

Journal of the House

SIXTEENTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

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

The roll was called with 119 members present.

Reps. Borjon, Hill and Schlingensiepen were excused on verified illness.

Rep. Woodard was excused on legislative business.

Reps. Ohaebosim and Penn was excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by Chaplain Holmes:

Dear Father.

I ask Your blessing on these men and women gathered in this
chamber of decision making.

Some have been dealing with sickness.

Would You bring healing and strength to their bodies.

Some have met personal difficulties;

would You grant them unusual wisdom, as they seek the right path to follow.

Some have recently lost loved ones;

would you bestow peace and comfort upon them.

All gathered here are single minded in doing the best for the people of Kansas.

We thank You for their commitment and dedication.

Help us too always look to You for wisdom, direction, and spiritual affirmation.

Your word teaches us “woe to those who call evil good, and good evil.

Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness.

Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.

Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and cleaver in their own sight.”

Father, help us keep our eyes on the needs of those

who have entrusted us with this tremendous responsibility.

When we have differences of opinion, give us patience with one another.

Help us keep our emotions in check and our minds fully engaged
on the matters at hand.

Bless all our National and State leaders as they carry out the will of the people.

In Jesus Name I pray

Amen

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Wasinger.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and concurrent resolution were introduced and read by title:

HB 2224, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to search and seizure; requiring a law enforcement officer executing a search warrant to be properly uniformed and announce their presence before entering; amending K.S.A. 22-2510 and repealing the existing section, by Representatives Simmons and Fairchild.

HB 2225, AN ACT concerning residential rentals and leases; relating to the mobile home parks residential landlord and tenant act; prohibiting landlords from limiting a tenant's access to communications and video services; amending K.S.A. 58-25,111 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications.

HB 2226, AN ACT concerning public utilities; relating to construction and ownership of electric transmission lines; providing incumbent electric transmission owners a right of first refusal to construct, upgrade, own and maintain electric transmission lines that are approved for construction by the regional transmission organization; requiring incumbent electric transmission owners having such right of first refusal to conduct a competitive bid process for the construction of any electric transmission line with a need date of four years or more; authorizing any other electric transmission entity to construct, upgrade, own and maintain any such electric transmission line when the incumbent electric transmission owner does not exercise such right, by Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications.

HB 2227, AN ACT concerning children and minors; relating to the revised Kansas juvenile justice code; prohibiting the use of any prone restraint on a juvenile who is in custody at a juvenile detention facility or juvenile correctional facility or being assessed as part of the juvenile intake and assessment system; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 38-2302 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice.

HB 2228, AN ACT concerning the secretary of corrections; relating to release of offenders; requiring the secretary to assist inmates with obtaining identification and employment related documentation prior to release from custody, by Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice.

HB 2229, AN ACT concerning the Kansas amusement ride act; relating to inflatable devices and other amusement rides; providing for inspections, training and annual fees; amending K.S.A. 44-1601, 44-1602, 44-1605 and 44-1616 and repealing the existing sections, by Representative Reavis.

HB 2230, AN ACT concerning food products; regulating the preparation, distribution and sale of kratom products; prohibiting the preparation, distribution and sale of adulterated or contaminated kratom products; establishing fines and penalties; enacting the kratom consumer protection act; requiring the secretary of agriculture to adopt rules and regulations to administer the act, by Representative Reavis.

HB 2231, AN ACT concerning income taxation; relating to personal exemptions; providing an additional personal exemption for head of household tax filers; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 79-32,121 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2232, AN ACT concerning income taxation; relating to credits; establishing a child tax credit, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2233, AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to property taxation; disqualifying property from the carbon dioxide capture and sequestration property tax exemption if used to inject animal manure into the ground; relating to income tax; disqualifying from the carbon dioxide capture and sequestration property accelerated depreciation deduction if machinery and equipment are used to inject animal manure into the ground; amending K.S.A. 79-233 and 79-32,256 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2234, AN ACT concerning sales taxation; relating to exemptions; providing a sales tax exemption for purchases made by Junction City main street, inc.; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 79-3606 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2235, AN ACT concerning financial institutions; relating to the technology-enabled fiduciary financial institutions act; making the act part of the state banking code; defining certain terms; reducing the fiduciary financial institution charter application fee; providing due dates for reports to the office of the state bank commissioner; exempting fiduciary financial institutions from certain records retention requirements; authorizing the issuance of certificates and trust certificates; providing for the supervision of fiduciary financial institutions by the bank commissioner; including Kansas nonprofit corporations as qualified charities for purposes of the fiduciary financial institution income tax credit; amending K.S.A. 9-542, 9-2303, 9-2307, 9-2309, 9-2310, 9-2311, 9-2312 and 9-2322 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 9-2301 and 79-32,283 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Financial Institutions and Pensions.

