

# Journal of the House

FORTY-FIFTH DAY

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HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
TOPEKA, KS, Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment with Speaker Hawkins in the chair.

The roll was called with 120 members present.

Reps. Alcala, Awerkamp, Donohoe, Humphries and Maughan were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by Chaplain Holmes:

Dear Father. We read in Your word, "Record the vision and inscribe it on tablets, that the one who reads it may run. For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it hastens toward the goal, and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it, for it will certainly come, it will not delay."

O God, grant to these legislatures such a vision for The State of Kansas. A vision which speaks to the poor with benevolence, to the downtrodden with empathy, to the discontented with understanding, to the questioning, with answers forged through moral character, to the doubtful with integrity of decision making, and to the critics, with resolve and determination. This vision is indeed for an appointed time. I pray that time is now!

I pray for the sick in our midst. Allow healing to come quickly to their bodies. I pray for those who are struggling with personal relationship issues. Might Your wisdom prevail at all times, as they seek positive resolution.

Allow the work set before us in the coming hours to be approached with cautious wisdom and thoughtful consideration. Might Your peace be very real as the future of our State is debated.

I pray for each representative separated from their families because of their obligation to the people of Kansas. Thank you for calling them to this task of shepharding our State. Encourage them in their work, O God, that they not become discouraged or disillusioned. Now Father, I pray Your manifold blessings on each one in this chamber.

In Jesus Name I pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Haswood.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

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

Today, we have the honor to celebrate an extraordinary group of young athletes who exemplify what it means to be 'One Team' in every sense of the phrase. I am proud to introduce the Blue Valley West Varsity Baseball team, the back-to-back Kansas 6A State Champions for the years 2022 and 2023.

Under the guidance of Coach Joe Allison and his staff, these remarkable young men have not only achieved excellence on the field, with an impressive combined record of 43 wins and just 7 losses over two seasons but have also excelled academically, boasting a cumulative GPA of 3.85. Their achievements speak volumes about their commitment, both to their sport and their studies.

The Jaguars' team motto, 'I Got Your Back,' or I.G.Y.B., perfectly aligns with the principle of 'One Team' that I hold close. It signifies the essence of teamwork, trust, and mutual support that has propelled them to their success. Each player has embodied this spirit, demonstrating unwavering trust in their teammates and an unwavering commitment to the 'Jaguar Baseball' way of play. This ethos has not only led them to victory but has fostered friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.

Today, I also want to recognize the achievements of those young men who have taken their talents to the next level, committing to continue their athletic endeavors in college. Joining me today is Eli Lovich, who has signed with Arkansas; Easton O'Keefe, committed to Missouri Western State University; Nick Sawyer, heading to Quincy; Brayden Hindes, joining Missouri State West Plains; Jaden Rose, set to play for Butler Community College; and Sage Huffman, who will be playing football at Emporia State. Each of these athletes has shown remarkable dedication and talent, and we are excited to see where their collegiate careers will take them.

I want to express our collective pride and admiration for the Blue Valley West Baseball team. Coach Allison, his assistant coaches, and these outstanding young men have positively represented the Blue Valley West community and their families. They have shown us the power of hard work, unity, and the profound impact of living by the principles instilled in them by their coaches, families, and the Blue Valley community.

Congratulations, Jaguars, on your back-to-back state championships. Your achievements are a testament to your dedication, talent, and the unbreakable bond of trust and support amongst you. You have not only made your school proud but the entire state of Kansas. Thank you for exemplifying the true spirit of teamwork and excellence.

One Team, and Go Jags!

Rep. Croft presented the team and coaches with a framed House certificate in honor of their accomplishments.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

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

Unfortunately, Representative Humphries is unable to join us today as she is tending to a family matter, and I want to extend our support to her and her family during this time.

Good morning, esteemed members of the Kansas House of Representatives, distinguished guests, and the brave men of the Andover Fire-Rescue. Today, I come before you not only to recognize extraordinary acts of courage and dedication but also to celebrate the spirit of selflessness that represents our state's fire service.

