Journal of the House

FIFTIETH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

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

The roll was called with 125 members present.
Excused later: Rep. Simmons.

Prayer by Chaplain Holmes:

> Dear Father, I give You praise for Your power, protection, and wisdom as these Representatives navigate the complexities of all which they will be confronted with today. When patience is tested, allow grace to abound. If differing opinions occur, allow cool attitudes to prevail. If thoughts and values collide, might good character be displayed. Remind us of the words of the Proverbs writer, "Like apples of gold in settings of silver, is a word spoken in right circumstances."
> I pray for our State and Nation, that amid conflicting ideas and desired outcomes, peace would prevail. Help our elected leaders see beyond pre-set boundaries, those things often overlooked or neglected. And Father, bless The United Stars of America. Land of the free and friend of the forsaken. In Jesus Name, Amen

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Featherston.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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

"Champions do not become champions when they win the event, but in the hours, weeks, months and years they spend preparing for it. The victorious performance itself is merely the demonstration of their championship character." – T. Alan Armstrong.

The Bonner Springs High School young men's basketball team finished their season 27-1 as the KSHSAA class 5A 2026 State Champions!

This team demonstrated excellence, resilience and commitment to one another defining what high school athletics are all about.

Coach Grover led a group of young men who understood the value of teamwork, discipline and perseverance.

In the State Championship game, the Braves faced an 11 point deficit in the third quarter against Kapaun Mt. Carmel, a team that had won 44 straight games and back to back state championships.

The Braves never quit and came back to win 53-50 winning our first State Championship since 1984. The Braves were also Frontier League Champions. Our district and communities of Bonner Springs and Edwardsville are so very proud of their hard work and determination.

I'd like to introduce you to this year's 2026 5A State Champions:

- Jackson Nez
- Prince Donnell
- Deion Cruse
- Jaiden Jones
- Jaron Payne
- Nate Ferrell
- Ezekiel Gray
- Corey Rolfe
- Calen Doss
- Jason Jones
- Dax Cruse
- Kelan Gruver
- Coach Drew Gruver

In the Gallery are Managers; Coree Jordan – Williams, Natalie Stoway, Elijah Gray and Coaches; Anthony Davis, Joe Reed and Jeff Evans. Also joining in the Gallery are; Athletics Director: Doug Hitchcock, Bonner Springs High School Principal: Don Hilliard and Bonner Edwardsville School District Superintendent: Rick Moulin

Please Join me in Congratulating your Kansas 5A Men's Basketball Champions!

Rep. Caiharr presented a framed House certificate to the team in honor of their championship.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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

It is my honor today to recognize the Russell Lady Broncos Wrestling Team, a truly remarkable group of students, who won the 3-2-1A Girls Wrestling State Championship earlier this year in February, the first state championship won by USD 407 since 1979. This amazing accomplishment speaks volumes for these young women, and their coaches.

These ladies dedicated themselves to long practices and early mornings, perfecting their techniques in take-downs, reversals, escapes, and pins, while maintaining their academic responsibilities. Success in a sport as demanding as wrestling requires discipline, resilience, and sheer will. It takes a special kind of person to willingly endure those six grueling minutes on the mat. Their commitment throughout the season, and resulting success, is something both their school and the entire Russell Community are incredibly proud of.

An achievement like this would also not have been possible without the leadership and support surrounding this team. I would first like to recognize Athletic Director Jay Sanders, who could not be here today, for the ongoing support of the wrestling program, and all the student-athletes in USD 407. His efforts to provide resources and encouragement contribute directly to the opportunities that yield successes such as this.

I would also like to acknowledge Luke Keller, their Head Coach, to my left, and assistant coaches Eastin Redetzke, to my right, and Keyan Miller, who could not be here today. Their guidance, instruction, and time helped prepare these athletes for competition. Their coaching was fundamental to the team's accomplishments this season. And for their efforts these three gentlemen were voted coaches of the year, in their respective positions, by the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association.

And finally, I should recognize the team members individually. Each of these young women contributed to the team's success through hard work, competitive spirit, and dedication. They represent Russell High School with pride, and their achievements on the mat reflect that effort and determination:

- Aaliyah Trevino
- Arianna Weigel
- Camry Ney
- Karsyn Hamlin
- Chaysie Bachman
- Kinsey Zorn
- Averie Counts
- Mya Trevino

Please, join me in congratulating these outstanding young ladies on their awesome season and state championship win. Their success is a testament to their perseverance, teamwork, and the support of their families, coaches, and the entire Russell Community.

Rep. Waymaster 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. Proctor are spread upon the Journal:

As a veteran, I am proud to represent the soldiers, veterans, civilians and families of Fort Leavenworth. That's why I am so excited to take just a few minutes to talk about these incredible Soldiers from the Army Corrections Brigade. Just four days ago, they were representing Fort Leavenworth too… at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico, enduring the grueling 37th Annual Bataan Memorial Death March.

This event honors the 75,000 American and Filipino POWs who, in 1942, endured the brutal 65-mile forced march, as well as, the as many as 18,000 who did not survive the journey. It's a way to remember their unimaginable sacrifice and preserve the memory of their bravery.

The memorial Death March at White Sands is notoriously punishing. These Soldiers tackled a grueling 15.6-mile march through the desert. Because that's not hard enough, they did it carrying 35-pound rucksacks, in heat hovering right around 90 degrees! It takes an incredible amount of grit and determination just to finish the course.

But this group—made up of Military Police and Corrections Soldiers from the United States Disciplinary Barracks and the Midwest Joint Regional Correctional Facility—didn't just finish. They dominated. Competing in the Military Co-ed category, they pushed through the heat and the exhaustion to take home 2nd in the nation!

They are:

- Sergeant Grace Burke
- Sergeant Steven Casselman
- Corporal Tyler Pittman
- Private First Class Alexis Herrera
- Private Second Class Ryan Munana

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Also with us today are their Command Sergeant Major Daniel Dodd and Judy Bauer, President, and John Bauer, executive committee member, of the Association of the United States Army's Henry Leavenworth Chapter, who sponsored their trip to New Mexico.

They hauled the weight, they beat the heat, and they did it all to honor our heroes. Their commitment, dedication, and grit reflect great credit upon themselves, the Army Corrections Brigade, Fort Leavenworth, and the United States Army.

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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

Today, I rise to honor a Kansan whose influence has reached far beyond the walls of any classroom, rehearsal field, or stadium. A man whose life's work strengthened not only a university, but the cultural fabric of our entire state. Today, we recognize Dr. Frank Tracz, longtime Director of Bands at Kansas State University.

For decades, Dr. Tracz stood as one of the most respected leaders in music education — not only in Kansas, but across the nation. Under his direction, the Kansas State University Bands grew into a model of excellence. The Pride of Wildcat Land became known for its precision, its passion, and its unmistakable spirit. But those of us who know his legacy understand that his true impact was never limited to the field.

Dr. Tracz is, above all, a teacher. He believes deeply in the potential of young people, and he devoted his life to helping them discover it. Thousands of students passed through his ensembles, and each one left not only a better musician, but a stronger, more confident person. He taught discipline. He taught professionalism. He taught pride. And he did it with humor, humanity, and a relentless belief in what music can do for the human spirit.

But if you ask his students — and there are thousands of them — they'll tell you his true legacy wasn't measured in halftime shows or concert programs. It was measured in the way he made people feel. Dr. Tracz has a gift: he looks at a young musician and sees not just who they are, but who they could become. And then he pushed them — sometimes gently, sometimes not so gently — toward that potential.

He demanded excellence, but he gave even more of himself. He taught discipline, professionalism, and pride. But he also taught humor, humanity, and heart. His rehearsals were classrooms, but they were also life lessons. Lessons about showing up. About doing the work. About believing in something bigger than yourself.

And he didn't just lead students. He shaped educators. Across the country, band directors stand in front of their ensembles today carrying his voice, his standards, and his influence with them. His reach extends far beyond Manhattan, Kansas — it echoes in classrooms, stadiums, and auditoriums nationwide.

Under his direction, the marching band was awarded the Sudler Trophy, the highest honor for collegiate marching bands. He was also elected to the prestigious American Bandmasters Association, and last fall he received an honorary K-State Athletics letter and has had a special relationship with athletic directors and coaches.

Dr. Tracz was a builder of traditions, a champion of music education, and a proud Wildcat. He strengthened the concert ensembles, expanded opportunities for students, and elevated the reputation of Kansas State University. His work enriched our communities, inspired our youth, and brought honor to our state.

Kansas is better because Dr. Frank Tracz chose to make his life's work here beginning in 1993. Music education is stronger because of his leadership. And countless Kansans — students, teachers, families — are better because of the lessons he taught.

Today, we honor not just a director of bands, but a life devoted to lifting others. A life that will continue to inspire long after the final chord has faded.

Dr. Tracz, your legacy will always live in our hearts, in our memories, and music on the field and stands at athletic events in the land of the Wildcats and the Tracz Family Band Hall on the Manhattan campus.

Today, we honor you, your wife Geralyn and your family. We express our gratitude. And we ensure that your contributions to Kansas will not be forgotten.

Thank you, Dr. Tracz, for everything you have given. Best wishes in retirement.

Rep. Rahjes presented Dr. Tracz with a framed House certificate in recognition of his many accomplishments.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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

When you're one of the smallest schools in Class 4A by enrollment, you're used to being underestimated. The Baldwin City boys basketball team started this season at 0-2 and with a slate of early injuries, further compounding their underdog status. But we Kansans know that March is when the magic happens, especially when hard work, long hours, discipline, and skill coalesce around a special group of kids that are dedicated to winning.

Baldwin City Boys Basketball captured their first state championship in school history with a 66-60 victory over previously undefeated Rock Creek at the 4A state tournament in Hutchinson on March 14th.

The Bulldogs entered the tournament as a 6 seed & went into the 4th quarter of the championship game facing a 9-point deficit but were tenacious in their dogged pursuit of victory, led on by Coach Blanchat.

In addition to celebrating team success, the Bulldogs finished the year behind two of the best players in Kansas, Seniors Cooper Carr and Leo Schoenberger, who led Baldwin on an incredible run. Senior Devyn Wadel scored a career record 17 points in the game as well.

I asked Coach Blanchat to explain their motto of being a **sled dog**: He explained to me that on a sled dog team there are different roles for different dogs and most folks don't know that. But success depends on every individual embracing his role on the team to make the team stronger. Whether you're a Lead Dog, Team Dog, Wheel Dog or a Swing Dog, your role is just as important as the next guy so it's important that you meet your obligations with discipline and gusto.

Bulldogs started the season as the underdogs, found their identities as sled dogs and ultimately triumphed as top dogs. Congratulations to our boys basketball team, you are truly *Baldwin Built*. Please join me in celebrating these young men's accomplishment.

Rep. Sappington 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. Fairchild are spread upon the Journal:

The Sterling High School boy's basketball team earned back-to-back 2A State Championships with a 59-49 win over fellow Heart of America member Berean Academy. The team had an overall record of 28-0 and a league record of 11-0. It was the first undefeated season for the Sterling Boys team and they were the only undefeated team in Kansas this season. The 28 wins sets a new school single-season record for wins. The Black Bears scored 2,062 points, which also sets a school record for single-season points scored. This is the third boys basketball championship in school history. This is the 7th Final Four appearance, and 14th overall State Tournament appearance in school history. The Black Bears average margin of victory in the 2025-2026 season was a staggering 33.7 points per game.

Members on the Floor:

- Head Coach Derek Schneider
- Assistant Coach Eric Wenzel
- Sophomore Jacob Lewis
- Junior Cameron Morris
- Senior Blake Smith
- Senior Zane Farney
- Senior Wyatt Newberry
- Senior Logan Isaac
- Senior Boston Ekart

Members in the Gallery:

- Zac Wohler
- Davis Thompson
- Kipton Smith
- Eckley Ekart
- David Myers
- Zach Edwards
- Cameron Inwood
- Brad Gillespie
- Ben Parish
- Alex Sowers

Please join me in congratulating the Sterling Black Bears on winning the 2A state basketball title.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On emergency motion of Rep. Ohaebosim, **HR 6043**, by Reps. Ohaebosim, Alcala, Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Boatman, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Brownlee Paige, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, Carlin, Carmichael, Carpenter, 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, Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Minnix, Moser, Mosley, Neelly, Neighbor, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter Parshall, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, Ruiz, Sanders, Sappington, Sawyer, Sawyer Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Simmons, Smith, Smith, Steele, Stiens, Stogsdill, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Vaughn, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Wikle, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, Williams, Wilson, Winn, Wolf, Woodard and Xu, as follows, was introduced and adopted:

HR 6043—A RESOLUTION commemorating the life and service of Representative Melody McCray-Miller.

A RESOLUTION recognizing, honoring and commemorating the life and service of Representative Melody McCray-Miller.

WHEREAS, Today, we recognize and honor the life and service of our late colleague, Representative Melody McCray-Miller; and

WHEREAS, Born on November 18, 1956, Melody was a lifelong resident of Wichita, Kansas, whose dedication to education, public service, business leadership and community improvement spanned more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, Melody earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Houston and later obtained a secondary school teaching certificate from Wichita State University; and

WHEREAS, Melody began her career in education teaching at Mayberry Middle School and Southeast High School from 1989 through 1995 and inspired students through mentorship, civic engagement and instruction; and

WHEREAS, Returning to the classroom in 2021 as an adjunct instructor of American government and political science at Wichita State University, Melody continued to prepare future civic leaders and encourage their participation in public life; and

WHEREAS, As an entrepreneur and business leader, Melody, with her late husband, Larry Miller, owned and operated Miller's Bar-B-Que, a well-known Wichita restaurant whose popularity was built in part on its distinctive baked bean recipe. They later expanded the enterprise by marketing Miller's Bar-B-Que Famous Baked Beans nationwide through retail distribution. Melody served as chief executive officer of the family business and principal owner and co-founder of Miller's Inc.; and

WHEREAS, A Kansas Health Foundation Fellow and alumna of the Kansas Leadership Center, Melody demonstrated a commitment to leadership development and strengthened community participation in public policy; and

WHEREAS, Continuing a family legacy of public service and following in the footsteps of her father, Billy Q. McCray, the first African American commissioner in Sedgwick County and a former state legislator, Melody McCray-Miller became the first African American woman elected to represent the 4th District on the Sedgwick County Commission, serving from 1996 through 2000; and

WHEREAS, During her service in county government and later as a state legislator, Melody championed reforms in early childhood education and the juvenile justice system, working to improve outcomes for Kansas children and families; and

WHEREAS, Melody went on to serve as a Kansas State Representative for the 89th District from 2005 through 2013, where she earned respect for principled leadership and her belief that every Kansan deserves a voice in their own destiny; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure in the Kansas House of Representatives, Melody served as Ranking Minority Member of the Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee and as a member of the Committees on Children and Families, Taxation and Elections, Financial Institutions and Insurance, Children's Issues and Parole Board Oversight, providing thoughtful leadership on matters affecting Kansas families and communities; and

WHEREAS, While serving in the Legislature, Melody sponsored measures to strengthen worker protections and honor Kansas veterans, including legislation designating the junction of Interstate 70 and U.S. Highway 183 in Hays, Kansas, as the CW2 Bryan J. Nichols Fallen Veterans Memorial Interchange; and

WHEREAS, Melody went on to serve as chief executive officer of the Urban League of Kansas and as vice chairperson of the Kansas Democratic Party from 2015 through 2017, continuing her commitment to civic leadership and community advancement; and

WHEREAS, In 2023, Melody was elected to serve as an at-large member of the Wichita Board of Education, cultivating a districtwide perspective grounded in care, integrity and a genuine belief in the potential of every student. She actively worked to ensure opportunity and access for all learners, leaving a lasting impact on Wichita Public Schools before stepping down due to health concerns; and

WHEREAS, Colleagues and community leaders remember Melody as an intelligent, thoughtful and compassionate public servant whose measured voice, independence of judgment and commitment to understanding community needs strengthened public institutions and improved lives; and

WHEREAS, Melody was a symbol of selflessness in public life whose tenacity, perseverance and willingness to be a voice for the people helped shape a generation of leadership in Wichita and across the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Melody McCray-Miller passed away on February 22, 2026, leaving a legacy of leadership, service and dedication that will continue to inspire future generations: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we recognize, honor and commemorate the life and service of Representative Melody McCray-Miller and celebrate her enduring contributions to the people of Kansas; and

Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of Melody McCray-Miller and Representative Ohaebosim.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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

Colleagues: It brings me great joy to present this resolution to you all today.