HB 2236, AN ACT concerning mental health; relating to the Kansas department for aging and disability services and mental health intervention team providers; establishing the mental health intervention team program in state statute; providing incentives for coordination between school districts, qualified schools and mental health intervention team providers, by Committee on Appropriations.

HB 2237, AN ACT concerning state agencies; relating to the employee award and recognition program; authorizing hiring, recruitment and retention bonuses; increasing the limitation on such award or bonus to \$10,000; eliminating the secretary of administration's authority to adopt rules and regulations; requiring such secretary to submit an annual report to certain legislative committees concerning such awards and bonuses; amending K.S.A. 75-37,105 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Appropriations.

HB 2238, AN ACT concerning legislative staff agencies; relating to duties and functions of the legislative research department and legislative administrative services; directing legislative administrative services to be responsible for the preparation of committee minutes; amending K.S.A. 46-1210 and 46-1212a and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. **HCR 5009**—

By Representative Simmons

A PROPOSITION to amend article 14 of the constitution of the state of Kansas by adding a new section thereto; reserving to the people of Kansas the power of initiative.

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:

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Article 14 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"§ 3. **Power of initiative.** (a) (1) The people reserve the power to propose and enact or reject amendments to this constitution by initiative, independent of the legislature.

(2) An initiative amendment to this constitution may be proposed only by a petition signed by not less than 10% of the qualified electors who voted in the last preceding gubernatorial election.

(3) An initiative petition shall be filed with the secretary of state not less than 120 days prior to the election at which the proposed amendment is to be voted upon and not more than 360 days after such petition was approved pursuant to subsection (c).

(4) An initiative petition shall include the full text of the proposed amendment to this constitution. A proposed amendment shall not contain more than one subject, and the enacting clause thereof shall be "Be it resolved by the people of the State of Kansas:".

(5) The title of each proposed amendment to this constitution shall be specified in the initiative petition and shall be a brief nontechnical statement expressing the intent or purpose of the proposed amendment and the effect of a vote for and a vote against the proposed amendment.

(6) When more than one proposed amendment to this constitution is submitted at the same election, such proposed amendments shall be so submitted as to enable the electors to vote on each proposed amendment separately.

(7) One amendment to this constitution may revise any entire article, except the article on general provisions, and in revising any article, the article may be renumbered and all or parts of other articles may be amended, or amended and transferred to the article being revised.

(8) Not more than five amendments proposed by initiative shall be submitted at the same election.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 of article 2 of this constitution, the people reserve the power to propose and enact or reject laws by initiative, independent of the legislature.

(2) An initiative law may be proposed only by a petition signed by not less than 5% of the qualified electors who voted in the last preceding gubernatorial election.

(3) An initiative petition shall be filed with the secretary of state not less than 120 days before the election at which the proposed law is to be voted upon and not more than 360 days after such petition was approved pursuant to subsection (c).

(4) An initiative petition shall include the full text of the proposed law. A proposed law shall not contain more than one subject, and the enacting clause

thereof shall be "Be it enacted by the people of the State of Kansas:".

(5) The title of each proposed law shall be specified in the initiative petition and shall be a brief nontechnical statement expressing the intent or purpose of the proposed law and the effect of a vote for and a vote against the proposed law.

(6) When more than one proposed law is submitted at the same election, such proposed law shall be so submitted as to enable the electors to vote on each proposed law separately.

