Journal of the House

FORTY-NINTH DAY

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Topeka, KS, Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

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

The roll was called with 122 members present.
Rep. Delperdang was excused on verified illness.
Reps. Awerkamp and Sawyer were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.
Present later: Reps. Awerkamp and Delperdang.
Excused later: Reps. Brownlee Paige, Poetter Parshall and Winn.

Prayer by guest chaplain, Senior Pastor Tobias Schlingensiepen, First Congregational Church, Topeka, and guest of Rep Woodard.

O God,

We know, or could know - if we only checked - what you expect from those of us who are responsible for the well-being of your people.

You have told us forcefully and clearly through the mouth of your prophets, as well as through your son Jesus Christ, what you demand of us: that we are to care for one another, especially prioritizing the plight of the poor and the vulnerable.

As you declared through the mouth of your prophet Micah, you reject the pious platitudes we send up to you while we fail to do your will, "on earth, as it is in heaven."

And I ask you, O Lord, how have we done this session?

You know, O Lord. You know.

We know, too.

And whether or not that troubles us is the measure of whether or not we truly care about your will for us.

And so I ask, Do not give us a pass but open our eyes, so that we may see and walk down the way everlasting, where you await, already embracing those we casually disregard or completely forget.

Lord, have mercy. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Corbet.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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

We love our state championships in Kansas. But today I have the distinct privilege of introducing to you national champions. These ladies are the cheerleading team from Andover Central High School, and they won first place in the non-tumbling division of the National Cheerleading Association's National championships in Fort Worth in January.

If you were a cheerleader in high school or college, please join us in front.

I'd like to introduce the team to you. The coaches and seniors here at the well:

- Desirae Moreno, coach
- Maddie Stutts, coach
- Jasmine Rader
- Gracie Maritinez
- Claire Cunningham
- Nicole Crawford
- Lakyn Findley

As well as some of the team in the gallery.

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As everyone here at the well knows, cheerleading now is a sport and has changed since decades ago. Now, cheerleaders must have several attributes. First, a positive attitude, always upbeat; Next strong teamwork---they must work together constantly; Third, a high work ethic, dedication in practice and focused; Also coachability; and of course, excellent physical fitness and stamina. These women are athletes.

Please join me in honoring National Champions, The Andover Central High School Cheerleading Team!

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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

Greetings colleagues, Today is a special day (for sure) here on the House floor as I have the distinct honor of rising before the body to recognize the Topeka Hayden Wildcat Girls' basketball team for winning the 2026 KSHAA Class 4A State Championship, defeating Bishop Miege 57-52 on March 14, 2026.

The Wildcats beat Andale in the opening round and No. 1 seeded Wellington in the semi-finals before beating Bishop Miege.

This marked Hayden's first girls' basketball state championship in 22 years – last winning in 2004.

Here is the line-up – joining me on the floor:

- Senior Ella Foster
- Senior Lauren Borjon (yes, that's my daughter)
- Senior Kadence Watts
- Senior Reese Huscher
- Emberly Connell
- Alana Mitchell

- Haley Schmidtlein. Haley was the leading scorer with 24 points and 11 rebounds.
- Blakely Walter
- Sophia Wichman
- And Head Coach: Carvel Reynoldson

Joining us in the gallery:

- Sawyer Wrench, Emma Slyter, Ava Scheer
- Manager: Caitlin Bridges
  and Assistant Coaches:
- Cathy Brown, Paul Niland and Rosie Anguiano
  Overall, an incredible season and performance.

Congratulations to the coaches and team on this outstanding accomplishment. Topeka, as well as Kansas, could not be prouder. We wish you all much success and a bright future ahead.

Colleagues, please join me in recognizing this outstanding group of lady athletes. Thank you!

Rep. Borjon presented the team with a framed House certificate in honor of their championship.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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

Colleagues today, I am excited to introduce to you, the South Central Timberwolves High School seniors boys, the 2025 8-Man Division 1 State Football Champions.

South Central finished the 2025 season 12-0, winning the first State Championship in school history. The Timberwolves outscored their opponents 632-174, with a total of 4,328 yards compared to 1,698 yards gained by their opponents under the leadership of Coach Brett Westrup.

Today with me are:

- Jack Herd
- Jayden Boatman
- Tyler Pauly
- Michael Jordahl
- Boston Woodrum

Unfortunately, Coach Westrup was unable to be here today, but he said that this year's seniors were a big part in “Setting the Standard” for the future of the South Central program by taking their team to the first ever Sub-State appearance in 2023. Then repeating that standard by making a Sub-State appearance in 2024 and 2025.

They were Sub State football Runners-Up in 2023, before posting a 12-1 record in 2024 as the State Runners-Up.

Jack Herd and Tyler Pauly were both selected to represent South Central at the Kansas 8-Man All-star game in June.

Jack Herd was named the Kansas 8-Man Division 1 defensive player of the year. Jack was also the first football player since consolidating to be selected to play in the Kansas Shrine Bowl on behalf of South Central.

Although this is the first state championship for the South Central Timberwolves, the combined school of Coldwater, Protection, and Wilmore, is not a stranger to state championships.

The Protection Panthers won the 1A football championship in 1978 going 12-1, before going 13-0 in 1983 to win the 8-Man DII football championship.

Coldwater Eagles went 12-0 to win the 8-Man DI football championship in 1985, in 1994 they went 14-0 to win the 8-Man DI football championship, then 13-0 to win the title again in 1995.

I thought for a little while I was going to also be able to introduce them as the State Basketball Champions too, but they fell short that game in the last few minutes.

That withstanding, the Timberwolves Boys are back-to-back state basketball runners-up in 2025 and again this year in 2026, ending this season with a 22-5 record, while the Lady Timberwolves are the 2026 Sub-State runners up with a record of 13-8. These last two years are the best two seasons the school has ever had even before the consolidation.

There were no seniors on the girl's team, but the boy's team was led by two time First Team All-State Player Jack Herd, who happened to be the only senior on the team.

It has truly been a great year for South Central. So help me congratulate these young men for a great couple of seasons and for their 2025 State Football Championship.

Rep. Hoffman presented the team with a framed House certificate in honor of their accomplishments.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Financial Institutions and Pensions: **SB 524**.
Taxation: **SB 521**.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House recessed until 10:50 a.m.

LATE MORNING SESSION

The House met pursuant to recess with Speaker pro tempore Carpenter in the chair.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House acceded to the request of the Senate for a conference on **SB 82**.

Speaker pro tempore Carpenter thereupon appointed Reps. A. Smith, Turner and Sawyer as conferees on the part of the House.

MOTIONS TO CONCUR AND NONCONCUR

On motion of Rep. Kessler, the House concurred in Senate amendments to **HB 2573**, AN ACT concerning the Kansas board of accountancy; relating to licensure requirements for certified public accountants; amending K.S.A. 1-202, 1-301, 1-302a,

1-302b, 1-307, 1-310, 1-321 and 1-322 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Yeas: Alcala, Amyx, Anderson, Ballard, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Boatman, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Paige, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Carr, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Minnix, Moser, Mosley, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sappington, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Simmons, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Stogsdill, Storm, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Vaughn, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Wikle, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wilson, Winn, Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Awerkamp, Delperdang, Sawyer.

On motion of Rep. Tarwater, the House concurred in Senate amendments to **HB 2719**, AN ACT concerning administrative rules and regulations; relating to the rules and regulations filing act; providing exceptions for technical amendments; creating a process for certain rules and regulations to receive priority status in the adoption process; removing references to the revival of rules and regulations; clarifying that the department of the budget is not required to approve proposed rules and regulations that are otherwise mandated by federal law; adding references to department of corrections rules and regulations that are not subject to the act; requiring an agency to submit a proposed rule and regulation to the joint committee on administrative rules and regulations prior to presentation of a bill to the legislature for ratification and resubmit a rule and regulation to the committee if ratified; amending K.S.A. 75-3504, 77-419 and 77-437 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 77-415, 77-416, 77-420, 77-421 and 77-441 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 77-418.

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

Yeas: Alcala, Amyx, Anderson, Ballard, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Boatman, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Paige, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Carr, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Minnix, Moser, Mosley, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sappington, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Simmons, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Stogsdill, Storm, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Vaughn, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Wikle,

Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wilson, Winn, Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Awerkamp, Delperdang, Sawyer.

On motion of Rep. Rahjes, the House concurred in Senate amendments to **Sub Bill for HB 2595**, AN ACT concerning attorneys at law; relating to the practice of law in rural Kansas; enacting the attorney training program for rural Kansas act; providing stipends to law students who meet certain requirements and agree to practice law in rural areas; providing loan forgiveness to lawyers who meet certain requirements and practice law in rural areas; establishing the attorney training program for rural Kansas fund.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 119; Nays 3; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.

