

Journal of the House

FIRST DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Monday, January 13, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

This being the day fixed by the Constitution of the State of Kansas for the assembling of the 2025 session of the legislature, the House of Representatives was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Bryan Caskey, Assistant Secretary of State.

Assistant Secretary of State, Bryan Caskey, announced the appointment of Susan Kannarr as temporary Chief Clerk of the House.

I, SCOTT SCHWAB, Secretary of State, do hereby certify that the following persons were elected members of the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas for a two-year term beginning on the second Monday of January, A.D. 2025.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed my official seal. Done at the city of Topeka this 2nd day of December, A.D. 2024.

SCOTT SCHWAB
Secretary of State

Members of the House of Representatives were then called in groups, came forward, took and subscribed, or affirmed, to their respective oaths of office, administered to them by Chief Justice Marla Luckert, Kansas Supreme Court as follows:

State of Kansas, County of Shawnee,ss:

We and each of us, do solemnly swear or affirm, that we will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative of the State of Kansas, so help me God.

District

1st Dale Helwig
2nd Kenneth (Ken) Collins
3rd Charles (Chuck) Smith
4th Rick James
5th Carrie Barth
6th Samantha M. Poetter Parshall
7th Dan Goddard
8th Chris Croft
9th Fred Gardner
10th Susan Wikle

District

11th Ron Bryce
12th Doug Blex
13th Duane Droge
14th Charlotte Esau
15th Lauren N. Bohi
16th Linda Featherston
17th Jo Ella Hoye
18th Cindy Neighbor
19th Stephanie Sawyer Clayton
20th Mari-Lynn Poskin

District

21st Jerry Stogsdill
 22nd Lindsay Vaughn
 23rd Susan Ruiz
 24th Jarrod Ousley
 25th Rui Xu
 26th Chip VanHouden
 27th Sean Edward Tarwater, Sr.
 28th Carl Turner
 29th Heather Meyer
 30th Laura Williams
 31st Louis E. Ruiz
 32nd Pam Curtis
 33rd Mike Thompson
 34th Valdenia C. Winn
 35th Wanda Brownlee Paige
 36th Lynn Melton
 37th Melissa Oropeza
 38th Timothy H. Johnson
 39th Angela Stiens
 40th David Buehler
 41st Pat Proctor
 42nd Lance W. Neelly
 43rd Bill Sutton
 44th Barbara W. Ballard
 45th Mike Amyx
 46th Brooklyne Mosley
 47th Ronald B. Ellis
 48th Dan Osman
 49th Nikki McDonald
 50th Kyle McNorton
 51st Megan D. Steele
 52nd Jesse Borjon
 53rd Kirk R. Haskins
 54th Ken Corbet
 55th Tobias Schlingensiepen
 56th Virgil Weigel
 57th John Alcalá
 58th Alexis Simmons
 59th Rebecca Schmoe
 60th Mark Schreiber
 61st Francis Averkamp
 62nd Sean M. Willcott
 63rd Allen B. Reavis
 64th Lewis (Bill) Bloom

District

65th Shawn Chauncey
 66th Sydney Carlin
 67th Angel Roeser
 68th Nathan (Nate) Butler
 69th Clarke Sanders
 70th Scott Hill
 71st Steven K. Howe
 72nd Avery Anderson
 73rd Richard Wilborn
 74th Mike King
 75th Will Carpenter
 76th Brad Barrett
 77th Kristey S. Williams
 78th Robyn R. Essex
 79th Webster T. Roth
 80th Bill Rhiley
 81st Blake Carpenter
 82nd Leah Howell
 83rd Henry Helgerson
 84th Ford Carr
 85th Patrick A. Penn
 86th Silas Miller
 87th Susan Oliver Estes
 88th Sandy Pickert
 89th KC Ohaebosim
 90th Steve Huebert
 91st Emil M. Bergquist
 92nd John Carmichael
 93rd Brian Bergkamp
 94th Leo G. Delperdang
 95th Tom Sawyer
 96th Tom Kessler
 97th Nick Hoheisel
 98th Cyndi Howerton
 99th Susan Humphries
 100th Daniel Hawkins
 101st Joe Seiwert
 102nd Kyler Sweely
 103rd Angela Martinez
 104th Paul M. Waggoner
 105th Jill Ann Ward
 106th Lisa M. Moser
 107th Dawn Wolf
 108th Brandon Woodard

District

109th Troy L. Waymaster
 110th Ken Rahjes
 111th Barb Wasinger
 112th Sherri Brantley
 113th Brett Fairchild
 114th Kevin D. Schwertfeger
 115th Gary White
 116th Kyle D. Hoffman

District

117th Adam Turk
 118th Jim Minnix
 119th Jason W. Goetz
 120th Adam Smith
 121st John Resman
 122nd Lon E. Pishny
 123rd Bob Lewis
 124th Martin (Marty) Long
 125th Shannon Francis

Nominations being in order for speaker, Rep. K. Williams nominated Rep. Dan Hawkins for Speaker of the House. There being no further nominations, Rep. Woodard moved that the nominations be closed, and that the temporary clerk be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Rep. Hawkins as Speaker of the House of Representatives. The motion prevailed.