At the core of our state's commitment to valor and service lies the Tom McGaughey Fire Service Award. This prestigious honor, resulting from the collaborative efforts of the Kansas State Association of Fire Chiefs, the Kansas State Firefighters Association, and the Office of the State Fire Marshal, is designed to recognize individuals whose actions go above and beyond the call of duty. Named in memory of Wichita Fire Chief Tom McGaughey, who, along with three other firefighters, made the ultimate sacrifice in 1968, this award stands as a symbol of the highest levels of bravery and commitment in Kansas's fire service.

On May 1, 2023, a call of distress was answered with exceptional bravery by the Andover Fire-Rescue team. Dispatched to a critical situation involving a house fire where multiple individuals with special needs were trapped, the team's response was nothing short of heroic. Facing intense heat and smoke, they embarked on a mission to rescue those in distress.

As they arrived on the scene, they were met with a house engulfed in flames and informed by neighbors that one person was bedridden on the first floor and another with limited mobility spent most of their time in the basement. The Engine 16 crew quickly initiated a search with a hand line, encountering heavy dark smoke and fire threatening to consume the living space from multiple directions.

Firefighter Kevin Taylor managed the line, ensuring a safe path for ingress and egress to the interior of the home. Meanwhile, Lieutenant John Gabriel located the basement stairs and descended to find an individual unable to escape. Lieutenant Gabriel moved the individual up the stairs where he was assisted by Firefighter Caleb Fistler in getting the gentleman out into the care of other responders on scene and was later transported to a burn center for treatment.

Without hesitation, Lieutenant Gabriel and Firefighter Fistler returned to their search and firefighting efforts. The ladder 15 crew had passed the engine crew and were crawling on their stomachs because of the intense heat trying to make it down the hallway to the back bedroom. Captain Cheslic realized they were not going to be able to make it down the hallway due to the incredible amount of heat and made the decision to pull his crew out the front door. They quickly adapted by entering through a bedroom window, where they found another victim, they removed her from the home and began CPR and advanced care by Butler County EMS. She was transported to Kansas Medical Center and unfortunately later passed away.

This act of valor, under conditions of minimal staffing and extreme danger, led to a phenomenal rescue that was later recognized by Kansas State Fire Marshal Mark Engholm. He commended the team for their willingness to risk their lives to save others, a testament to the exceptional courage and dedication that the Tom McGaughey Fire Service Award celebrates.

Today, we honor the recipients of this award, please raise your hands as I call your name so that you may be recognized: Captain Chad Cheslic, Lieutenant John Gabriel my father-in-law, Firefighter Kevin Taylor, Firefighter Jason Emley, Firefighter Caleb Fistler, Firefighter Skyler Aikens and Firechief Chad Russell. Their bravery and quick

thinking under pressure not only saved lives but also exemplified the finest traditions of the fire service.

Let us applaud these heroes for their outstanding service to the community of Andover and the state of Kansas. Their actions remind us of the courage, dedication, and spirit of selflessness that define the best of humanity. Thank you, gentlemen, for your incredible bravery and for setting an example for us all.

Rep. Carpenter presented his guests with a framed House certificate in honor of their service and dedication.

### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

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

First, let me invite any legislators that have an Mid Kansas Co-Op location in their district to join me at the podium.

On November 29, 2023, MKC proudly accepted the esteemed Retailer of the Year Award from the Agricultural Retailers Association (ARA) during a ceremony attended by over 600 industry professionals at the 2023 ARA Conference & Expo.

Each year, the ARA Retailer of the Year Award honors an agricultural retailer for going above and beyond in environmental stewardship, community leadership, customer engagement and employee relations.

“By recognizing the full potential of its people, investing in their leadership development, and empowering them to exceed their customers’ expectations, MKC embodies what this award seeks to celebrate,” says ARA President & CEO Daren Coppock. “ARA and the agriculture industry as a whole has benefited greatly from MKC’s leadership and involvement on the ARA Board of Directors, Public Policy Committee, and legislative fly-in events with lawmakers in Washington, DC.”