Yeas: Alcala, Amyx, Anderson, Ballard, Barrett, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Boatman, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Paige, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Carr, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Featherston, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Minnix, Moser, Mosley, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Pickert, Pishny, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sappington, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Simmons, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Stogsdill, Storm, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Vaughn, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Wikle, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wilson, Winn, Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Bergkamp, Fairchild, Poetter.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Awerkamp, Delperdang, Sawyer.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER and MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2331** submits the following report:

The House accedes to all Senate amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill as printed with Senate Committee of the Whole (CORRECTED) amendments, as follows:

On page 5, in line 10, by striking the comma; in line 13, by striking "all of which may be live online"; also in line 13, after the period by inserting "At least three such hours shall be completed either in person or through a live online format that allows the presenter to verify licensee attendance and provides licensees with an opportunity to ask questions concerning the content of the program. All other required hours may be completed through any online format.";

On page 6, in line 21, by striking the comma; in line 24, by striking "all of which may be live"; in line 25, by striking "online"; also in line 25, after the period by inserting "At least three such hours shall be completed either in person or through a live online format that allows the presenter to verify licensee attendance and provides

licensees with an opportunity to ask questions concerning the content of the program. All other required hours may be completed through any online format.";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

MIKE THOMPSON
TORY MARIE BLEW
OLETHA FAUST-GOUDEAU
Conferees on part of Senate

TOM KESSLER
REBECCA SCHMOE
HEATHER MEYER
Conferees on part of House

On motion of Rep. Kessler, the conference committee report on **HB 2331** was adopted.

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

Yeas: Alcala, Amyx, Anderson, Ballard, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Boatman, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Paige, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Carr, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Minnix, Moser, Mosley, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sappington, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Simmons, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Stogsdill, Storm, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Vaughn, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Wikle, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wilson, Winn, Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Awerkamp, Delperdang, Sawyer.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on House amendments to **SB 403** submits the following report:

The Senate accedes to all House amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill as printed with House Committee amendments, as follows:

On page 1, in line 6, before "Section 1." by inserting "New";

On page 2, in line 25, before "Sec. 2." by inserting "New";

On page 3, following line 34, by inserting:

"Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-133 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-133. (a) The license plate assigned to the vehicle shall be attached to the rear of the vehicle and shall be displayed during the current registration year or years. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), a Kansas registered vehicle shall not have a license plate attached to the

front of the vehicle.

(b) The following classes of vehicles shall attach a license plate in the location or locations specifically stated:

(1) The license plate issued for a truck tractor shall be attached to the front of the truck tractor;

(2) a model year license plate issued for an antique vehicle, in accordance with K.S.A. 8-172, and amendments thereto, may be attached to the front of the antique vehicle;

(3) a personalized license plate issued to a passenger vehicle or truck pursuant to K.S.A. 8-132(c), and amendments thereto, may be attached to the front of the passenger vehicle or truck;

(4) the license plate issued for a motor vehicle used as a concrete mixer truck may be attached to either the front or rear of the vehicle; and

(5) the license plate issued for a motor vehicle used as a dump truck with a gross weight of 26,000 pounds or more shall be attached to the front of the vehicle. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to such vehicle if such vehicle is registered as a farm truck.

(c) ~~Every license plate shall at all times be securely fastened to the vehicle to which it is assigned, to prevent the plate from swinging, and at a height not less than 12 inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of such plate. The license plate shall be fastened in a place and position to be clearly visible, and shall be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible.~~

~~(d)~~ During any period in which the construction of license plates has been suspended pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments thereto, the plate, tag, token, marker or sign assigned to such vehicle shall be attached to and displayed on such vehicle in such place, position, manner and condition as shall be prescribed by the director of vehicles.

~~(e) A law enforcement officer shall issue a warning citation to anyone violating the provisions of subsection (b)(5). The provisions of this subsection shall expire and have no effect on and after January 1, 2022.~~

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 8-2,128 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-2,128. As used in this act:

(a) "Alcohol" means any substance containing any form of alcohol, including, but not limited to, ethanol, methanol, propanol and isopropanol;

(b) "alcohol concentration" means:

(1) The number of grams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood; or

(2) the number of grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath;

(c) "commercial driver's license" means a commercial license issued pursuant to K.S.A. 8-234b, and amendments thereto;

(d) "commercial driver license system" means the information system established pursuant to the commercial motor vehicle safety act of 1986 to serve as a clearinghouse for locating information related to the licensing and identification of commercial motor vehicle drivers;

(e) "instruction permit" means a permit issued pursuant to K.S.A. 8-294, and amendments thereto;

(f) "commercial motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle designed or used to transport passengers or property, if:

(1) The vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds or such lesser rating, as determined by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary, but shall not be more restrictive than the federal regulation;

(2) the vehicle is designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver; or

(3) the vehicle is transporting hazardous materials and is required to be placarded in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 172, subpart F;

(g) "controlled substance" means any substance so classified under K.S.A. 21-5701, and amendments thereto;

(h) "conviction" means an unvacated adjudication of guilt or a determination that a person has violated or failed to comply with the law ~~and~~ in a court of original jurisdiction or an administrative proceeding, an unvacated forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited to secure the person's appearance in court, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere accepted by the court, the payment of a fine or court cost, or violation of a condition of release without bail, regardless of whether the penalty is rebated, suspended or probated;

(i) "disqualification" means any of the following:

(1) The suspension, revocation, or cancellation of a commercial driver's license by the state or jurisdiction of issuance;

(2) any withdrawal of a person's privileges to drive a commercial motor vehicle by a state or other jurisdiction as the result of a violation of state or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control, other than parking, vehicle weight or vehicle defect violations;

(3) a determination by the federal motor carrier safety administration that a person is not qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle under 49 C.F.R. § 391;

(j) "drive" means to drive, operate or be in physical control of a motor vehicle in any place open to the general public for purposes of vehicular traffic. For purposes of K.S.A. 8-2,137, 8-2,138, 8-2,142, 8-2,144 and 8-2,145, and amendments thereto, "drive" includes operation or physical control of a motor vehicle anywhere in the state;

(k) "driver" means any person who drives, operates or is in physical control of a commercial motor vehicle, in any place open to the general public for purposes of vehicular traffic, or who is required to hold a commercial driver's license;

(l) "driver's license" means any driver's license or any other license or permit to operate a motor vehicle issued under, or granted by, the laws of this state, including:

(1) Any temporary license or instruction;

(2) the privilege of any person to drive a motor vehicle whether or not such person holds a valid license; or

(3) any nonresident's operating privilege;

(m) "employer" means any person, including the United States, a state or a political subdivision of a state, who owns or leases a commercial motor vehicle or assigns a person to drive a commercial motor vehicle;

(n) "endorsement" means an authorization to an individual's commercial driver's license required to permit the individual to operate certain types of commercial motor vehicles;

(o) "felony" means any offense under state or federal law that is punishable by death or imprisonment for a term exceeding one year;

(p) "gross vehicle weight rating" means the value specified by the manufacturer as

the maximum loaded weight of a single or a combination (articulated) vehicle. The gross vehicle weight rating of a combination (articulated) vehicle (commonly referred to as the "gross combination weight rating") is the gross vehicle weight rating of the power unit plus the gross vehicle weight rating of the towed unit or units;

(q) "hazardous materials" means any material that has been designated as hazardous under 49 U.S.C. § 5103 and is required to be placarded under subpart F of 49 C.F.R. part 172 or any quantity of a material listed as a select agent or toxin in 42 C.F.R. part 73;

(r) "motor vehicle" means every vehicle ~~which~~ that is self-propelled, and every vehicle ~~which~~ that is propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires but not operated upon rails, except vehicles moved solely by human power and motorized wheel chairs;

(s) "out-of-service order" means a temporary prohibition against driving a commercial motor vehicle~~, which~~ that is imposed when a driver has any measured or detected alcohol concentration while on duty, or operating, or in physical control of a commercial motor vehicle or a declaration by an authorized enforcement officer of a federal, state, Canadian, Mexican or local jurisdiction that a driver, a commercial motor vehicle or a motor carrier operation, is out-of-service pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 386.72, 392.5, 395.13, 396.9 or such compatible laws, or the North American out-of-service criteria;

(t) "residence" means the place ~~which~~ that is adopted by a person as the person's place of habitation and ~~to which~~ where, whenever the person is absent, the person has the intention of returning. When a person eats at one place and sleeps at another, the place where the person sleeps shall be considered the person's residence;