Assistant Secretary of State, Bryan Caskey requested Rep. Hawkins to approach the well for the oath of office.

Speaker-elect Hawkins subscribed to the following oath of office, which was administered by Chief Justice Marla Luckert.

State of Kansas, County of Shawnee,ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives, so help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of January, 2025.

MARLA LUCKERT
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

Speaker Hawkins addressed the following remarks to the members of the House:

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve another two years as the Kansas House Speaker. It's truly an honor and a privilege. I appreciate all of the love and support from my wife Diane and my two daughters- Hannah and Hayley. My family is truly the reason I'm here today. To my grandkids- your future and the future of all the children of Kansas truly motivates and underscores the work that we do. I must also thank the good people of District 100 who have entrusted me to serve our district for another term. While I serve in House leadership and prioritize our state as a whole, District 100 is and always will be near and dear to my heart. To all of the legislative staff- the Revisors, LAS, research, post audit, the clerk and office staff, sergeant at arms, and security- the legislature functions day to day because of all of you. Thank you for all that you do, behind the scenes with often little credit. We all appreciate you and your contributions to this process.

The trust that all of you have placed in me to serve as House Speaker for another two years is a responsibility that I do not take lightly...and I accept this responsibility with a profound sense of duty- to each of you, to this institution, and the people of this great

state. We accomplished much in the last two years, and I'm even more excited about what lies ahead for the next two years- a better way for the people of Kansas.

As I stand here, I'm reminded of our foundational values that must guide that work: faith, family, friends, unity, and civility. These are not abstract ideals; but the bedrock principles that must anchor our leadership as a body in this chamber.

First, **Faith**-in our Creator, our God most importantly, but also in each other, our intentions, and in the democratic process itself. In everything we do, as a body, let us lead with our faith. Faith calls us to act with humility, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to the greater good. Faith also reminds us that no challenge is insurmountable. When we come together for the purpose of service to the people of Kansas, the possibilities are truly endless.

Second, is **Family**. I am grateful for the sacrifices my family has made and continues to make so that I can serve in the Kansas House these past 12 years. Family teaches us responsibility, loyalty, and sacrifice. It reminds us that the greatest legacy we leave here is not in what happens day-to-day, but in the long-term improvements we can implement that can truly change people's lives and wellbeing. Let us lead in a way that strengthens not only the families we represent but also those communities across the state.

Third, are **Friends**. Within our caucuses and across the aisle, friendship reminds us that while we may differ in our views and ideology, we are bound by a shared love of our state and for serving the people of Kansas. While we will have disagreements, let us not see each other as adversaries but as colleagues. I pledge to foster an environment where relationships are built, trust is earned, and respect is paramount.

Fourth, **Unity**. This Chamber represents the diversity of our state- from rural to urban and everything in between, to our cultural and political differences. It's easy to focus on what divides us, but our strength lies in finding common ground. The challenges we face and the people we serve demand that we rise above partisanship and work together for the good of all Kansans.

Fifth, **Civility**. And after coming off an especially heated election cycle, this is especially important. Our debates will be spirited, and our disagreements may be sharp but let us remember that how we conduct ourselves matters, both within the statehouse and out. Let us rise above the hateful and divisive political rhetoric. Civility is not a concession; it is a strength. It is the belief that we can disagree passionately without demeaning personally. It is the practice of listening as much as we speak and seeking solutions rather than scoring political points. It is the courage to disagree without hatred, to debate without demeaning, and to listen without dismissing.

To my colleagues, I make this promise: I will strive to be a fair steward of this House and work tirelessly to uphold the integrity of this institution. And to the people of Kansas: We will not lose sight of why we are here.

Our debates, our decisions, and our actions must always reflect our shared commitment to serve the people of Kansas- to protect freedoms, ensure opportunities, and preserve the ideals that make Kansas truly exceptional.

Let us serve with humility, lead with courage, and legislate with hope. Thank you again for this opportunity and may God bless this House and the beautiful state of

Kansas.

Speaker Hawkins was presented the gavel by Assistant Secretary of State, Bryan Caskey, and assumed the chair.

Speaker Hawkins announced the the appointemnt of Susan Kannarr as Chief Clerk; Allen Morgan as Sargeant at Arms and L.D. Holmes as House Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

Nominations being in order for speaker pro tem, Rep. K. Williams nominated Rep. Blake Carpenter for Speaker pro tem of the House of Representatives. There being no further nominations, Rep. Amyx moved that the nominations be closed, and that the clerk be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Rep. Carpenter as Speaker pro tem of the House of Representatives. The motion prevailed.

