The voters spoke on August 2<sup>nd</sup> – I will be voting No on **HB 2749**. – LYNN MELTON, LINDA FEATHERSTON, MARI-LYNN POSKIN

MR. SPEAKER: I voted No on **HB 2749** and stand before you today to convey our responsibility to inform *all* patients, Kansas citizens and non-Kansans alike, that they have the right to refuse to answer any and all questions asked by a healthcare provider. – MELISSA OROPEZA, LOUIS RUIZ, JOHN CARMICHAEL, ALLISON HOUGLAND, NIKKI McDONALD, FORD CARR, CHRISTINA HASWOOD, SYDNEY CARLIN, TOBIAS SCHLINGENSIEPEN, BRANDON WOODARD, ANGELA MARTINEZ, PAM CURTIS, SUSAN RUIZ, HEATHER MEYER, KIRK HASKINS, JO ELLA HOYE, LINDSAY VAUGHN, VIRGIL WEIGEL, DENNIS MILLER, SILAS MILLER, DENNIS “BOOG” HIGHBERGER, JAROD OUSLEY, JERRY STOGSDILL

MR. SPEAKER: Knowledge is power, and with more knowledge about why women are seeking abortion comes empowerment of choice. According to the Guttmacher Institute, an abortion advocacy research organization, “Understanding women’s reasons for having an abortion can inform public debate and policy regarding abortion and unwanted pregnancy.” I couldn’t agree more. **HB 2749** is essential, narrowly tailored legislation that both pro-life and pro-choice people should be able to agree upon. Kansas women facing an unplanned pregnancy in future years will be the ultimate winners. I will be voting Aye on **HB 2749**. – BRENDA K LANDWEHR, CHUCK SMITH, NICK

HOEISEL, AVERY ANDERSON, SEAN TARWATER, TORY MARIE BLEW, PATRICK PENN, MARVIN ROBINSON

MR. SPEAKER: My vote honors Representative Lisa Moser, a champion for life, who was unable to be here today due to family health emergency. I will be voting Aye on **HB 2749**. – SUSAN ESTES, SUSAN HUMPHRIES, SUSAN CONCANNON,

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

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Rep. Borjon, Committee of the Whole report, as follows, was adopted: Recommended that:

**HB 2665** be passed.

Committee report to **SB 338** be adopted; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee report to **SB 339** be adopted; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee report to **SB 356** be adopted; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee report to **SB 398** be adopted; and the bill be passed as amended.

### INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTION:

On emergency motion of Rep. Croft pursuant to House Rule 2311, **HB 2665**, **SB 338**, **SB 339**, **SB 356** and **SB 398** were advanced to Final Action on Bills and Concurrent Resolutions.

**HB 2665**, AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to violations of the uniform act regulating traffic on highways; increasing criminal penalties for a driver who leaves the scene of a vehicular accident when the accident results in the death of any person or more than one person, if the driver knew or reasonably should have known that such accident resulted in injury or death; amending K.S.A. 8-1602 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 120; Nays 0; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 5.

Yeas: Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barth, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blew, Blex, Bloom, Borjon, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Carr, Clifford, Collins, Concannon, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Dodson, M., Droge, Ellis, Eplee, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Garber, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Haswood, Hawkins, Helgerson, Highberger, Hill, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Hougland, Houser, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Humphries, Jacobs, T. Johnson, Kessler, Landwehr, Lewis, Martinez, Mason, Maughan, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Miller, D., Miller, S., Miller, V., Minnix, Murphy, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Owens, Penn, Pickert, Poetter, Poskin, Probst, Proctor, Rahjes, Resman, Rhiley, Robinson, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Smith, E., Stogsdill, Sutton, Tarwater, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Turk, Turner, Underhill, Vaughn, Waggoner, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Williams, K., Williams, L., Woodard, Xu, Younger.

Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Alcalá, Donohoe, Moser, Schreiber, Winn.

The bill passed.