(u) "secretary" means the secretary of the Kansas department of revenue;

(v) "serious traffic violation" means:

(1) Excessive speeding, which is defined as 15 miles per hour or more over the posted speed limit;

(2) reckless driving, as defined under K.S.A. 8-1566, and amendments thereto;

(3) a violation of any state or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control, other than a parking violation, arising in connection with an accident or collision resulting in death to any person;

(4) changing lanes of traffic illegally or erratically, as defined under K.S.A. 8-1548, and amendments thereto;

(5) following another vehicle too closely, as defined under K.S.A. 8-1523, and amendments thereto;

(6) a violation of subsection (a) of K.S.A. 8-2,132, and amendments thereto; or

(7) any other violation of a state or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control, other than a parking violation, ~~which~~ that the secretary determines by rule and regulation to be serious;

(w) "state" means a state of the United States and the District of Columbia;

(x) "state of domicile" means that state where a person has such person's true, fixed and permanent home and principal residence and ~~to which~~ where such person has the intention of returning whenever such person is absent;

(y) "tank vehicle" means a tank vehicle, as defined in 49 C.F.R. § 383.5, as in effect on the date of this act or such later version as adopted by rules and regulations of the secretary pursuant to K.S.A. 8-2,140, and amendments thereto;

(z) "United States" means the 50 states and the District of Columbia;

(aa) "division" means the division of vehicles of the Kansas department of revenue;

(bb) "director" means the director of the division of vehicles of the Kansas department of revenue;

(cc) "foreign country" means any jurisdiction other than the United States;

(dd) "nonresident commercial driver's license" means a license issued pursuant to K.S.A. 8-2,148, and amendments thereto;

(ee) "fatality" means the death of a person as a result of a motor vehicle accident;

(ff) "noncommercial motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle or combination of motor vehicles not defined by the term commercial motor vehicle in subsection (f); and

(gg) "school bus" means a commercial motor vehicle used to transport preprimary, primary or secondary school students from home to school, from school to home or to and from school-sponsored events. "School bus" does not include a bus used as a common carrier.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 8-15,110 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-15,110. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to attach ~~and~~ or display on any vehicle, or to operate a vehicle with, a license plate, as required under article 1 of chapter 8 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto:

(1) Which is covered, in whole or in part, with any clear or opaque material or any other plastic-like material that affects the plate's visibility or reflectivity; or

(2) with any frame or other object on or around the plate affecting the visibility or legibility as required in subsection (b).

(b) Every license plate shall at all times be securely fastened to the vehicle to which it is assigned, to prevent the plate from swinging, and at a height not less than 12 inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of such plate. The license plate shall be fastened in a place and position to be clearly visible, and shall be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible.

(c) As used in this section, "clearly legible," "clearly visible," "legibility" or "visibility" means the ability to determine the alphanumeric registration number assigned, the state of issue, the month of expiration on the registration decal, the color of the registration decal and any other required decal from a reasonably safe distance. "Clearly legible," "clearly visible," "legibility" or "visibility" does not include the ability to determine the abbreviated state designation on the registration decal, the expiration year on the registration decal and plate number on the registration decal.

(d) A law enforcement officer shall issue a warning citation to anyone violating the provisions of subsection (a)(2). The provisions of this subsection shall expire and have no effect on and after January 1, 2027.

(e) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the uniform act regulating traffic on highways.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 8-133, 8-2,128 and 8-15,110 are hereby repealed.";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking "distinctive"; in line 3, after "waterfowl" by inserting "distinctive"; also in line 3, after "plates" by inserting "; restricting the use of material or objects covering a license plate; relating to the Kansas uniform commercial drivers' license act; modifying the definition of conviction in the uniform act; amending K.S.A. 8-133, 8-2,128 and 8-15,110 and repealing the existing sections";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

SHANNON FRANCIS
ROBYN ESSEX
HENRY HELGERSON
Conferees on part of House

MIKE PETERSEN
JEFF KLEMP
ETHAN CORSON
Conferees on part of Senate

On motion of Rep. Francis, the conference committee report on **SB 403** was adopted.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 102; Nays 20; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.

Yeas: Amyx, Anderson, Ballard, Barrett, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Paige, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Neighbor, Osman, Pickert, Pishny, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Sanders, Sappington, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Stogsdill, Storm, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, White, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wilson, Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Alcala, Bergkamp, Boatman, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Curtis, Meyer, Mosley, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Ousley, Poetter, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Simmons, Vaughn, Weigel, Wikle, Winn.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Awerkamp, Delperdang, Sawyer.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on House amendments to **SB 321** submits the following report:

The Senate accedes to all House amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill as printed with House Committee amendments, as follows:

On page 1, in line 8, before "Section 1." by inserting "New"; in line 16, before "Sec. 2." by inserting "New"; following line 20, by inserting:

"New Sec. 3. The portion of interstate 35 from the northern junction with United States highway 59 in Franklin county, then south to the junction with Eisenhower road, is hereby designated as the deputy Sam Smith 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 deputy Sam Smith memorial highway.

New Sec. 4. The portion of U.S. highway 36 from the eastern city limits of

Phillipsburg, then west on U.S. highway 36 to the western city limits of Phillipsburg in Phillips county, is hereby designated as the undersheriff Brandon Gaede 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 undersheriff Brandon Gaede memorial highway.

New Sec. 5. The portion of K-49 highway from its junction with west 119th street then south to its junction with United States highway 160 in Sumner county is hereby designated as the Pvt Michael E Gerber 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 Pvt Michael E Gerber memorial highway.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 68-1013 is hereby amended to read as follows: 68-1013. That portion of ~~federal interstate highway No. 35 which traverses the state~~ interstate 35 where interstate 35 enters the state on the Kansas-Missouri line, then south on interstate 35 to the northern junction with United States highway 59 in Franklin county, then south on interstate 35 from the junction with Eisenhower road to the Kansas-Oklahoma state line is hereby designated "as the 35th infantry division memorial highway."

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 68-1013 is hereby repealed.";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

Also on page 1, in the title, in line 5, after "bridge" by inserting "; designating a portion of interstate 35 as the deputy Sam Smith memorial highway; designating a portion of United States highway 36 as the undersheriff Brandon Gaede memorial highway; designating a portion of K-49 highway as the Pvt Michael E Gerber memorial highway; redesignating a current portion of the 35th infantry division memorial highway for interstate 35; amending K.S.A. 68-1013 and repealing the existing section";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

SHANNON FRANCIS
ROBYN ESSEX
HENRY HELGERSON
Conferees on part of House

MIKE PETERSEN
JEFF KLEMP
ETHAN CORSON
Conferees on part of Senate

On motion of Rep. Francis, the conference committee report on **SB 321** was adopted.

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

Yeas: Alcala, Amyx, Anderson, Ballard, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Boatman, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Paige, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Carr, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long,

Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Minnix, Moser, Mosley, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sappington, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Simmons, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Stogsdill, Storm, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Vaughn, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Wikle, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wilson, Winn, Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Awerkamp, Delperdang, Sawyer.

On motion of Rep. Hoffman, the House recessed until 2:00 p.m.

EARLY AFTERNOON SESSION

The House met pursuant to recess with Speaker pro tempore Carpenter in the chair.

CHANGE OF CONFEREES

Speaker pro tempore Carpenter announced the appointment of Reps. B. Carpenter and Wikle to replace Reps. Awerkamp and Ousley as members of the conference committee on **Sub Bill for HB 2731**.

Speaker pro tempore Carpenter announced the appointment of Reps. Proctor, Waggoner, and Haskins to replace Reps. W. Carpenter, Bryce, and S. Ruiz as members of the conference committee on **HB 2587**.

Speaker pro tempore Carpenter announced the appointment of Reps. Estes, McNorton, and Stogsdill to replace Reps. W. Carpenter, Bryce, and S. Ruiz as members of the conference committee on **HB 2534**.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on **SB 30**.

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on **SB 254**.