Speaker Hawkins requested Rep. Carpenter to approach the well for the oath of office.

Speaker pro tem-elect Carpenter subscribed to the following oath of office, which was administered by Chief Justice Marla Luckert.

State of Kansas, County of Shawnee,ss:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Speaker pro tem of the House of Representatives, so help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of January, 2025.

MARLA LUCKERT

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

Speaker pro tem Carpenter addressed the following remarks to members of the House:

Colleagues, friends, and fellow Kansans. As the first light of the New Year casts over us, we begin our mission as stewards of the people and ideals of Kansas. Today marks not only the start of a new legislative session but the renewal of our commitment to the ideals that have guided generations of leaders before us.

Kansas has long stood as a testament to the resilience of the human spirit. From the wide expanses of our prairie skies to the concrete roots of this building, we are reminded of who we are—a people who weather storms, plant seeds of hope, and harvest a brighter tomorrow. And like those fields, this chamber is fertile ground for ideas, collaboration, and progress.

As we embark on this legislative session, let us pause to consider the journey ahead. The path before us is not without challenges, but it is paved with possibility. Each of us, regardless of party or perspective, carries within us the ability to spark change and build a legacy of prosperity for the people we serve. Together, we hold the tools to cultivate solutions, craft opportunity, and ensure Kansas remains a beacon of hope and promise in the heart of this great nation.

Let us see our work not as a series of bills and budgets but as brushstrokes on a canvas, painting the future of Kansas. Each debate, each decision, and each vote we cast adds texture and depth to this portrait. What image will we leave behind for future generations to see? Will it be one of division and discord, or will it be a masterpiece of

unity and purpose?

We must remind ourselves that the brilliance of a Kansas sunset is not the result of one color, but many, blending together in harmony. Similarly, our strength as a body lies not in uniformity but in the variety of perspectives and ideas we bring to this chamber. When we respect and value those differences, we create a mosaic that reflects the beauty of our state and its people.

In the months ahead, may we approach our work with humility, listening more than we speak and seeking first to understand rather than to be understood. May we embrace the responsibility entrusted to us with courage and conviction, knowing that our decisions ripple far beyond this chamber into the lives of every Kansan—on farms, in classrooms, in businesses, and in homes.

So today, as we stand at the dawn of this new session, let us commit to rising above the noise and distractions of the moment. Let us aim higher, dream bigger, and work harder—not for ourselves, but for those who have entrusted us with this sacred duty.

Together, we have the power to make 2025 a year of unprecedented progress, where we tackle the pressing challenges before us with boldness and wisdom. May our work this session shine as a light that guides Kansas forward, enriching the lives of all who call this state home.

Let us begin with open hearts, determined minds, and a shared vision of a Kansas that grows stronger with each passing day.

Thank you, and may God bless our work and the people of Kansas.

Speaker Hawkins asked for announcements for party caucuses:

Rep. K. Williams stated the majority (Republican) party had met and elected the following:

- Majority leader, Representative Chris Croft
- Assistant Majority Leader, Representative Kyle Hoffman
- Majority Whip, Representative Nick Hoheisel
- Caucus Chairperson, Kristey Williams

Majority Leader Croft addressed the following remarks to members of the House:

Thank you Mr. Speaker,

My day started early...around 2:30 am. My wife told me there was something in her car that I needed to bring in today...it was a picture that my 14-year-old granddaughter drew...if you have time, please take a look at it. What a great way to start the day.

I want to start by thanking my wife, Connie...this year is our 40th anniversary! I'm a fortunate man to have such a wonderful partner in life.

It is great to see so many spouses here today...I'd like to say thank you for the support you provide to your legislator...also, I want you to know about the spouses' club – it is for all spouses, my wife is the current president...they have some great tours and have a good time not talking politics! In early December, each member received a green sheet on their desk when we were here for leadership elections and orientation... the event was earlier today but the contact information is still valid. If you've not seen it, I'll have more copies in office.

I want to thank my constituents in District 8 for trusting me and sending me back here to serve the people. It is an honor to continue my service.

I'd like to reflect for a moment on a life altering event from last year that both sharpened my purpose and perspective. Many of you know I served in the U.S. Army for 30 years. During my time, I served in or was around four of the six Divisions that participated in the Normandy invasion on D-Day. I've heard many stories from veterans that were there. Last year, I went to Normandy on a legislative leadership study. Each morning, we would review different military leaders and their actions. In the afternoon, we would walk the ground of the invasion. On the last day, I was asked to provide some comments at the Omaha Beach cemetery wreath laying ceremony. They told me there would be a few others...it was like 140 extras from all around the world. Across the Normandy region, there is an incredible connection with Kansas. We had a division, a National Guard unit, many citizens, and Kansas' own General Eisenhower orchestrating and overseeing the operation. In fact, in one town square there's a statue of the general and a plaque there that is titled "All Eyes of the World are upon Us" (similar to our plaque in the basement of this building).

