

# Journal of the House

FORTY-SIXTH DAY

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HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
TOPEKA, KS, Thursday, March 14, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

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

The roll was called with 122 members present.

Reps. Alcalá, Maughan and Rahjes were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Excused later: Rep. Ousley.

## OATH OF OFFICE

I JENNIFER COOK, Assistant Secretary of State, hereby certify that Angela Stiens was appointed by the Governor, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Owen Donohoe State Representative for the 39<sup>th</sup> Legislative District.

Representative-elect Stiens came forward, took and subscribed, or affirmed her oath of office, administered by Assistant Secretary of State, JENNIFER COOK as follows:

STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF SHAWNEE, SS:

I do solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of

KANSAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
39<sup>th</sup> Legislative District  
so help me God.

ANGELA STIENS

Subscribed and Sworn to, or Affirmed, before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

JENNIFER COOK  
Assistant Secretary of State

Rep. Bergquist delivered the prayer by singing “ The Lord's Prayer. ”

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Corbet.

## INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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

I am proud to present to you the 2024 Class of Kansas Master Teachers.

Emporia State established the Kansas Master Teacher awards 70 years ago in 1954. The awards are presented annually to teachers who have served the profession long and well, who also typify the outstanding qualities of earnest and conscientious teachers.

At the beginning of each calendar year, the selection of seven award recipients is made by the award selection committee. The committee is comprised of the president or designated representative from prominent educational organizations such as:

- Kansas-National Education Association
- Kappa Delta Pi-International Honor Society in Education
- Kansas State Board of Education
- Kansas Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
- Kansas Association of School Boards
- Kansas Congress of Parents and Teachers
- United School Administrators
- Two Master Teachers from the previous year

Talented. Phenomenal. One in a million. These are the words used by the people who work and learn from the seven teachers chosen as the 2024 Kansas Master Teachers. This year's Master Teachers are:

- Bre McGranahan, intensive resource teacher at Stanley Elementary, USD 229 Blue Valley
- Erica Threatt, K-5 instructional coach at Meadowlark Elementary, USD 480, Liberal
- Jennifer Fallin, instructional coach at Washington Elementary, USD 475, Geary County
- Jessica Brown, first-grade AVID teacher at Sunflower Elementary School, USD 497, Lawrence
- Jessica Buchanan, engineering teacher at Maize Middle School, USD 266, Maize
- Lindsey Dowell, 7th-8th-grade gifted facilitator at Washburn Rural Middle School, USD 437, Topeka
- Sara Hoffman, second-grade teacher at Canyon Creek Elementary School, USD 233, Olathe

Through the support of the Bank of America Charitable Foundation, each Master Teacher will be presented with a check for \$1,000. Please join me in congratulating the 2024 Class of Kansas Master Teachers.

Rep. Schreiber was joined by fellow Representatives who had a Master Teacher in their district. Each teacher was presented framed House certificates in recognition of their achievements.

**INTRODUCTION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The following concurrent resolution was introduced and read by title:

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. HCR 5026—**

By Representatives Rahjes, Amyx, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bryce, Clifford, Collins, Corbet, Delperdang, Droge, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Hoffman, Hoheisel, T. Johnson, Maughan, Miller, D., Minnix, Roth, Sanders, Schlingensiepen, Schmoie, Schreiber, Seiwert, Smith, E., Tarwater, Titus, Wasinger and White

**HCR 5026** – A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION supporting the federal AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act and urging for the inclusion of AM radio in vehicles.

WHEREAS, The state of Kansas recognizes the longstanding tradition and importance of AM radio in providing essential information, entertainment and emergency alerts to citizens nationwide; and

WHEREAS, The federal AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act, introduced as Senate Bill 1669 during the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress, underscores the significance of AM radio in ensuring that everyone has access to diverse content, including, but not limited to, news, weather, agricultural updates, emergency preparedness and the promotion of public safety; and

WHEREAS, Kansas residents, especially those in rural communities where access to alternative media sources may be limited, depend on AM radio for these types of essential information; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas agriculture industry plays a crucial role in the state's economy, and AM radio serves as its primary source for agricultural news, market reports and weather updates, thus a major contributor to the growth, stability and resilience of this vital economic sector; and