(7) An initiative petition that requires the appropriation of moneys shall only require the appropriation of moneys directly attributable to revenues collected pursuant to the provisions of the petition, and the purpose of such appropriation shall not otherwise be prohibited by this constitution.

(c) (1) Before an initiative petition may be circulated for signatures, a draft of such petition shall be submitted to the secretary of state in the form in which such petition will be circulated for signatures. Upon submission of a draft petition to the secretary of state, the name and address of an individual shall be provided to the secretary of state as the individual to whom any notices shall be sent. The secretary of state shall transmit a copy of the draft petition to the attorney general for review. The secretary of state and the attorney general shall each review the draft petition for sufficiency as to form, approve or reject the form of the draft petition and state the reasons for rejection, if any.

(2) Upon receipt of a draft petition from the secretary of state, the attorney general shall examine the draft petition as to form. The attorney general shall send notice of approval or rejection of the draft petition to the secretary of state within 10 days after receipt of the draft petition.

(3) The secretary of state shall review the notice of approval or rejection of the attorney general and make a final decision as to the approval or rejection of the form of the draft petition. The secretary of state shall send written notice of such approval or rejection, including the reasons for rejection, to the individual designated to receive notices within 30 days after submission of the draft petition.

(d) All elections on initiative measures shall be held at the regular general elections in even-numbered years.

(e) Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution to the contrary, an initiative measure shall become effective 30 days after the day on which it is enacted or approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon. When conflicting measures are approved at the same election, the one receiving the largest affirmative vote shall prevail.

(f) The provisions of this section shall be self-executing, but legislation may be enacted to facilitate its implementation."

Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:

"Explanatory statement. This amendment would allow the people to propose and enact or reject amendments to the constitution of the state of Kansas by initiative, independent of the legislature. This amendment would also allow the people to propose and enact or reject laws by initiative, independent of the legislature.

"A vote for this proposition would reserve to the people the power to propose and enact or reject laws and amendments to the constitution of the state of Kansas by initiative, independent of the legislature.

"A vote against this proposition would not make any changes to the constitution and would not reserve the power of initiative and referendum to the people."

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by 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, shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the year 2026, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the special election.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Child Welfare and Foster Care: **HB 2207**.

Corrections and Juvenile Justice: **HB 2215, HB 2221**.

Education: **HB 2202, HB 2203**.

Elections: **HB 2205, HB 2206**.

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2204**.

Health and Human Services: **HB 2216, HB 2217, HB 2218, HB 2219, HB 2223**.

Judiciary: **HB 2212**.

Taxation: **HB 2208, HB 2209, HB 2210, HB 2211**.

Transportation: **HB 2220, HB 2222**.

Veterans and Military: **HB 2213, HB 2214**.

CONSENT CALENDAR

No objection was made to **HB 2048** appearing on the Consent Calendar for the second day.

No objection was made to **HB 2037** appearing on the Consent Calendar for the third day. The bill was advanced to Final Action on Bills and Concurrent Resolutions.

FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HB 2037, AN ACT concerning economic development; relating to tourism; increasing the membership of the council on travel and tourism appointed by the governor and updating the house committee assignment required for the house members of the council from the committee on agriculture and natural resources to the committee on commerce, labor and economic development; equalizing the allocation of funds from the department of commerce's matching grant program for the promotion of tourism for private, public and nonprofit entities and removing the restriction on the percentage of such funds granted to a single entity; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 32-1410 and 32-1420 and repealing the existing sections, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 115; Nays 4; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 6.

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

Nays: Carmichael, Fairchild, Huebert, Rhiley.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Borjon, Hill, Ohaebosim, Penn, Schlingensiepen, Woodard.

The bill passed.

MOTIONS TO CONCUR AND NONCONCUR

On motion of Rep. Humphries, the House concurred in Senate amendments to **HCR 5003**, A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION adopting joint rules for the Senate and the House of Representatives for the 2025-2026 biennium.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 118; Nays 1; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 6.