After I was asked to speak, one participant asked, all these folks gave so much...how does this relate to our leadership situation as legislators? So, as I walked around the beaches and cemetery it was this question that kept bouncing around in my head.

I was in awe of the sacrifices that were made. I was reminded of the poem...Flanders Fields by John McCrae. It added to the awe and meaning of the sacrifices made there and all around the world.

There amongst the many rows of crosses...we quietly walked and looked at the crosses inscriptions...we found Authur C. Germeroth, PFC, 4th Division, Kansas, July 15, 1944, Kenneth D. Peterson, SSG, 391st Bomb Group, Kansas, June 7th, 1944, Melvin L. Gennette, PVT, 82nd Airborne Division, Kansas, June 8th, 1944, just a few names out of the thousands. Each cross displayed name, rank, unit, state, and a date.

What struck me was there wasn't a dash only a single date...the date of their death. Time meant something different in the context of this resting place... before that date, PFC Germeroth, SSG Peterson, PVT Gennette, and all the others 'felt the chill of the morning dawn, saw glow of the sunset, they felt the love of friends and family and loved others'...and on the date shown on their grave marker, they gave the ultimate sacrifice...they sacrificed all for freedom...for the world.

John McCrae continued in the poem that those that lay here in the cemeteries across the world had carried the torch of freedom and had passed it to the next generation who would pass it along. That torch is carried by the defenders of freedom. A torch that has been carried by so many...a torch carried by John Brown, J.H. Lane, by the others listed on walls of this great chamber and others displayed all throughout the Capitol.

So, in answering the question...how is this relevant to us...the torch of freedom is on a journey. Each generation is asked to carry it high. It is now our turn to do so...to carry that torch and as in the poem to not 'break the faith' with those that have sacrificed so much. We can do so with civility toward each other and to do our work united to create a lasting civic agreement. This is our time, our cherished opportunity to carry the torch of freedom so those that came before can rest easy. And when our time comes to pass the torch, we will expect the same of those that we have set the example.

I know that was a little heavy, but I felt compelled to share that experience. I am so honored to have the opportunity to serve.

Finally, I want to thank the members that gave me another opportunity to serve you and this great team again as the House Majority Leader.

We are...One Team! Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Rep. Ballard stated the minority (Democrat) party had caucused and elected the following officers:

- Minority Leader, Representative Brandon Woodard
- Assistant Minority Leader, Representative Mike Amyx
- Minority Whip, Representative Jo Ella Hoye
- Agenda Chairperson, Representative Jerry Stogsdill
- Caucus Chairperson, Representative Barbara W. Ballard
- Policy Chairperson, Representative Dan Osman

Minority Leader Woodard addressed the following remarks to the members of the House.

Thank you, Mister Speaker. Let me start by congratulating the Speaker of the House and the Speaker Pro Tem for being elected again. While the Majority and Minority leaders and our leadership teams are chosen by our respective partisan caucuses, our Speaker and Speaker Pro Tem are OUR leaders of the People's House of Representatives. I look forward to working with both of you in this new role.

To the new members who are sitting in this historic chamber for the first time as a representative, please take a moment to soak in the feeling that you are experiencing right now. Look around the room, take in the feeling of being here with your loved ones, your new colleagues, and occupying a space that only 6,000 other Kansans - in the history of our state - have had the honor of sitting in as an elected representative. When the days of your public service feel tough -- and I promise you there will be tough days ahead -- please remember how you feel right now. That feeling, the ability to be present and soak up every moment, each lesson and experience of this job, will get you through even the fiercest debates in this Chamber.

While I stand here as the House Democratic Leader, an honor that I will never be able to express through words alone, I want to invite every member of this Chamber to step outside of your comfort zone, to show up every day with an open mind, and to explore getting to know your colleagues as people before thinking about their politics. In my six years in this building, I have forged life-long friendships and identified legislative solutions with colleagues that I otherwise would have believed I had nothing in common with. The few times when I had a pre-conceived notion about who someone is based on their politics, I have been wrong.

To the members of our Democratic caucus, THANK YOU for believing in the vision of our leadership team and what we can achieve -- together. For the next two years, we have an uphill battle before us. We have a responsibility to offer a different perspective, an outside voice, and to stand up for our morals and ideals. At the same time, I would challenge each of us to approach working with the Republicans in our Chamber to identify the solutions for the People of Kansas. Thank you for trusting me to lead our scrappy and mighty caucus. I'd like to congratulate the members of our leadership team for being selected for their officer positions, including the representative from Lawrence for being selected as our Assistant Minority Leader.