WHEREAS, The inclusion of AM radio in vehicles is indispensable for the continued provision of vital information to rural residents and the agriculture industry and for the cultural and historical preservation of the medium that has been a reliable companion to drivers for decades: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein:* That we support the federal AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act and recognize the importance of maintaining access to AM radio in vehicles nationwide; and

*Be it further resolved:* That we emphasize the critical role of AM radio in serving the informational needs of rural communities, supporting the agriculture industry and enhancing emergency preparedness; and

*Be it further resolved:* That we urge the federal government to ensure continued accessibility to AM radio in vehicles through the passage of the AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act and policies that maintain its crucial role; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, Vice President, Speaker of the House of Representatives and Senate President and each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation.

**REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Education: **HB 2839**.

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2838**.

Taxation: **HB 2836, HB 2837, HB 2840**.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

On emergency motion of Rep. Croft, **HR 6043**, by Reps. Hawkins, Croft and Miller, as follows, was introduced and adopted:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. **HR 6043** –

A RESOLUTION providing for changes in seat assignments in the House of Representatives during the 2024 legislative session.

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That the members of the 2024 regular session of the legislature shall occupy the same seats assigned pursuant to 2024 House Resolution No. 6029 with the following exception: Stiens, seat 121.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

On emergency motion of Rep. Tarwater, **HR 6044**, by Reps. Tarwater, Williams, Rhiley, Amyx, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blew, Blex, Buehler, Carlin, Carpenter, Carr, Clifford, Collins, Concannon, Corbet, Curtis, Dodson, Ellis, Eplee, Essex, Estes, Francis, Garber, Gardner, Goddard, Helgerson, Hill, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howerton, Hoye, Kessler, McDonald, Miller, Minnix, Murphy, Neelly, Neighbor, Penn, Pickert, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Resman, Robinson, Roth, Sanders, Sawyer Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Smith, Smith, Stogsdill, Sutton, Thomas, Thompson, Waggoner, Wasinger, Waymaster, White and Williams, as follows, was introduced and adopted:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. **HR 6044** –

A RESOLUTION commemorating the celebration of St. Patrick's Day and recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and Ireland.

A RESOLUTION commemorating the celebration of St. Patrick's Day and recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and Ireland.

WHEREAS, On March 17<sup>th</sup>, during the annual celebration of the Feast of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, Irish Americans join with people of all other ethnic origins in celebrating Saint Patrick and demonstrating a mutual love for Ireland; and

WHEREAS, A century ago, Ireland formally opened diplomatic relations with the United States when Timothy Smiddy presented his credentials to President Calvin Coolidge; and

WHEREAS, Irish people have made an enormous contribution to public debate and politics in the United States, from small local communities to the White House; and

WHEREAS, More than 20 United States presidents have claimed some Irish ancestry; and

WHEREAS, The influence of Irish Americans extends beyond the Oval Office and the United States Capitol to every state of this nation, most evident by the significant number of state legislators within the American Irish State Legislators Caucus; and

WHEREAS, We celebrate the establishment of the American Irish State Legislators Caucus, which has leadership in all 50 states, and we applaud its aim of fostering and strengthening the longstanding relationship between the United States and Ireland for the mutual benefit of both countries; and

WHEREAS, Irish immigrants helped build the United States we know today, from the skyscrapers of Manhattan, New York, to the transcontinental railroad, to our modern political system; and

WHEREAS, Today, nearly one out of ten Americans identify as being of Irish descent: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we commemorate the celebration of the Feast of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland; and

*Be it further resolved:* That we recognize and celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Ireland; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to the Chair of the American Irish State Legislature Caucus and Deputy Chair of the Senate of Ireland, Senator Mark Daly and Representatives B. Carpenter, Rhiley, Tarwater and K. Williams.

### PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

There being no objection, the following remarks of Reps. Rhiley, B. Carpenter, K. Williams and Tarwater are spread upon the Journal:

Rep. Rhiley began: Today we stand before you to speak on a matter close to the hearts of millions across our nation and the world—St. Patrick’s Day. This year, our celebration transcends the wearing of green and the parades that paint our streets in vibrant hues. We come together to honor not just a day, but a century of deep-rooted friendship and diplomatic relations between the United States and Ireland.

On March 17th, as we revel in the annual Feast of Saint Patrick, we pay homage to the patron saint of Ireland. Yet, this day signifies more than just a cultural festivity; it symbolizes the enduring bond between Irish Americans and people of all origins who share a mutual admiration and love for Ireland.

Rep. B. Carpenter continued: A century ago, our nations took a significant step forward when Timothy Smiddy presented his credentials to President Calvin Coolidge, formally establishing diplomatic relations between Ireland and the United States. This pivotal moment laid the foundation for a relationship based on mutual respect, cooperation, and shared values.

The contributions of the Irish to America are immeasurable. From the skyscrapers of Manhattan to the expansive routes of the transcontinental railroad, Irish immigrants have played a critical role in shaping the United States. Their influence extends beyond physical structures to the very fabric of our society, including our political system where more than 20 U.S. Presidents have claimed Irish ancestry.

Rep. K. Williams continued: As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of these diplomatic ties, we also recognize the profound impact of Irish Americans. Nearly one

out of ten Americans today identifies as being of Irish descent, a testament to the deep roots and influence of the Irish in our great nation.

Therefore, we call upon the body to commemorate the Feast of Saint Patrick and celebrate a century of friendship between the United States and Ireland. Let us recognize the indelible contributions of Irish Americans and pledge to foster and strengthen the bond between our countries for the mutual benefit of all.

Rep. Tarwater concluded: Body, as you may remember, I stood before you last year and told you about my family and a little bit of history. I told you of my grandfather, Tom Shine's, journey to America and how he saved for years to bring the love of his life over. I shared about his membership in the Ancient Order of Hibernians and his 1981 induction to the Order of St. Patrick.

Today, I would like to share a little bit about the Gaelic Mass that happens each year in Kansas City.

Each year we honor the Irish that have passed away since the Mass the previous year.

We honor our family members and loved ones who have gone before us as we celebrate their homecoming with moments of their lives at the start of the Mass. Our traditions tell us where we have been. Our families inform us of where we are.

And, as we gather for this Eucharist in faith, we discern our hope for eternal life in Christ. Faith, Family and traditions summarize who we are as a people as we move forward in Faith, Hope and Charity.

This year, I was honored to walk down the aisle with a picture of my mother, who passed away in September, and place her picture on the alter for Mass, as they called out "Mary Margaret Tarwater".

If you recall Senator Mark Daley, the 24th chair of the Senate of Ireland was here earlier this year.

Speaker pro tem organized bagpipes to welcome him to the Kansas House of Representatives. The Senator was impressed. In fact, we were the most welcoming state of the multi-state tour that he took.

In Gratitude, on the Senator's behalf, I would like to present this Flag to Speaker pro tem Blake Carpenter.

This Irish Flag was flown from 33 The Mall, in Waterford, from where Thomas F. Meagher flew a tricolor flag for the very first time on the 7th of March 1848.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the American Irish State Legislators Caucus, with leadership in all 50 states, for its unwavering commitment to maintaining and enhancing the ties that bind our nations together. May the enduring spirit of Ireland continue to inspire and enrich our lives.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

No objection was made to **SB 399** appearing on the Consent Calendar for the first day.

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

No objection was made to **SB 336** appearing on the Consent Calendar for the third day. The bill was advanced to Final Action on Bills and Concurrent Resolutions.

**FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

**SB 336**, AN ACT concerning health and environment; relating to underground storage tanks; removing the requirement for underground storage tank operating permits to be obtained annually; amending K.S.A. 65-34,135 and repealing the existing section; also repealing K.S.A. 65-34,130, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 121; Nays 1; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.