Melody McCray Miller was a member of this body serving and represented the 89th House District from (2005–2013) and served as an at-large member of the Wichita Board of Education. She also served as a Sedgwick County Commissioner.

She also worked as a secondary education teacher in Wichita Public Schools, and as an adjunct lecturer in Political Science at Wichita State University. All located in the 89th House district.

She was a mentor to many and strong advocate for the entire community as a whole. She will greatly be missed, and her memory will always live on.

We are joined today by her sister Ms. Frankie Conley; and her Granddaughter Ms. Andrea Ponds. Mr. Speaker, I ask that we all rise for a moment of silence in memory of Representative Melody McCray Miller.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On emergency motion of Rep. Simmons, **HR 6044**, by Reps. Simmons, Alcala, Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Boatman, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Brownlee Paige, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, Carlin, Carmichael, Carpenter, 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, Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Minnix, Moser, Mosley, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter Parshall, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, Ruiz, Sanders, Sappington, Sawyer, Sawyer Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Smith, Smith, Steele, Stiens, Stogsdill, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Vaughn, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Wikle, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, Williams, Wilson, Winn, Wolf, Woodard and Xu, as follows, was introduced and adopted:

HR 6044—A RESOLUTION commemorating the life and service of Representative Harold Lane.

A RESOLUTION recognizing, honoring and commemorating the life and service of Representative Harold Lane.

WHEREAS, Today, we recognize and honor the life and service of our late colleague Representative Harold Lane, a dedicated public servant, business owner and lifelong resident of Topeka whose commitment to his community reflected a spirit of service, integrity and generosity; and

WHEREAS, Harold Lane was born on July 1, 1954, in Topeka, Kansas, where he spent his life serving his neighbors and contributing to the vitality of his hometown; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Topeka High School in 1972, Harold honed practical skills in heating, ventilation and air conditioning at Kaw Valley Technical School, reflecting his lifelong passion for hands-on problem solving and helping others; and

WHEREAS, Harold worked at Lane's, his family's grocery store, which evolved into the well-known Lane's BBQ, a family business spanning three generations that he and his wife, Jane, operated with warmth and hospitality until its closing in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Harold's dedication to public service led him to serve on the Topeka City Council, where he worked tirelessly to guide the growth and governance of the city, earning the respect of his neighbors and colleagues alike; and

WHEREAS, Harold was appointed to the Kansas House of Representatives in 2003 to represent District 58 and was subsequently elected six times, demonstrating the enduring trust and confidence of his constituents; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure in the House, Harold provided strong legislative leadership while serving on key committees, including Appropriations, Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget, Information Technology, General Government Budget, Energy and Environment, Kansas Security and as the ranking Democrat on the Veterans, Military and Homeland Security Committee; and

WHEREAS, Harold sponsored and supported legislation that strengthened state budgeting, fiscal responsibility, education funding, local government operations and information technology modernization, demonstrating his commitment to practical, community-centered solutions and effective governance; and

WHEREAS, Known for his warm personality, sense of humor and ability to connect with people from all walks of life, Harold never met a stranger, but instead, he consistently extended a helping hand to friends, neighbors and constituents; and

WHEREAS, After more than a decade of distinguished legislative service, Harold chose to retire in 2015 to prioritize his family and spend more time with his grandchildren, exemplifying his lifelong belief that public service and personal responsibility go hand in hand; and

WHEREAS, Above all, Harold was a devoted husband, father and grandfather whose greatest pride came from his family and the joy he found in nurturing and supporting them to grow and succeed; and

WHEREAS, Harold passed away on June 22, 2025, in Topeka, Kansas, leaving behind a legacy of dedicated public service, steadfast leadership and community spirit that will long be remembered: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we recognize, honor and commemorate the life and service of Representative Harold Lane and celebrate his many contributions to the City of Topeka and the State of Kansas; and

Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Representative Simmons.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Rep. Alexis Simmons was joined by Jane Lane, Harold’s wife of 53 years, and five of their children and grandchildren. Bipartisan members of the body also joined the group at the well.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

On motion of Rep. L. Williams, to adopt the conference committee report on **HB 2164**, Rep. Humphries offered a substitute motion to not adopt the conference committee report and that a new conference committee be appointed.

The substitute motion of Rep. Humphries prevailed and Speaker pro tempore Carpenter appointed Reps. Humphries, L. Williams and Osman as second conferees., on part of the House.

CHANGE OF CONFEREES

Speaker pro tempore Carpenter announced the apponitment of Reps. Proctor, Waggoner, and Haskins to replace Reps. W. Carpenter, Bryce, and S. Ruiz as members of the conference committee on **HB 2760**.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report to agree to disagree on **SB 391**, and has appointed Senators Thompson, Blew and Faust Goudeau as Second conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report to agree to disagree on **HB 2329**, and has appointed Senators Warren, Titus and Corson as Second conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report to agree to disagree on **HB 2365**, and has appointed Senators Gossage, Clifford and Holscher as Second conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report to agree to disagree on **HB 2437**, and has appointed Senators Thompson, Blew and Francisco as Second conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report to agree to disagree on **HB 2528**, and has appointed Senators Gossage, Clifford and Holscher as Second conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report to agree to disagree on **HB 2569**, and has appointed Senators Thompson, Blew and Faust Goudeau as Second conferees on the part of the Senate.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER and MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2329** 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.

KELLIE WARREN
KENNY TITUS
ETHAN CORSON
Conferees on part of Senate

BOB LEWIS
CYNDI HOWERTON
TOBIAS SCLINENSIEPEN
Conferees on part of House

On motion of Rep. Lewis the conference committee report on **HB 2329** to agree to disagree, was adopted.

Speaker Hawkins thereupon appointed Reps. Lewis, Barrett and Schlingensiepen as second conferees on the part of the House.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER and MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2528** 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.

BEVERLY GOSSAGE
WILLIAM CLIFFORS
CINDY HOLSCHER
Conferees on part of Senate

WILL CARPENTER
RON BRYCE
SUSAN RUIZ
Conferees on part of House

On motion of Rep. Carpenter, W. the conference committee report on **HB 2528** to agree to disagree, was adopted.

Speaker Hawkins thereupon appointed Reps. W. Carpenter, Bryce and S. Ruiz, as second conferees on the part of the House.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House recessed until 11:45 a.m.

LATE MORNING SESSION

The House pursuant to recess with Speaker Hawkins in the chair.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The Senate announced the appointment of Senators Thompson, Blew and Faust Goudeau to replace Senators Gossage, Clifford and Holscher as conferees on **HB 2760**.

The Senate announced appointment the appointment of Senator Clifford to replace Senator Billinger as a conferee on **HB 2626, HB 2627**.

The Senate announced the appointment of Senators Erickson, Thomas, and Sykes to replace Senator Dietrich, Fagg, and Francisco as conferees on **HB 2333**.

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report to agree to disagree on **HB 2731**, and has appointed Senators Erickson, Murphy and Holscher as Second conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate announced the appointment of Senator Miller to replace Senator Faust Goudeau as a conferee on **SB 229, HB2346, HB 2596, HB 2739**.

The Senate announced the appointment of Senator Murphy to replace Senator Blew as a conferee on **HB 2587**.

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on **SB 23**.

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on **SB 325**.

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on **HB 2124**.

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on **HB 2422**.

The Senate concurs in House amendments to **SB 375**, and requests return of the bill.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on House amendments to **SB 232** 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 10 through 34;

By striking all on pages 2 and 3;

On page 4, by striking all in lines 1 through 24; following line 24, by inserting:

"Section 1. (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the born to invest act.

(b) (1) The state treasurer shall determine the data necessary to distribute informational materials that describe the availability, purposes, advantages and enrollment procedures concerning:

(A) For a child born on or after January 1, 2025, a Trump account established by section 530A of the federal internal revenue code;

(B) the postsecondary educational savings program established by section 529 of the federal internal revenue code and K.S.A. 75-640 through 75-648, and amendments thereto; and

(C) an ABLE savings account established by section 529A of the federal internal revenue code and K.S.A. 75-651 through 75-657, and amendments thereto.

(2) The data may include the:

(A) Name of the child;

(B) name and mailing address of the child's parent or legal guardian on the child's certificate of live birth; or

(C) date of the child's live birth.

(c) (1) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the state registrar of vital statistics shall provide to the state treasurer the data determined necessary under subsection (b).

(2) (A) By September 1, 2026, if no corresponding death certificate has been issued for a child, the state registrar of vital statistics shall provide to the state treasurer data relating to children in Kansas who were born prior to July 1, 2026, and are currently eligible for government-administered savings accounts.

(B) Within 90 days after the issuance of a certificate of a live birth of a child in Kansas, unless a corresponding death certificate has been issued for the child within such time, the state registrar of vital statistics shall provide to the state treasurer the data

relating to children born in Kansas on or after July 1, 2026.

(3) The data shall be transmitted in a secure electronic manner consistent with applicable federal and state law.

(d) The informational materials shall be in a suitable form and manner as prescribed by the state treasurer for mail, including brochures, letters, inserts or other printed information. The state treasurer may share information and materials with the department of administration division of printing for the printing, production and distribution of the informational materials.

(e) The state treasurer shall maintain information regarding the availability, purposes and advantages of the government-administered savings accounts described in subsection (b). To ensure that Kansas families are aware of the accounts, the state treasurer shall publicize the information on the state treasurer's website and through financial literacy educational training.

(f) The secretary of health and environment and the state treasurer may enter into interagency agreements to carry out this section. The agreements may address procedures, confidentiality, data transfers, reimbursements of actual costs and any other matters determined necessary by the secretary and state treasurer.

(g) Except as permitted by state or federal law and the purposes of this section, nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the disclosure of any confidential or protected records or information.";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking all after "concerning"; by striking all in lines 2 through 6; in line 7, by striking all before the period and inserting "the department of health and environment office of vital statistics; relating to information regarding government-administered savings accounts; establishing the born to invest act; requiring the office of vital statistics to provide information regarding children born in Kansas to the state treasurer; permitting the state treasurer to provide informational materials on government-administered savings accounts for such children and such children's families";

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

NICK HOHEISEL
ANGELA STIENS
RUI XU
Conferees on part of House

BRENDA DIETRICH
MICHAEL FAGG
SILAS MILLER
Conferees on part of Senate

On motion of Rep. Hoheisel, the conference committee report on **SB 232** was adopted.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 108; Nays 17; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 0.

Yeas: Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, 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, McDonald, McNorton, Meyer, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Neighbor, Osman, Ousley, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Sanders, Sappington, Sawyer, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, 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: Alcala, Boatman, Paige, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Curtis, Martinez, Melton, Mosley, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Clayton, Simmons, Winn.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: None.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on House amendments to **SB 412** 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 3, in line 22, by striking "Kansas register" and inserting "statute book";

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

NICK HOHEISEL
ANGELA STIENS
RUI XU
Conferees on part of House

BRENDA DIETRICH
MICHAEL FAGG
SILAS MILLER
Conferees on part of Senate

On motion of Rep. Hoheisel, the conference committee report on **SB 412** was adopted.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 125; Nays 0; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 0.

Yeas: Alcala, Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, 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, Sawyer, 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: None.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on House amendments to **SB 435** 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, following line 11, by inserting:

"New Section 1.

OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER

(a) There is appropriated for the above agency from the following special revenue fund or funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, all moneys now or hereafter lawfully credited to and available in such fund or funds, except that expenditures shall not exceed the following:

Public moneys fee fund.....No limit

(b) On July 1, 2026, or as soon thereafter as moneys are available, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer $250,000 from the state general fund to the public moneys fee fund.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 9-1401 is hereby amended to read as follows: 9-1401. (a) The governing body of any municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation shall designate by official action, recorded upon the governing body's minutes, the banks, savings and loan associations and savings banks ~~which~~ that shall serve as depositories of the governing body's funds, and the officer and official having the custody of such funds shall not deposit such funds other than at such designated banks, savings and loan associations and savings banks. The banks, savings and loan associations and savings banks ~~which~~ that have main or branch offices in the county or counties in which all or part of such municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation is located shall be designated as such official depositories if the municipal or quasi-municipal corporation can obtain satisfactory security therefor.

(b) Every officer or person depositing public funds shall deposit all such public funds coming into the officer's or person's possession in their name and official title as such officer. If the governing body of the municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation fails to designate an official depository or depositories, the officer thereof

having custody of the governing body's funds shall deposit such funds with one or more banks, savings and loan associations or savings banks ~~which~~ that have main or branch offices in the county or counties in which all or part of such municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation is located if satisfactory security can be obtained therefor. If the officer having custody is unable to obtain satisfactory security at a depository within the county or counties where the governing body is located, then the officer may deposit funds elsewhere. If the governing body's funds are deposited elsewhere, the officer shall serve notice in writing on the governing body showing the names and locations of the banks, savings and loan associations and savings banks where the funds are deposited, and upon so doing the officer having custody of the funds shall not be liable for the loss of any portion thereof except for official misconduct or for the misappropriation of such funds by such officer.