“We’re very proud to be named ARA’s Ag Retailer of the Year,” says MKC President & CEO Brad Stedman. “We want to share this distinction with our member-owners and employees; they’re the ones who made this possible. Especially our employees, they create the customer experience. This award is a recognition of MKC’s commitment to being an organization that moves the mark in our geography and will continue to serve the needs of farmers in the future.”

This award reflects MKC’s ongoing commitment to excellence and innovation in the agricultural sector. The company looks forward to continuing its tradition of service and contributing to the success of farmers and the broader agricultural community throughout Kansas.

Please join me in celebrating MKC as the 2023 Retailer of the Year.

Rep. Owens presented his guests with a framed House certificate in honor of their accomplishments.

### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

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

I’m joined up here at the podium by members of the Kansas Miss Amazing.

Miss Amazing provides opportunities for girls and women with disabilities across

Kansas to build self-esteem. The options available to girls with disabilities should reflect their boundless potential.

But because of widely-held myths about their capabilities, girls with disabilities are often held back from taking risks that could enrich their personal development. They are deprived of opportunities to make friends and granted less access to resources. As a result, girls with disabilities are more likely to experience low self-esteem than girls without disabilities. Women with disabilities are less likely to be employed. They're more likely to live in poverty and the sexual assault rate for disabled women is 12 times higher than those without disabilities.

Miss Amazing Inc. was established in 2007 to help combat that. In 2018, Kansas created its own state organization to work on local issues that girls and women with disabilities face in our state.

Kansas Miss Amazing's mission is to provide unique leadership, self-esteem and self-advocacy opportunities to assist in the building of those skills.

These skills are important to girls and women with disabilities because currently the need for female leaders with disabilities is great. How else can the changes needed be created without the voice of those who have been there and know?

The options for girls and women with disabilities should reflect their limitless potential.

And so I'm joined on the dais by some, frankly, amazing women and girls. They are: Michelle Roberts, State Director, Kansas Miss Amazing and Miss Amazing Representatives: Yasmine Derritt, Kathryn Morrison, Paisley Locke, Shirley Cook, Sara Smittle and Isabella Altier.

Thank you all for coming to the Capitol today and good luck representing Kansas in the national conference in July.

## **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

**HB 2836**, AN ACT concerning income taxation; relating to the salt parity act; clarifying the determination of taxable income of an electing pass-through entity; providing for the passing through of tax credits to electing pass-through entity owners; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 79-32,284 and 79-32,287 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Taxation.

**HB 2837**, AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to income tax; modifying tax rates for individuals; increasing the Kansas personal exemption; increasing the income limit to qualify for a subtraction modification for social security income; relating to privilege tax; decreasing the normal tax rate; relating to property tax; increasing the extent of exemption for residential property from the statewide school levy; relating to sales and compensating use tax; reducing the state rate of tax on sales of food and food ingredients; modifying the percent credited to the state highway fund from revenue collected; amending K.S.A. 79-1107 and 79-1108 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 79-201x, 79-32,110, 79-32,117, 79-32,121, 79-3603, 79-3603d, 79-3620, 79-3703 and 79-3710 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Taxation.

**HB 2838**, AN ACT concerning alcoholic beverages; relating to eligibility for licensure under the Kansas liquor control act and the club and drinking establishment act; authorizing the director to issue licenses to convicted felons when such conviction occurred more than 10 years prior to application for a license and a determination of

sufficient rehabilitation is made; amending K.S.A. 41-2623 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 41-311 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

**HB 2839**, AN ACT concerning education; relating to literacy; establishing the Kansas blueprint for literacy; creating a literacy advisory committee; directing the state board of regents to appoint a director of literacy education and develop a comprehensive assessment system for school districts; requiring the state board of regents and the state board of education to collaborate on a literacy micro-credential and professional development; authorizing the state board of regents to recommend diagnostic and formative literacy assessments; authorizing university presidents and deans of education oversight over postsecondary literacy courses; requiring a plan to establish centers of excellence in reading, by Committee on Appropriations.

### REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Commerce, Labor and Economic Development: **HB 2826**, **HB 2827**.

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2835**.

Insurance: **HB 2825**, **HB 2834**.

Taxation: **HB 2828**, **HB 2832**.

Veterans and Military: **HB 2829**, **HB 2830**, **HB 2831**, **HB 2833**.

### CHANGE OF REFERENCE

Speaker Hawkins announced the withdrawal of **SB 172** from Committee on Financial Institutions and Pensions and referral to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development.

Also, the withdrawal of **SB 271** from Committee on Transportation and referral to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

No objection was made to **HB 2662** appearing on the Consent Calendar for the first day.

No objection was made to **SB 336** appearing on the Consent Calendar for the second day.

### FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

**HB 2527**, AN ACT concerning public utilities; relating to the state corporation commission; authorizing 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 economic development electric rates for large facilities; 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; authorizing a rate adjustment mechanism for the construction of new gas-fired electric generating facilities; 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; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 66-101j and 66-1239 and repealing the existing sections, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 111; Nays 8; Present but not voting: 1; Absent or not voting: 5.

Yeas: Amyx, Anderson, Ballard, 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, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Haswood, Hawkins, Helgerson, Highberger, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Hougland, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, T. Johnson, Kessler, Landwehr, Lewis, Martinez, Mason, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Miller, D., Miller, S., Minnix, Moser, Murphy, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Owens, Penn, Pickert, Poskin, Probst, Proctor, Rahjes, Resman, Rhiley, Robinson, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schreiber, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Smith, E., Stogsdill, Sutton, Tarwater, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Turner, Underhill, Vaughn, Waggoner, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Williams, K., Williams, L., Winn, Woodard, Xu, Younger.

Nays: Barth, Garber, Hill, Houser, Jacobs, Poetter, Schmoie, Turk.

Present but not voting: Miller, V..

Absent or not voting: Alcalá, Awerkamp, Donohoe, Humphries, Maughan.

The bill passed, as amended.

#### EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE

MR. SPEAKER: I vote no on **HB 2527** for many reasons: This bill gives Evergy the authority to give discounts to businesses and pass 90% of the depreciation expense back to Kansan's.

- KCC opponent testimony estimates \$58.6M per year for the EKC/Westar footprint. These same rate payers just endured a \$74M 2023 rate increase.
- Last year Evergy shareholders made 66% totalling \$534M.
- Number of facilities Evergy wants to build
- New transmission lines and the cost
- Eminent Domain

In a regulated monopoly the rate payers depend on us as legislators to protect their interest as they have no free market choice. – CARRIE BARTH

MR. SPEAKER: I vote no on **HB 2527**. My constituents deserve better than legislation that yet again picks winners and losers, just as the APEX bill was sold as economic development, this is being sold the same way.

After reading the bill, listening to an explanation of the bill, and rereading the bill - it's clear what we are being sold as "economic development" is in reality legislation crafted to benefit a publicly-traded, government-sanctioned monopoly - not everyday Kansans. Our constituents deserve better than us giving yet another deal-out in the name of "economic development" - especially when we can't even agree on a tax plan. – SAMANTHA POETTER PARSHALL, TREVOR JACOBS

**Sub Bill for SB 233**, AN ACT concerning children and minors; relating to healthcare of minors; enacting the forbidding abusive child transitions act; prohibiting healthcare providers from treating a child whose gender identity is inconsistent with the child's sex; authorizing a civil cause of action against healthcare providers for providing such treatments; restricting use of state funds to promote gender transitioning; prohibiting professional liability insurance from covering damages for healthcare providers that provide gender transition treatment to children; requiring professional discipline against a healthcare provider who performs such treatments; adding violation of the act to the definition of unprofessional conduct for physicians; amending K.S.A. 65-2837 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 80; Nays 40; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 5.