Yeas: Amyx, Anderson, Averkamp, Ballard, Barth, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blew, Blex, Bloom, Borjon, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Carlin, Carmichael, 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, Houglan, Houser, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Humphries, Jacobs, T. Johnson, Kessler, Landwehr, Lewis, Martinez, Mason, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Miller, D., Miller, S., Miller, V., Minnix, Moser, Murphy, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Owens, Penn, Pickert, Poetter, Poskin, Probst, Proctor, Resman, Rhiley, Robinson, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoie, Schreiber, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Stiens, Stogsdill, Sutton, Tarwater, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Turk, Turner, Underhill, Vaughn, Waggoner, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Williams, K., Williams, L., Winn, Woodard, Xu, Younger.

Nays: Carr.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Alcalá, Maughan, Rahjes.

The bill passed.

**HB 2491**, AN ACT concerning the law enforcement training center; abolishing the law enforcement training center fund; transferring all moneys and liabilities of such fund to the state general fund; crediting moneys to the state general fund that had previously been credited to the law enforcement training center fund; amending K.S.A. 8-145, 8-1,177, 12-4117, 20-362 and 74-5619 and repealing the existing sections, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 122; Nays 0; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.

Yeas: Amyx, Anderson, Averkamp, 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, Houglan, Houser, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Humphries, Jacobs, T. Johnson, Kessler, Landwehr, Lewis, Martinez, Mason, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Miller, D., Miller, S., Miller, V., Minnix, Moser, Murphy, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Owens, Penn, Pickert, Poetter, Poskin, Probst, Proctor, Resman, Rhiley, Robinson, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoie, Schreiber, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Smith, E., Stiens, Stogsdill, Sutton, Tarwater, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Turk, Turner, Underhill, Vaughn, Waggoner, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Williams, K.,

Williams, L., Winn, Woodard, Xu, Younger.

Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Alcalá, Maughan, Rahjes.

The bill passed.

**HB 2521**, AN ACT concerning education; relating to the state board of education; authorizing teaching licenses for individuals who complete an alternative teacher certification program, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 79; Nays 43; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.

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

Nays: Amyx, Ballard, Borjon, Butler, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Curtis, Eplee, Featherston, Haskins, Haswood, 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, Schreiber, Stogsdill, Vaughn, Weigel, Williams, L., Winn, Woodard, Xu, Younger.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Alcalá, Maughan, Rahjes.

The bill passed, as amended.

#### EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE

MR. SPEAKER: I vote NO on **HB 2521**. This legislation takes rights and responsibilities away from our State Board of Education, it denigrates the excellence of our current classroom teachers and most importantly, hurts our young people, especially at the elementary level, by allowing less than qualified individuals to bring less than adequate instruction to the front of their classrooms.

It would be nice if we would actually address the underlying causes of why we have 1,800 teaching vacancies instead of passing legislation which lowers our education standards in an effort to ignore or gloss over those actual causes. — JERRY STOGSDILL, KIRK HASKINS, LOUIS RUIZ, VALDENIA WINN, ALLISON HOUGLAND, SILAS MILLER, LINDA FEATHERSTON

MR. SPEAKER: I vote NO on **HB 2521**. One of the core functions of the KS State Board of Education is teacher accreditation. This bill undermines that authority. Our State Board is elected by Kansas Voters, so they do not need another elected body to do their job. This bill panders to one entity and is an “end run” around the State Board. Furthermore, this bill is an affront to all Kansas teachers, who have worked so hard to get their teaching degree to educate our Kansas children. While we have significant teacher manpower issues, this bill is not the answer. — JOHN EPLEE, JESSE BORJON, MARK SCHREIBER, DAVID YOUNGER, LAURA WILLIAMS

MR. SPEAKER: I vote NO on **HB 2521**. Kansas Board of Education's authority should not be usurped by the Legislature. – NIKKI McDONALD

**SB 340**, AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to insurance laws and enforcement thereof; removing automobile club from the definition of person; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 40-2,125 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 115; Nays 7; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.