To my friends across the aisle, I appreciate your willingness to work with me, our team, and our caucus on issues that we can find common ground on. And, I know that you can appreciate our role in providing a different perspective when we must. There will be times that we adamantly disagree on policy, but I hope we can conduct our debates with civility, a mutual understanding of listening to one another's point of view, and using these debates -- on even the most divisive policies -- to help inform our decision making process when we choose to vote YES or NO.

It is an honor to serve with each and every one of you. I congratulate Majority Leader Croft and the members of the Republican Leadership Team. I look forward to what we can achieve TOGETHER for the People of Kansas. Let's get to work!

THANK YOU, Mister Speaker.

The roll was called with 125 members present.

Prayer by Chaplain Holmes:

Dear Father, As we begin this new session for the State of Kansas,
 I pray Your blessings on each of these chosen leaders.
 They come from the East, West, North and South, from small Counties and
 large Metropolitan areas to do the work of those who have entrusted them
 with the power to make Kansas an even better place to live.
 May Your goodness, grace, and wisdom be paramount in all that happens
 in this chamber over the next number of months.
 May we keep Your Word central as we work together as colleagues and peers to
 fulfill the obligations placed before us.
 Allow the words of the prophet Isaiah to resonate in our very beings
 as we step into this, at times, challenging political arena.
 "Don't be afraid, I have redeemed you. I've called your name. You're mine.
 When you are in over your head, I'll be there with you.
 When you're in rough waters, you will not go down.
 When you're between a rock and a hard place, it won't be a dead end."
 We pray for the families of each Representative and ask that each would
 realize how important they are in this legislative process.
 Without their support, patience and understanding,
 the tasks ahead would be so much more difficult.
 Thank you for the wonderful support staff which has been assembled
 to help things run smoothly and with order.
 In Jesus Name I pray.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Thompson.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

Dear Mr. Speaker:

This letter is to advise you that the Office of Chief Clerk has received the following communications during the interim since adjournment of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature:

From the Office of Governor Laura Kelly:

Executive Order No. 24-04, Amending the reporting deadline for the Advisory Panel

for Planning, Design, and Construction of a Regional Psychiatric Hospital in South Central Kansas.

Executive Order No. 24-05, Day of Mourning for President James (Jimmy) Earl Carter Jr.

Executive Order No. 25-01, Directing the Department of Children and Families to Preserve Federal Benefits for Eligible Youth in Care.

Executive Directive No. 24-583 Authorizing Expenditure of Federal Funds.

Executive Directive No. 24-584 Authorizing Personnel Transactions and Expenditure of Federal Funds.

Executive Directive No. 24-585 Authorizing Personnel Transactions and Expenditure of Federal Funds

Executive Directive No. 24-586 Authorizing Personnel Transactions and Establishment of a Federal Fund.

Executive Directive No. 24-587 Authorizing Personnel Transactions and Expenditure of Federal Funds.

Executive Directive No. 24-588 Authorizing Personnel Transactions and Expenditure of Federal Funds.

Executive Directive No. 24-589 Establishment of a Federal Fund.

Executive Directive No. 24-590 Establishment of a Federal Fund.

Executive Directive No. 24-591 Authorizing Personnel Transactions and Establishment of a Federal Fund.

Executive Directive No. 24-592 Authorizing Personnel Transactions and Establishment of a Federal Fund.

From Kris Kobach, Attorney General, The 2022 Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division Annual Report.

From Kris Kobach, Attorney General. Pursuant to K.S.A. 75-753, The 2022 Kansas Open Meetings Act Kansas Open Records Act Annual Report.

From Kris Kobach, Attorney General. The 2024 State Child Death Review Board Annual Report.

From Kris Kobach, Attorney General, The 2024 Crime Victims Compensation Board Annual Report.

From Gabrielle Hull, Department of Education Legislative Coordinator, in accordance to K.S.A.72-5462(f), information on school bonds elections help after July 1, 2016.

From Gabrielle Hull, Department of Education Legislative Coordinator, in accordance to 2024 HB 2551, a report summarizing the Mental Health Intervention Team program for qualified schools for school year 2023-2024.

From Logan, Logan and Watson, L.C., Attorneys at Law, In accordance with K.S.A. 19-500(e), the Johnson County Educational Research Triangle Authority Annual Report.

From The Kansas Board of Regents, in accordance to K.S.A. 74-32, 290 et seq., the annual report on the implementation and administration of the Kansas Blueprint for Literacy.

From Frank Harwood, Department of Education Deputy Commissioner in accordance to K.S.A. 72-2291, a report summarizing USD Early Retirement Plans.