Yeas: Anderson, 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, Jacobs, T. Johnson, Kessler, Landwehr, Lewis, Mason, McNorton, Minnix, Moser, 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, Underhill, Waggoner, Wasinger, Waymaster, White, Williams, K., Williams, L..

Nays: Amyx, Ballard, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Curtis, Featherston, Haskins, Haswood, Helgerson, Highberger, Hougland, 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, Schreiber, Stogsdill, Vaughn, Weigel, Winn, Woodard, Xu, Younger.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Alcalá, Awerkamp, Donohoe, Humphries, Maughan.

The substitute bill passed, as amended.

#### EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE

MR. SPEAKER: I vote no on **Senate Bill 233** because I stand with the healthcare providers in the state of Kansas. To the LGBTQ + community under the age of 18 and your parents: I care about you, I see you, I hear you and I stand with you. – MELISSA OROPEZA, CHRISTINA HASWOOD, ALLISON HOUGLAND, JO ELLA HOYE, CINDY NEIGHBOR, JARROD OUSLEY, HEATHER MEYER, LYNN MELTON, TOBIAS SCHLINGENSIEPEN, FORD CARR, JOHN CARMICHAEL

MR. SPEAKER: The voices of parents who have spoken; sent emails; text messages and testimony about the harm this bill will inflict on them still linger in my mind. I'm elevating their fears and concerns by speaking for them here in this chamber.

"Lupron saved my son's life and now is on the table as a criminal act..."

"Our decision was ours and it was private."

"As a parent, you will do anything for your child..."

Voting Yes will deny access to medical services and totally ostracize these families. I vote No on **Sub SB 233**– SUSAN RUIZ

MR. SPEAKER: I vote no on **H Substitute for SB 233**. I find it ironic that on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Day at the Capital, my colleagues across the aisle are determined to pass legislation that would attack vulnerable kids.

Penalizing doctors for providing legal, federally approved gender affirming care will cause an exodus of health care workers while we already struggle with health care staffing issues.

I urge everyone to vote NO on **SB 233**, and focus on Legislation that seeks to expand, build and strengthen our state instead of BAN, RESTRICT, and PENALIZE our constituents based on debunked pseudo-science.

– SILAS MILLER, LINDA FEATHERSTON

MR. SPEAKER: I stand in support of House **Sub for Sen 233**. My primary concern when considering these issues has been the welfare and well-being of children and adolescents. These vulnerable kids are in a critical phase of emotional and psychological development. The irreversible nature of surgical interventions, hormone therapy and puberty blockers are an unacceptable burden for Kansas kids to bear.

Instead of these irreversible interventions, we should prioritize treating the underlying mental health conditions for which almost all gender dysphoric kids suffer. Combined with the key investments we've made in mental health, strikes the right balance in protecting and supporting some of the most vulnerable kids in our state. – BRENDA LANDWEHR, SUSAN ESTES

MR. SPEAKER: I vote Yes on **H Sub SB 233**. It is a good bill, a needed bill, and represents a Kansas common sense approach. The opponents of this bill are disingenuous. One year ago they could not even define what a woman is! The voices that failed on that simple test have absolutely no standing to lecture us on SB 233. I vote for biological reality, for the inherent goodness of our created bodies male and female, and will fight those who with public money harm or disfigure the youth of Kansas. The gender confusion of children is one thing, the policy confusion of adults is another. Genuine compassion votes Yes on SB 233. – PAUL WAGGONER, SCOTT HILL

MR. SPEAKER: I vote yes on **H Substitute for SB 233**. A young lady held up a sign that read: 1. We want to be seen; 2. We want to be heard; 3. We want to belong. You do belong, but let's not make that decision or surgery until you are 18. – CHUCK SMITH

MR. SPEAKER: I have sat with and listened to my constituents on both sides of this bill. I see them, I hear them, and I can appreciate their perspectives. I respectfully vote yes on **House Sub for SB 233**, which protects children and bans medical practices that result in often-permanent damage to minors.