Yeas: Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barth, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blew, Blex, Bloom, Borjon, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Carlin, Carmichael, 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, Hoyer, Humphries, Jacobs, T. Johnson, Kessler, Landwehr, Lewis, Mason, McDonald, McNorton, Meyer, Miller, D., Miller, S., Miller, V., Minnix, Moser, Murphy, Neely, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Osman, Owens, Penn, Pickert, Poetter, Poskin, Probst, Proctor, Resman, Rhiley, Robinson, Roth, Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoie, Schreiber, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Smith, E., Stiens, Stogsdill, Sutton, Tarwater, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Turk, Turner, Underhill, Vaughn, Waggoner, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Williams, K., Williams, L., Winn, Woodard, Xu, Younger.

Nays: Carr, Hougland, Martinez, Melton, Oropeza, Ousley, Ruiz, L..

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Alcala, Maughan, Rahjes.

The bill passed, as amended.

## MOTIONS TO CONCUR AND NONCONCUR

On motion of Rep. Hoheisel to concur in Senate amendments to **S Sub for HB 2247**, Rep. Xu offered a substitute motion to nonconcur, and that a conference committee be appointed. The motion of Rep. Xu did not prevail.

The question reverted back to the motion of Rep. Hoheisel, and the House concurred in Senate amendments to **S Sub HB 2247**, AN ACT concerning financial institutions; relating to the Kansas mortgage business act; uniform consumer credit code; pertaining to certain definitions, terms and conditions contained therein; modifying consumer loan finance charges and repayment terms; record requirements; credit card surcharge; definition of earnings and days; increasing the threshold for certain consumer loans and leases; origination fees for non-real estate transactions; clarifying license requirements to make supervised loans; exempting supervised loan license form filing notifications; transferring mortgage provisions contained in the uniform consumer credit code to the Kansas mortgage business act; clarifying entities exempt for licensing; amending K.S.A. 9-2201, 9-2202, 9-2203, 9-2208, 9-2209, 9-2212, 9-2216, 9-2216a, 9-2220, 16-207, 16-207d, 16a-1-101, 16a-1-102, 16a-1-103, 16a-1-104, 16a-1-107, 16a-1-108, 16a-1-109, 16a-1-201, 16a-1-202, 16a-1-301, 16a-2-103, 16a-2-104, 16a-2-201, 16a-2-202, 16a-2-301, 16a-2-302, 16a-2-303, 16a-2-304, 16a-2-308, 16a-2-309, 16a-2-310, 16a-2-

401, 16a-2-402, 16a-2-403, 16a-2-404, 16a-2-501, 16a-2-502, 16a-2-504, 16a-2-505, 16a-2-506, 16a-2-507, 16a-2-508, 16a-2-510, 16a-3-201, 16a-3-202, 16a-3-203, 16a-3-204, 16a-3-205, 16a-3-206, 16a-3-208, 16a-3-209, 16a-3-301, 16a-3-302, 16a-3-303, 16a-3-304, 16a-3-305, 16a-3-306, 16a-3-307, 16a-3-308, 16a-3-309, 16a-3-402, 16a-3-403, 16a-3-404, 16a-3-405, 16a-4-102, 16a-4-104, 16a-4-105, 16a-4-106, 16a-4-107, 16a-4-108, 16a-4-109, 16a-4-110, 16a-4-111, 16a-4-112, 16a-4-201, 16a-4-202, 16a-4-203, 16a-4-301, 16a-4-304, 16a-5-103, 16a-5-107, 16a-5-108, 16a-5-111, 16a-5-201, 16a-5-203, 16a-5-301, 16a-6-104, 16a-6-105, 16a-6-106, 16a-6-108, 16a-6-109, 16a-6-110, 16a-6-111, 16a-6-112, 16a-6-113, 16a-6-115, 16a-6-201, 16a-6-202, 16a-6-203, 16a-6-401, 16a-6-403 and 40-1209 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 16a-1-303, 16a-2-101, 16a-2- 102, 16a-2-303a, 16a-2-307, 16a-3-101, 16a-3-102, 16a-3-203a, 16a-3- 207, 16a-3-308a, 16a-4-101, 16a-4-103, 16a-5-101, 16a-5-102, 16a-5- 110, 16a-5-112, 16a-6-101, 16a-6-102, 16a-6-117, 16a-6-402, 16a-6- 404, 16a-6-405, 16a-6-406, 16a-6-407, 16a-6-408, 16a-6-409, 16a-6- 410, 16a-6-414, 16a-9-101 and 16a-9-102.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 111; Nays 11; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.