(c) If eligible banks, savings and loan associations or savings banks under ~~subsections~~ subsection (a) or (b) cannot or will not provide an acceptable bid, which shall include services, for the depositing of public funds under this section, then banks, savings and loan associations or savings banks ~~which~~ that have main or branch offices in an adjoining county to the county in which all or part of such municipal or quasi-municipal corporation is located may receive deposits of such municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation, if such banks, savings and loan associations or savings banks have been designated as official depositories under subsection (a), and the ~~municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation can obtain~~ state treasurer may receive satisfactory security therefor.

(d) The depository bank, savings and loan association or savings bank and any agent, trustee, wholly owned subsidiary or affiliate having identical ownership granting a security interest shall enter into a written agreement with the ~~municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation which so~~ state treasurer in accordance with K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 9-1410, and amendments thereto, that designates the bank as a depository for the municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation's public moneys.

(1) The agreement shall secure the public moneys of the municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation by granting a security interest in securities held by the depository bank, savings and loan association or savings bank and any agent, trustee, wholly owned subsidiary or affiliate having identical ownership pursuant to K.S.A. 9-1402, and amendments thereto.

(2) The depository bank, savings and loan association or savings bank and any agent, trustee, wholly owned subsidiary or affiliate having identical ownership shall perfect the security interest causing control to be given to the ~~municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation~~ state treasurer in accordance with ~~the Kansas uniform commercial code~~ K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 9-1410, and amendments thereto.

(3) The security agreement shall be in writing, executed by all parties thereto, maintained as part of the parties' official records, and except for the municipal corporations or quasi-municipal corporations, approved by the boards of directors or loan committees, which approvals shall be reflected in the minutes of the boards or committees.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 9-1402 is hereby amended to read as follows: 9-1402. (a) Before any deposit of public moneys or funds shall be made by any governmental unit of the state of Kansas with any bank, savings and loan association or savings bank, such governmental unit shall obtain security for such deposit in one of the following

manners prescribed by this section.

(b) Such bank, savings and loan association or savings bank may give a corporate surety bond of some surety corporation authorized to do business in this state. Such bond shall be in an amount equal to the public moneys or funds on deposit at any given time less the amount of such public moneys or funds that is insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation or its successor and such bond shall be conditioned that such deposit shall be paid promptly on the order of the governmental unit making such deposits.

(c) Such bank, savings and loan association or savings bank may deposit, maintain, pledge, assign and grant a security interest in, or cause its agent, trustee, wholly owned subsidiary or affiliate having identical ownership to deposit, maintain, pledge, assign and grant a security interest in, for the benefit of the governing body of the ~~governmental unit~~ municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation in the manner provided in this section, securities, security entitlements, financial assets and securities accounts owned by the depository institution directly or indirectly through the institution's agent or trustee holding securities on the institution's behalf, or owned by the depository ~~institutions~~ institution's wholly owned subsidiary or by such affiliate, the market value of which is equal to ~~100%~~ 102% of the total deposits at any given time, and such securities, security entitlements, financial assets and securities accounts, may be accepted or rejected by the ~~governing body of the governmental unit~~ pooled money investment board and shall consist of the following and security entitlements thereto:

(1) Direct obligations of, or obligations that are insured as to principal and interest by, the United States of America or any agency thereof and obligations, including, but not limited to, letters of credit and securities of United States-sponsored corporations that under federal law may be accepted as security for public funds;

(2) bonds of any ~~governmental unit~~ municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation of the state of Kansas that have been refunded in advance of the bonds' maturity and are fully secured as to payment of principal and interest thereon by deposit in trust, under escrow agreement with a bank, of direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and the interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America;

(3) bonds of the state of Kansas;

(4) general obligation bonds of any ~~governmental unit~~ municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation of the state of Kansas;

(5) revenue bonds of any ~~governmental unit~~ municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation of the state of Kansas if approved by the commissioner;

(6) temporary notes of any ~~governmental unit~~ municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation of the state of Kansas that are general obligations of the ~~governmental unit~~ municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation issuing such temporary notes;

(7) warrants of any ~~governmental unit~~ municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation of the state of Kansas ~~the issuance of which is~~ if issuance are authorized by the state board of tax appeals and ~~that are~~ payable from the proceeds of a mandatory tax levy;

(8) bonds of either a Kansas not-for-profit corporation or of a local housing authority that are rated at least Aa by Moody's investors service or AA by Standard & Poor's corp.;

(9) bonds issued pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1740 et seq., and amendments thereto, that are rated at least MIG-1 or Aa by Moody's investors service or AA by Standard & Poor's corp.;

(10) notes of a Kansas not-for-profit corporation that are issued to provide only the interim funds for a mortgage loan that is insured by the federal housing administration;

(11) bonds issued pursuant to K.S.A. 74-8901 through 74-8916, and amendments thereto;

(12) bonds issued pursuant to K.S.A. 68-2319 through 68-2330, and amendments thereto;

(13) commercial paper that does not exceed 270 days to maturity and has received one of the two highest commercial paper credit ratings by a nationally recognized investment rating firm; or

(14) (A) negotiable promissory notes together with first lien mortgages on one to four family residential real estate located in Kansas securing payment of such notes when such notes or mortgages:

(i) Are underwritten by the federal national mortgage association, the federal home loan mortgage corporation, the federal housing administration or the veterans administration standards;

(ii) have been in existence with the same borrower for at least two years and with no history of any installment being unpaid for 30 days or more; and

(iii) are valued at not to exceed 50% of the lesser of the following three values: Outstanding mortgage balance, current appraised value of the real estate or discounted present value based upon current federal national mortgage association or government national mortgage association interest rates quoted for conventional, federal housing administration or veterans administration mortgage loans.

(B) Securities under subparagraph (A) shall be taken at their value for not more than 50% of the security required under the provisions of this section.

(C) Securities under subparagraph (A) shall be withdrawn immediately from the collateral pool if any installment is unpaid for 30 days or more.

(D) A status report on all such loans shall be provided to the investing governmental entity by the financial institution on a quarterly basis.

(d) Such bank, savings and loan association or savings bank shall secure the deposit of public moneys of one or more governmental units through the public moneys pooled method pursuant to K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 9-1410, and amendments thereto, for the benefit of the governmental unit having public moneys with such bank, savings and loan association or savings bank as provided in K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 9-1410, and amendments thereto.

(e) No such bank, savings and loan association or savings bank may deposit and maintain for the benefit of the governing body of a governmental unit of the state of Kansas, any securities that consist of:

(1) Bonds secured by revenues of a utility that has been in operation for less than three years; or

(2) bonds issued under K.S.A. 12-1740 et seq., and amendments thereto, unless such bonds have been refunded in advance of their maturity as provided in subsection (c) or such bonds are rated at least Aa by Moody's investors service or AA by Standard & Poor's corp.

(f) Any applicant requesting approval of a revenue bond pursuant to subsection (c)

(5) shall pay to the commissioner a fee in an amount established pursuant to K.S.A. 9-1726, and amendments thereto, to defray the expenses of the commissioner in the examination and investigation of the application. The commissioner shall remit all amounts received under this section 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 bank investigation fund. The moneys in the bank investigation fund shall be used to pay the expenses of the commissioner in the examination and investigation of such applications and any unused balance shall be transferred to the bank commissioner fee fund.

(g) ~~For purposes of this section, "governmental unit" means the state or any county, municipality or other political subdivision of the state~~In cases where a depository fails to meet the requirements established by the state treasurer, the state treasurer shall instruct the governmental unit that such governmental unit shall select one of the following options:

(1) Close the account for the full amount, including accrued interest, without penalty if the deposit exceeds seven days; or

(2) convert the account to a repurchase agreement under terms acceptable to the state treasurer.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 9-1403 is hereby amended to read as follows: 9-1403. (a) During the periods of peak deposits occurring at tax paying time and tax distributing time and continuing for a period of not to exceed 60 continuous days at any given time and not to exceed 120 days in any calendar year, the amount of security for the deposits of ~~municipal corporations or quasi-municipal corporations~~ governmental units as required under K.S.A. 9-1402, and amendments thereto, may be reduced by up to 50% of the amount on deposit during the peak period.

(b) If the custodian of the funds of each ~~municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation~~ governmental unit together with an officer of the depository bank, savings and loan association or savings bank and the state treasurer agree to reduce the amount of security as provided in subsection (a), then the parties shall enter into an agreement ~~which~~ that designates in writing the beginning and end of each such period, and a copy thereof, fully executed, shall be kept on file in the:

(1) Office of the governing body of such ~~municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation and in the~~ governmental unit;

(2) files of such bank, savings and loan association or savings bank; and

(3) office of the state treasurer.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 9-1405 is hereby amended to read as follows: 9-1405. (a) All bonds and securities given by any bank, savings and loan association or savings bank to secure public moneys of the United States or any board, commission or agency thereof~~,~~ shall be deposited as required by the United States government or any designated federal agencies.

(b) All securities, security entitlements and financial assets securing the deposits of any ~~municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation~~ governmental unit shall be deposited as described in subsection (c) or (d) or in a securities account with one of the following custodial banks or trust companies:

(1) A Kansas state bank;

(2) a Kansas national bank;

(3) a state bank organized in another state and ~~which~~ that has a branch office in this state;

(4) a trust company incorporated under the laws of this state or another state; or

(5) the federal home loan bank of Topeka.

(c) Securities, security entitlements and financial assets securing the deposits of any ~~municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation~~ governmental unit may be deposited with the state treasurer pursuant to a written custodial agreement and a receipt issued with one copy going to the ~~municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation~~ governmental unit making the public deposit and one copy going to the bank, savings and loan association or savings bank ~~which~~ that has secured such public deposits. The receipt shall identify the securities, security entitlements and financial assets ~~which~~ that are subject to a security interest to secure payment of the deposits of the ~~municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation~~ governmental unit.

(d) Securities, security entitlements and financial assets securing the deposits of ~~any municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation~~ governmental unit may be deposited with the federal reserve bank of Kansas City to be there held in such manner, under regulations and operating letters of the federal reserve bank of Kansas City, as to secure payment of the deposits of the ~~municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation~~ governmental unit in the depository institution.

(e) This section shall not prohibit any custodial bank or trust company from depositing securities, security entitlements and financial assets in the custodial bank or trust company's account if:

(1) The custodial bank or trust company's account is located at a bank or trust company organized under the laws of any state, the United States or any centralized securities depository wherever located within the United States; and

(2) the custodial bank or trust company issues a receipt ~~which~~ that identifies the securities, security entitlements and financial assets on deposit at the custodial bank or trust company.

(f) No securities, security entitlements and financial assets securing public deposits shall be deposited in any custodial bank or trust company ~~which~~ that has the following commonalities with the depository bank, savings and loan association or savings bank:

(1) Direct or indirect ownership by any parent corporation;

(2) common controlling shareholders;

(3) common majority of the board of directors; or

(4) common directors with the ability to control or influence directly or indirectly the acts or policies of the depository bank, savings and loan association or savings bank securing such public deposits.

(g) When securities, security entitlements and financial assets are deposited with the state treasurer as authorized by this section, the state treasurer shall make a charge for such service ~~which~~ that is equivalent to the reasonable and customary charge made therefor.

(h) The custodial agreement shall be in writing, executed by all parties thereto, maintained as part of the parties' official records~~,~~ and, except for the ~~municipal corporations or quasi-municipal corporation~~ governmental unit, approved by the boards of directors or loan committees~~, which~~. Such approvals shall be reflected in the minutes of the boards or committees.

(i) A bank, savings and loan association or savings bank ~~which~~ that fails to pay any

deposit of public moneys of any ~~municipal or quasi-municipal corporation~~ governmental unit according to the terms of the security agreement shall immediately take action to enable bonds and securities pledged to secure the deposit to be sold to satisfy the bank's or association's obligation to the ~~municipal or quasi-municipal corporation~~ governmental unit.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 9-1406 is hereby amended to read as follows: 9-1406. No public officer ~~nor~~ or the sureties upon such officer's bond shall be liable for any loss sustained by the failure or default of any designated depository or depositories after a deposit or deposits have been made in an officially designated bank, savings and loan association or savings bank as provided in ~~this act~~ article 14 of chapter 9 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto. ~~This~~ Such exemption from liability shall apply even though other statutes shall require the furnishing of a bond or other securities by the designated depositories of public moneys. ~~This~~ Such exemption shall also apply whenever a public officer~~, municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation~~ or governmental unit has acted in good faith to comply with the provisions of ~~this act~~ article 14 of chapter 9 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 9-1407 is hereby amended to read as follows: 9-1407. (a) That portion of any deposit of public moneys or funds ~~which~~ that is insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation~~,~~ or its successor~~,~~ need not be secured as provided in article 14 of chapter 9 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

(b) Public moneys or funds deposited by a ~~municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation~~ governmental unit in a selected bank, savings and loan association or savings bank ~~which~~ that are part of a reciprocal deposit program shall not be treated as securities and need not be secured as provided in article 14 of chapter 9 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, if the:

(1) Bank, savings and loan association or savings bank receives reciprocal deposits from other participating institutions located in the United States in an amount equal to the amount of funds deposited by the ~~municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation~~ governmental unit; and

(2) total cumulative amount of each deposit does not exceed the maximum deposit insurance amount for one depositor at one financial institution as determined by the federal deposit insurance corporation.

Sec. 8. K.S.A. 9-1408 is hereby amended to read as follows: 9-1408. As used in article 14 of chapter 9 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto:

(a) "Branch" means any office within this state or another state, other than the main office, that is approved as a branch by a federal or state supervisory agency and at which deposits are received, checks paid or money lent. "Branch" does not include an automated teller machine, remote service unit or similar device, a loan production office or a deposit production office;

(b) "centralized securities depository" means a clearing agency registered with the securities and exchange commission ~~which~~ that provides safekeeping and book-entry settlement services to the agency's participants;

(c) "~~government~~governmental unit" means any state, county, municipality or other political subdivision thereof;

(d) "Kansas national bank" means a federally chartered bank ~~which~~ that has a main office or branch located in this state;

(e) "Kansas state bank" means a Kansas state chartered bank;

(f) "main office" means the place of business specified in the articles of association, certificate of authority or similar document where the business of the institution is carried on and ~~which~~ is not a branch;

(g) "municipal corporation" or "quasi-municipal corporation" includes each investing governmental unit under K.S.A. 12-1675, and amendments thereto;

(h) "savings and loan association" means any savings and loan association incorporated under the laws of this state or any other state or organized under the laws of the United States and ~~which~~ has a main or branch office in this state;

(i) "savings bank" means any savings bank organized under the laws of the United States and ~~which~~ has a main or branch office in this state; and

(j) "securities," "security entitlements," "financial assets," "securities account," "security agreement," "security interest," "perfection" and "control" ~~shall have the meanings given such terms under~~ mean the same as defined in the Kansas uniform commercial code.