**SB 338**, AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to group-funded liability and group-funded workers compensation pools; changing certain reporting requirements; amending K.S.A. 12-2620, 44-584 and 44-590 and repealing the existing sections, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 103; Nays 17; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 5.

Yeas: Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barth, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blew, Blex, Bloom, Borjon, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Carlin, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Clifford, Collins, Concannon, Corbet, Croft, Delperdang, Dodson, M., Droge, Ellis, Eplee, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Garber, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Haswood, Hawkins, Helgerson, Hill, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Houser, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoyer, Humphries, Jacobs, T. Johnson, Kessler, Landwehr, Lewis, Mason, Maughan, McDonald, McNorton, Miller, D., Miller, S., Miller, V., Minnix, Murphy, Neelly, Neighbor, Osman, Owens, Penn, Pickert, Poetter, Probst, Proctor, Rahjes, Resman, Rhiley, Robinson, Roth, Sanders, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoie, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Smith, E., Sutton, Tarwater, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Turk, Turner, Underhill, Waggoner, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Williams, K., Williams, L., Woodard, Younger.

Nays: Carmichael, Carr, Curtis, Highberger, Houglund, Martinez, Melton, Meyer, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Ousley, Poskin, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Stogsdill, Vaughn, Xu.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Alcalá, Donohoe, Moser, Schreiber, Winn.

The bill passed, as amended.

#### EXPLANATION OF VOTE

MR. SPEAKER: I vote NO on **SB 338** today because the intent is to use this as a shell bill. In no way do I oppose these updates to policies. However, knowing the intent of this Senate bill, I must vote NO to protect transparency for the voters of the State of Kansas. — MELISSA OROPEZA, LYNN MELTON, FORD CARR, ANGELA MARTINEZ, DENNIS MILLER, SILAS MILLER, HEATHER MEYER, MARI-LYNN POSKIN, JOHN CARMICHAEL

**SB 339**, AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to risk-based capital requirements; updating the version of instructions in effect; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 40-2c01 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 103; Nays 17; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 5.

Yeas: Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barth, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blew, Blex, Bloom, Borjon, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Carlin, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Clifford, Collins, Concannon, Corbet, Croft, Delperdang, Dodson, M., Droge, Ellis, Eplee, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Garber, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Haswood, Hawkins, Helgerson, Hill, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Houser, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoyer, Humphries, Jacobs, T. Johnson, Kessler, Landwehr, Lewis, Mason, Maughan, McDonald, McNorton, Miller, D., Miller, S., Miller, V., Minnix, Murphy, Neelly, Neighbor, Osman, Owens, Penn, Pickert, Poetter, Probst, Proctor,

Rahjes, Resman, Rhiley, Robinson, Roth, Sanders, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Smith, E., Sutton, Tarwater, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Turk, Turner, Underhill, Waggoner, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Williams, K., Williams, L., Woodard, Younger.

Nays: Carmichael, Carr, Curtis, Highberger, Houglan, Martinez, Melton, Meyer, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Ousley, Poskin, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Stogsdill, Vaughn, Xu.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Alcalá, Donohoe, Moser, Schreiber, Winn.

The bill passed, as amended.

#### EXPLANATION OF VOTE

MR. SPEAKER: I vote No on **SB 339** today because the intent is to use this as a shell bill. In no way do I oppose these updates to policies. However, knowing the intent of this Senate bill, I must vote No to protect transparency for the voters in the state of Kansas. – MELISSA OROPEZA, LYNN MELTON, FORD CARR, ANGELA MARTINEZ, DENNIS MILLER, SILAS MILLER, HEATHER MEYER, MARI-LYNN POSKIN, JOHN CARMICHAEL

**SB 356**, AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to examinations; requiring that insurance examiner per diem amounts and expenses, outside consulting and data processing fees and pro rata funding for examination equipment and software be reasonable; establishing a tiered fee structure for examinations of insurance companies and societies based on gross premiums; amending K.S.A. 40-223 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 109; Nays 11; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 5.