Yeas: Alcalá, Amyx, Anderson, Averkamp, Ballard, Barrett, Barth, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Brantley, Paige, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, 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, Miller, S., Minnix, Moser, Mosley, Neely, Neighbor, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Pickert, Pishny, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sawyer, Clayton, Schmoë, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Simmons, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Stogsdill, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Thompson, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Vaughn, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Wikle, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Winn, Wolf, Xu.

Nays: Poetter.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Borjon, Hill, Ohaebosim, Penn, Schlingensiepen, Woodard.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Recommended that committee report to **HCR 5004** be adopted; and the concurrent resolution be adopted as amended.

HB 2020 be passed over and retain a place on the calendar.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Commerce, Labor and Economic Development** recommends **HB 2092** be passed.

Committee on **Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications** recommends **HB 2040** be passed.

Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** recommends **HB 2052** be passed.

Committee on **Insurance** recommends **HB 2044** be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

Committee on **Insurance** recommends **HB 2045** be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

Committee on **Insurance** recommends **HB 2046** be passed.

Committee on **Transportation** recommends **HB 2029** be amended on page 1, in line 11, by striking "Representative" and inserting "Rep"; also in line 11, by striking "II"; in line 14, by striking "Representative" and inserting "Rep"; in line 15, by striking "II";

Also on page 1, in the title, in line 2, by striking "Representative" and inserting "Rep"; also in line 2, by striking "II"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Transportation** recommends **HB 2030** be amended on page 1, in line 6, after "(a)" by inserting "Except as provided in subsection (b),"; in line 9, by striking all after the comma; in line 10, by striking all before "as"; also in line 10, by striking "those terms are"; in line 12, after "(b)" by inserting "The provisions of subsection (a) shall not apply to:

- (1) Dealers and manufacturers of semitrailers or travel trailers, as those terms are defined in K.S.A. 8-126, and amendments thereto; and
 - (2) a dealer in the sale or exchange of any other type of vehicle other than trailers.
- (c)"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Upon unanimous consent, the House referred back to the regular business, Introduction of Bills and Concurrent Resolutions.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

HB 2239, AN ACT concerning labor and employment; requiring every employer to provide each employee with meal periods and rest periods; defining undue hardship as a significant difficulty or expense for the employer; allowing exemptions for meal periods under certain conditions, such as industry practice or unforeseeable circumstances; prohibiting the combination of rest and meal periods; allowing employees to waive

meal periods under specific conditions, including written consent and the ability to revoke the waiver; prohibiting employer coercion in waiving meal periods; imposing penalties for violations, including fines up to \$2,000, by Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development.

HB 2240, AN ACT concerning public assistance; relating to medical assistance; requiring approval by an act of the legislature prior to any state agency seeking or implementing a medicaid state plan, state plan amendment, state demonstration or waiver under section 1115 or 1915 of the federal social security act that expands coverage or increases cost to the state, by Committee on Welfare Reform.

HB 2241, AN ACT concerning civil procedure; relating to habeas corpus; prohibiting second and successive motions in certain circumstances; prohibiting claims of ineffective counsel; providing appeals to the supreme court as a matter of right in claims filed by inmates sentenced to death; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 60-1507 and 60-2102 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Judiciary.

HB 2242, AN ACT concerning federal jurisdiction; relating to federal property; authorizing the governor to accept requests from the federal government to establish concurrent jurisdiction in certain circumstances; amending K.S.A. 27-102 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

HB 2243, AN ACT concerning children and minors; relating to children in need of care; creating a referral process to a military family advocacy program for cases involving children of military personnel; requiring the secretary for children and families to enter into a memorandum of understanding with military installations; amending K.S.A. 38-2230 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

HB 2244, AN ACT concerning the board of pharmacy; prohibiting the board of pharmacy from adopting rules and regulations that would limit or condition the use of telepharmacy; modifying the composition of board members of the board of pharmacy; amending K.S.A. 74-1603 and 74-1604 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 65-16,130 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Insurance.

HB 2245, AN ACT concerning the commissioner of insurance; relating to the division of the state employee health benefits plan; transferring officers, employees, powers, duties and functions relating to the state health care benefits program and the state workers compensation self-insurance fund from the division of the state employee health benefits plan of the department of administration to the insurance department; establishing the commissioner of insurance as the chairperson of the Kansas state employees health care commission; providing that all management functions of such commission shall be administered by the commissioner of insurance; eliminating a pilot program regarding employer contributions for certain children; amending K.S.A. 44-575, 44-577, 44-578 and 75-6503 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 75-6502 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 44-512 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Insurance.