Sec. 9. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 9-1410 is hereby amended to read as follows: 9-1410. (a) For purposes of K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 9-1410 through 9-1412, and amendments thereto:

(1) "Administrator" means the treasurer or the treasurer's designee.

~~(2) "Governmental unit" means the state or any county, municipality or other political subdivision thereof.~~

~~(3)~~ "Public moneys" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 9-701, and amendments thereto.

~~(4)~~(3) "Public moneys pooled method" or "pool of securities" means ~~shares of investment companies registered under the federal investment company act of 1940 when the investment companies' assets are limited to obligations that are eligible for investment by the bank, savings and loan association or savings bank and limited by their prospectuses to owning securities enumerated in K.S.A. 9-1402(c)~~ a pool of eligible securities used by a bank, savings and loan association or savings bank to secure the deposit of public moneys in excess of the amount insured or guaranteed by the federal deposit insurance corporation pursuant to K.S.A. 9-1402 and 12-1675, and amendments thereto.

~~(5)~~(4) "Treasurer" means the state treasurer.

(b) A bank, savings and loan association or savings bank designated as a public depositary shall secure the deposit of public moneys in excess of the amount insured or guaranteed by the federal deposit insurance corporation pursuant to K.S.A. 9-1402 and 12-1675, and amendments thereto, by the public moneys pooled method. A bank, savings and loan association or savings bank designated as a public depositary shall secure the deposits of one or more governmental units by depositing, pledging or granting a security interest in a pool of securities to secure the repayment of all public moneys deposited in such bank, savings and loan association or savings bank by such governmental units and not otherwise secured pursuant to law, if at all times the aggregate market value on such pool of securities so deposited, pledged or in which a security interest is granted is equal to at least 102% of the amount on deposit that is in excess of the amount so insured or guaranteed. Each such bank, savings and loan association or savings bank shall carry on such bank's or association's accounting records a general ledger or other appropriate accounting of the total amount of all public moneys to be secured by the pool of securities as determined at the opening of each

business day and the aggregate market value of the pool of securities deposited, pledged or in which a security interest is granted to secure such public moneys.

(c) The treasurer may serve as the administrator with respect to a public moneys pooled method or may designate a bank, savings and loan association, savings bank, trust company or other qualified firm, corporation or association that is authorized to transact business in this state to serve as the administrator. The administrator shall not accept public deposits from a governmental unit while administering the public moneys pooled method pursuant to this section. The administrator shall submit a formal conflict of interest document in a manner prescribed by the treasurer. Expenses of such administrator shall be paid by the office of the state treasurer.

(d) The administrator shall be tasked with assessing and managing the sufficiency of the public moneys pooled method, including, but not limited to, the compliance by a bank, savings and loan association or savings bank that the aggregate market value of the pool of securities of such bank, savings and loan association or savings bank is an amount of not less than 102% of the total amount of public moneys or public funds less the portion of such public moneys or funds insured or guaranteed by the federal deposit insurance corporation and pursuant to K.S.A. 9-1402 and 12-1675, and amendments thereto. To fulfill the duties of K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 9-1410 through 9-1412, and amendments thereto, the treasurer may adopt rules and regulations to administer and implement the provisions of K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 9-1410 through 9-1412, and amendments thereto, including, but not limited to, rules and regulations to assess and manage the sufficiency of the public moneys pooled method.

(e) A bank, savings and loan association or savings bank in which public moneys or public funds are deposited may at any time substitute, exchange or release securities deposited if such substitution, exchange or release does not reduce the aggregate market value of the pool of securities to an amount that is less than 102% of the total amount of public moneys or public funds less the portion of such public moneys or funds insured or guaranteed by the federal deposit insurance corporation and pursuant to K.S.A. 9-1402 and 12-1675, and amendments thereto. Such bank, savings and loan association or savings bank shall notify the administrator if additional collateral is required to be pledged due to an increase in deposits placed by the governmental unit. Such bank, savings and loan association or savings bank shall notify the administrator if such bank, savings and loan association or savings bank desires to release collateral due to a reduction in governmental unit deposits.

(f) Each bank, savings and loan association or savings bank that satisfies its requirement to secure the deposit of public moneys or public funds in excess of the amount insured or guaranteed by the federal deposit insurance corporation by depositing, pledging or granting a security interest in a single pool of securities, or any combination thereof, shall, on or before the 10th day of each month, render to the administrator a statement showing as of the last business day of the previous month the:

(1) Amount of public moneys or public funds deposited in such bank, savings and loan association or savings bank that is not insured or guaranteed by the federal deposit insurance corporation by:

(A) Each governmental unit separately; and

(B) all governmental units in the aggregate;

(2) aggregate market value of the pool of securities; and

(3) name, phone number and email address of a representative of each

governmental unit represented in the pool.

(g) Not later than 20 days after the deadline for receiving the statement required under subsection (f), the administrator shall provide a report to each governmental unit listed in such statement reflecting:

(1) The amount of public moneys or public funds deposited in such bank, savings and loan association or savings bank by each governmental unit as of the last business day of the previous month that is not insured or guaranteed by the federal deposit insurance corporation and that is secured pursuant to K.S.A. 9-1402 and 12-1675, and amendments thereto; and

(2) the aggregate market value of the pool of securities deposited as of the last business day of the previous month. Such report shall clearly notify the governmental unit if the value of the securities did not meet the statutory requirement.

(h) If the administrator at any time determines that the value of the securities does not meet the statutory requirement, the administrator shall send notice to the bank, savings and loan association or savings bank allowing such bank, savings and loan association or savings bank up to five business days to adjust the securities to meet the statutory requirement. If such bank, savings and loan association or savings bank does not meet the statutory requirement within the required timeframe, such bank, savings and loan association or savings bank shall be subject to a fine and potential sanctions issued by the administrator pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the treasurer.

(i) The public moneys pooled method shall not be utilized by any bank, savings and loan association or savings bank unless the treasurer establishes a public moneys pooled method in accordance with this section or designates an administrator pursuant to subsection (c).

(j) ~~This section shall take effect on and after January 1, 2026~~On and after July 1, 2027, the treasurer may assess a fee to be used solely to operate the public moneys pooled method. Such fee shall be equivalent to the reasonable and customary charge made therefor and shall be adopted through rules and regulations. All such fees received shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the public moneys fee fund, which is hereby created. All expenditures from the public moneys fee fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the treasurer or the treasurer's designee.

Sec. 10. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 12-1675 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-1675. (a) The governing body of any county, city, township, school district, area vocational-technical school, community college, firemen's relief association, community mental health center, community facility for people with intellectual disability or any other governmental entity, unit or subdivision in the state of Kansas having authority to receive, hold and expend public moneys or funds may invest any moneys that are not immediately required for the purposes for which the moneys were collected or received, and the investment of which is not subject to or regulated by any other statute.

(b) Such moneys shall be invested only:

(1) In temporary notes or no-fund warrants issued by such investing governmental unit;

(2) (A) in savings deposits, demand deposits, time deposit, open accounts, certificates of deposit or time certificates of deposit with maturities of not more than

two years:

~~(A)~~(i) In banks, savings and loan associations and savings banks that have main or branch offices located in such investing governmental unit; or

~~(B)~~(ii) if no main or branch office of a bank, savings and loan association or savings bank is located in such investing governmental unit, then in banks, savings and loan associations and savings banks that have main or branch offices in the county or counties in which all or part of such investing governmental unit is located.

~~(C)~~(B) In selecting a bank, savings and loan association or savings bank pursuant to ~~subparagraphs~~ subparagraph (A) ~~and (B)~~, the investing governmental unit may accept any rate agreed upon by the governmental unit and the eligible bank, savings and loan association or savings bank. If a bank, savings and loan association or savings bank eligible for an investment deposit pursuant to ~~subparagraphs~~ subparagraph (A) ~~and (B)~~ will make such deposits available to the investing governmental unit at interest rates equal to or greater than the investment rate, as defined in K.S.A. 12-1675a(g), and amendments thereto, the investing governmental unit shall select one or more of such eligible banks, savings and loan associations or savings banks;

(3) in repurchase agreements with:

(A) Banks, savings and loan associations and savings banks, that have main or branch offices located in such investing governmental unit, for direct obligations of, or obligations that are insured as to principal and interest by, the United States government or any agency thereof; ~~or~~

(B) ~~(i)~~ if no main or branch office of a bank, savings and loan association or savings bank, is located in such investing governmental unit; or

~~(ii)~~ if no such bank, savings and loan association or savings bank having a main or branch office located in such investing governmental unit is willing to enter into such an agreement with the investing governmental unit at an interest rate equal to or greater than the investment rate, as defined in K.S.A. 12-1675a(g), and amendments thereto, then ~~such repurchase agreements may be entered into with~~ banks, savings and loan associations or savings banks that have main or branch offices in the county or counties in which all or part of such investing governmental unit is located; or

(C) if no bank, savings and loan association or savings bank, having a main or branch office in such county or counties is willing to enter into such an agreement with the investing governmental unit at an interest rate equal to or greater than the investment rate, as defined in K.S.A. 12-1675a(g), and amendments thereto, then ~~such repurchase agreements may be entered into with~~ banks, savings and loan associations or savings banks located within this state.

(D) In selecting a bank, savings and loan association or savings bank pursuant to subparagraphs (A), (B) and (C), the governmental unit may accept any rate agreed upon by the governmental unit and the eligible bank, savings and loan association or savings bank;

(4) in direct obligations of or obligations that are insured as to principal and interest by the United States or any agency thereof, not including mortgage-backed securities with maturities as the governing body shall determine, but not exceeding two years. Such investment transactions shall only be conducted with:

(A) Banks, savings and loan associations and savings banks;

(B) the federal reserve bank of Kansas City, Missouri; or

(C) primary government securities dealers that report to the market report division

of the federal reserve bank of New York, or any broker-dealer engaged in the business of selling government securities that is registered in compliance with the requirements of section 15 or 15C of the securities exchange act of 1934 and registered pursuant to K.S.A. 17-12a401, and amendments thereto;

(5) in the municipal investment pool fund established in K.S.A. 12-1677a, and amendments thereto;

(6) in the investments authorized and in accordance with the conditions prescribed in K.S.A. 12-1677b, and amendments thereto;

(7) in multiple municipal client investment pools managed by the trust departments of banks that have main or branch offices located in the county or counties where such investing governmental unit is located or with trust companies incorporated under the laws of this state that have contracted to provide trust services under the provisions of K.S.A. 9-2107, and amendments thereto, with banks that have main or branch offices located in the county or counties in which such investing governmental unit is located. Public moneys invested under this paragraph shall be secured in the same manner as provided for under K.S.A. 9-1402, and amendments thereto. Pooled investments of public moneys made by trust departments under this paragraph shall be subject to the same terms, conditions and limitations as are applicable to the municipal investment pool established by K.S.A. 12-1677a, and amendments thereto; or

(8) municipal bonds or other obligations issued by any municipality of the state of Kansas as defined in K.S.A. 10-1101, and amendments thereto, that are general obligations of the municipality issuing the same.

(c) The investments authorized in subsection (b)(4), (5), (6), (7) or (8) shall be utilized only if the banks, savings and loan associations and savings banks eligible for investments authorized in subsection (b)(2), cannot or will not make the investments authorized in subsection (b)(2) available to the investing governmental unit at interest rates equal to or greater than the investment rate, as defined in K.S.A. 12-1675a(g), and amendments thereto.

(d) (1) All security purchases and repurchase agreements shall occur on a delivery versus payment basis.

(2) All securities, including those acquired by repurchase agreements, shall be perfected in the name of the investing governmental unit and shall be delivered to the purchaser or a third-party custodian, which may be the state treasurer.

(e) Public moneys deposited pursuant to subsection (b)(2) by the governing body of any governmental unit listed in subsection (a) through a selected bank, savings and loan association or savings bank that is part of a reciprocal deposit program in which the bank, savings and loan association or savings bank:

(1) Receives reciprocal deposits from other participating institutions located in the United States in an amount equal to the amount of funds deposited by the investing governmental unit; and

(2) for which the total cumulative amount of each deposit does not exceed the maximum deposit insurance amount for one depositor at one financial institution as determined by the federal deposit insurance corporation.

Such deposits shall not be treated as securities and need not be secured as provided in this or any other statute.

(f) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), public moneys deposited pursuant to subsection (b)(2) by the governing body of any investing governmental unit specified in

subsection (a) through a selected bank, savings and loan association or savings bank shall be secured by the public moneys pooled method pursuant to K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 9-1410, and amendments thereto, for the benefit of such investing governmental unit having public moneys with such bank, savings and loan association or savings bank as provided in K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 9-1410, and amendments thereto.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) shall not apply to an account of a governmental unit if such account is subject to a conflicting federal law.

(g) In selecting a depository institution pursuant to subsection (b)(2), an investing governmental unit shall allow an eligible financial institution two business days to respond to the bid.";

On page 6, following line 23, by inserting:

"Sec. 13. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 75-2263 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-2263. (a) (1) The state treasurer shall certify to the board of trustees a portion of state moneys available for investment by the pooled money investment board that is equivalent to the aggregate net amount received for unclaimed property. The state treasurer may transfer the amount certified to the board of trustees. All such moneys shall be considered moneys in the state treasury for purposes of K.S.A. 75-6704, and amendments thereto.

(2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (h), the board of trustees is responsible for the management and investment of that portion of state moneys available for investment by the pooled money investment board that is certified by the state treasurer to the board of trustees as being equivalent to the aggregate net amount received for unclaimed property and shall discharge the board's duties with respect to such moneys solely in the interests of the state general fund and shall invest and reinvest such moneys and acquire, retain, manage, including the exercise of any voting rights and disposal of investments of such moneys within the limitations and according to the powers, duties and purposes as prescribed by this section.

(b) Moneys specified in subsection (a) shall be invested and reinvested to achieve the investment objective, which is preservation of such moneys and accordingly providing that the moneys are as productive as possible, subject to the standards set forth in this section. No such moneys shall be invested or reinvested if the sole or primary investment objective is for economic development or social purposes or objectives.

(c) In investing and reinvesting moneys specified in subsection (a) and in acquiring, retaining, managing and disposing of investments of the moneys, the board of trustees shall exercise the judgment, care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of like character and with like aims by diversifying the investments of the moneys so as to minimize the risk of large losses, unless under the circumstances it is clearly prudent not to do so, and not in regard to speculation but in regard to the permanent disposition of similar moneys, considering the probable income as well as the probable safety of their capital.