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, Francis, Garber, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Haswood, Hawkins, Helgerson, Highberger, Hill, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Houglan, Houser, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Humphries, T. Johnson, Kessler, Landwehr, Lewis, Mason, McDonald, McNorton, Meyer, Miller, D., Miller, S., Miller, V., Minnix, Moser, Murphy, Neelly, Neighbor, Osman, Ousley, Owens, Penn, Pickert, Poskin, Probst, Proctor, Resman, Rhiley, Robinson, Roth, Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoie, Schreiber, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Smith, E., Stiens, Stogsdill, Sutton, Tarwater, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Turk, Turner, Underhill, Vaughn, Waggoner, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Williams, K., Williams, L., Woodard, Xu, Younger.

Nays: Carmichael, Carr, Featherston, Jacobs, Martinez, Melton, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Poetter, Ruiz, L., Winn.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Alcalá, Maughan, Rahjes.

## MOTIONS TO CONCUR AND NONCONCUR

On motion of Rep. Hoheisel, the House nonconcurred in Senate amendments to **HB 2105** and asked for a conference.

Speaker pro tem Carpenter thereupon appointed Reps. Hoheisel, Clifford and Xu as conferees on the part of the House.

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

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Recommended that:

**HB 2551, HB 2705, SB 431** be passed.

Committee report to **HB 2781** be adopted.

Also, on motion of Rep. Humphries, **HB 2781** be amended, As Further Amended by House Committee, on page 1, in line 14, by striking "Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,"

Also on motion of Rep. V. Miller to amend **HB 2781**, the motion did not prevail, and the bill be passed as amended.

#### INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS

On emergency motion of Rep. Croft pursuant to House Rule 2311, **HB 2551, HB 2705, HB 2781** and **SB 431** were advanced to Final Action on Bills and Concurrent Resolutions.

#### FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

**HB 2781**, AN ACT concerning the crime victims compensation board; relating to claims for compensation; allowing compensation for criminally injurious conduct; increasing the amount of awards and increasing the amount that can be transferred from the crime victims compensation fund to the crime victims assistance fund in each fiscal year; amending K.S.A. 75-752 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-7305 and repealing the existing sections, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 121; Nays 0; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 4.

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, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Miller, D., Miller, S., Miller, V., Minnix, Moser, Murphy, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Owens, Penn, Pickert, Poetter, Poskin, Probst, Proctor, Resman, Rhiley, Robinson, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Smith, E., Stiens, Stogsdill, Sutton, Tarwater, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Turk, Turner, Underhill, Vaughn, Waggoner, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Williams, K., Williams, L., Winn, Woodard, Xu, Younger.

Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Alcalá, Maughan, Ousley, Rahjes.

The bill passed, as amended.

**SB 431**, AN ACT concerning the state capitol; directing the capitol preservation committee to approve plans for a memorial honoring the life of Emil Joseph Kapaun, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 121; Nays 0; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 4.

Yeas: Amyx, Anderson, Averkamp, 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, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Miller, D., Miller, S., Miller, V., Minnix, Moser, Murphy, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Owens, Penn, Pickert, Poetter, Poskin, Probst, Proctor, Resman, Rhiley, Robinson, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Smith, E., Stiens, Stogsdill, Sutton, Tarwater, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Turk, Turner, Underhill, Vaughn, Waggoner, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Williams, K., Williams, L., Winn, Woodard, Xu, Younger.

Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Alcalá, Maughan, Ousley, Rahjes.

The bill passed.

#### EXPLANATION OF VOTE

MR. SPEAKER: I vote yes on **SB 431**. Whether you are Catholic, Christian, practice a different faith or are not religious, we should all be able to agree on the great attributes of Fr. Kapaun. A man who volunteered to serve and minister in the most difficult and dangerous of circumstances. During his time as chaplain, and especially while being a POW, his fellow soldiers admired his kindness, humility, cheerfulness, piety, and hard work. Let us never forget his memory and may we all strive towards being selfless and humble as he was. Fr. Kapaun, pray for us. — BRIAN BERGKAMP

**HB 2705**, AN ACT concerning the disposition of state real property; authorizing the state board of regents on behalf of Kansas state university to sell certain real property in the city of Manhattan, Riley county, Kansas, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 120; Nays 1; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 4.