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on **HB 2615**.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **Sub Bill for HB 2018** and has appointed Senators Thompson, Blew and Faust Goudeau as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **Sub Bill for HB 2111** and has appointed Senators Peck, Alley and Francisco as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **Sub Bill for HB 2114** and has appointed Senators Peck, Alley and Francisco as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **Sub Bill for HB 2357** and has appointed Senators Alley, Owens and Faust Goudeau as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **Sub Bill for HB**

2346 and has appointed Senators Alley, Owens and Faust Goudeau as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **Sub Bill for HB 2372** and has appointed Senators Thompson, Blew and Faust Goudeau as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **Sub Bill for HB 2402** and has appointed Senators Erickson, Thomas and Sykes as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2437** and has appointed Senators Thompson, Blew and Francisco as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2462** and has appointed Senators Peck, Alley and Francisco as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2464** and has appointed Senators Alley, Owens and Faust Goudeau as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2466** and has appointed Senators Alley, Owens and Faust Goudeau as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2481** and has appointed Senators Alley, Owens and Faust Goudeau as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2485** and has appointed Senators Erickson, Thomas and Sykes as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2497** and has appointed Senators Dietrich, Fagg and Miller as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **Sub Bill for HB 2501** and has appointed Senators Thompson, Blew and Faust Goudeau as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2505** and has appointed Senators Peck, Alley and Francisco as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2509** and has appointed Senators Gossage, Clifford and Holscher as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2515** and has appointed Senators Dietrich, Fagg and Miller as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2518** and has appointed Senators Warren, Titus and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2521** and has appointed Senators Warren, Titus and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2527** and has appointed Senators Warren, Titus and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2528** and has appointed Senators Gossage, Clifford and Holscher as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2535** and has appointed Senators Warren, Titus and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2539** and has appointed Senators Bowers, Ryckman and Faust Goudeau as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2542** and has appointed Senators Petersen, Klemp and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2553** and has appointed Senators Petersen, Klemp and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2560** and has appointed Senators Erickson, Thomas and Sykes as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2569** and has appointed Senators Thompson, Blew and Faust Goudeau as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2590** and has appointed Senators Dietrich, Fagg and Miller as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2591** and has appointed Senators Dietrich, Fagg and Miller as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2593** and has appointed Senators Warren, Titus and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2594** and has appointed Senators Warren, Titus and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2596** and has appointed Senators Alley, Owens and Faust Goudeau as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2601** and has appointed Senators Warren, Titus and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2606** and has appointed Senators Petersen, Klemp and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2613** and has appointed Senators Warren, Titus and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2626** and has appointed Senators Thompson, Billinger and Faust Goudeau as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2627** and has appointed Senators Thompson, Billinger and Faust Goudeau as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2651** and has appointed Senators Warren, Titus and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2653** and has appointed Senators Warren, Titus and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2700** and has appointed Senators Alley, Owens and Faust Goudeau as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **Sub Bill for HB 2731** and has appointed Senators Erickson, Murphy and Holscher as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2739** and has appointed Senators Alley, Owens and Faust Goudeau as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2760** and has appointed Senators Gossage, Clifford and Holscher as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2762** and has appointed Senators Warren, Titus and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2767** and has appointed Senators Alley, Owens and Faust Goudeau as conferees on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House recessed until 2:30 p.m.

MID-ATERNOON SESSION

The House met pursuant to recess with Speaker pro tempore Carpenter in the chair.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

MR. PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on House amendments to **SB 23** submits the following report:

The Senate accedes to all House amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill as printed with House Committee amendments, as follows:

On page 1, by striking all in lines 8 through 34;

By striking all on pages 2 through 15;

On page 16, by striking all in lines 1 through 29; following line 29, by inserting:

"Section 1. K.S.A. 40-209 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-209. (a) Any insurance company organized under the laws of any other country, state or territory, upon application, may be authorized to transact business in this state, when possessed of the required amount of paid-up capital and surplus, or surplus only if a mutual company, and:

(1) Has made the deposit required by this code with the department of insurance of this or any other state in the United States;

(2) participates to the extent possible in the insurance regulatory information system administered by the national association of insurance commissioners;

(3) has submitted an examination report of its financial condition and affairs ~~which~~ that has been conducted by the insurance department of the state of domicile within five years of the date of application unless the commissioner determines that an earlier report will satisfy the purpose of this provision;

(4) demonstrates that any majority ownership interests are in sound financial condition;

(5) is not owned, managed or controlled by persons previously convicted of criminal activity involving fraud or embezzlement or offenses of a similar nature;

(6) has been in operation for at least three years and has been the subject of an examination of its affairs and financial condition other than its organizational examination~~. This requirement does not apply to subsidiary or affiliate companies with substantially the same management of an admitted company, a continuing corporation resulting from merger or consolidation or a company whose admission is determined by the commissioner to be in the best public interest~~;

(7) the company will not require immediate regulatory attention by the department upon admission pursuant to K.S.A. 40-222b, and amendments thereto.

(b) The requirements of subsection (a)(3) and (6) shall not apply to subsidiary or affiliate companies with substantially the same management as an admitted company, a continuing corporation resulting from a merger or consolidation or a company whose admission is determined by the commissioner to be in the best public interest.

(c) The authority shall not be granted, continued or renewed to any insurance company ~~which~~ that is controlled, as such word is defined in ~~subsection (e) of~~ K.S.A. 40-3302, and amendments thereto, by another state of the United States ~~or by~~, a foreign government, or by any political subdivision of either.

~~(c)~~(d) Every such company shall file a certified copy of its charter or deed of settlement with the commissioner of insurance, together with a statement, under oath of the president, vice-president or other chief officer and the secretary of the company for which they act, stating the name of the company, the place where located, and the amount of its capital, with a detailed statement of the facts and items required from companies organized under the laws of this state and a copy of the last annual report, if any was made, under any law of the state or country in which such company was incorporated.

~~(d)~~(e) Upon the application of any such insurance company for a certificate of authority to transact business in this state, the commissioner of insurance shall be satisfied that the company is possessed of money and other admitted assets in excess of its liabilities, as herein provided, and that it has otherwise complied with all the other requirements of this code. The commissioner shall thereupon issue a certificate of authority to such company authorizing it to transact the classes of insurance permitted under its articles of incorporation and by the provisions of this code.

~~(e)~~(f) The funds of any such insurance company, in excess of the minimum paid-up capital required by this code, may at all times be invested in such securities as are or may be authorized by the laws of the state in which such company is organized or in which it has and maintains its United States deposit.

~~(f)~~(g) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the commissioner of insurance may, upon renewal of a certificate of authority waive any of the above requirements except those relating to assets, capital and surplus.

(2) The commissioner of insurance may, at the commissioner's discretion, waive any of the above requirements for prescription drug plan sponsors as defined by 42 U.S.C. § 1395w-151, as in effect on January 1, 2006.

~~(g)~~(h) Whenever any insurance company organized under the laws of any other country, state or territory is issued a certificate of authority to transact insurance in this state by the commissioner of insurance pursuant to this section, such company shall not be required to comply with the provisions of the general corporation code relating to foreign corporations, nor shall any such company be required to file with the secretary of state its articles of incorporation, charter, bylaws or other documents, or any amendments thereof, unless specifically required to do so by law.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 40-4906 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-4906. (a) Unless denied licensure pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909, and amendments thereto, a nonresident person shall receive a nonresident agent license if:

(1) Such person is currently licensed as a resident and in good standing in such person's home state;

(2) such person has submitted the proper request for licensure and has paid to the commissioner a nonrefundable application fee not to exceed $30 and a biennial fee not to exceed $50;

(3) such person has submitted or transmitted to the commissioner of insurance a copy of the application for licensure that such person submitted to such person's home state, or in lieu of the same, a completed application on a form prescribed by the commissioner; and

(4) such person's home state awards a nonresident agent license to residents of this state on the same basis.

(b) The commissioner may verify the insurance agent's licensing status through the producer database maintained by the NAIC, its affiliates or subsidiaries.

(c) (1) Any nonresident agent who is licensed in this state and who moves from one state to another state or a resident agent who moves from this state to another state shall file with the commissioner within 30 days a change of address and provide certification from the new resident state.

(2) Any insurance agent who resides in this state and who moves from this state to another state shall file with the commissioner within 30 days a change of address and provide certification from the new resident state.

(3) No fee or license application shall be required for any filing required by this subsection.

(d) Subject to the provisions of subsection (a), any person licensed as a surplus lines agent in such person's home state shall receive a nonresident surplus lines agent license. Except as provided in subsection (a), nothing in this section shall be construed to amend or supersede any provision of K.S.A. 40-246b, and amendments thereto.

(e) Subject to the provisions of subsection (a), any person licensed as a limited line credit insurance or other type of limited lines agent in such person's home state shall receive a nonresident limited lines agent license in this state granting the same scope of authority as granted under the license issued by such insurance agent's home state.

(f) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of the uniform insurance agents licensing act, a nonresident license issued pursuant to the act may be revoked without notice and a hearing 30 days after the commissioner receives notification that a nonresident licensee no longer holds a license in such nonresident licensee's home state.