(d) In the discharge of such management and investment responsibilities the board of trustees may:

(1) Contract for the services of one or more professional investment advisors or other consultants in the management and investment of such moneys and otherwise in

the performance of the duties of the board of trustees under this section; ~~and~~

(2) arrange for the custody of such moneys as the board of trustees considers advisable with one or more member banks or trust companies of the federal reserve system or with one or more banks in the state of Kansas, or both, to be held in safekeeping by the banks or trust companies for the collection of the principal and interest or other income or of the proceeds of sale; and

(3) invest in United States dollar-denominated bonds, notes, debentures or other similar obligations of a foreign government that the international monetary fund lists as an industrial country and for which the full faith and credit of such nation has been pledged for the payment of principal and interest so long as such country shall be rated at least A- or better by Standard and Poor's corporation, A3 or better by Moody's investors service or A- or better by Fitch ratings or an equivalent investment grade by a securities rating organization accepted by the national association of insurance commissioners. Investments shall only be allowed in a country that has never defaulted on short-term or long-term debt obligations. The investment in such foreign securities at any one time shall not exceed 5% of the cash available for investment that may be invested pursuant to this section. Under no circumstances shall investments be made in bonds, notes, debentures or any similar obligations of any country of concern as defined in K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 75-42b02, and amendments thereto.

(e) The board of trustees shall require that each person contracted with under subsection (d)(1) or (2) to provide services shall obtain commercial insurance that provides for errors and omissions coverage for such person in an amount to be specified by the board of trustees. The amount of such coverage specified by the board of trustees shall be at least the greater of $500,000 or 1% of the funds entrusted to such person up to a maximum of $10,000,000. The board of trustees shall require a person contracted with under subsection (d) to provide services to give a fidelity bond in a penal sum as may be fixed by law or, if not so fixed, as may be fixed by the board of trustees, with corporate surety authorized to do business in this state. Such persons contracted with the board of trustees pursuant to subsection (d) and any persons contracted with such persons to perform the functions specified in subsection (b) shall be deemed to be fiduciary agents of the board of trustees in the performance of contractual obligations.

(f) (1) Subject to the objective set forth in subsection (b) and the standards set forth in subsection (c), the board of trustees shall formulate and adopt policies and objectives for the investment and reinvestment of such moneys and the acquisition, retention, management and disposition of investments of the moneys. Such policies and objectives shall be in writing and shall include:

(A) Specific asset allocation standards and objectives;

(B) establishment of criteria for evaluating the risk versus the potential return on a particular investment; and

(C) a requirement that all investment advisors, and any managers or others with similar duties and responsibilities as investment advisors, shall immediately report all instances of default on investments to the board of trustees and provide such board of trustees with recommendations and options, including, but not limited to, curing the default or withdrawal from the investment.

(2) The board of trustees shall review such policies and objectives, make changes considered necessary or desirable and readopt such policies and objectives on an annual basis.

(g) All interest or other income of the investments of the moneys invested under this section, after payment of any management fees, shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the state general fund.

(h) The state treasurer shall maintain the discretionary authority to liquidate some or a portion of such moneys transferred to the board of trustees pursuant to subsection (a) for:

(1) Investment by the pooled money investment board; or

(2) necessary payments to owners as defined in K.S.A. 58-3934(m), and amendments thereto.

(i) As used in this section:

(1) "Board of trustees" means the board of trustees of the Kansas public employees retirement system established by K.S.A. 74-4905, and amendments thereto.

(2) "Fiduciary" means a person who, with respect to the moneys invested under this section:

(A) Exercises any discretionary authority with respect to administration of the moneys;

(B) exercises any authority to invest or manage such moneys or has any authority or responsibility to do so;

(C) provides investment advice for a fee or other direct or indirect compensation with respect to such moneys or has any authority or responsibility to do so;

(D) provides actuarial, accounting, auditing, consulting, legal or other professional services for a fee or other direct or indirect compensation with respect to such moneys or has any authority or responsibility to do so; or

(E) is a member of the board of trustees or of the staff of the board of trustees.

(3) "Pooled money investment board" means the pooled money investment board established by K.S.A. 75-4221a, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 14. K.S.A. 75-4201 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-4201. As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Treasurer" means state treasurer.

(b) "Controller" means director of accounts and reports.

(c) "Board" means the pooled money investment board.

(d) "Bank" means a bank incorporated under the laws of this state~~,~~ or organized under the laws of the United States or another state and ~~which~~ has a main or branch office in this state.

(e) "State moneys" means all moneys in the treasury of the state or coming lawfully into the possession of the treasurer.

(f) "State bank account" means state moneys or fee agency account moneys deposited in accordance with the provisions of this act.

(g) "Operating account" means a state bank account ~~which~~ that is payable or withdrawable, in whole or in part, on demand.

(h) "Investment account" means a state bank account ~~which~~ that is not payable on demand.

(i) "Fee agency account" means a state bank account of any state agency consisting of moneys authorized by law prior to remittance to the state treasurer.

(j) "Disbursement" means a payment of any kind whatsoever made from the state treasury or from any operating account, except transfer of moneys between or among operating accounts and investment accounts or either or both ~~of them~~.

(k) "Securities" means, for the purposes of this section and K.S.A. 75-4218, and amendments thereto, ~~securities, security entitlements, financial assets and securities account consisting of any one or more of the following, and security entitlements thereto, which may be accepted or rejected by the pooled money investment board:~~

~~(1) Direct obligations of, or obligations that are insured as to principal and interest by, the United States government or any agency thereof and obligations, letters of credit and securities of United States sponsored enterprises which under federal law may be accepted as security for public funds.~~

~~(2) Kansas municipal bonds which are general obligations of the municipality issuing the same.~~

~~(3) Revenue bonds of any agency or arm of the state of Kansas.~~

~~(4) Revenue bonds of any municipality, as defined by K.S.A. 10-101, and amendments thereto, within the state of Kansas or bonds issued by a public building commission as authorized by K.S.A. 12-1761, and amendments thereto, if approved by the state bank commissioner, except (A) bonds issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1740 et seq., and amendments thereto, unless such bonds are rated at least MIG-1 or Aa by Moody's Investors Service or AA by Standard & Poor's Corp. and (B) bonds secured by revenues of a utility which has been in operation for less than three years. Any expense incurred in connection with granting approval of revenue bonds shall be paid by the applicant for approval.~~

~~(5) Temporary notes of any municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation within the state of Kansas which are general obligations of the municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation issuing the same.~~

~~(6) Warrants of any municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation within the state of Kansas the issuance of which is authorized by the state board of tax appeals and which are payable from the proceeds of a mandatory tax levy.~~

~~(7) Bonds of any municipal or quasi-municipal corporation of the state of Kansas which have been refunded in advance of their maturity and are fully secured as to payment of principal and interest thereon by deposit in trust, under escrow agreement with a bank, of direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and the interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America. A copy of such escrow agreement shall be furnished to the treasurer.~~

~~(8) Securities listed in paragraph (14) of subsection (d) of K.S.A. 9-1402, and amendments thereto, within limitations of K.S.A. 9-1402, and amendments thereto.~~

~~(9) A corporate surety bond guaranteeing deposits in a bank, savings or savings and loan association in excess of federal deposit insurance corporation insurance, underwritten by an insurance company authorized to do business in the state of Kansas.~~

~~(10) Commercial paper that does not exceed 270 days to maturity and which has received one of the two highest commercial paper credit ratings by a nationally recognized investment rating firm.~~

~~(11) All of such securities shall be current as to interest according to the terms thereof~~ the securities listed in K.S.A. 9-1402(c)(1) through (14), and amendments thereto, which may be accepted or rejected by the pooled money investment board.

(l) "Savings bank" means a savings bank organized under the laws of the United States or another state insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation or its successor and having a main or branch office in the county in which a state agency making collection of any fees, tuition, or charges is located.

(m) "Savings and loan association" means a savings and loan association incorporated under the laws of this state or organized under the laws of the United States or another state, insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation or its successor and having a main or branch office in the county in which a state agency making collection of any fees, tuition or charges is located.

(n) "Custodial bank" means a bank holding on deposit collateral ~~which~~ that is security for state bank accounts.

(o) "Centralized securities depository" means a clearing agency registered with the securities and exchange commission ~~which~~ that provides safekeeping and book-entry settlement services to its participants.

(p) "Depository bank" means a bank, savings bank or savings and loan association authorized and eligible to receive state moneys.

(q) "Main office" means the place of business specified in the articles of association, certificate of authority or similar document, where the business of the institution is carried on and which is not a branch.

(r) "Branch" means any office, agency or other place of business within this state, other than the main office, at which deposits are received, checks paid or money lent with approval of the appropriate regulatory authorities. "Branch" does not include an automated teller machine, remote service unit or similar device.

(s) ~~"Securities," "security"~~"Security entitlements," "financial assets," "securities account," "security agreement," "security interest," "perfection" and "control" ~~shall have the meanings given~~ mean the same as such terms are defined under the Kansas uniform commercial code.

Sec. 15. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 75-4218 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-4218. (a) All state bank accounts shall be secured as provided in this section.

The bank, savings bank or savings and loan association receiving or having a state bank account shall deposit, maintain, pledge, assign, and grant a security interest in, or cause its agent, trustee, wholly-owned subsidiary, or affiliate having identical ownership to deposit, maintain, pledge, assign, and grant a security interest in, for the benefit of the state of Kansas, in the manner provided in this act, securities owned by the depository bank directly or indirectly through its agent or trustee holding securities on its behalf, or owned by the depository bank's wholly-owned subsidiary or by such affiliate, the market value of which is equal to ~~100%~~ 102% of the amount of the account ~~plus accrued interest~~, less that portion of the amount of the account ~~plus accrued interest which~~ that is insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation or its successor.

(b) All securities securing state bank accounts shall be deposited in a securities account with ~~a bank~~ any custodial bank or trust company as described in K.S.A. 9-1405(b), and amendments thereto, having the prior approval of the board, a credit union having the prior approval of the board~~, the federal home loan bank of Topeka~~ or with the state treasurer pursuant to a written custodial agreement, and a receipt taken therefor with one copy going to the treasurer and one copy going to the bank, savings bank or savings and loan association ~~which~~ that has secured such state bank account. The receipt shall identify the securities ~~which~~ that are subject to a security interest to secure payment of the state bank account. This section shall not prohibit any custodial bank receiving securities on deposit from issuing a receipt and depositing securities identified in the receipt in such bank's account with any bank chartered in Kansas or any other state, any trust company chartered in Kansas or any other state, any national bank, or

any centralized securities depository wherever located within the United States. No securities securing state bank accounts shall be deposited in any bank, trust company or national bank ~~which~~ that is owned directly or indirectly by any parent corporation of the depository bank, or with any bank, trust company, or national bank having common controlling shareholders, having a common majority of the board of directors or having common directors with the ability to control or influence directly or indirectly the acts or policies of the bank, savings and loan association or savings bank securing such state bank account. Any custodial bank ~~which~~ that releases securities securing a state bank account without being authorized to do so under the custodial agreement shall be liable to the state for any loss to the state resulting therefrom.

(c) Securities securing state bank accounts may be deposited with the federal reserve bank of Kansas City to be there held in such manner, under regulations and operating letters of the federal reserve bank, as to secure payment of the state bank account in the depository bank.

(d) The depository bank, and any agent, trustee, wholly-owned subsidiary or affiliate having identical ownership granting a security interest shall enter into a written agreement with the state of Kansas granting the state of Kansas a security interest in the securities to secure payment of the state bank account. Such security interest shall be perfected by the depository bank and any agent, trustee, wholly-owned subsidiary or affiliate having identical ownership granting a security interest causing control of the securities under the Kansas uniform commercial code to be given to the state of Kansas. The security agreement and the custodial agreement shall be in writing, executed by all parties thereto, maintained as part of their official records~~,~~ and, except for the state of Kansas, approved by their boards of directors or their loan committees~~, which~~. Such approvals shall be reflected in the minutes of the boards or committees.";

Also on page 6, in line 24, after the first "K.S.A." by inserting "9-1401, 9-1403, 9-1405, 9-1406, 9-1407, 9-1408,"; also in line 24, by striking the first "and" and inserting a comma; also in line 24, after "74-4967" by inserting "and 75-4201"; in line 25, after "Supp." by inserting "9-1402, 9-1410, 12-1675,"; also in line 25, after "74-4905" by inserting ", 75-2263 and 75-4218"; in line 27, 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 "concerning"; by striking all in lines 2 through 8; in line 9, by striking all before the period and inserting "state-managed investments; relating to deposits, procedures, standards and requirements therefor and certain retirement benefits therefrom; requiring banks, savings and loan associations and savings banks to enter into a written agreement with the state treasurer to be a depository of public moneys; increasing the market value of securities necessary to secure the deposit of public moneys; providing procedures for when a depository fails to follow the requirements of the state treasurer; authorizing the state treasurer to assess a fee to operate the public moneys pooled method; creating the public moneys fee fund of the state treasurer; providing exceptions to the public moneys pooled method; making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for the office of the state treasurer; authorizing a certain transfer from the state general fund to the public moneys fee fund; modifying investment standards for the board of trustees of the Kansas public employees retirement system of moneys certified by the state treasurer as equivalent to the aggregate net amount received for unclaimed

property and authorizing investments in certain foreign governments; authorizing the board of trustees to elect the vice chairperson of the board; requiring newly affiliated employers of the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system to contribute at the actuarial required rate for past and future service; repealing certain working after retirement statutes for state and local elected officials; amending K.S.A. 9-1401, 9-1403, 9-1405, 9-1406, 9-1407, 9-1408, 74-4967 and 75-4201 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 9-1402, 9-1410, 12-1675, 74-4905, 75-2263 and 75-4218 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 74-4915b and 74-4915c";

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

NICK HOHEISEL
ANGELA STIENS
RUI XU
Conferees on part of House

BRENDA DIETRICH
MICHAEL FAGG
SILAS MILLER
Conferees on part of Senate

On motion of Rep. Hoheisel, the conference committee report on **SB 435** was adopted.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 125; Nays 0; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 0.

Yeas: Alcala, Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, 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, Sawyer, 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: None.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on House amendments to **SB 260** 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 as House Substitute for Senate Bill No. 260, as follows:

On page 1, by striking all in lines 11 through 36;

On page 2, by striking all in lines 1 through 27; following line 27, by inserting:

"Section 1. K.S.A. 25-306b is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-306b. (a) Except as provided by this section, no person who has been nominated by any means for any national, state, county or township office may be withdrawn from nomination after the day of the primary election.