Yeas: Amyx, Anderson, Averkamp, Ballard, Barth, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blew, Blex, Bloom, Borjon, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Carlin, Carmichael, 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, Hougland, Houser, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Humphries, Jacobs, T. Johnson, Kessler, Landwehr, Lewis, Martinez, Mason, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Miller, D., Miller, S., Miller, V., Minnix, Moser, Murphy, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Owens, Penn, Pickert, Poetter, Poskin, Probst, Proctor, Resman, Rhiley, Robinson, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sawyer, Clayton,

Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Smith, E., Stiens, Stogsdill, Sutton, Tarwater, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Turk, Turner, Underhill, Vaughn, Waggoner, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Williams, K., Williams, L., Winn, Woodard, Xu, Younger.

Nays: Carr.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Alcalá, Maughan, Ousley, Rahjes.

The bill passed.

**HB 2551**, AN ACT concerning certain claims against the state; making appropriations; authorizing certain transfers; imposing certain restrictions and limitations; directing or authorizing certain disbursements, procedures and acts incidental to the foregoing, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 121; Nays 0; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 4.

Yeas: Amyx, Anderson, Averkamp, 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, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Miller, D., Miller, S., Miller, V., Minnix, Moser, Murphy, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Owens, Penn, Pickert, Poetter, Poskin, Probst, Proctor, Resman, Rhiley, Robinson, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Smith, E., Stiens, Stogsdill, Sutton, Tarwater, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Turk, Turner, Underhill, Vaughn, Waggoner, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Williams, K., Williams, L., Winn, Woodard, Xu, Younger.

Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Alcalá, Maughan, Ousley, Rahjes.

The bill passed.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Commerce, Labor and Economic Development** recommends **SB 172** be amended by substituting with a new bill to be designated as "House Substitute for SENATE BILL NO. 172," as follows:

"House Substitute for SENATE BILL NO. 172

By Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

"AN ACT concerning real property; relating to certain lands and military installations; creating the Kansas land military installation protection act; prohibiting foreign principals from countries of concern from holding any interest in certain real property in this state; authorizing the fusion center oversight board to adopt rules and regulations to add or remove federally designated foreign terrorist organizations from the definition of country of concern; prohibiting foreign principals from countries of concern from receiving any economic development program benefits; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 60-4104 and 60-4106 and repealing the existing sections.";

And the substitute bill be passed.

(**H Sub Bill for SB 172** was thereupon introduced and read by title.)

Committee on **Commerce, Labor and Economic Development** recommends **SB 271** be amended by substituting with a new bill to be designated as "House Substitute for SENATE BILL NO. 271," as follows:

"House Substitute for SENATE BILL NO. 271

By Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

"AN ACT concerning infrastructure; relating to drone technology; prohibiting the acquisition of critical components of drone technology from countries of concern; establishing the Kansas drone rehabilitation fund to be administered by the attorney general; authorizing a transfer of moneys from the state general fund to the Kansas drone rehabilitation fund for fiscal year 2025 in an amount of \$2,500,000; prohibiting governmental agencies from selling or discarding critical components; requiring governmental agencies to send critical components to Wichita state university or Kansas state university for research and refurbishing; allowing governmental agencies to receive reimbursements from the Kansas drone rehabilitation fund for the cost of replacing applicable drones.";

And the substitute bill be passed.

(**H Sub Bill for SB 271** was thereupon introduced and read by title.)