From Kris Kobach, Attorney General. Pursuant to K.S.A. 50-628(a) and 50-109(d) Report on activities in enforcing the Consumer Protection Act and Restraint of Trade

Act.

From Joel N. Oliver, Executive Director, Pooled Money Investment Board, Pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4222(h) The Annual Report of Pooled Money Investment Board for Fiscal Year 2024.

The complete reports are kept on file and open for inspection in the office of the Chief Clerk.

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From: Kris Kobach, Attorney General; pursuant to K.S.A. 75-7c16(b), of the Kansas Personal and Family Protection Act, also known as the concealed carry handgun law; report indicating the number of concealed carry handgun licenses issued, revoked, suspended and denied during FY 2024.

From: Gabrielle Hull, Legislative Coordinator, Kansas State Department of Education; in accordance with K.S.A. 72-4355; report on the Tax Credit for Low Income Student Scholarship Program.

From: Gabrielle Hull, Legislative Coordinator, Kansas State Department of Education; in accordance with K.S.A. 72-3257, report on the Promoting Achievement in Computer Knowledge Act.

From: Gabrielle Hull, Legislative Coordinator, Kansas State Department of Education; in accordance with K.S.A. 72-3262; annual report on the Every Child Can Read Act.

From: Gabrielle Hull, Legislative Coordinator, Kansas State Department of Education; in accordance with K.S.A. 72-5179; report on the ACT, Pre-ACT, and the WorkKeys exams for the 2023-2024 school year.

From: Kris W. Kobach, Kansas Attorney General, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-723(g); Annual Report from the Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation Unit, July 2023 - June, 2024.

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INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On emergency motion of Rep. Croft, **HR 6001**, by Reps. Hawkins, Croft and Woodard, as follows, was introduced and adopted:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. **HR 6001**—A RESOLUTION providing for the organization of the House of Representatives for the 2025 legislative session.

Dan Hawkins, speaker,
 Blake Carpenter, speaker pro tempore,
 Chris Croft, majority leader,
 Brandon Woodard, minority leader,
 Susan Kannarr, chief clerk,
 Allen Morgan, sergeant at arms,
 and awaits the pleasure of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On emergency motion of Rep. Croft, **HR 6002**, by Reps. Hawkins, Croft and Woodard, as follows, was introduced and adopted:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. **HR 6002**—A RESOLUTION providing for the assignment of seats in the House of Representatives for the 2025 Legislative session.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That the speaker be assigned seat No. 2; the speaker pro tempore be assigned seat No. 1; majority leader be assigned seat No. 3; the minority leader be assigned seat No. 4; and the remaining members of the house be assigned the following seats: Alcalá 53, Amyx 5, Anderson 61, Averkamp 46, Ballard 6, Barrett 120, Barth 65, Bergkamp 112, Berquist 101, Blex 85, Bloom 123, Bohi 99, Borjon 41, Brantley 79, Brownlee Paige 34, Bryce 9, Buehler, 59, Butler 86, Carlin 31, Carmichael 33, Carpenter W. 10, Carr 52, Chauncey 91, Collins 94, Corbet 125, Curtis 16, Delperdang 27, Droge 116, Ellis 124, Esau 105, Essex 98, Estes 80, Fairchild 111, Featherston 71, Francis 23, Gardner 119, Goddard 117, Goetz 47, Haskins 74, Helgerson 50, Helwig 114, Hill 44, Hoffman 12, Hoheisel 39, Howe 83, Howell 103, Howerton 122, Hoye 14, Huebert 110, Humphries 37, James 106, Johnson 121, Kessler 26, King 60, Lewis 113, Long 43, Martinez 54, McDonald 73, McNorton 81, Melton 55, Meyer 72, Miller 57, Minnix 21, Moser 82, Mosley 32, Neelly 95, Neighbor 48, Ohaebosim 17, Oropeza 56, Osman 30, Ousley 35, Penn 42, Pickert 104, Pishny 102, Poetter Parshall 87, Poskin 70, Proctor 93, Rahjes 40, Reavis 90, Resman 97, Rhiley 109, Roeser 64, Roth 89, Ruiz, L. 18, Ruiz, S. 51, Sanders 96, Sawyer 13, Sawyer Clayton 58, Schlingensiepen 75, Schmoie 25, Schreiber 76, Schwertfeger 108, Seiwert 115, Simmons 68, Smith, A. 11, Smith, C. 66, Steele 45, Stiens 62, Stogsdill 15, Sutton 22, Sweely 107, Tarwater 19, Thompson 67, Turk 20, Turner 77, VanHouden 78, Vaughn 28, Waggoner 92, Ward 100, Wasinger 63, Waymaster 7, Weigel 49, White 24, Wikle 69, Wilborn 118, Willcott 88, Williams, K. 8, Williams, L. 38, Winn 36, Wolf 84, Xu 29.