(b) (1) A person who has been nominated by any means for any national, state, county or township office may be withdrawn from nomination if:

(A) The nominee certifies to the secretary of state that such nominee is withdrawing from nomination because of a severe medical hardship on the nominee or the nominee's immediate family. Such nominee shall send the secretary a certification of the severe medical hardship signed by a medical doctor; or

(B) the nominee certifies to the secretary of state that the nominee does not reside in the state of Kansas, or in the county or district in which the candidate was nominated.

(2) If the secretary of state receives either of the certifications listed in paragraph (A) or (B) from a nominee on or before the first day of September following a primary election, such nominee's name shall be withdrawn from nomination and such nominee's name shall not be printed on the ballots for such office for the general election. The secretary of state, in the case of national and state offices, or the county election officer in the case of county or township offices, shall notify the chairperson or the vice-chairperson of the party committee of the congressional district, county or state, as the case may be, of such vacancy within 48 hours of receiving a certification listed in paragraph (1)(A) or (B).

(c) In the case of the death of a person who has been nominated for any national, state, county or township office, which occurs on or before the first day of September following a primary election, such nominee's name shall be withdrawn from nomination and such nominee's name shall not be printed on the ballots for such office for the general election. The secretary of state in the case of national and state offices, or the county election officer in the case of county or township offices, shall notify the chairperson or the vice-chairperson of the party committee of the congressional district, county or state, as the case may be, of such vacancy within 48 hours of receiving notification of such death.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-432 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-432. (a) Except as otherwise provided, an election shall not be conducted under this act unless:

~~(a)~~(1) The secretary of state approves a written plan for conduct of the election, including, but not limited to, a written timetable for the conduct of the election, submitted by the county election officer;

~~(b)~~(2) the election is nonpartisan;

~~(c)~~(3) the election is not one at which any candidate is elected, retained or recalled;

~~(d)~~(4) the election is not held on the same date as another election in which the qualified electors of that subdivision of government are eligible to cast ballots, except this restriction shall not apply to mail ballot elections held under K.S.A. 79-2925c, and amendments thereto, or elections held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March; and

~~(e)~~(5) the election is a question submitted election and all of the qualified electors of one of the following subdivisions of government are the only electors eligible to vote

on such question:

~~(1)~~(A) Counties;

~~(2)~~(B) cities;

~~(3)~~(C) school districts, except in an election held pursuant to K.S.A. 72-635 et seq., and amendments thereto;

~~(4)~~(D) townships;

~~(5)~~(E) benefit districts organized under K.S.A. 31-301, and amendments thereto;

~~(6)~~(F) cemetery districts organized under K.S.A. 15-1013 or 17-1330, and amendments thereto;

~~(7)~~(G) community college districts organized under K.S.A. 71-1101 et seq., and amendments thereto;

~~(8)~~(H) fire districts organized under K.S.A. 19-3601 or 80-1512, and amendments thereto;

~~(9)~~(I) hospital districts;

~~(10)~~(J) improvement districts organized under K.S.A. 19-2753, and amendments thereto;

~~(11)~~(K) Johnson county park and recreation district organized under K.S.A. 19-2859, and amendments thereto;

~~(12)~~(L) water districts organized under K.S.A. 19-3501 et seq., and amendments thereto;

~~(13)~~(M) transportation development districts created pursuant to K.S.A. 12-17,140 et seq., and amendments thereto; or

~~(14)~~(N) any tract of land annexed pursuant to K.S.A. 12-521, and amendments thereto.

(b) The election of irrigation district directors pursuant to K.S.A. 42-706, and amendments thereto, may be conducted by mail ballot in accordance with this act.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 25-2020 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2020. (a) (1) When a district method of election is in effect in any school district, a person may become a candidate for election to board member by any one of the following methods:

~~(1)~~(A) Any person who is an elector in any member district may petition to be a candidate for board member from the member district in which such person resides. Any such person shall file with the county election officer, a petition for such candidacy signed by not less than 50 electors residing in such member district or by a number of such electors equal to not less than 10% of the electors residing in such member district, whichever is less.

~~(2)~~(B) Any person who is an elector in any school district may petition to be a candidate for board member at-large from the school district in which such person resides. Any such person shall file with the county election officer, a petition for such candidacy signed by not less than 50 electors residing in such school district.

~~(3)~~(C) Any person who is an elector in any member district may become a candidate for board member from the member district in which such person resides by filing with the county election officer a declaration of intention to become such a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing fee in the amount of $20. Such declaration shall be prescribed by the secretary of state.

~~(4)~~(D) Any person who is an elector in any school district may become a candidate for board member at-large from the school district in which such person resides by filing with the county election officer a declaration of intention to become such a

candidate, and payment therewith of a filing fee in the amount of $20. Such declaration shall be prescribed by the secretary of state.

~~(5)~~(2) Any such petition or declaration shall specify the member position for which the person is a candidate.

(b) (1) When the election at large method is in effect in any school district, a person may become a candidate for election to board member by either one of the following methods:

~~(1)~~(A) Any person who is an elector of the school district may petition to be a candidate for board member. Any such person shall file with the county election officer a petition for such candidacy signed by not less than 50 electors residing in the school district.

~~(2)~~(B) Any person who is an elector in the unified school district may become a candidate for board member by filing with the county election officer a declaration of intention to become such a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing fee in the amount of $20. Such declaration shall be prescribed by the secretary of state.

~~(3)~~(2) Any such petition or declaration ~~which~~ that is for an unexpired term of a member shall so specify.

(c) (1) Any such petition or declaration of intent ~~must~~ shall be filed before the filing deadline as prescribed in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto. No candidate shall be permitted to withdraw from candidacy after the filing deadline, except that a candidate shall be withdrawn from an election if:

(A) The candidate certifies to the county election officer that such candidate is withdrawing because of severe medical hardship on the candidate or the candidate's immediate family. Such candidate shall send the county election officer a certification of the severe medical hardship signed by a physician; or

(B) the candidate certifies to the county election officer that such candidate no longer resides in the district for which the candidate filed for office.

(2) If the county election officer receives a certification as described in subparagraph (1) on or before September 1 of the year of the election, such candidate's name shall be withdrawn and shall not be printed on the ballots.

(3) If a candidate dies on or before September 1 of the year of the election, such candidate's name shall be withdrawn and shall not be printed on the ballots.

(d) Within three days from the date of the filing of a nomination petition or a declaration of intention to become a candidate for board member, the county election officer shall determine the validity of such petition or declaration.

(e) If a nomination petition or declaration is found to be invalid, the county election officer shall notify the candidate on whose behalf the petition or declaration was filed that such nomination petition or declaration has been found to be invalid and the reason for the finding. Such candidate may make objection to the finding of invalidity by the county election officer in accordance with K.S.A. 25-308, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 25-2106 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2106. (a) "Filing deadline" means the hour, date or time after which it is provided by law that no person may become a candidate for election to public office. ~~After the effective date of this act,~~

(b) (1) No candidate shall be permitted to withdraw ~~his~~ from candidacy after the filing deadline, except that a candidate shall be withdrawn from an election if:

(A) The candidate certifies to the county election officer that such candidate is withdrawing because of severe medical hardship on the candidate or the candidate's

immediate family. Such candidate shall send the county election officer a certification of the severe medical hardship signed by a physician; or

(B) the candidate certifies to the county election officer that such candidate no longer resides in the district for which the candidate filed for office.

(2) If the county election officer receives a certification as described in subparagraph (1) on or before the September 1 of the year of the election, such candidate's name shall be withdrawn and shall not be printed on the ballots.

(3) If a candidate dies on or before September 1 of the year of the election, such candidate's name shall be withdrawn and shall not be printed on the ballots.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 25-2407 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2407. Corrupt political advertising is:

(a) (1) Publishing or causing to be published in a newspaper or other periodical any paid matter ~~which~~ that expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of any candidate, unless such matter is followed by the word "advertisement" or the abbreviation "adv." in a separate line together with the name of the chairman of the political or other organization inserting the same or the name of the person who is responsible therefor; or

(2) broadcasting or causing to be broadcast by any radio or television station any paid matter which expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of any candidate, unless such matter is followed by a statement which states: "Paid for" or "Sponsored by" followed by the name of the sponsoring organization and the name of the chairperson ~~or treasurer~~ of the political or other organization sponsoring the same or the name of the person who is responsible therefor; or

(3) publishing or causing to be published in a newspaper or other periodical any paid matter which is intended to influence the vote of any person or persons for or against any question submitted for a proposition to amend the constitution or to authorize the issuance of bonds or any other question submitted at an election, unless such matter is followed by the word "advertisement" or the abbreviation "adv." in a separate line together with the name of the chairman of the political or other organization inserting the same or the name of the person who is responsible therefor;

(4) broadcasting or causing to be broadcast by any radio or television station any paid matter which is intended to influence the vote of any person or persons for or against any question submitted for a proposition to amend the constitution or to authorize the issuance of bonds or any other question submitted at an election, unless such matter is followed by a statement which states: "Paid for" or "Sponsored by" followed by the name of the sponsoring organization and the name of the chairperson ~~or treasurer~~ of the political or other organization sponsoring the same or the name of the person who is responsible therefor; or

(5) publishing or causing to be published any brochure, flier or other political fact sheet which is intended to influence the vote of any person or persons for or against any question submitted for a proposition to amend the constitution or to authorize the issuance of bonds or any other question submitted at an election, unless such matter is followed by a statement which states: "Paid for" or "Sponsored by" followed by the name of the sponsoring organization and the name of the chairperson ~~or treasurer~~ of the political or other organization sponsoring the same or the name of the individual who is responsible therefor.

(b) Corrupt political advertising is a class C misdemeanor.

(c) For the purposes of this section, the term "expressly advocate the nomination, election or defeat of a candidate" ~~shall have the meaning ascribed to it~~ means the same as defined in K.S.A. 25-4143, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 25-4003 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-4003. (a) The candidates for governor and lieutenant governor shall be nominated and elected jointly as provided in this act.

(b) No vacancy in the candidacy of governor or lieutenant governor shall be filled after a joint candidacy has been filed with the secretary of state. If such vacancy occurs for any reason, then such joint candidacy is terminated. The remaining candidate may file a new joint candidacy with another individual in accordance with all statutory requirements for such filing, including payment of the filing fee.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 25-4148 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-4148. (a) Every treasurer shall file a report prescribed by this section. Reports filed by treasurers for candidates for state office, other than officers elected on a ~~state-wide~~ statewide basis, shall be filed ~~in both~~ with the office of the secretary of state. Reports filed by treasurers for candidates for ~~state-wide~~ statewide office shall be filed electronically and only with the secretary of state. Reports filed by treasurers for candidates for local office shall be filed in the office of the county election officer of the county in which the name of the candidate is on the ballot. Except as otherwise provided by subsection (h), all such reports shall be filed in time to be received in the offices required on or before each of the following days:

(1) The eighth day preceding the primary election, which report shall be for the period beginning on January 1 of the election year for the office the candidate is seeking and ending 12 days before the primary election, inclusive;

(2) the eighth day preceding a general election, which report shall be for the period beginning 11 days before the primary election and ending 12 days before the general election, inclusive;

(3) January 10 of the year after an election year, which report shall be for the period beginning 11 days before the general election and ending on December 31, inclusive;

(4) for any calendar year when no election is held, a report shall be filed on the next January 10 for the preceding calendar year; and

(5) a treasurer shall file only the annual report required by ~~subsection~~ paragraph (4) for those years when the candidate is not participating in a primary or general election.

(b) Each report required by this section shall state:

(1) Cash on hand on the first day of the reporting period;

(2) the name and address of each person who has made one or more contributions in an aggregate amount or value in excess of $50 during the election period together with the amount and date of such contributions, including the name and address of every lender, guarantor and endorser when a contribution is in the form of an advance or loan;

(3) the aggregate amount of all proceeds from bona fide sales of political materials such as, but not limited to, political campaign pins, buttons, badges, flags, emblems, hats, banners and literature;

(4) the aggregate amount of contributions for which the name and address of the contributor is not known;

(5) each contribution, rebate, refund or other receipt not otherwise listed;

(6) the total of all receipts;

(7) the name and address of each person to whom expenditures have been made in an aggregate amount or value in excess of $50, with the amount, date, and purpose of each;

(8) the names and addresses of all persons to whom any loan or advance has been made;

(9) when an expenditure is made by payment to an advertising agency, public relations firm or political consultants for disbursement to vendors, the report of such expenditure shall show ~~in detail the name of each such vendor and the amount, date and purpose of the payments to each~~ the amount, the date and purpose of each such expenditure;

~~(8)~~(10) the name and address of each person from whom an in-kind contribution was received or who has paid for personal services provided without charge to or for any candidate, candidate committee, party committee or political committee, if the contribution is in excess of $100 and is not otherwise reported under subsection (b)(7), (b)(8) or (b)(9), and the amount, date and purpose of the contribution;

~~(9)~~(11) the aggregate of all expenditures not otherwise reported under this section; and

~~(10)~~(12) the total of expenditures.

(c) In addition to the requirements of subsection (b), every treasurer for any political committee and party committee shall report the following:

(1) (A) The name and address of each candidate for state or local office for whom an expenditure in the form of an in-kind contribution has been made in an aggregate amount or having a fair market value in excess of $300, with the amount, date and purpose of each. The report shall show in detail the specific service or product provided; and

(B) the name and address of each candidate for state or local office who is the subject of an expenditure ~~which~~ that:

(i) Is made without the cooperation or consent of a candidate or candidate committee;

(ii) expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of such candidate; and

(iii) is an aggregate amount or having a fair market value in excess of $300.

(2) The report shall state the amount, date and purpose of the expenditure in the form of an in-kind contribution. The report shall show in detail the specific service or product provided. The reporting requirements imposed by this subsection shall be in addition to all other requirements required by this section.

(d) Treasurers of candidates and of candidate committees shall itemize the purchase of tickets or admissions to testimonial events by a person who purchases such tickets or admissions in an aggregate amount or value in excess of $50 per event, or who purchases such a ticket or admission at a cost exceeding $25 per ticket or admission. All other purchases of tickets or admissions to testimonial events shall be reported in an aggregate amount and shall not be subject to the limitations specified in K.S.A. 25-4154, and amendments thereto.

(e) If a contribution or other receipt from a political committee is required to be reported under subsection (b), the report shall include the full name of the organization with which the political committee is connected or affiliated or, a description of the connection to or affiliation with such organization. If, the committee is not connected or affiliated with any one organization, the report shall state the trade, profession or

primary interest of the political committee as reflected by the statement of purpose of such organization.