Yeas: Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barth, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blew, Blex, Bloom, Borjon, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Carlin, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Clifford, Collins, Concannon, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Dodson, M., Droge, Ellis, Eplee, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Garber, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Haswood, Hawkins, Helgerson, Highberger, Hill, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Houser, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Humphries, Jacobs, T. Johnson, Kessler, Landwehr, Lewis, Martinez, Mason, Maughan, McDonald, McNorton, Miller, S., Miller, V., Minnix, Murphy, Neelly, Neighbor, Oropeza, Osman, Owens, Penn, Pickert, Poetter, Probst, Proctor, Rahjes, Resman, Rhiley, Robinson, Roth, Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Smith, E., Sutton, Tarwater, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Turk, Turner, Underhill, Vaughn, Waggoner, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Williams, K., Williams, L., Woodard, Xu, Younger.

Nays: Carmichael, Carr, Houglan, Melton, Meyer, Miller, D., Ohaebosim, Ousley, Poskin, Ruiz, L., Stogsdill.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Alcalá, Donohoe, Moser, Schreiber, Winn.

The bill passed, as amended.

**SB 398**, AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to the powers, duties and responsibilities of the commissioner of insurance; authorizing the commissioner of insurance to set the amount of certain fees; requiring the publication of such fees in the Kansas register; amending K.S.A. 40-205a, 40-218, 40-252, 40-2,133, 40-504, 40-956,

40-22a04, 40-2604, 40-2702, 40-3213, 40-3304, 40-3812, 40-3813, 40-4103, 40-4116, 40-4323, 40-4334, 40-4503, 40-5003 and 40-5509 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 40-3823, 40-3824, 40-4209, 40-4302 and 40-4903 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 40-3217, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 103; Nays 17; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 5.

Yeas: Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barth, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blew, Blex, Bloom, Borjon, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Carlin, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Clifford, Collins, Concannon, Corbet, Croft, Delperdang, Dodson, M., Droge, Ellis, Eplee, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Garber, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Haswood, Hawkins, Helgerson, Hill, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Houser, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoyer, Humphries, Jacobs, T. Johnson, Kessler, Landwehr, Lewis, Mason, Maughan, McDonald, McNorton, Miller, S., Miller, V., Minnix, Murphy, Neely, Neighbor, Osman, Owens, Penn, Pickert, Poetter, Probst, Proctor, Rahjes, Resman, Rhiley, Robinson, Roth, Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoie, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Smith, E., Sutton, Tarwater, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Turk, Turner, Underhill, Waggoner, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Williams, K., Williams, L., Woodard, Younger.

Nays: Carmichael, Carr, Curtis, Highberger, Houglan, Martinez, Melton, Meyer, Miller, D., Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Ousley, Poskin, Ruiz, L., Stogsdill, Vaughn, Xu.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Alcala, Donohoe, Moser, Schreiber, Winn.

The bill passed, as amended.

#### EXPLANATION OF VOTE

MR. SPEAKER: I vote NO on **SB 398** today because the intent is to use this as a shell bill. In no way do I oppose these updates to policies. However, knowing the intent of this Senate bill, I must vote NO to protect transparency for the voters of the State of Kansas. – MELISSA OROPEZA, LYNN MELTON, FORD CARR, ANGELA MARTINEZ, DENNIS MILLER, SILAS MILLER, HEATHER MEYER, MARI-LYNN POSKIN, JERRY STOGSDILL, JOHN CARMICHAEL, ALLISON HOUGLAND

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Agriculture and Natural Resources** recommends **HB 2800**, **HB 2816** be passed.

Committee on **Agriculture and Natural Resources** recommends **SB 336**, As Amended by Senate Committee, 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 **Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget** recommends **SB 347** be amended on page 1, in line 7, after "(a)" by inserting "(1) On January 1, 2025, the Kansas wildlife and parks commission, as such commission existed on December 31, 2024, is hereby abolished. On January 1, 2025,"; in line 9, after "commission" by inserting "created on January 1, 2025,"; in line 10, by striking ". The governor" and inserting "as follows:

(A) Four members appointed by the governor;

(B) one member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(C) one member appointed by the president of the senate; and

(D) one member appointed by the attorney general.