Recently, WPATH whistleblowers leaked extensive internal documents revealing the disturbing truth that many influential WPATH members admit children both lack the ability to discern the gravity of the life-altering medical decisions and cannot comprehend "the extent to which some of these medical interventions are impacting them." I vote yes. Kansas kids shouldn't worry if medical treatments lead to irreversible harm. – PATRICK PENN

MR. SPEAKER: My no vote on **House Sub SB 233** reflects my concerns about bodily autonomy, parent rights, doctor/patient relationships and respect for personal decisions made between children, parents and medical providers. – NIKKI McDONALD

MR. SPEAKER: I look forward to the day that state-sanctioned discrimination is a thing of the past. Just because you do not understand a portion of the community does not mean you belong in their healthcare provider's office. I vote NO on **Sub SB 233**

BRANDON WOODARD

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

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Rep. E. Smith, Committee of the Whole report, as follows, was adopted:

Recommended that:

**HB 2491** be passed.

Committee report to **HB 2521** be adopted; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee report to **SB 340** be adopted; and the bill be passed as amended.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Commerce, Labor and Economic Development** recommends **HB 2544**, be amended as recommended by the House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development as reported in the Journal of the House on January 31, 2024, and the bill, as printed with amendments by House Committee, be further amended on page 1, in line 22, by striking "2035" and inserting "2030"; in line 33, by striking "\$15,000" and inserting "\$1,000";

On page 2, in line 9, by striking "2035" and inserting "2030"; in line 26, by striking "\$5,000" and inserting "\$1,000"; following line 26, by inserting:

"Sec. 4. The Kansas army and air national guard shall send to all members by February 1 of every year a notice as described in this section for any members that were members of the Kansas army or air national guard for the prior tax year. Such notice shall be sent by electronic mail to the member and shall state that the recipient, as a member of the Kansas army or air national guard, may be eligible for the income tax credit provided by section 3, and amendments thereto, as a result of the individual's service in the Kansas army or air national guard.";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 2, after "credit" by inserting "for tax years 2025 through 2029"; in line 4, after "thereof" by inserting "; requiring notices to be sent to inform such members of possible eligibility for the tax credit"; and the bill be passed as further amended.

Committee on **Education** recommends **HB 2731** be amended on page 2, following line 42, by inserting:

"(C) The provisions of this paragraph shall expire on July 1, 2029.";

And the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Local Government** recommends **SB 162, SB 384** As Amended by Senate Committee, be passed.

Committee on **Taxation** recommends **HB 2610** be passed.

Committee on **Transportation** recommends **SB 399** 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 **Transportation** recommends **SB 359**, As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole, be amended on page 2, in line 3, by striking all before "license"; in line 7, by striking "(b)";

On page 7, in line 5, by striking "a charity approved by"; in line 6, after "royals" by inserting "foundation";

On page 8, following line 24, by inserting:

"Sec. 6. (a) On and after January 1, 2025, any owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles or trucks registered for a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less who is a resident of Kansas, upon compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued one Topeka zoo license plate for each such passenger vehicle or truck. Such license plate shall be issued for the same time as other license plates upon proper registration and payment of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and either the payment to the county treasurer of the logo use royalty payment or the presentation of the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in subsection (b).

(b) The friends of the Topeka zoo, inc., may authorize the use of the organization's logo to be affixed on license plates as provided by this section. Any motor vehicle owner or lessee may apply annually to the friends of the Topeka zoo, inc., for use of such logo. Such owner or lessee shall pay an amount of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 to the friends of the Topeka zoo, inc., as a logo use royalty payment for each such license plate to be issued. The logo use royalty payment shall be paid to either:

(1) The friends of the Topeka zoo, inc., which shall issue to the motor vehicle owner or lessee, without further charge, a logo use authorization statement that shall be presented by the motor vehicle owner or lessee at the time of registration; or

(2) the county treasurer.