(f) The commission may require any treasurer to file an amended report for any period for which the original report filed by such treasurer contains material errors or omissions. The notice of the errors or omissions shall be part of the public record. The amended report shall be filed within 30 days after notice by the commission.

(g) The commission may require any treasurer to file a report for any period for which the required report is not on file. The notice of the failure to file shall be part of the public record. Such report shall be filed within five days after notice by the commission.

(h) For the purpose of any report required to be filed pursuant to subsection (a) by the treasurer of any candidate seeking nomination by convention or caucus or by the treasurer of the candidate's committee or by the treasurer of any party committee or political committee, the date of the convention or caucus shall be considered the date of the primary election.

(i) If a report is sent by certified or registered mail on or before the day it is due, the mailing shall constitute receipt by that office.

(j) Any report required by this section may be signed by the candidate in lieu of the candidate's treasurer or the treasurer of the candidate's committee.

Sec. 8. K.S.A. 25-4156 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-4156. (a) (1) Whenever any person sells space in any newspaper, magazine or other periodical to a candidate or to a candidate committee, party committee or political committee, the charge made for the use of such space shall not exceed the charges made for comparable use of such space for other purposes.

(2) Intentionally charging an excessive amount for political advertising is a class A misdemeanor.

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), corrupt political advertising of a state or local office is:

(A) Publishing or causing to be published in a newspaper or other periodical any paid matter that expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for a state or local office, unless such matter is followed by the word "advertisement" or the abbreviation "adv." in a separate line together with the name of the chairperson ~~or treasurer~~ of the political or other organization sponsoring the same or the name of the individual who is responsible therefor;

(B) broadcasting or causing to be broadcast by any radio or television station any paid matter that expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for a state or local office, unless such matter is followed by a statement that states: "Paid for" or "Sponsored by" followed by the name of the sponsoring organization and the name of the chairperson ~~or treasurer~~ of the political or other organization sponsoring the same or the name of the individual who is responsible therefor;

(C) telephoning or causing to be contacted by any telephonic means including, but not limited to, any device using a voice over internet protocol or wireless telephone, any paid matter that expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for a state or local office, unless such matter is preceded by a statement that states: "Paid for" or "Sponsored by" followed by the name of the sponsoring organization and the name of the chairperson ~~or treasurer~~ of the political or

other organization sponsoring the same or the name of the individual who is responsible therefor;

(D) publishing or causing to be published any brochure, flier or other political fact sheet that expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for a state or local office, unless such matter is followed by a statement that states: "Paid for" or "Sponsored by" followed by the name of the chairperson ~~or treasurer~~ of the political or other organization sponsoring the same or the name of the individual who is responsible therefor.

The provisions of this subparagraph ~~(D)~~ requiring the disclosure of the name of an individual shall not apply to individuals making expenditures in an aggregate amount of less than $2,500 within a calendar year; or

(E) making or causing to be made any website, e-mail or other type of internet communication that expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for a state or local office, unless the matter is followed by a statement that states: "Paid for" or "Sponsored by" followed by the name of the chairperson ~~or treasurer~~ of the political or other organization sponsoring the same or the name of the individual who is responsible therefor.

The provisions of this subparagraph ~~(E)~~ requiring the disclosure of the name of an individual shall apply only to any website, email or other type of internet communication that is made by the candidate, the candidate's candidate committee, a political committee or a party committee and the website, email or other internet communication viewed by or disseminated to at least 25 individuals. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the terms "candidate," "candidate committee," "party committee" and "political committee" ~~shall have the meanings ascribed to them~~ means the same as defined in K.S.A. 25-4143, and amendments thereto.

(2) The provisions of ~~subsections~~ subsection (b)(1)(C) and (E) shall not apply to the publication of any communication that expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for state or local office, if such communication is made over any social media provider which has a character limit of 280 characters or fewer.

(3) Corrupt political advertising of a state or local office is a class C misdemeanor.

(c) If any provision of this section or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this section that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and to this end the provisions of this section are declared to be severable.

Sec. 9. K.S.A. 42-706 is hereby amended to read as follows: 42-706. (a) The officers of ~~such~~ an irrigation district established under K.S.A. 42-704, and amendments thereto, shall be a board of directors consisting of three members who shall be persons entitled to vote as provided in subsection (g) and residents of a county in which ~~the~~ such irrigation district or a portion thereof is located, or a county adjoining a county in which such irrigation district or a portion thereof is located. Such members shall hold office for a period of two, three or four years, such term of office being established by the board of directors by passage of a resolution, and each shall serve until a successor has been elected and qualified. The members of the board of directors first elected after the creation of an irrigation district shall hold their respective offices until the next regular election for the election of directors as provided in subsection (d), (e) or (f) ~~of this section,~~ except that the terms of the three directors shall be as provided in subsection (d)

or (e) ~~of this section~~.

(b) The chief engineer of the division of water resources, after the incorporation of such irrigation district, shall establish and designate the polling place or places therein where the first election will be conducted and fix the time for such election within 60 days after the date of incorporation. In any irrigation district of more than 35,000 acres, the chief engineer of the division of water resources shall, prior to designating polling places, establish three voting areas within such district as equal as possible in acreage and shall designate the same as the first, second or third voting area. Such polling place or places may thereafter be changed by the board of directors, and the board may arrange for polling places outside the corporate boundaries of the district if such places are more convenient than locations within the district. Prior to the holding of the first election in newly created districts, the chief engineer of the division of water resources shall appoint from the qualified electors of the district three persons for such election for each voting place who shall constitute boards of election for such district for such election. If the members appointed do not attend at the opening of the polls on the day of election, at the opening hour, the electors present at that hour shall elect from the electors present members of the election board necessary to fill the place of any absent member.

(c) Unless the board of directors adopts a resolution providing for mail ballot elections under subsection (d)(5), the board of directors of every district of more than 35,000 acres ~~which~~ that was incorporated prior to the effective date of this act shall establish three voting areas within the district as equal as possible in acreage and designate the same as the first, second or third voting area. The board shall also establish and designate the polling place or places within each voting area. At the first election held after the effective date of this act, a director shall be elected for the term length established by the board.

(d) (1) Except as provided in paragraph ~~(2)~~ (5), all elections shall be conducted in accordance with the general election laws of the state except as otherwise provided in this act. Advance voting as provided in article 11 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, shall be provided for by the county election officers and boards of directors for those persons entitled to vote under subsection (g). The forms for the ballot envelope declaration as provided in K.S.A. 25-1120, and amendments thereto, and the applications for advance ballots as provided in K.S.A. 25-1122d, and amendments thereto, shall be modified to establish that such person is a qualified owner of irrigable land within the district. After polls are closed the election boards shall proceed to canvass the votes cast thereat, shall certify to the county election officer of the county in which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation district is located and the chief engineer the result of such election. The clerks shall then securely wrap the ballots cast at such elections and shall express or mail the same by registered mail to the county election officer of the county in which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation district is located. The county election officer shall canvass the ballots, verify the results and declare the person receiving the highest number of votes duly elected as director, except that at the first election after creation of a district the county election officer of the county in which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation district is located shall declare the three persons receiving the highest number of votes duly elected as directors ~~except that in districts~~, or, if such district is divided into three voting areas, the person receiving the highest number of

votes in each voting area shall be declared duly elected as director. Such county election officer shall immediately mail, to each person elected to the office of director a certificate of election signed by such officer.

(2) The directors shall thereupon qualify and enter upon the duties of their office. Directors shall qualify by taking and subscribing to an oath of office of substantially the same tenor as oath of office prescribed for county officials. Each member of the board of directors shall execute an official bond in the sum of $1,000 which oath and bond shall be filed with the county election officer of the county in which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation district is located. The treasurer of each irrigation district shall execute to the district a corporate surety bond in an amount at least equal to 125% of the amount, as near as can be ascertained, that shall be in such person's hands as treasurer at any one time. The amount and sufficiency of the bond of the treasurer shall be determined by the county election officer. Upon approval of the bond, the county election officer shall endorse such approval thereon and file the same in the office of the county election officer and shall immediately notify the county treasurer of the county in which the registered office of the irrigation district is located of such approval and filing.

(3) In the event of the breach of any condition of the treasurer's bond, the president and secretary of the board shall cause a suit to be commenced thereon in the name of the irrigation district. It shall not be necessary to include the treasurer as a party to the action and the money collected shall be applied to the use of the district, as the same should have been applied by the treasurer. Should the president and secretary neglect or refuse to prosecute such a suit, then any person entitled to vote as provided in subsection (g) may cause such suit to be instituted. Premiums on surety bonds for such directors and treasurers of irrigation districts shall be paid by the district out of its general funds.

(4) In case the office of any director shall become vacant the remaining members of the board shall fill the vacancy by appointment. A director appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve the unexpired term of the director whose term such person was appointed to fill.

~~(2)~~(5) For any election except the election required in subsection (b), the board of directors may adopt a ~~procedure~~ resolution providing for the election of members by mail ballot in an even-numbered or odd-numbered year. ~~Such procedure shall require the board to mail ballots to all persons entitled to vote, to receive and tabulate the ballots, to canvass the election and to certify the results to the county election officer~~ Any such resolution shall be submitted to the county election officer of each county containing territory of the district. The election shall be held on the first Tuesday in March in each even-numbered or odd-numbered year as specified in such resolution. Not less than 90 days prior to the date of each such election, the county election officers of each county containing territory of the district shall jointly file a mail ballot election plan with the secretary of state. No person shall file as a candidate for a position on the board of directors of such district after 12:00 p.m. 10 weeks prior to the date of the election. Except as otherwise provided in this section, all elections held pursuant to this paragraph shall be conducted in accordance with the general election laws of this state and the mail ballot election act, K.S.A. 25-431 et seq., and amendments thereto. The irrigation district shall be responsible for the direct expenses of conducting the election. ~~The ballot envelope used for mailing ballots shall contain a declaration establishing that~~

~~the person who signs the declaration is a qualified owner of irrigable land within the district.~~ In the resolution providing for the election of members by mail ballot, the board of directors shall establish the term of such members to be a period of two, three or four years.

(e) (1) All regular elections of directors of irrigation districts shall be held the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years.

(2) Any districts organized after the regular election shall hold its election at the next regular election following incorporation of the district and, at this election three directors shall be elected and the person receiving the highest number of votes shall serve for a term of four years, the persons receiving the second and third highest number of votes shall serve for a term of two years. In case the first election after creation of a district is held between June 1 of any year and the day preceding the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of the next succeeding odd-numbered year, the next regular election shall be held in the second succeeding odd-numbered year. At each subsequent regular election, ~~only one director~~ directors shall be elected ~~each year~~ for a term of four years.

(3) Any person desiring to be a candidate for election to the board of directors shall file a candidate's declaration of intention with the county election officer of the county in which all or the greater part of the population of the district is located. Such candidate's filing shall utilize the procedures provided in K.S.A. 25-21a03, and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto. The county election officer shall prepare the ballot, and place the names thereon in alphabetical order and shall supply election officials with necessary ballots and polling books at the irrigation district's expense. At least five days before any election, the county clerks of the various counties within which a portion of the district is located, shall cause to be ascertained the names of all persons entitled to vote as provided in subsection (g) and shall furnish lists thereof to each election board within such county and to the secretary of the board of directors of the district. Notice of the time and places of holding of the general election, shall be published by the county election officer in a newspaper of general circulation in the district in accordance with K.S.A. 25-105, and amendments thereto. The results of all special or bond elections shall be made available to the secretary of the district. All expenses of election, not otherwise provided for herein, shall be paid for out of the general funds of the irrigation district. Election officials shall receive the same compensation as provided under general election laws.

(4) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any election conducted pursuant to subsection (d)(5) or (f).

(f) In lieu of the election procedures provided in this section pertaining to regular elections of directors in accordance with the general election laws of the state, the board of directors of any irrigation district of less than 35,000 acres in size may call an annual meeting of all persons entitled to vote as provided in subsection (g) for the purpose of electing directors. Such annual meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday in March. Notice of the time and place of holding said annual meeting shall be given in some newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the district for one issue at least 30 days prior to date of such meeting. Elections at the annual meeting shall be by ballot, with absentee voting as provided under subsection (d) ~~of this section~~. All persons desiring to be voted upon as director shall at least 30 days before the day of holding the annual meeting file such person's name with the secretary of the board of directors of

the district, affixed to a statement that such person desires such person's name to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for member of board of directors of the district. The board of directors shall appoint three owners of irrigable land in the district to serve as an election board at the annual meeting. After the votes are cast at the annual meeting the election board shall proceed to canvass the votes and shall certify to the county election officer of the county in which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation district is located and the chief engineer the result of such election. All provisions of this section not inconsistent with the provisions of subsection (f) shall apply to the election of directors at the annual meeting.

(g) (1) Until such time as assessments are made in the district pursuant to K.S.A. 42-715, and amendments thereto, those persons entitled to vote shall be "qualified owners of land" within the irrigation district, as such term is defined in K.S.A. 42-701, and amendments thereto, and who are otherwise qualified electors.

(2) After lands have been assessed in the district pursuant to K.S.A. 42-715, and amendments thereto, those persons entitled to vote shall be "qualified owners of land" within the irrigation district as such term is defined in K.S.A. 42-701, and amendments thereto, which has been assessed pursuant to K.S.A. 42-715, and amendments thereto, and who are otherwise qualified electors. For voting purposes, any person entitled to vote under this subsection who owns land in more than one voting area shall vote in the voting area ~~which~~ that includes the greatest portion of such person's land.

(h) As used in this section, the term "qualified electors" ~~shall include~~ includes a person who is the legal qualified owner of irrigable land or a person, who is authorized, in writing, to vote for a trust, corporation, association or partnership ~~which~~ that is the legal qualified owner of irrigable land. Such person is not required to be a resident of the district. Such trust, corporation, association or partnership shall be allowed only one vote. The person authorized by such entity to vote shall be someone who is not otherwise entitled to a vote under this section.

Sec. 10. K.S.A. 71-1414 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-1414. (a) (1) In college districts where a district method of election is in effect, a person may become a candidate for election to trustee of a community college by any one of the following methods:

(A) Any person who is an elector of any member district may petition to be a candidate for member from the member district in which such person resides. Any such person shall file with the election officer a petition for such person's candidacy signed by not ~~less~~ fewer than 50 electors residing in such person's member district.

(B) Any person who is an elector of any member district may become a candidate for member from the member district in which such person resides by filing with the election officer a declaration of intent to be such a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing fee in the amount of $20.

(C) If a community college adopts and implements a seven member board of trustees plan, any person who is an elector of the college district may petition to be a candidate for the at-large member position. Any such person shall file with the county election officer a petition for such candidacy signed by not ~~less~~ fewer than 50 electors residing in such college district.