(2) Each respective appointing authority shall make such appointing authority's initial appointment on or before January 17, 2025.

(3) Each respective appointing authority";

Also on page 1, in line 17, after the period by inserting:

"(4)";

Also on page 1, in line 19, by striking the fourth "the"; in line 20, by striking "governor" and inserting "each respective appointing authority"; in line 25, by striking "The governor" and inserting "Each respective appointing authority"; in line 29, by striking "The governor" and inserting "Each respective appointing authority"; in line 31, by striking the first "the" and inserting "such"; also in line 31, by striking "governor" and inserting "respective appointing authority"; in line 33, by striking "governor's" and inserting "respective appointing authority's";

On page 2, in line 10, by striking "governor" and inserting "members of the commission"; also in line 10, by striking "designate" and inserting "elect"; in line 11, after the first "commission" by inserting "for a term not to exceed two years";

On page 1, in the title, in line 2, after the first semicolon by inserting "abolishing the existing commission; creating a new Kansas wildlife and parks commission; granting appointment authority to multiple state officers; authorizing the election of the chairperson thereof;"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Education** recommends **SB 360**, As Amended by Senate Committee, be passed.

Committee on **Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications** recommends **HB 2527** be amended on page 1, in line 21, after the period by inserting ""Qualifying electric plant" does not include transmission facilities or new electric generating units."; in line 29, after "requirement" by inserting "or that was approved to be used for regulatory accounting purposes"; in line 30, by striking "completed" and inserting "ordered return on rate base in a"; also in line 30, by striking all after "proceeding"; by striking all in lines 31 through 35;

On page 2, in line 1, by striking all before the period; in line 4, by striking "100%" and inserting "90%"; in line 8, after "(f)" by inserting "(1). Such deferral shall begin on July 1, 2024, if the public utility has notified the commission of the public utility's election to make such deferral by such date or shall begin on the date that such election is made if such election is made after July 1, 2024"; also in line 8, after "(c)" by inserting ", subsection (f)(2) and the provisions of section 2, and amendments thereto"; in line 29, by striking "plants" and inserting "plant"; in line 38, after "(f)" by inserting "(1)"; in line 40, after the period by inserting:

"(2)";

Also on page 2, in line 42, after "section" by inserting "until December 31, 2030, except that, upon application by such public utility, the commission may authorize the public utility to continue to make the deferrals authorized by this section until December 31, 2036. Any such application shall be filed with the commission on or before December 31, 2028. The commission shall issue a determination on an application filed pursuant to this subsection within 240 days of the date that such application is filed. If requested by the public utility, an intervenor in the application

docket or commission staff, the commission shall hold a hearing on such application. When making a determination upon such application, the commission may consider factors that the commission deems just and reasonable and condition the commission's determination on any factors that are relevant to the deferrals authorized pursuant to this section. If the commission denies the public utility's application, such denial shall only act to prohibit the public utility from making such deferrals after December 31, 2030, and shall not otherwise affect or terminate any deferral that is authorized to be made pursuant to this section or any regulatory or ratemaking treatment of the regulatory assets arising from such deferrals.

(g) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to restrict or limit the authority of the commission to authorize a public utility to use deferral accounting treatment for any rate base addition, such as a new electric generating unit, that is not considered a qualifying electric plant pursuant to this section";

On page 3, in line 2, by striking all after "(2)"; by striking all in lines 3 through 37; in line 38, by striking all before the period and inserting "'Public utility" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 66-104, and amendments thereto.

(3) "Qualifying regulatory asset" means any regulatory asset balance arising pursuant to section 1, and amendments thereto, from the rate base cutoff date in the public utility's prior general rate proceeding to the rate base cutoff date in the current general rate proceeding in which the revenue requirement impact cap is applied.