(2) Not later than 30 days following the date of revocation of such nonresident's license, the commissioner shall inform the nonresident of such revocation.

(3) Nothing in this subsection shall be deemed to confer the right of a hearing for any nonresident whose license has been revoked.

(g) Not later than December 1 of each year, the commissioner shall set and publish in the Kansas register the application fee required pursuant to subsection (a) for the next calendar year.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 40-4909 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-4909. (a) The commissioner may deny, suspend, revoke or refuse renewal of any license issued under this act if the commissioner finds that the applicant or license holder has:

(1) Provided incorrect, misleading, incomplete or untrue information in the license application.;

(2) violated any:

(A) ~~Any~~ Provision of chapter 40 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, or any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;

(B) ~~any~~ subpoena or order of the commissioner;

(C) ~~any~~ insurance law or regulation of another state; or

(D) ~~any~~ subpoena or order issued by the regulatory official for insurance in another state~~.~~;

(3) obtained or attempted to obtain a license under this act through misrepresentation or fraud~~.~~;

(4) improperly withheld, misappropriated or converted any moneys or properties received in the course of doing insurance business~~.~~;

(5) intentionally misrepresented the provisions, terms and conditions of an actual or proposed insurance contract or application for insurance~~.~~;

(6) been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony~~.~~;

(7) admitted to or been found to have committed any insurance unfair trade practice or fraud in violation of K.S.A. 40-2404, and amendments thereto~~.~~;

(8) used any fraudulent, coercive, or dishonest practice, or demonstrated any incompetence, untrustworthiness or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business in this state or elsewhere~~.~~;

(9) had an insurance agent license, public adjuster license, securities registration, or their equivalent, denied, suspended or revoked in any state, district or territory~~.~~;

(10) forged another person's name to an application for insurance or to any document related to an insurance transaction~~.~~;

(11) improperly used notes or any other reference material to complete an examination for an insurance license issued under this act~~.~~;

(12) knowingly accepted insurance business from an individual who is not licensed~~.~~;

(13) failed to comply with any administrative or court order imposing a child support obligation upon the applicant or license holder~~.~~;

(14) failed to pay any state income tax or comply with any administrative or court order directing payment of state income tax~~.~~;

(15) except as otherwise permitted by law, rebated the whole or any part of any insurance premium or offered in connection with the presentation of any contract of insurance any other inducement not contained in the contract of insurance~~.~~;

(16) made any misleading representation or incomplete comparison of policies to any person for the purposes of inducing or tending to induce such person to lapse, forfeit or surrender such person's insurance then in force~~.~~; or

(17) failed to respond to an inquiry from the commissioner within 15 business days or failed to respond to an inquiry from the commissioner within 14 calendar days concerning a complaint as defined in K.S.A. 40-2404, and amendments thereto, or an inquiry related to a particular matter.

(b) In addition, the commissioner may deny, suspend, revoke or refuse renewal of any license issued under this act if the commissioner finds that the interests of the insurer or the insurable interests of the public are not properly served under such license.

(c) (1) When considering whether to deny, suspend, revoke or refuse to renew the application of an individual who has been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony, the commissioner shall consider the:

(A) Applicant's age at the time of the conduct;

(B) recency of the conduct;

(C) reliability of the information concerning the conduct;
(D) seriousness of the conduct;
(E) factors underlying the conduct;
(F) cumulative effect of the conduct or information;
(G) evidence of rehabilitation;
(H) applicant's social contributions since the conduct;
(I) applicant's candor in the application process; and
(J) materiality of any omissions or misrepresentations.

(2) In determining whether to reinstate or grant to an applicant a license that has been revoked, the commissioner shall consider the:

(A) Present moral fitness of the applicant;
(B) demonstrated consciousness by the applicant of the wrongful conduct and disrepute that the conduct has brought to the insurance profession;
(C) extent of the applicant's rehabilitation;
(D) seriousness of the original conduct;
(E) applicant's conduct subsequent to discipline;
(F) amount of time that has elapsed since the original discipline;
(G) applicant's character, maturity and experience at the time of revocation; and
(H) applicant's present competence and skills in the insurance industry.

(d) Any action taken under this section that affects any license or imposes any administrative penalty shall be taken only after notice and an opportunity for a hearing conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act.

(e) The license of any business entity may be suspended, revoked or refused renewal if the insurance commissioner finds that any violation committed by an individual licensee employed by or acting on behalf of such business entity was known by or should have been known by one or more of the partners, officers or managers acting on behalf of the business entity and:

(1) Such violation was not reported to the insurance commissioner by such business entity; or

(2) such business entity failed to take any corrective action.

(f) None of the following actions shall deprive the commissioner of any jurisdiction or right to institute or proceed with any disciplinary proceeding against such license, ~~to~~ render a decision suspending, revoking or refusing to renew such license~~,~~ or ~~to~~ establish and make a record of the facts of any violation of law for any of the following lawful ~~purpose~~ purposes:

(1) The imposition of an administrative penalty under this section;
(2) the lapse or suspension of any license issued under this act by operation of law;
(3) the licensee's failure to renew any license issued under this act; or
(4) the licensee's voluntary surrender of any license issued under this act. No such disciplinary proceeding shall be instituted against any licensee after the expiration of two years from the termination of the license.

(g) Whenever the commissioner imposes any administrative penalty or denies, suspends, revokes or refuses renewal of any license pursuant to subsection (a), any costs incurred as a result of conducting an administrative hearing authorized under the provisions of this section shall be assessed against the person who is the subject of the hearing or any business entity represented by such person who is the party to the

matters giving rise to the hearing. As used in this subsection, "costs" includes witness fees, mileage allowances, any costs associated with the reproduction of documents that become a part of the hearing record and the expense of making a record of the hearing.

(h) No person whose license as an agent or broker had been suspended or revoked shall be employed by any insurance company doing business in this state either directly, indirectly, as an independent contractor or otherwise to negotiate or effect contracts of insurance, suretyship or indemnity or perform any act toward the solicitation or transaction of any business of insurance during the period of such suspension or revocation.

(i) In lieu of taking any action under subsection (a), the commissioner may:

(1) Censure the person; or

(2) issue an order imposing an administrative penalty of up to a maximum of $500 for each violation but not to exceed $2,500 for the same violation occurring within any six consecutive calendar months from the date of the original violation unless such person knew or should have known that the violative act could give rise to disciplinary action under subsection (a). If such person knew or reasonably should have known the violative act could give rise to any disciplinary proceeding authorized by subsection (a), the commissioner may impose a penalty of up to a maximum of $1,000 for each violation but not to exceed $5,000 for the same violation occurring within any six consecutive calendar months from the date of the imposition of the original administrative penalty.

(j) (1) An applicant to whom a license has been denied after a hearing shall not apply again for a license until after the expiration of a period of one year from the date of the commissioner's order.

(2) A licensee whose license was revoked shall not apply again for a license until after the expiration of a period of two years from the date of the commissioner's order. The commissioner may waive this requirement for a nonresident licensee whose license was revoked pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4906(f), and amendments thereto.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 40-5510 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-5510. (a) The commissioner may suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew a public adjuster's license for any of the following causes:

(1) Providing incorrect, misleading, incomplete or materially untrue information in the license application;

(2) violating any:

(A) ~~Any~~ Provision of chapter 40 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, or any rule and regulation promulgated thereunder;

(B) ~~any~~ subpoena or order of the commissioner;

(C) ~~any~~ insurance law or regulation of another state; or

(D) ~~any~~ subpoena or order issued by the regulatory official for insurance in another state;

(3) obtaining or attempting to obtain a license through misrepresentation or fraud;

(4) misappropriating, converting or improperly withholding any monies or properties received in the course of doing insurance business;

(5) intentionally misrepresenting the terms of an actual or proposed insurance contract or application for insurance;

(6) having been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony;

(7) having admitted or committed any insurance unfair trade practice or insurance

fraud;

(8) using fraudulent, coercive or dishonest practices or demonstrating incompetence, untrustworthiness or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business in this state or elsewhere;

(9) having an insurance agent license, public adjuster license, securities registration or their equivalent, denied, suspended or revoked in any other state, province, district or territory;

(10) forging another's name to an application for insurance or to any document related to an insurance transaction;

(11) cheating, including improperly using notes or any other reference material, to complete an examination for an insurance license;

(12) knowingly accepting insurance business from an individual who is not licensed but who is required to be licensed by the commissioner;

(13) failing to comply with an administrative or court order imposing a child support obligation upon the applicant or license holder;

(14) failing to pay state income tax or comply with any administrative or court order directing payment of state income tax; or

(15) failing to respond to an inquiry from the commissioner within 15 business days or failing to respond to an inquiry from the commissioner within 14 calendar days concerning a complaint as defined in K.S.A. 40-2404, and amendments thereto, or an inquiry related to a particular matter.