The first three seats north of the center aisle in the last row are reserved for the sergeants at arms.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On emergency motion of Rep. Croft, **HR 6003**, by Reps. Hawkins, Croft and Woodard, as follows, was introduced and adopted:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. **HR 6003**—A RESOLUTION providing temporary rules for the House of Representatives until permanent rules are adopted.

A RESOLUTION providing temporary rules for the House of Representatives for the 2025 Legislative session until permanent rules are adopted.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: The rules of the House of Representatives for the 2023-2024 biennium in effect at the time of adjournment sine die of the 2024 regular session of the Legislature shall constitute the temporary rules of the House of Representatives for the 2025 regular session of the Legislature until permanent rules are adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. **HCR 5002**—

by Representatives Hawkins, Croft and Woodard

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION providing for joint sessions of the Senate and the House of Representatives for the purpose of hearing messages from the Governor, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Adjutant General.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein: That the Senate and the House of Representatives shall meet in joint session in Representative Hall at 6:00 p.m. on January 15, 2025, for the purpose of hearing a message from the Governor.

Be it further resolved: That the Senate and the House of Representatives shall meet in joint session in Representative Hall at 1:15 p.m. on January 15, 2025, for the purpose of hearing a message from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court on the judicial branch of government.

Be it further resolved: That the Senate and the House of Representatives shall meet in joint session in Representative Hall at 10:00 a.m. on January 15, 2025, for the purpose of hearing a message from the Adjutant General.

Be it further resolved: That a committee of two members from the Senate and three members from the House of Representatives be appointed to wait upon the Governor.

Be it further resolved: That a committee of two members from the Senate and three members from the House of Representatives be appointed to wait upon the Lieutenant Governor.

Be it further resolved: That a committee of two members from the Senate and three members from the House of Representatives be appointed to wait upon the Supreme Court Justices.

Be it further resolved: That a committee of two members from the Senate and three members from the House of Representatives be appointed to wait upon the Adjutant General.

Be it further resolved: That a committee of two members from the Senate and three members from the House of Representatives be appointed to wait upon the members of the Military Advisory Board.

In accordance with **HCR 5002**: Speaker Hawkins appointed the following escorts:

For the State of the State:

To escort the **Governor**: Representatives Tarwater, Bergquist and Ousley

To escort the **Lt. Governor**: Representatives Corbet, Awerkamp and McDonald

To escort the **Supreme Court**: Representatives Howerton, Estes and Simmons

To escort the **Senate**: Representatives Wasinger, Minnix and Oropeza

For the State of the Judiciary:

To escort the **Supreme Court**: Representatives Humphries, Laura Williams and Curtis

To escort the **Senate**: Representatives Lewis, Resman and Martinez

For the State of the Military:

To escort the **Adjutant General**: Representatives Proctor, Buehler and Weigel

To escort the **Military Advisory Board**: Representatives Thompson, Turk and Miller

To escort the **Senate**: Representatives Penn, Goddard and Mosley

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

HB 2001, AN ACT concerning the taxpayer notification costs fund; continuing the reimbursement from such fund for printing and postage costs of county clerks through calendar year 2029; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 79-2989 and repealing the existing section, by Representatives Fairchild, Rhiley and Xu.

HB 2002, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to the lay caregiver act; requiring the department of health and environment to audit hospital compliance with such act and report such audit results to the legislature; amending K.S.A. 65-431a and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Legislative Post Audit Committee.

HB 2003, AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to electric vehicles; establishing the EV energy equity road repair tax act and providing for a road repair tax on the distribution of electricity from public charging stations, by Representative Rhiley.

HB 2004, AN ACT concerning sales and compensating use tax; relating to city and countywide retailers' sales tax; providing countywide retailers' sales tax authority for Seward county for the purpose of financing the costs of roadway and bridge construction, maintenance and improvement in the county; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 12-187, 12-189 and 12-192 and repealing the existing sections, by Representative Francis.

HB 2005, AN ACT concerning income taxation; establishing the veterans' valor property tax relief act; providing an income tax credit or refund for eligible individuals, by Representatives Proctor, Barrett, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Buehler, Butler, Chauncey, Collins, Delperdang, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Goddard, Howerton, Kessler, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Steele, Sweely, Thompson, Turk and Waymaster.

HB 2006, AN ACT concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas public employees retirement system and systems thereunder; affiliation and membership of certain security officers of the department of corrections in the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system; providing for employee and employer contributions; authorizing certain participating service credit purchases of previous KPERS security officer participating service for purposes of KP&F retirement benefits, by Representatives Proctor, Buehler, Johnson, Neelly and Resman

HB 2007, AN ACT making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2025, June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2027, for state agencies; authorizing certain transfers, capital improvement projects and fees, imposing certain restrictions and limitations and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements, procedures and acts incidental to the foregoing; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 2-223, 12-1775a, 12-5256, 65-180, 74-50,107, 74-99b34, 76-775, 76-7,107, 79-3425i, 79-34,171 and 82a-955 and repealing the existing sections, by Representative Waymaster.