(4) "Rate base cutoff date" means the date rate base additions are accounted for in a general rate proceeding. In the absence of a commission order that specifies the "rate base cutoff date," "rate base cutoff date" means the date as reflected in any jointly proposed procedural schedule submitted by the parties in the applicable general rate proceeding or the date that is otherwise agreed to by the parties.

(5) "Revenue requirement impact cap" means the product of:

(A)  $\frac{1}{12}$  of 1.5% multiplied by the number of months that have elapsed from the effective date of new base rates in an electric public utility's most recently completed general rate proceeding to the effective date of new base rates in the general rate proceeding in which the cap is applied; and

(B) the retail revenue requirement used to set base rates in the electric public utility's most recently completed general rate proceeding concluded prior to the general rate proceeding in which the cap is applied.

(b) The provisions of this section apply to any public utility that has elected to make the deferrals authorized pursuant to section 1, and amendments thereto, until the public utility's authority to make such deferrals expires pursuant to section 1, and amendments thereto.

(c) Any part of a public utility's retail revenue requirement used to set the public utility's base rates in any general rate proceeding of the public utility that is concluded on or after July 1, 2024, and that consists of a revenue requirement arising from inclusion in rate base of the qualifying regulatory asset balance shall not exceed the revenue requirement impact cap. If inclusion in rate base of the full balance of the qualifying regulatory asset balance would cause the public utility to exceed the revenue requirement impact cap, any part of the qualifying regulatory asset balance that exceeds the revenue requirement impact cap shall not be included in rate base and the qualifying regulatory asset balance shall be reduced accordingly as a penalty";

On page 4, in line 32, by striking "or"; in line 33, after "(2)" by inserting "a peak

demand that is reasonably projected to be at least 300 kilowatts within two years of the date the customer first receives service under the discounted rate and is not the result of shifting existing demand from other facilities of the customer in the electric public utility's certified service territory and:

(A) An annual load factor that is reasonably projected to be at least 55% within two years of the date the customer first receives service under the discounted rate; and

(B) the facility shall, once first achieved, maintain the peak demand and load factor for the remaining duration of the discounted rate; or

(3)";

On page 5, in line 4, after "(b)(1)" by inserting "or (b)(2)"; in line 6, by striking "(b)(2)" and inserting "(b)(3)"; in line 12, after "(2)" by inserting "For discounts to facilities that qualify pursuant to subsection (b)(2), the average of the annual discount percentages shall not exceed 40%, except that such discounts may be between 20% and 50% in any year of such five-year period.

(3)";

Also on page 5, also in line 12, by striking "(b)"; in line 13, by striking "(2)" and inserting "(b)(3)"; in line 20, by striking all after "after"; by striking all in lines 21 through 28; in line 29, by striking all before the period and inserting "July 1, 2024, the difference in revenues generated by applying the discounted rates authorized pursuant to this section and the revenues that would have been generated without such discounts shall not be imputed into the electric public utility's revenue requirement";

On page 6, in line 20, after "(h)" by inserting "An electric public utility shall be authorized to only implement discounted rates for facilities that qualify for such discounted rates pursuant to subsection (b)(3) until December 31, 2030, except that, upon application by such public utility, the commission may authorize the public utility to continue to implement such discounted rates for facilities that qualify for such discounted rates pursuant to subsection (b)(3) until December 31, 2036. Any such application shall be filed with the commission on or before December 31, 2028. The commission shall issue a determination on an application filed pursuant to this subsection within 240 days of the date that such application is filed. If requested by the public utility, an intervenor in the application docket or commission staff, the commission shall hold a hearing on such application. When considering and making a determination upon such application, the commission may consider factors that the commission deems just and reasonable and condition the commission's determination on any factors that are relevant to the discounted rates for facilities that qualify for such discounted rates pursuant to subsection (b)(3). If the commission denies the public utility's application, such denial shall only act to prohibit the public utility from implementing discounted rates for facilities that qualify for such discounted rates pursuant to subsection (b)(3) after December 31, 2030, and shall not otherwise affect or terminate any discounted rates implemented by the public utility pursuant to this section or any regulatory or ratemaking treatment of such discounted rates.