(b) In addition, the commissioner may deny, suspend, revoke or refuse renewal of a public adjuster's license if the commissioner finds that the interests of the public are not properly served under such license. Any action taken under this section ~~which~~ that affects any license or imposes any administrative penalty shall be taken only after notice and an opportunity for a hearing conducted in accordance with the Kansas administrative procedure act.

(c) In lieu of any action under subsection (a), the commissioner may:

(1) Censure the individual; or

(2) issue an order imposing an administrative penalty of up to a maximum of $500 for each violation~~,~~ but not to exceed $2,500 for the same violation occurring within any six consecutive calendar months from the date of the original violation, unless such person knew or should have known that the violative act could give rise to disciplinary action under subsection (a). If such person knew or reasonably should have known the violative act could give rise to any disciplinary proceeding authorized by subsection (a), the commissioner may impose a penalty of up to a maximum of $1,000 for each violation~~,~~ but not to exceed $5,000 for the same violation occurring within any six consecutive calendar months from the date of the original violation.

(d) (1) When considering whether to deny, suspend, revoke or refuse to renew the application of an individual who has been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony, the commissioner shall consider the:

(A) Applicant's age at the time of the conduct;

(B) recency of the conduct;

(C) reliability of the information concerning the conduct;

(D) seriousness of the conduct;

(E) factors underlying the conduct;

(F) cumulative effect of the conduct or the information;

(G) evidence of rehabilitation;

(H) applicant's social contributions since the conduct;

(I) applicant's candor in the application process; and

(J) materiality of any omissions or misrepresentations.

(2) In determining whether to reinstate or grant to an applicant a license that has been revoked, the commissioner shall consider the:

(A) Present moral fitness of the applicant;

(B) demonstrated consciousness by the applicant of the wrongful conduct and disrepute that the conduct has brought to the insurance profession;

(C) extent of the applicant's rehabilitation;

(D) seriousness of the original conduct;

(E) applicant's conduct subsequent to discipline;

(F) amount of time that has elapsed since the original discipline;

(G) applicant's character, maturity and experience at the time of revocation; and

(H) applicant's present competence and skills in the insurance industry.

(e) Any action taken under this section that affects any license or imposes any administrative penalty shall be taken only after notice and an opportunity for a hearing conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act.

(f) The commissioner shall remit all such fines collected under subsection (c) to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the state general fund.

(g) Whenever the commissioner imposes any administrative penalty or denies, suspends, revokes or refuses renewal of any license pursuant to subsection (a), any costs incurred as a result of conducting an administrative hearing authorized under the provisions of this section shall be assessed against the person who is the subject of the hearing or any business entity represented by such person who is the party to the matters giving rise to the hearing. As used in this subsection, "costs" includes witness fees, mileage allowances, any costs associated with the reproduction of documents that become a part of the hearing record and the expense of making a record of the hearing.

(h) No person whose license as a public adjuster had been suspended or revoked shall be employed by any insurance company doing business in this state either directly, indirectly, as an independent contractor or otherwise to negotiate or effect contracts of insurance, suretyship or indemnity or perform any act toward the solicitation or transaction of any business of insurance during the period of such suspension or revocation.

(i) The commissioner shall retain the authority to enforce the provisions of and impose any penalty or remedy authorized by this act against any individual who is under investigation for or charged with a violation of this act, even if the individual's license or registration has been surrendered or has lapsed by operation of law.

(j) (1) An applicant to whom a license has been denied after a hearing shall not apply again for a license until after the expiration of a period of one year from the date of the commissioner's order.

(2) A licensee whose license was revoked shall not apply again for a license until after the expiration of a period of two years from the date of the commissioner's order.";

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 40-209 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 40-4906, 40-4909 and 40-5510 are

hereby repealed.";

Also on page 16, in line 31, by striking "Kansas register" and inserting "statute book";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking all after "to"; by striking all in lines 2 and 3; in line 4, by striking all before the semicolon and inserting "the regulation thereof; reorganizing certain provisions that apply to foreign insurance companies seeking authorization to do business in Kansas; authorizing the suspension or revocation of a nonresident agent's license without notice and opportunity for a hearing after 30 days following notification to the commissioner that such nonresident agent no longer holds a home state license; requiring the commissioner of insurance to notify certain nonresident agents in writing of the revocation of such nonresident's license; requiring agents and public adjusters to respond to inquiries from the commissioner of insurance within 14 calendar days"; also in line 4, after "amending" by inserting "K.S.A. 40-209 and"; in line 5, by striking "2024" and inserting "2025"; also in line 5, by striking "40-2404 and" and inserting "40-4906,"; also in line 5, before the second "and" by inserting "and 40-5510";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

BILL SUTTON
BRIAN BERGKAMP
CINDY NEIGHBOR
Conferees on part of House

BRENDA DIETRICH
MICHAEL FAGG
MARCI FRANSICO
Conferees on part of Senate

On motion of Rep. Sutton, the conference committee report on **SB 23** was adopted.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 123; Nays 0; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 2.

Yeas: Alcala, Amyx, Anderson, Ballard, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Boatman, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Paige, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Carr, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Minnix, Moser, Mosley, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sappington, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Simmons, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Stogsdill, Storm, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Vaughn, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Wikle, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wilson, Winn, Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Awerkamp, Sawyer.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on House amendments to **SB 353** submits the following report:

The Senate accedes to all House amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill as printed with House Committee amendments, as follows:

On page 2, in line 8, by striking "two members" and inserting "one member"; in line 21, after the first "the" by inserting "public who is or has been employed in the"; also in line 21, after "industry" by inserting "as described by section 3(a)(1)(A) or (B), and amendments thereto,";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

SHANNON FRANCIS
ROBYN ESSEX
HENRY HELGERSON
Conferees on part of House

MIKE PETERSEN
JEFF KLEMP
ETHAN CORSON
Conferees on part of Senate

On motion of Rep. Francis, the conference committee report on **SB 353** was adopted.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 123; Nays 0; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 2.

Yeas: Alcala, Amyx, Anderson, Ballard, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Boatman, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Paige, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Carr, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Minnix, Moser, Mosley, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sappington, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Simmons, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Stogsdill, Storm, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Vaughn, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Wikle, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wilson, Winn, Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Awerkamp, Sawyer.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER and MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2615** submits the following report:

The House accedes to all Senate amendments to the bill, and your committee on

conference further agrees to amend the bill as printed with Senate Committee amendments, as follows:

On page 1, following line 15, by inserting:

"New Sec. 2. The portion of United States highway 56 in Morton county from its junction with county road 14, then northeast to its junction with county road 16 is hereby designated as the Bill Tucker memorial highway. Upon compliance with K.S.A. 68-10,114, and amendments thereto, the secretary of transportation shall place highway signs along the highway right-of-way at proper intervals to indicate that the highway is the Bill Tucker memorial highway.";

On page 2, in line 4, by striking "Kansas register" and inserting "statute book";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 2, after the semicolon by inserting "designating a portion of United States highway 56 as the Bill Tucker memorial highway;";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

MIKE PETERSEN
JEFF KLEMP
ETHAN CORSON
Conferees on part of Senate

SHANNON FRANCIS
ROBYN ESSEX
HENRY HELGERSON
Conferees on part of House

On motion of Rep. Francis, the conference committee report on **HB 2615** was adopted.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 123; Nays 0; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 2.

Yeas: Alcala, Amyx, Anderson, Ballard, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Boatman, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Paige, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Carr, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Minnix, Moser, Mosley, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sappington, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Simmons, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Stogsdill, Storm, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Vaughn, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Wikle, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wilson, Winn, Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Awerkamp, Sawyer.

MOTIONS TO CONCUR AND NONCONCUR

On motion of Rep. Bergquist, the House concurred in Senate amendments to **HB 2539**, AN ACT concerning libraries; providing a process for changing from an appointed governing board to an elected governing board; relating to the Eudora community library district; requiring the adoption of a joint resolution to provide for the election of members of the board of directors of such district; amending K.S.A. 12-1295, 12-1296 and 12-1298 and repealing the existing sections.

(The House requested the Senate to return the bill, which was in conference).

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 89; Nays 34; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 2.

Yeas: Amyx, Anderson, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Hawkins, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, McNorton, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Sanders, Sappington, Schmoe, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Storm, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, White, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wilson, Wolf.