HB 2008, AN ACT concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas public employees retirement system; modifying the definition of security officer to include certain juvenile corrections officer positions for purposes of determining retirement dates, benefits and the employer contribution rate for certain employees of the department of corrections; amending K.S.A. 74-4914a and 74-4914e and repealing the existing sections, by Representatives Proctor, Buehler, T. Johnson, Neelly and Resman.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. **HCRR 5001**—
By Representative Sutton

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION making application to the Congress of the United States for a limited national convention for the exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States establishing term limits for members of Congress.

WHEREAS, The framers of the Constitution of the United States of America intended that the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate of the United States of America should be "dependent on the people alone" (James Madison, Federalist 52); and

WHEREAS, Throughout American history, this dependency has evolved from a dependency on the American people alone to a dependency on powerful special interests, through spending by third-party groups, campaigns or out-of-state donors, which have created a fundamental imbalance in our representative democracy and eroded the people's trust in government; and

WHEREAS, Americans across the political spectrum agree that elections in the United States of America should be free from the disproportional influence of special interests and fair enough that any citizen can be elected into office; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the State of Kansas states that "all political power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority, and are instituted for their equal protection and benefit" (Bill of Rights, Section 2); and

WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States requires the Congress of the United States to call a convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States upon the application of two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Legislature perceives the need for a convention in order to ensure balance and integrity in our elections by proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States that will establish term limits for members of Congress to prevent the accumulation of inordinate power in members with longevity who are able to amass high amounts of funds for reelection; and

WHEREAS, A national convention would give the American people an opportunity to come together as a nation, by discussing solutions on how to ensure the integrity of our elections and renew the American people's trust in government; and

WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States clearly states that any amendment, whether proposed by the Congress of the United States or by a convention, must be ratified by 75% of the states, presently 38 states, ensuring that only the most reasonable proposals with widespread support shall become part of the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Notwithstanding any federal or Kansas law to the contrary, the State of Kansas desires its delegates to such a national convention to be composed equally of individuals currently elected to state and local offices or to be selected by election in each congressional district in Kansas, except that all individuals elected or appointed to federal office, now or in the past, shall be prohibited from serving as Kansas delegates. The State of Kansas intends to retain the ability to enforce the responsibility and conduct of its delegation within the limits herein expressed: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members

elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate concurring therein: That the people of the State of Kansas, speaking through its legislature and pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States, hereby apply to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States in the Vice President's capacity as presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, each Senator and Representative from Kansas in the Congress of the United States, with the respectful request that the full and complete text of this resolution be printed in the Congressional Record, the presiding officers of each legislative body of each of the several states, requesting the cooperation of the states in issuing an application compelling the Congress of the United States to call a convention for proposing amendments pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Federal and State Affairs: **HCR 5001**.

Health and Human Services: **HB 2002**.

Taxation: **HB 2001, HB 2005**.

Transportation: **HB 2003, HB 2004**.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Announcing adoption of **SR 1701**, a resolution relating to the organization of the 2025 Senate and the selection of the following officers:

Ty Masterson, President,
 Tim Shallenburger, Vice President,
 Chase Blasi, Majority Leader,
 Dinah Sykes, Minority Leader,
 Corey Carnahan, Secretary,
 Don Cackler, Sergeant-at-Arms,

and awaits the pleasure of the House of Representatives.

Announcing adoption of **SCR 1601**, a concurrent resolution informing the Governor that the two houses of the Legislature are duly organized and ready to receive communications.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate bill was thereupon introduced and read by title:

SCR 1601.

On emergency motion of Rep. Hawkins, **SCR 1601** was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Speaker Hawkins introduced Dr. Keith Ratzlaff of the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians.

Dr. Ratzlaff is proud to be a lifelong Kansan, growing up near Wichita, Kansas and spending time with family in rural Kansas. He graduated from Bethel College in Newton, and KU for medical school and residency.

He is board certified and a Family Medicine Fellow practicing comprehensive family medicine for over 20 years at Olathe Medical Center, now a part of KU. Although not practicing obstetrics any longer, he still cares for hospital patients and clinic patients on a daily basis.

The Academy sponsors the Doctor of the Day program and provides daily assistance for health concerns of those serving the Statehouse during the session. We appreciate this program and your efforts. Thank you for again.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

Speaker Hawkins announced the appointment of Rep. McDonald to replace Rep. Oropeza on Committee on Legislative Modernizations for January 14, 2025.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Winn to replace Rep. Simmons on Committee on Legislative Modernization for January 14, 2025.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