(i)";

On page 7, in line 26, by striking "180" and inserting "240";

On page 8, in line 32, after "(5)" by inserting "(A)"; in line 39, after "facility" by inserting ", which shall not exceed the definitive cost estimate found reasonable by the commission in a proceeding conducted pursuant to this section for the public utility's acquisition of the public utility's stake in such generating facility, unless otherwise

ordered by the commission in a subsequent proceeding."; in line 43, after "of" by inserting "inclusion of construction work in progress in";

On page 9, in line 3, by striking "30" and inserting "60"; in line 13, after "include" by inserting "a deferral for depreciation expense incurred and"; following line 20, by inserting:

"(B) If a public utility implements a rate adjustment mechanism pursuant to this paragraph and subsequently terminates the initiative to acquire a stake in the generating facility, the commission shall have the authority, after a hearing is held on the matter, to order the public utility to refund customers any amounts collected through such rate adjustment mechanism.

(C) A public utility shall be authorized to implement a rate adjustment mechanism pursuant to this paragraph until December 31, 2030, except that, upon application by such public utility, the commission may authorize the public utility to continue to implement a rate adjustment mechanism pursuant to this paragraph until December 31, 2036. Any such application shall be filed with the commission on or before December 31, 2028. The commission shall issue a determination on an application filed pursuant to this subsection within 240 days of the date that such application is filed. If requested by the public utility, an intervenor in the application docket or commission staff, the commission shall hold a hearing on such application. When considering and making a determination upon such application, the commission may consider factors that the commission deems just and reasonable and condition the commission's determination on any factors that are relevant to the rate adjustment mechanism authorized pursuant to this paragraph. If the commission denies the public utility's application, such denial shall only act to prohibit the public utility from implementing a rate adjustment mechanism after December 31, 2030, and shall not otherwise affect or terminate any rate adjustment mechanism implemented by the public utility pursuant to this section or any regulatory or ratemaking treatment of such rate adjustment mechanism."

Also on page 9, in line 26, by striking "180" and inserting "240"; in line 34, after "(d)" by inserting "(1) It is the intent of the legislature that when a public utility files a petition for a determination of ratemaking principles and treatment pursuant to subsection (b) or (c), consistent with the state corporation commission's customary practices, the commission shall:

(A) Issue a determination on such petition in an expeditious manner; and

(B) when circumstances allow, attempt to issue such determination in a period of time that is less than the 240-day deadline to issue such determination established pursuant to subsection (b) or (c).

(2) In furtherance of such legislative intent, a public utility that intends to file a petition for a determination of ratemaking principles and treatment pursuant to this section shall provide notice to the commission of such public utility's intent to file such petition not less than 30 days before filing a petition pursuant to this section. Upon receipt of such notice, the commission shall provide notice of the public utility's intent to file a petition pursuant to this section to each person or entity that was a party to or an intervenor in the public utility's most recently concluded base rate case.

(3) In any proceeding conducted pursuant to this section, any application for intervention in such proceeding shall be submitted not later than 10 days after the public utility's filing of a petition for a determination of ratemaking principles and treatment. The commission shall adopt a procedural schedule for the proceeding not later than 30

days after a public utility files a petition for a determination of ratemaking principles and treatment pursuant to this section.