Nays: Alcala, Ballard, Boatman, Paige, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Featherston, Haskins, Helgerson, Hoye, Martinez, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Mosley, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Poskin, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Simmons, Stogsdill, Vaughn, Weigel, Wikle, Winn, Woodard, Xu.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Awerkamp, Sawyer.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House recessed until 4:00 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

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

CHANGE OF CONFEREES

Speaker pro tempore Carpenter announced the appointment of Rep. Awerkamp to replace Rep. B. Carpenter as a member of the conference committee on **Sub Bill for HB 2731**.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on **SB 20**.

The Senate concurs in House amendments to **SB 364**, and requests return of the bill.

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on **HB 2158**.

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on **HB 2647**.

The Senate announced the appointment of Senator Bowser to replace Senator Alley as a conferee on **HB 2462**.

The Senate announced the appointment of Senator Klemp to replace Senator Kloos as a conferee on **HB 2124**.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2534** and has appointed Senators Erickson, Thomas and Sykes as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **HB 2587** and has appointed Senators Thompson, Blew and Faust Goudeau as conferees on the part of the Senate.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on House amendments to **SB 391** submits the following report:

Your committee on conference agrees to disagree and recommends that a new conference committee be appointed;

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

TOM KESSLER
REBECCA SCHMOE
HEATHER MEYER
Conferees on part of House

MIKE THOMPSON
TORY MARIE BLEW
OLETHA FAUST-GOUDEAU
Conferees on part of Senate

On motion of Rep. Kessler the conference committee report on **SB 391** to agree to disagree, was adopted.

Speaker pro tempore Carpenter thereupon appointed Reps. Kessler, Schmoe and Meyer as second conferees on the part of the House.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House recessed until 4:25 p.m.

LATE AFTERNOON SESSION

The House met pursuant to recess with Speaker pro tempore Carpenter in the chair.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on House amendments to **SB 325** submits the following report:

The Senate accedes to all House amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill as printed with House Committee amendments, as follows:

On page 1, by striking all in lines 6 through 36;

On page 2, by striking all in lines 1 through 34; following line 34, by inserting:

"New Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the vehicle services modernization task force. The task force shall consist of:

(1) The following nine voting members:

(A) The chairperson of the senate committee on transportation or the chairperson's designee;

(B) the chairperson of the house of representatives committee on transportation or the chairperson's designee;

(C) the ranking minority member of the senate committee on transportation or the ranking member's designee;

(D) the ranking minority member of the house of representatives committee on transportation or the ranking member's designee;

(E) one member of the senate appointed by the president of the senate;

(F) one member of the senate appointed by the majority leader of the senate;

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

(H) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the majority leader of the house of representatives; and

(I) one member of the senate or the house of representatives jointly appointed by the minority leaders of the senate and the house of representatives; and

(2) the following six nonvoting members:

(A) The director of vehicles;

(B) one county treasurer from a county with a population under 15,000 people appointed by the Kansas county treasurers association;

(C) one county treasurer from a county with a population between 15,000 and 100,000 people appointed by the Kansas county treasurers association;

(D) one county treasurer from a county with a population over 100,000 people appointed by the Kansas county treasurers association;

(E) one member appointed by the Kansas automobile dealers association; and

(F) one member appointed by the Kansas motor carriers association.

(b) Members of the task force shall be appointed by September 1, 2026. Any vacancy in the membership of the task force shall be filled by appointment in the same manner prescribed by this section for the original appointment.

(c) The chairperson of the senate committee on transportation or the chairperson's designee and the chairperson of the house of representatives committee on transportation or the chairperson's designee shall serve as co-chairpersons of the task force.

(d) (1) Meetings of the task force shall be held in Topeka. The task force may meet at any time upon call of either co-chairperson of the task force. The first meeting of the task force shall be held on or before December 15, 2026.

(2) A majority of voting members shall constitute a quorum of the task force. All actions of the task force may be taken by a majority of members present when there is a quorum.

(3) Members of the task force shall not receive compensation, except that members of the legislature attending task force meetings shall be paid compensation, travel expenses and subsistence expenses or allowances as provided in K.S.A. 75-3212, and amendments thereto.

(4) The staff of the office of revisor of statutes, the legislative research department and the division of legislative administrative services shall provide such assistance as may be requested by the task force.

(e) The vehicle services modernization task force shall:

(1) Evaluate vehicle services related to vehicle registrations and titling provided by the division of vehicles, county treasurers and contractors of the division of vehicles;

(2) make recommendations for methods to modernize such vehicle services, including improvements to fee structures and payments, procedures for such services and the technology needed to administer such services;

(3) make recommendations for any statutory or regulatory changes necessary for implementation of such modernization methods; and

(4) study, evaluate or make any other recommendations related to vehicle services provided by state agencies or other entities on behalf of the state.

(f) The task force shall prepare and submit a report on or before January 10, 2028, to the senate committee on transportation and the house of representatives committee on transportation concerning the findings and recommendations of the task force pursuant to subsection (e).

(g) The provisions of this section shall expire on January 31, 2028.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 8-145 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-145. (a) All registration and certificates of title fees shall be paid to the division of vehicles, a contractor of the division or the county treasurer of the county in which the applicant for registration resides or has an office or principal place of business within this state. The division, contractor or the county treasurer shall issue a receipt to the applicant for such fees paid.

(b) (1) The county treasurer, division or contractor shall deposit $.75 out of each license application, $.75 out of each application for transfer of license plate and $2 out of each application for a certificate of title, collected under this act, in a special fund, which fund is hereby appropriated for the use of the county treasurer, division or contractor in paying for necessary help and expenses incidental to the administration of duties in accordance with the provisions of this law. The county treasurer shall receive extra compensation for the services performed in administering the provisions of this act, which compensation shall be in addition to any other compensation provided by any other law, except that the county treasurer shall receive as additional compensation for administering the motor vehicle title and registration laws and fees, a sum computed as follows: The county treasurer, during the month of December, shall determine the amount to be retained for extra compensation not to exceed the following amounts each year for calendar year 2006 or any calendar year thereafter: The sum of $110 per hundred registrations for the first 5,000 registrations; the sum of $90 per hundred registrations for the second 5,000 registrations; the sum of $5 per hundred for the third

5,000 registrations; and the sum of $2 per hundred registrations for all registrations thereafter. In no event, however, shall any county treasurer be entitled to receive more than $15,000 additional annual compensation.

(2) If more than one person shall hold the office of county treasurer during any one calendar year, such compensation shall be prorated among such persons in proportion to the number of weeks served. The total amount of compensation paid the treasurer together with the amounts expended in paying for other necessary help and expenses incidental to the administration of the duties of the county treasurer in accordance with the provisions of this act, shall not exceed the amount deposited in such special fund. Any balance remaining in such fund at the close of any calendar year shall be withdrawn and credited to the general fund of the county prior to June 1 of the following calendar year.

(3) The special fund created for county treasurers pursuant to this subsection shall be expended in accordance with any policies related to expenditures for personnel or pay plans and other purchasing policies approved by the board of county commissioners.

(c) The county treasurer, division or contractor shall remit the remainder of all such fees collected, together with the original copy of all applications, to the secretary of revenue. The secretary of revenue shall remit all such fees remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the state highway fund, except as provided in subsection (d).

(d) (1) Three dollars and fifty cents of each certificate of title fee collected and remitted to the secretary of revenue, shall be remitted to the state treasurer who shall credit such $3.50 to the Kansas highway patrol motor vehicle fund. Three dollars of each certificate of title fee collected and remitted to the secretary of revenue, shall be remitted to the state treasurer who shall credit such $3 to the VIPS/CAMA technology hardware fund.

(2) For repossessed vehicles, $3 of each certificate of title fee collected shall be retained by the contractor or county treasurer who processed the application.

(3) Three dollars and fifty cents of each reassignment form fee collected and remitted to the secretary of revenue, shall be remitted to the state treasurer who shall credit such $3.50 to the Kansas highway patrol motor vehicle fund. Three dollars of each reassignment form fee collected and remitted to the secretary of revenue, shall be remitted to the state treasurer who shall credit such $3 to the VIPS/CAMA technology hardware fund.

(4) Four dollars of each division of vehicles modernization surcharge collected and remitted to the secretary of revenue, shall be remitted to the state treasurer who shall credit such $4 to the state highway fund.

(5) Two dollars of each Kansas highway patrol staffing and training surcharge collected and remitted to the secretary of revenue, shall be remitted to the state treasurer who shall credit such $2 to the Kansas highway patrol staffing and training fund.