(c) Any applicant for a license plate authorized by this section may make application for such license plate not less than 60 days prior to such person's renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and furnished by the director of vehicles, and any applicant for such license plate shall either provide the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in subsection (b) or pay to the county treasurer the logo use royalty payment. Application for registration of a passenger vehicle or truck and issuance of the license plate under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

(d) No registration or license plate issued under this section shall be transferable to any other person.

(e) The director of vehicles may transfer a Topeka zoo license plate from a leased vehicle to a purchased vehicle.

(f) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and in the manner prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments thereto. No renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant provides to the county treasurer either the annual logo use authorization statement provided for in subsection (b) or the payment of the annual royalty payment. If such statement is not presented at the time of registration or sent by the friends of the Topeka zoo, inc., or the annual royalty payment

is not made to the county treasurer, the applicant shall be required to comply with the provisions of K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the license plate to the county treasurer of such person's residence.

(g) The friends of the Topeka zoo, inc., shall provide to all county treasurers an electronic mail address where applicants can contact the friends of the Topeka zoo, inc., for information concerning the application process or the status of such applicant's license plate application.

(h) The friends of the Topeka zoo, inc., with the approval of the director of vehicles, shall design a plate to be issued under the provisions of this section.

(i) As a condition of receiving the Topeka zoo license plate and any subsequent registration renewal of such license plate, the applicant shall consent to the division authorizing the division's release of motor vehicle record information, including the applicant's name, address, royalty payment amount, plate number and vehicle type, to the friends of the Topeka zoo, inc., and the state treasurer.

(j) The collection and remittance of annual royalty payments by the county treasurer shall be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,141(h), and amendments thereto.";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 4, by striking "and" and inserting a comma; in line 5, after "plate" by inserting "and the Topeka zoo license plate"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Transportation** recommends **SB 410**, As Amended by Senate Committee, be amended on page 1, following line 23, by inserting:

"New Sec. 3. The portion of United States highway 281 from the southern city limits of Russell, then north to its junction with K-18 highway in Russell county is hereby designated as the first responders memorial highway. Upon compliance with K.S.A. 68-10,114, and amendments thereto, the secretary of transportation shall place suitable signs along the highway right-of-way at proper intervals to indicate that the highway is the first responders memorial highway.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 68-1011 is hereby amended to read as follows: 68-1011. The portion of United States highway ~~no~~ 281 traversing this state where it crosses the Nebraska-Kansas boundary line on the north to the junction of United States highway 281 and K-18 highway, then from the southern city limits of Russell to the point where it leaves the state on the south at the Kansas-Oklahoma boundary line, be and it is hereby designated as "the American Legion memorial highway" in the state of Kansas.";

Also on page 1, in line 34, after "K.S.A." by inserting "68-1011 and"; also in line 34, by striking "is" and inserting "are";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

Also on page 1, in the title, in line 4, after the semicolon by inserting "designating a portion of United States highway 281 as the first responders memorial highway;"; in line 5, after "States" by inserting "highway"; also in line 5, after the semicolon by inserting "redesignating a current portion of the American Legion memorial highway for United States highway 281;"; in line 6, after "K.S.A." by inserting "68-1011 and"; also in line 6, by striking "section" and inserting "sections"; and the bill be passed as amended.

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 bill was introduced and read by title:

**HB 2840**, AN ACT concerning public moneys; relating to the deposit and investment thereof; authorizing governmental units to utilize a public moneys pooled method of securities to secure the deposit of public moneys in excess of the amount insured or guaranteed by the federal deposit insurance corporation; requiring the state treasurer to establish procedures therefor; banks, savings and loan associations and savings banks to make certain reports upon the request of a governmental unit; amending K.S.A. 9-1402 and 12-1675 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Taxation.

### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES**

Speaker Hawkins announced the appointment of Rep. Moser to replace Rep. Wasinger on Committee on Higher Education Budget March 13, 2024.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Carr to replace Rep. Alcalá on Committee on Appropriations March 14, 2024.

### **REPORT ON ENGROSSED BILLS**

**HB 2527** reported correctly engrossed March 13, 2024.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 14, 2024.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