(e)";

On page 10, in line 5, by striking "(d)" and inserting "(e)";

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

On page 1, in the title, in line 2, by striking all after "authorizing"; by striking all in lines 3 through 6; in line 7, by striking all before "economic" and inserting "public utilities to defer to a regulatory asset and recover depreciation expenses relating to certain rate base additions; establishing a cap on such cost recovery and limiting the time that such cost recovery may be implemented by a public utility; authorizing new"; in line 8, by striking all after the semicolon; by striking all in line 9; in line 10, by striking all before the semicolon and inserting "limiting the time that such economic development rates for large facilities may be implemented by a public utility; prohibiting any revenue lost through the implementation of economic development rates from being imputed into the electric public utility's revenue requirement"; in line 11, after the semicolon by inserting "limiting the time that such rate adjustment mechanism may be implemented by a public utility; extending the timeline for the commission to make a determination of ratemaking principles and treatment prior to a public utility constructing or acquiring a stake in an electric generation or transmission facility; establishing procedural requirements to support the timely completion of such proceedings;"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** recommends **HB 2807** be passed.

Committee on **K-12 Education Budget** recommends **HB 2521** be amended as recommended by the House Committee on K-12 Education Budget as reported in the Journal of the House on February 21, 2024, and the bill, as printed As Amended by House Committee, be further amended on page 1, in line 8, by striking "an initial" and inserting "a restricted"; in line 16, by striking "an initial" and inserting "a restricted"; in line 19, after "higher" by inserting "in any field of study"; in line 22, after "program" by inserting "and a passing score on a subject area examination approved by the state board of education or a praxis test"; in line 23, by striking "an initial" and inserting "a restricted"; in line 24, by striking "and"; in line 25, after "requirements" by inserting "; and

(5) comply with any other requirements established by the state board of education that are comparable to other licensing requirements established by the state board";

Also on page 1, in line 26, by striking "an initial" and inserting "a restricted";

On page 2, in line 7, by striking all after the stricken material; by striking all in lines 8 through 19; in line 20, by striking "(3)"; in line 21, by striking "an initial" and inserting "a restricted"; in line 24, after the period by inserting "As part of such school district-based teacher mentorship program, the school district board of education shall submit a progress report each year to the state board of education, on a form and in the manner required by the state board, to verify that the individual has made appropriate progress toward full licensure.

(2) If appropriate progress has been made toward full licensure at the end of the two-year mentorship, an individual who holds a restricted teaching license pursuant to this section shall be authorized to apply for and may obtain a full Kansas teaching

license. Such individual shall be treated in the same manner as an individual who completes a traditional teacher preparation program.

(3) If appropriate progress is not made toward full licensure, the state board may cancel the restricted license."; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Veterans and Military** recommends **SB 431** be passed.

Committee on **Water** recommends **SB 331** be passed.

## REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Your Committee on **Calendar and Printing** recommends on requests for resolutions and certificates that requests by:

**Request No. 28**, Representative Tom Kessler, honoring Mayor Russ Kessler, Promoting future leaders;

**Request No. 29**, Representative Cindy Neighbor, congratulating Dr. Michelle Hubbard for being named 2024 Kansas Superintendent of the year;

**Request No. 30**, Representative Kristey Williams, honoring Terence O'Malley for his exemplary work as an historian, artistic movie and documentarian, recognizing the immense achievement of the Parsons, Kansas Fashion Designer and Entrepreneur;

**Request No. 31**, Representative Dan Osman congratulating Sarah Smittle, Kansas Miss Amazing;

**Request No. 32**, Representative Dan Osman congratulating Kathryn Morrison, Kansas Miss Amazing;

**Request No. 33**, Representative Dan Osman congratulating Isabella Altier, Kansas Miss Amazing;

**Request No. 34**, Representative Dan Osman congratulating Paisley Locke, Kansas Miss Amazing;

**Request No. 35**, Representative Dan Osman congratulating Shirley Cook, Kansas Miss Amazing;

**Request No. 36**, Representative Dan Osman congratulating Yasmine Derritt, Kansas Miss Amazing;

**Request No. 37**, Representative Mari-Lynn Poskin congratulating Blue Valley North High School swim and dive team, back to back champions for 2023 and 2024;