(D) If a community college adopts and implements a seven member board of trustees plan, any person who is an elector of the college district may become a candidate for the at-large member position by filing with the county election officer a

declaration of intent to be such a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing fee in the amount of $20.

(2) Every petition or declaration of intent filed under this subsection ~~must~~ shall specify the member position for which the person is a candidate.

(b) In college districts where the election-at-large method of election is in effect, a person may become a candidate for election to trustee of a community college by either one of the following methods:

(1) Any person who is an elector of the college district may petition to be a candidate for trustee. Any such person shall file with the election officer a petition for such person's candidacy signed by not ~~less~~ fewer than 50 electors residing in the college district.

(2) Any person who is an elector of the college district may become a candidate for trustee by filing with the election officer a declaration of intent to be such a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing fee in the amount of $20.

(c) (1) Every petition or declaration of intent filed under this section ~~must~~ shall be filed on or before ~~12 noon~~ 12:00 p.m. on June 1 of each odd-numbered year as provided in K.S.A. 25-205 and 25-21a03, and amendments thereto~~, and K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto~~. No candidate shall be permitted to withdraw from candidacy after the filing deadline, except that a candidate shall be withdrawn from an election if:

(A) The candidate certifies to the county election officer that such candidate is withdrawing because of severe medical hardship on the candidate or the candidate's immediate family. Such candidate shall send the county election officer a certification of the severe medical hardship signed by a physician; or

(B) the candidate certifies to the county election officer that such candidate no longer resides in the district for which the candidate filed for office.

(2) If the county election officer receives a certification as described in subparagraph (1) on or before the September 1 of the year of the election, such candidate's name shall be withdrawn and shall not be printed on the ballots.

(3) If a candidate dies on or before September 1 of the year of the election, such candidate's name shall be withdrawn and shall not be printed on the ballots.

Sec. 11. K.S.A. 25-306b, 25-2020, 25-2106, 25-2407, 25-4003, 25-4148, 25-4156, 42-706 and 71-1414 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-432 are hereby repealed.";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking all after "concerning"; by striking all in lines 2 through 7; in line 8, by striking "families" and inserting "elections; relating to campaign finance; concerning a vacancy in the joint candidacy of the governor and lieutenant governor; relating to reasons for withdrawal of candidacy from national, state and local offices; relating to the election of the board of directors of certain irrigation districts; specifying when such elections may be conducted by the mail ballot election law; relating to the crime of corrupt political advertising; removing the requirement that treasurers be listed in political advertising attributions; clarifying campaign finance reports regarding vendor information; amending K.S.A. 25-306b, 25-2020, 25-2106, 25-2407, 25-4003, 25-4148, 25-4156, 42-706 and 71-1414 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-432 and repealing the existing sections";

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

Pat Proctor
Paul Waggoner
Kirk Haskins
Conferees on part of House

Mike Thompson
Tory Marie Blew
Oletha Faust Goudeau
Conferees on part of Senate

On motion of Rep. Proctor, the conference committee report on **Sub Bill for SB 260** was adopted.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 98; Nays 27; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 0.

Yeas: Anderson, Awerkamp, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, 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, McDonald, McNorton, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Neighbor, Osman, Pickert, Pishny, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Sanders, Sappington, Sawyer, 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, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Alcala, Amyx, Ballard, Boatman, Paige, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Curtis, Martinez, Melton, Meyer, Mosley, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Ousley, Poetter, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Simmons, Stogsdill, Vaughn, Weigel, Wikle, Winn.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: None.

CHANGE OF CONFEREES

Speaker Hawkins appointed Reps. Rahjes, Neelly, and Featherston to replace Reps. Kessler, Schmoe, and Meyer as members of the conference committee on **HB 2505**.

Speaker Hawkins appointed Reps. Rahjes, Neelly, and Featherston to replace Reps. Sutton, Bergkamp, and Neighbor as members of the conference committee on **HB 2042**.

Speaker Hawkins appointed Reps. Rahjes, Neelly, and Featherston to replace Reps. Kessler, Schmoe, and Meyer as members of the conference committee on **HB 2568**.

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

AFTERNOON SESSION

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

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

MID-AFTERNOON SESSION

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

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on **HB 2068**.
The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on **HB 2497**.
The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on **HB 2527**.
The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on **HB 2590**.
The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on **HB 2700**.

The Senate announced the appointment of Senators Erickson, Thomas, and Sykes as conferees on **HB 2412, HB 2763**.

The Senate announced the appointment of Senators Tyson and Peck as conferees on **HB 2762**.

The Senate announced the appointment of Senators Peck and Alley as conferees on **HB 2042**.

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **Sub HB 2164** and has appointed Senators Warren, Titus and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER and MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2437** 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.

MIKE THOMPSON
TORY MARIE BLEW
MARCI FRANCISCO
Conferees on part of Senate

PAT PROCTOR
PAUL WAGGONER
KIRK HASKINS
Conferees on part of House

On motion of Rep. Proctor the conference committee report on **HB 2437** to agree to disagree, was adopted.

Speaker pro tempore Carpenter thereupon appointed Reps. Proctor, Waggoner and Haskins as second conferees on the part of the House.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER and MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2569** 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.

Mike Thompson
Tory Marie Blew
Oletha Faust Goudeau
Conferees on part of Senate

Pat Proctor
Paul Waggoner
Kirk Haskins
Conferees on part of House

On motion of Rep. Proctor the conference committee report on **HB 2569** to agree to disagree, was adopted.

Speaker pro tempore Carpenter thereupon appointed Reps. Proctor, Waggoner and Haskins as second conferees on the part of the House.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER and MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2365** 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.

Beverly Gossage
William Clifford
Conferees on part of Senate

Will Carpenter
Ron Bryce
Conferees on part of House

On motion of Rep. Carpenter, W. the conference committee report on **HB 2365** to agree to disagree, was adopted.

Speaker pro tempore Carpenter thereupon appointed Reps. W. Carpenter, Bryce and Ruiz, S. as second conferees on the part of the House.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER and MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2731** 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.

Renee Erickson
Michael Murphy
Conferees on part of Senate

BLAKE CARPENTER
DALE HELWIG
Conferees on part of House

On motion of Rep. Awerkamp the conference committee report on **Sub Bill for HB 2731** to agree to disagree, was adopted.

Speaker pro tempore Carpenter thereupon appointed Reps. Awerkamp, Helwig and Wikle as second conferees on the part of the House.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

The House recedes from all of its amendments to the bill.

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** was adopted.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 76; Nays 48; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 1.

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

Nays: Alcala, Amyx, Ballard, Bloom, Boatman, Bohi, Paige, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Collins, Curtis, Esau, Featherston, Haskins, Helgerson, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, James, Lewis, Martinez, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Minnix, Mosley, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Poskin, Roeser, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schreiber, Stogsdill, Vaughn, Wasinger, Weigel, Wikle, Winn, Woodard, Xu.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Simmons.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER and MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2124** 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, by striking all in lines 8 through 30; following line 30, by inserting:

"Section 1. K.S.A. 8-1560 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1560. (a) Whenever local authorities in their respective jurisdictions determine on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the maximum speed permitted is greater or less than is reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist upon a highway or part of a highway, the local authority may determine and declare a reasonable and safe maximum limit thereon ~~which~~ that:

(1) Decreases the limit at intersections;

(2) increases the limit within an urban district but does not ~~to~~ exceed the maximum speed of 65 miles per hour;

(3) decreases the limit outside an urban district~~, but not~~ to not less than 20 miles per hour, except as authorized by K.S.A. 8-1560a, and amendments thereto;

(4) decreases the limit within an urban district in a school zone to not less than 20 miles per hour, except that any such decreased limit shall apply only during the hours in which students are normally en route to or from school~~,~~. Such zones and hours ~~to~~ shall be determined by ordinance or resolution of such local authority; or

(5) decreases the limit within any residence district~~, but not~~ to not less than 20 miles per hour.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (h), local authorities in their respective jurisdictions may determine by an engineering and traffic investigation the proper maximum speed for all arterial streets and shall declare a reasonable and safe maximum limit thereon ~~which~~ that may be greater or less than the maximum speed permitted under this act for an urban district or other location in which the arterial street is situated, except that in no event shall any local authority establish any such maximum limit in excess of 65 miles per hour.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in ~~paragraph (4) of~~ subsection (a)(4), any altered limit established as authorized shall be effective at all times or during hours of darkness or at other times as may be determined when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected upon such street or highway.

(d) Any alteration of maximum limits on city connecting links shall not be effective until such alteration has been approved by the secretary of transportation.

(e) If local authorities in their respective jurisdictions have established a speed limit within any residence district ~~which~~ that is less than 30 miles per hour, prior to the effective date of this act, such speed limit shall be deemed valid and shall not require an engineering and traffic investigation.

(f) Local authorities in their respective jurisdictions may establish the speed limit within a road construction zone, as defined in K.S.A. 8-1458a, and amendments thereto, upon any highway under the jurisdiction of such local authorities.

(g) The provisions of K.S.A. 8-1560b, and amendments thereto, shall apply to the limitations on speed limits provided by subsection (a) ~~of this section~~.

(h) Local authorities who have jurisdiction over county or township highways may determine, based on an engineering and traffic investigation or without an engineering and traffic investigation, the proper maximum speed for such county or township highways and shall declare a reasonable and safe maximum limit thereon ~~which~~ that may be greater or less than the maximum speed permitted under this act, except that in

no event shall any local authority establish any such maximum limit in excess of 65 miles per hour.

(i) Local authorities who have jurisdiction over city residence districts may reduce the maximum speed limit in their respective residence districts from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour without the engineering and traffic investigation required by subsection (a).

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-1575 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1575. (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), no person shall drive any vehicle upon a sidewalk or sidewalk area except upon a permanent or duly authorized temporary driveway.

(b) The governing body of any city is hereby authorized, by ordinance duly passed, to allow for the driving of a golf cart upon a sidewalk, as defined in K.S.A. 8-1495, and amendments thereto, if the driver of the golf cart is a person 16 years of age or older and holds a valid class C driver's license and the street or highway adjacent to the sidewalk prohibits the operation of golf carts pursuant to K.S.A. 8-15,108, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-1560 and 8-1575 are hereby repealed.";

Also on page 1, in line 32, by striking "Kansas register" and inserting "statute book";

Also on page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking all after "concerning"; by striking all in lines 2 through 4; in line 5, by striking all before the period and inserting "traffic regulations; providing cities the authority to allow the driving of golf carts upon sidewalks; permitting local authorities with jurisdiction over residence districts to reduce the maximum speed limit from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour in their respective residence districts without an engineering and traffic investigation; amending K.S.A. 8-1560 and 8-1575 and repealing the existing sections";

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, to adopt the conference committee report on **HB 2124**, Rep. Ohaebosim offered a substitute motion to not adopt the conference committee report and that a new conference committee be appointed.

The substitute motion of Rep. Ohaebosim did not prevail and the question reverted back to the original motion of Rep. Francis to adopt the conference committee report.

On motion of Rep. Francis, the conference committee report on **HB 2124** was adopted.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 89; Nays 35; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 1.

Yeas: Anderson, Awerkamp, Barrett, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Francis, Gardner,

Goddard, Goetz, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, McDonald, 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, Amyx, Ballard, Bergkamp, Boatman, Paige, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Curtis, Featherston, Haskins, Hoye, Martinez, Melton, Meyer, Mosley, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Poskin, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Stogsdill, Vaughn, Weigel, Wikle, Winn, Woodard, Xu.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Simmons.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE

Mr. Speaker: I vote no on **HB 2124**. The potential for a golf cart to go head-to-head with a stroller is enough to prevent me from thinking it's a good idea to ever have golf carts on a sidewalk. Cities can already allow golf carts on streets; let's keep sidewalks safe places for pedestrians to move about our communities. – Jo Ella Hoye

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

On motion of Rep. Humphries, to adopt the conference committee report on **HB 2422**, Rep. Schmoe offered a substitute motion to not adopt the conference committee report and that a new conference committee be appointed.

Roll call was demanded on the substitute motion of Rep. Schmoe.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 69; Nays 55; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 1.

Yeas: Alcala, Amyx, Anderson, Ballard, Boatman, Bohi, Borjon, Paige, Butler, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Chauncey, Collins, Croft, Curtis, Esau, Essex, Fairchild, Featherston, Haskins, Helgerson, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Hoye, James, King, Martinez, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Mosley, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Pishny, Poetter, Poskin, Reavis, Roeser, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sappington, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Smith, A., Smith, C., Stiens, Stogsdill, Storm, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, VanHouden, Vaughn, Weigel, Wikle, Willcott, Winn, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Awerkamp, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Brantley, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Caiharr, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Corbet, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Estes, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Hawkins, Helwig, Howell, Howerton, Huebert, Humphries, T. Johnson, Kessler, Lewis, Long, McNorton, Minnix, Moser, Pickert, Proctor, Rahjes, Rhiley, Roth, Sanders, Seiwert, Steele, Sutton, Turner, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, White, Wilborn, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wilson, Wolf.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Simmons.

The motion prevailed and Speaker pro tempore Carpenter appointed Reps. Humphries, L. Williams and Osman as second conferees., on part of the House.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on **Sub HB 2250**.
The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on **HB 2464**.
The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on **HB 2481**.
The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on **HB 2533**.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On emergency motion of Rep. B. Carpenter, **HR 6045**, as follows, was introduced and adopted:

By Representative Carpenter

HR 6045—A RESOLUTION providing for a session of the House of Representatives to hear a message from Ambassador Alexander Tah-ray Yui.

A RESOLUTION providing for a session of the House of Representatives to hear a message from Ambassador Alexander Tah-ray Yui, Representative to the United States for the Republic of China (Taiwan), welcoming and granting to The Ambassador the privilege of the floor to address the body.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That the House of Representatives shall meet in session in Representative Hall on March 26, 2026, for the purpose of hearing a message from Ambassador Alexander Tah-ray Yui, Representative to the United States for the Republic of China (Taiwan); and

Be it further resolved: That Ambassador Yui is hereby welcomed to the floor of the House of Representatives and granted the privilege of the floor; and

Be it further resolved: That the Speaker of the House is authorized to recognize Ambassador Yui for the purpose of addressing the body; and

Be it further resolved: That a committee of six members from the House of Representatives be appointed to wait upon Ambassador Yui as follows, the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, the Assistant Majority Leader, the Assistant Minority Leader, the Majority Whip and the Minority Whip.

REPORT ON ENGROSSED BILLS

HB 2331, Sub Bill for HB 2595, HB 2719 reported correctly engrossed March 24, 2026.

HB 2539 reported correctly re-engrossed March 24, 2026.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 26, 2026.

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