HB 2246, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to hospitals; requiring that hospitals provide online pricing information for certain items and services; enacting the consumer protection related to hospital price transparency act; referring noncompliant hospitals to the United States department of health and human services for enforcement purposes; providing for civil actions against noncompliant hospitals, by Committee on Insurance.

HB 2247, AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to contracts between an insurer and a dental healthcare provider; requiring reviews, audits or investigations be completed within six months; prohibiting denial for claims submitted by dentists for procedures included in a prior authorization; amending K.S.A. 40-2,185 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 2248, AN ACT concerning the state board of regents; establishing the Kansas nursing initiative grant program; authorizing the state board of regents to approve need-based or competitive grants for the expansion of nursing faculty, laboratory supplies and tools for student success at postsecondary educational institutions, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 2249, AN ACT concerning rural emergency hospitals; relating to nursing facility physical environment regulatory requirements; requiring the secretary for aging and disability services to grant waivers to certain rural emergency hospitals to provide skilled nursing facility care, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 2250, AN ACT relating to health and healthcare; concerning hospital providers; increasing the annual assessment on services rate on inpatient and outpatient revenue; expanding exemptions for such assessment; amending K.S.A. 65-6210 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 65-6208 and 65-6209 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 2251, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to health professions and practices; requiring the state board of healing arts to grant provisional licensure to certain international physicians with offers of employment at healthcare providers that operate in Kansas, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 2252, AN ACT concerning the Kansas indoor clear air act; prohibiting smoking on the gaming floor of a lottery gaming facility or racetrack gaming facility; amending the definition of smoking to include the use of an electronic cigarette and smoking of marijuana; amending K.S.A. 21-6109 and 21-6110 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 2253, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to theft of property; providing that the violation the theft of livestock or implements of husbandry is a severity level 5, nonperson felony; allowing for the forfeiture of property used in the commission of theft of an implement of husbandry; amending K.S.A. 21-5801 and 22-4807a and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

HB 2254, AN ACT concerning agriculture; relating to financial accounts used to hold and disburse milk producer funds; defining milk producer to include any cooperative association that sells or markets milk on behalf of members; requiring milk processors to hold payments in trust for milk producers until full payment is received, with funds in escrow considered held in trust; allowing milk producers to require escrow accounts for payments, with specific conditions for deposits and account management; specifying that funds in trust or escrow are the property of the milk producer; exempting milk processors from escrow or trust requirements if certain conditions are not met; prohibiting milk processors from purchasing raw milk without compliance with federal milk marketing orders and agreed provisions; holding milk processors liable for unpaid raw milk, including purchase price, interest and attorney fees, by Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

HB 2255, AN ACT concerning weights and measures; consolidating chapter 83 definitions into a single section; defining device for weighing, measuring or both; increasing the minimum fee per invoice from \$50 to \$70; authorizing licensed service companies and city or county departments of weights and measures to remove rejection tags for test or repair purposes; requiring any such entity to replace the rejection tag with a substitute if the device or equipment cannot be repaired and notify the secretary; requiring persons desiring to operate as a service company to obtain a license; establishing fees and procedures for such licensure; requiring nonresident service companies to designate a resident agent; requiring technical representatives to be licensed, attend continuing education seminars and pass an examination; authorizing the secretary to charge a fee for continuing education seminars; prohibiting service companies from receiving or renewing a license until their weights or measures, or both, are tested and sealed; authorizing the secretary to accept a calibration certificate in lieu of a test; authorizing the secretary to revoke, suspend, decline to renew or decline to issue a service company or technical representative license after notice and hearing for certain violations; requiring weights or measurers, or both used commercially to be tested and inspected annually by a licensed technical representative, an authorized city or county representative or the secretary; requiring test weights or equipment used in grain elevators to be approved and sealed annually, or every three years for those with a nominal capacity of 250 pounds or greater; requiring reports of tests and inspections to be furnished to the owner or operator and the secretary within 10 days; requiring electric vehicle supply equipment used commercially to be tested and inspected annually; requiring reports of tests and inspections of electric vehicle supply equipment to be furnished to the owner or operator and the secretary within 10 days; requiring electric vehicle supply equipment found to be inaccurate to be withdrawn from use until repaired and such equipment has met tolerances and specifications; requiring service companies to keep copies of reports for electric vehicle supply equipment; amending K.S.A. 83-201, 83-202, 83-207, 83-208, 83-214, 83-215, 83-216, 83-217, 83-218, 83-219, 83-220, 83-221, 83-222, 83-224, 83-225, 83-304, 83-305, 83-404, 83-405 and 83-501 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 83-149, 83-154, 83-155, 83-301, 83-302, 83-303, 83-308, 83-311, 83-326, 83-401, 83-402, 83-403, 83-407, 83-409, 83-410, 83-411 and 83-502, by Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