(6) One dollar and twenty-five cents of each surcharge collected and remitted to the secretary of revenue pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1,177, and amendments thereto, shall be remitted to the state treasurer who shall credit such $1.25 to the state general fund.

(7) Fees collected in K.S.A. 8-135 and 8-145, and amendments thereto, that are

collected by the division for commercial motor vehicles or vehicles that are part of a commercial fleet, shall be remitted to the state treasurer, who shall credit such amounts to the commercial vehicle administrative fund.

(8) Fees collected in K.S.A. 8-135 and 8-145, and amendments thereto, that are collected by the division for vehicles that are part of a fleet rental pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1,189, and amendments thereto, shall be remitted to the state treasurer, who shall credit such amounts to the fleet rental vehicle administration fund.

(9) Fees collected in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, for those motorcycles that are all-electric motorcycles pursuant to K.S.A. 8-143(a)(3), and amendments thereto, for those motor vehicles that are electric hybrid vehicles pursuant to K.S.A. 8-143(a)(4)(C), and amendments thereto, for those motor vehicles that are plug-in electric hybrid vehicles pursuant to K.S.A. 8-143(a)(4)(D), and amendments thereto, for those motor vehicles that are all-electric vehicles pursuant to K.S.A. 8-143(a)(4)(E), and amendments thereto, and for those truck or truck tractors that are all-electric, an electric hybrid or a plug-in electric hybrid with a gross weight of 12,000 pounds or less pursuant to K.S.A. 8-143(b)(1), and amendments thereto, shall be remitted to the state treasurer who shall credit to the state highway fund amounts specified in K.S.A. 79-34,142, and amendments thereto, and amounts specified in K.S.A. 79-34,142, and amendments thereto, to the special city and county highway fund to be apportioned and distributed in the manner provided in K.S.A. 79-3425c, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-145d is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-145d. (a) (1) In addition to the annual vehicle registration fees prescribed by K.S.A. 8-143, 8-143b, 8-143c, 8-143g, 8-143h, 8-143i, 8-143*l*, 8-167, 8-172, 8-195, 8-1,103 and 8-1,108, and amendments thereto, ~~and K.S.A. 8-143l, and amendments thereto,~~ any applicant for vehicle registration or renewal thereof ~~for registration~~ shall pay a service fee in the amount of $5 to the county treasurer, the division of vehicles or a contractor of the division at the time of making such application.

(2) (A) In addition to such service fee, the county treasurer may charge any applicant for vehicle registration or renewal thereof ~~for registration,~~ a ~~registration~~ transaction fee ~~as follows: (1) In an amount not to exceed $5 per vehicle registration or renewal thereof for registration, when such application is made at a registration facility in a county with multiple vehicle registration facilities as established by the county treasurer; and (2) in an amount not to exceed $2.50 per vehicle registration or renewal thereof for registration, when such application is made at a registration facility in a county with a single vehicle registration facility as established by the county treasurer~~ in an amount of not to exceed $5.

(B) From January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2029, upon recommendation of a county treasurer and subject to approval by the board of county commissioners, such transaction fee provided by subparagraph (A) may be increased to an amount greater than $5 but not more than $10. Any recommendation by a county treasurer for an increased transaction fee shall be approved, rejected or modified by the board of county commissioners on or before October 1 of the year before such increased transaction fee shall take effect. All increases in transaction fees approved by the board of county commissioners pursuant to this subsection shall take effect on January 1 and remain in effect for the entire calendar year. The provisions of this subparagraph shall expire on January 1, 2030.

(C) On and after January 1, 2030, such transaction fee shall not exceed $5 as

provided in subparagraph (A).

(D) On or before January 10, 2028, the Kansas county treasurers association shall submit a report to the senate committee on transportation and the house of representatives committee on transportation detailing the implementation of any transaction fee increases pursuant to this subsection, the impact on county treasurer budgets and the budget of the entire county, and the usage of any increased transaction fees implemented by county treasurers, including any improvements or achievements for customer service in vehicle services transactions resulting from the increased revenue.

(b) The county treasurer, division or contractor shall deposit all amounts received under this section in the special fund created pursuant to K.S.A. 8-145, and amendments thereto, and such amounts shall be used by the county treasurer, division or contractor for all purposes for which such fund has been appropriated by law, and such additional amounts are hereby appropriated as other amounts deposited in such fund.";

Also on page 2, in line 35, by striking "8-133" and inserting "8-145d"; also in line 35, by striking "8-15,110" and inserting "K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 8-145";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking all after "to"; in line 2, by striking all before the semicolon and inserting "vehicle registrations; creating the vehicle services modernization task force; directing such task force to study, evaluate and recommend improvements for vehicle services provided by state agencies or entities on behalf of the state; providing certain limitations on the expenditure of county treasurer motor vehicle fee funds; authorizing county treasurers to charge certain increased fees for vehicle registration transactions"; in line 3, by striking "8-133" and inserting "8-145d"; also in line 3, by striking "8-15,110" and inserting "K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 8-145";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

SHANNON FRANCIS
ROBYN ESSEX
HENRY HELGERSON
Conferees on part of House

MIKE PETERSEN
JEFF KLEMP
ETHAN CORSON
Conferees on part of Senate

On motion of Rep. Francis, the conference committee report on **SB 325** was adopted.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 109; Nays 12; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 4.

Yeas: Alcala, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Featherston, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, McDonald, McNorton, Meyer, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Neighbor, Osman, Ousley, Pickert, Pishny, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sappington, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Simmons, Smith,

A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Stogsdill, Storm, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Vaughn, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Wikle, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wilson, Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Amyx, Boatman, Caiharr, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Fairchild, Martinez, Melton, Mosley, Ohaebosim, Oropeza.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Paige, Poetter, Sawyer, Winn.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER and MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2647** submits the following report:

The House accedes to all Senate amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill as printed with Senate Committee of the Whole amendments, as follows:

On page 4, in line 37, by striking "Kansas register" and inserting "statute book";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

MIKE PETERSEN
JEFF KLEMP
ETHAN CORSON
Conferees on part of Senate

SHANNON FRANCIS
ROBYN ESSEX
HENRY HELGERSON
Conferees on part of House

On motion of Rep. Francis, the conference committee report on **HB 2647** was adopted.

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

Yeas: Alcala, Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Boatman, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Carr, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Featherston, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Minnix, Moser, Mosley, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Pickert, Pishny, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sappington, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Simmons, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Stogsdill, Storm, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Vaughn, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Wikle, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wilson, Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Fairchild.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Paige, Poetter, Sawyer, Winn.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER and MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2158** submits the following report:

The House accedes to all Senate amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill as printed with Senate Committee amendments, as follows:

On page 1, in line 22, by striking all after the second comma; by striking all in line 23;

On page 2, in line 12, by striking "$25,000" and inserting "$35,000"; in line 22, by striking "that"; also in line 22, by striking "qualifies for"; in line 23, by striking all before "subsection" and inserting "who meets the requirements of"; also in line 23, before "shall" by inserting "(1), (2), (3), (4), (6) and (7)";

On page 1, in the title, in line 2, by striking all after "to"; in line 3, by striking all before "sell"; in line 6, by striking "registered"; in line 7, before "are" by inserting "who meet certain requirements"; also in line 7, by striking "have" and inserting "acquire or maintain";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

VIRGIL PECK
LARRY ALLEY
MARCI FRANCISCO
Conferees on part of Senate

SEAN TARWATER
JILL WARD
STEPHANIE SAWYER CLAYTON
Conferees on part of House

On motion of Rep. Tarwater, the conference committee report on **HB 2158** was adopted.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 110; Nays 11; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 4.

Yeas: Alcala, Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Boatman, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, Carlin, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Meyer, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Osman, Ousley, Pickert, Pishny, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sappington, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Simmons, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Stogsdill, Storm, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wilson, Wolf, Woodard.

Nays: Carmichael, Carr, Featherston, Hoye, Melton, Mosley, Oropeza, Poskin, Vaughn, Wikle, Xu.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Paige, Poetter, Sawyer, Winn.

REPORT ON ENGROSSED BILLS

HB 2602 reported correctly engrossed March 23, 2026.
HB 2323, HB 2416 reported correctly re-engrossed March 23, 2026.
HB 2444 reported correctly re-engrossed March 24, 2026.

REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS

Sub Bill for HB 2212, HB 2393, HB 2511, HB 2519, HB 2622, HB 2702, HB 2761 reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Governor on March 24, 2026.

REPORT ON ENROLLED RESOLUTIONS

HR 6038, HR 6039, HR 6040, HR 6041 reported correctly enrolled and properly signed on March 24, 2026.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 25, 2026.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*
SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*