Committee on **Corrections and Juvenile Justice** recommends **SB 414**, As Amended by Senate Committee, be amended on page 3, in line 32, by striking all after "be"; in line 33, by striking "presumption" and inserting "an inference"; also in line 33, by striking "any" and inserting "such an inference is supported by the facts and such"; in line 35, by striking all after the first "of"; in line 37, by striking "material containing any quantity of"; in line 43, by striking "material containing"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Corrections and Juvenile Justice** recommends **SB 419** be amended on page 2, in line 20, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Corrections and Juvenile Justice** recommends **SB 491**, 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 **Financial Institutions and Pensions** recommends **SB 37** be amended by substituting with a new bill to be designated as "House Substitute for SENATE BILL NO. 37," as follows:

"House Substitute for SENATE BILL NO. 37

By Committee on Financial Institutions and Pensions

"AN ACT concerning state moneys; relating to state-managed funds and state contracts; enacting the countries of concern divestment and procurement protection act; requiring divestment from investments with countries of concern and providing exceptions therefor; prohibiting investments and deposits with any bank or company domiciled in a country of concern; state agencies from procuring final or finished goods or services from a foreign principal; indemnifying state-managed funds with respect to actions taken in compliance with such act; providing an expiration date for such act.";

And the substitute bill be passed.

(**H Sub Bill for SB 37** was thereupon introduced and read by title.)

Committee on **Higher Education Budget** recommends **SB 481**, 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 **K-12 Education Budget** recommends **SB 387** be amended by substituting with a new bill to be designated as "House Substitute for SENATE BILL NO. 387," as follows:

"House Substitute for SENATE BILL NO. 387

By Committee on K-12 Education Budget

"AN ACT concerning education; making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, and June 30, 2026, for the state department of education; establishing the education funding task force and requiring such task force to review and make recommendations regarding the state's school finance system prior to the expiration of the Kansas school equity and enhancement act; abolishing the special education and related services funding task force; revising the special education state aid statewide excess costs calculation to count additional funding; requiring the state board of education to determine excess costs for each school district; requiring the state board of education to establish a special education state aid equalization distribution method and to distribute certain amounts of special education state aid pursuant to such method; requiring each school district to transfer the amount attributable to the special education and related services weighting from the supplemental general fund to the school district's special education fund; requiring each school district to submit annually to the state board of education an at-risk student accountability plan and to measure and show academic improvement in certain student cohort groups; holding school districts accountable to meeting the student cohort group improvement goals; revising requirements relating to school district at-risk education fund expenditure; prohibiting the state board of education from substantially revising curriculum standards in English language arts and mathematics until 75% of all students achieve a certain academic proficiency level; requiring school districts to give enrollment priority to students who reside in Kansas over students who do not reside in the state except under certain circumstances; authorizing certain nonresident students to continue enrollment in a school district of nonresidence; authorizing a school district to deem nonresident students as not in good standing prior to enrollment and an appeal process for students who are denied enrollment pursuant to such action; requiring school district student transfer policy revisions to be published on the school district's website; exempting virtual schools from open enrollment requirements; limiting the legislative option to purchase school district buildings and authorizing the legislative coordinating council to deny the legislative option when the legislature is not in session; prohibiting school districts from refusing to convey a building or property solely because the buyer or lessee may use or intends to use the building or property for nonpublic school purposes; establishing requirements for the determination of virtual school state aid for certain students who are funded on a per credit hour basis; requiring virtual school state aid be determined using full-time equivalent enrollment; authorizing students enrolled in a virtual school to participate in activities regulated by the Kansas state high school activities association; amending K.S.A. 72-3422 and 72-5143 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-1439, 72-3123, 72-3124, 72-3126, 72-3127, 72-3216, 72-3715, 72-5153, 72-5170, 72-5193 and 72-7121 and repealing the existing sections; also

repealing K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-3442.";

And the substitute bill be passed.

**(H Sub Bill for SB 387** was thereupon introduced and read by title.)

Committee on **Veterans and Military** recommends **HB 2829, HB 2830, HB 2831, HB 2833** be passed.

### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES**

Representative Angela Stiens will fill the vacancies on the House Committee on Financial Institutions and Pensions, the House Committee on Education, and the House Committee on Social Services Budget. These appointments are effective immediately and are permanent.

### **REPORT ON ENGROSSED BILLS**

**HB 2521** reported correctly engrossed March 13, 2024.

On motion of Rep. Croft the House adjourned pro forma until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 15, 2024.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