HB 2256, AN ACT concerning the governor; creating the order of the sunflower; directing the governor to award the order of the sunflower to recognize military spouses' service to their communities, by Committee on Veterans and Military.

HB 2257, AN ACT concerning elections; enacting the interstate compact on the agreement among the states to elect the president by national popular vote; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 25-802 and 25-804 and repealing the existing sections, by Representative Ballard.

HB 2258, AN ACT concerning elections; relating to election commissioners; terminating the secretary of state's authority to appoint election commissioners; transferring the jurisdiction, powers and duties for conducting elections in those counties with an election commissioner to the county clerk for such county; amending K.S.A. 19-3419 and repealing the existing section, by Representative Ballard.

HB 2259, AN ACT concerning education; relating to school districts; requiring boards of education of school districts to adopt policies and procedures for students' use of privately owned electronic communication devices during school hours; requiring the state board of education to designate a period of time each school year as a time for social media awareness; requiring the state board to develop materials and guidelines that local boards of education and governing authorities of accredited nonpublic schools may use to educate students with respect to social media awareness, by Committee on Education.

HB 2260, AN ACT concerning traffic regulations; prohibiting the use of an electronic communication device while operating a motor vehicle; providing a penalty for unlawful use of an electronic communication device; also repealing K.S.A. 8-15,111, by Committee on Transportation.

HB 2261, AN ACT concerning the Kansas highway patrol; relating to the employment classifications of Kansas highway patrol officers; providing that Kansas highway patrol majors are to be within the unclassified service and superintendents, assistant superintendents and majors shall be returned with permanent status to the rank that such officer held when the officer was appointed to such respective position; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 74-2113 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Transportation.

HB 2262, AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to micro utility trucks; permitting micro utility trucks to be operated on certain state highways and streets; providing conditions for such operation; amending K.S.A. 8-15,106 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Transportation.

HB 2263, AN ACT concerning roads and highways; designating a future interchange on K-10 highway as the Kris Norton memorial interchange, by Committee on Transportation.

HB 2264, AN ACT concerning employment; restoring local government control over wages, compensation and benefits for construction projects; amending K.S.A. 12-16,132 and 19-26,114 and repealing the existing sections, by Representative Curtis.

HB 2265, AN ACT designating the polka as the official dance of the state of Kansas, by Representative Collins.

HB 2266, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to advanced practice registered nurses; enacting the advanced practice registered nurses compact to provide interstate practice privileges, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 2267, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to behavioral and mental health; prohibiting certain licensed individuals from using conversion therapy on minors; amending K.S.A. 40-2,215, 40-2,216, 65-2837 and 74-7507 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 65-1120 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

Speaker Hawkins announced the appointment of Rep. Blake Carpenter to replace Rep. Borjon on Committee on Judiciary for February 4, 2025.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Neighbor to replace Rep. Ohaebosim on Committee on Transportation for February 4, 2025.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Neighbor to replace Rep. Ohaebosim for Committee on General Government Budget on February 4, 2025.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Carlin to replace Rep. Schlingensiepen on Committee on Local Government for February 5, 2025.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