**Request No. 38**, Representatives Timothy H. Johnson and Jeff Underhill honoring Tammy Potts mentoring;

**Request No. 39**, Representative Stephanie Sawyer Clayton, congratulating Emma Hemenway, Achieving Eagle Scout Award;

**Request No. 40**, Representative Shannon Francis, congratulating Lavon Holt on 99<sup>th</sup> birthday;

**Request No. 41**, Representative Sandy Pickert, commending Tonya Howard for her ability to connect with students;

**Request No. 42**, Representative Stephanie Sawyer-Clayton congratulating Isabella Hemenway, Achieving Eagle Scout Award;

**Request No. 43**, Representative Mike Amyx congratulating Jessica Brown for being named 2024 Kansas Master Teacher;

**Request No. 44**, Representative Jesse Borjon congratulating Lindsey Dowell for being named 2024 Kansas Master Teacher;

**Request No. 45**, Representative Laura Williams congratulating Sara Hoffman for being named 2024 Kansas Master Teacher;

**Request No. 46**, Representative Carl Maughan congratulating Jessican Buchanan for being named 2024 Kansas Master Teacher;

**Request No. 47**, Representative Shannon Francis congratulating Erica Threatt for being named 2024 Kansas Master Teacher;

**Request No. 48**, Representative Nate Butler congratulating Jennifer Fallin for being named 2024 Kansas Master Teacher;

**Request No. 49**, Representative Sean Tarwater congratulating Bre McGranahan for being named 2024 Kansas Master Teacher;

**Request No. 50**, Representative Timothy H. Johnson, commending Child Care Professionals Across Kansas for inspiring and supporting early childhood development;

**Request No. 51**, Representative Timothy H. Johnson, commending Parents As Teachers of Kansas for inspiring and supporting early childhood development;

**Request No. 52**, Representative Timothy H. Johnson, commending Head Start of Kansas for inspiring and supporting early childhood development;

**Request No. 53**, Representative Lisa M. Moser, congratulating Rock Hill High School Scholar's Bowl Team, 2024 State Scholar's Bowl Champions;

be approved and the Chief Clerk of the House be directed to order the printing of said certificates and order drafting of said resolutions.

On motion of Representative Croft the committee report was adopted.

Upon unanimous consent, the House referred back to the regular business, Introduction of Bills and Concurrent Resolutions.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

**HB 2821**, AN ACT concerning administrative rules and regulations; creating the regulatory relief division within the office of the attorney general; establishing the general regulatory sandbox program within the office thereof; authorizing the regulatory relief division to waive or suspend state statutes and rules and regulations for program participants; amending K.S.A. 75-4319 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

**HB 2822**, AN ACT concerning the open records act; extending limitations on fees charged for records by state agencies to include fees charged for records by political and taxing subdivisions; amending K.S.A. 45-219 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

**HB 2823**, AN ACT concerning the residential landlord tenant act; creating an expedited process for eviction of persons not authorized to occupy the dwelling unit; amending K.S.A. 58-2545 and 58-2557 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

Speaker pro tem Carpenter announced the appointment of Rep. B. Carpenter to replace Rep. Schmoie on Committee on K-12 Education Budget March 11, 2024.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Howerton to replace Rep. Schmoie on Committee on Financial Institutions and Pensions on March 11, 2024.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Estes to replace Rep. Schreiber on Committee on Judiciary, March 7, 2024.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Ousley to replace Rep. Poskin on Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development, March 7, 2024.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Meyer to replace Rep. Poskin on Committee on K-12 Education Budget, March 7, 2024.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Haskins to replace Rep. Carmichael on Committee on Judiciary, March 7, 2024.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Carr to replace Rep. Ousley on Committee on Appropriations, March 7, 2024.

Also, the appointment of Rep. V. Miller to replace Rep. Alcalá on Committee on Taxation, March 11-15, 2024.

#### **REPORT ON ENGROSSED BILLS**

**Sub Bill for HB 2676** reported correctly engrossed March 6, 2024.

On motion of Rep. Croft the House adjourned pro forma until 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 8, 2024.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

