

# Journal of the House

## THIRTY-THIRD DAY

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

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

The roll was called with 123 members present.

Reps. Barth and Butler were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by Chaplain Holmes:

Dear Father. There is so much going on in our lives  
outside of what is happening today in this chamber of decisions.

In the next number of hours we will need Your help  
to concentrate of the business at hand. Give us quick minds and steadfast spirits  
as we negotiate the various opportunities which are before us.

Allow us to be open to Your Spirit guiding our thoughts  
and the direction You deem as best and necessary.

In Jeremiah 23:23 we read,

“I am a God who is near, declares the Lord, and not a God far off.”  
Because of that nearness we seek Your intercession in our lives.

I pray for peace of mind and spirit as only You can provide.

Father, would you gives us the courage to admit we may have been  
wrong at times in some directions we have taken.

If we have let our emotions make decisions before we measured the consequences,  
help us to be humble enough to ask forgiveness to any  
which may have been injured by our words or actions. Your Word declares,

“A false balance is an abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is His delight. When  
pride comes, then comes dishonor. But with the humble is wisdom. The integrity of the  
upright will guide them, but the falseness of the treacherous will destroy them.”

O God, help each of us to live these words in a way which pleases  
You and brings delight to those we interact with.

And, at the end of the day, as we look back,  
might we observe Your approval upon our lives.

We ask Your blessing now upon these Representatives  
as they enter into the work of the day.

I ask this in the Name of the one who gave His life that all may inherit eternal life.

Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Sawyer.

**REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The following bill was referred to committees as indicated:

Taxation: **Sub SB 33**.

**FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

**HB 2054**, AN ACT concerning elections; relating to campaign contribution limits; increasing the limits on certain campaign contributions; eliminating such limits on contributions to party committees; amending K.S.A. 25-4153 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 77; Nays 46; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 2.

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

Nays: Alcala, Amyx, Ballard, Paige, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Curtis, Delperdang, Featherston, Haskins, Helgerson, Hill, Hoye, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Miller, S., Mosley, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Penn, Poetter, Poskin, Rhiley, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Simmons, Smith, A., Stogsdill, Vaughn, Weigel, Wikle, Winn, Woodard, Xu.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Barth, Butler.

The bill passed, as amended.

**EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE**

MR. SPEAKER: As an ardent supporter of the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment the expansion of donation limits in **HB 2054** is a welcome counter to inflation. The limitless growth of the political parties that are a collection of many voices is problematic, however for two reasons: First, it allows the unlimited voice of those controlling the party to essentially force their speech onto any that are dissenting within the party. Second, it allows major contributors of the party to control the voice of the party by their financial influence. For those two reasons I vote no on **HB 2054**. – SCOTT HILL, BILL RHILEY

MR. SPEAKER: I vote in strong opposition to **HB 2054**, the "Incumbent Protection Act of 2025." By removing contribution limits to party committees, this bill allows wealthy donors to gain undue influence, undermining democratic principles and voter trust. Research shows that contribution limits promote competition, giving challengers a fair shot. This bill entrenches incumbents, stifles grassroots candidates, suppresses votes,

and prioritizes the wealthy over every day Kansans. We should focus on legislation that protects democracy and ensures every Kansan's voice is heard—not bills that benefit the privileged few. – KIRK HASKINS, TOM SAWYER, JO ELLA HOYE, CINDY NEIGHBOR, BROOKLYNNE MOSLEY, LYNN MELTON, JERRY STOGSDILL, MIKE AMYX, NIKKI McDONALD, BARBARA W. BALLARD, SUZANNE WIKLE, TOBIAS SCHLINGENSIEPEN, SUSAN RUIZ, SYDNEY CARLIN, BRANDON WOODARD, DAN OSMAN, MELISSA OROPEZA, KC OHAEBOSIM, STEPHANI SAWYER CLAYTON, LINDSAY VAUGHN, SILAS MILLER, ANGELA MARTINEZ, FORD CARR, LINDA FEATHERSTON, MARI LYNN POSKIN, ALEXIS SIMMONS, LOUIS RUIZ, HEATHER MEYER, VALDENIA WINN, WANDA BROWNLEE PAIGE, VIRGIL WEIGEL, RUI XU

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

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Recommended that **HB 2331** be passed.

Committee report to **HB 2372** be adopted; and the bill be passed as amended.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Education** recommends **Substitute for SB 45** be amended on page 1, in line 11, after "by" by inserting "excluding students who"; in line 12, by striking "Only including students" and inserting "Transferred to and"; in line 13, by striking all before "earned" and inserting "after completing grade eight and who had not"; in line 14, by striking "student's" and inserting "students"; also in line 14, by striking "student" and inserting "students"; in line 16, by striking "excluding students who"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Financial Institutions and Pensions** recommends **HB 2152** be amended by substituting with a new bill to be designated as "Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 2152," as follows:

"Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 2152

By Committee on Financial Institutions and Pensions

"AN ACT concerning public moneys; relating to the deposit and investment thereof; mandating financial institutions designated as public depositories to secure governmental unit deposits in excess of the amount insured or guaranteed by the federal deposit insurance corporation by utilizing a public moneys pooled method of securities; directing the state treasurer to establish procedures therefor; requiring financial institutions to make certain reports upon the request of a governmental unit; prohibiting investment advisers that execute bids for the investment of public moneys from engaging in a principal transaction with a governmental unit directly related to such public moneys; allowing governmental unit deposits to be invested in a financial institution at a rate agreed upon by the governmental unit and the financial institution; requiring certification from governmental units that deposits in the municipal investment pool fund were first offered to a bank, savings and loan association or savings bank in the preceding year; allowing eligible financial institutions to file a complaint with the state treasurer upon the failure of a governmental unit to comply with certain requirements; establishing the investment rate for the pooled money

investment board bank certificate of deposit program; amending K.S.A. 9-1402, 12-1675, 12-1677a and 12-1677b and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 75-4237 and repealing the existing sections.";

And the substitute bill be passed.

(**Sub Bill for HB 2152** was thereupon introduced and read by title.)

Committee on **General Government Budget** recommends **HB 2393** be passed.

Committee on **Insurance** recommends **SB 21**, As Amended by Senate Committee, be amended on page 2, in line 43, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Insurance** recommends **SB 23**, As Amended by Senate Committee, be amended on page 16, in line 29, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Insurance** recommends **SB 27**, As Amended by Senate Committee, be amended on page 3, in line 31, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Insurance** recommends **SB 28**, As Amended by Senate Committee, be amended on page 7, in line 27, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Insurance** recommends **SB 121**, As Amended by Senate Committee, be amended on page 24, in line 12, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **K-12 Education Budget** recommends **HB 2382**, be amended as recommended by the House Committee on K-12 Education Budget as reported in the Journal of the House on February 18, 2025, and the bill, as printed As Amended by House Committee, be further amended on page 1, in line 20, by striking the first "and" and inserting "or"; in line 22, by striking "46-137a and"; in line 23, by striking all after the comma; by striking all in lines 24 through 34; in line 35, by striking all before the period and inserting "during any fiscal year, each member of the board of education shall receive the following amount of compensation:

(1) For regularly scheduled meetings of the board of education held pursuant to K.S.A. 72-249, and amendments thereto, \$286.81 per calendar day for the member's service at any such regularly scheduled meeting; and

(2) for attendance at any other in-state meeting for participation in matters of educational interest to the state of Kansas, \$286.81 per calendar day for the member's service for the first 12 calendar days and \$172 per calendar day for the member's service for any additional days beyond such 12 calendar days";

Also on page 1, in the title, in line 2, by striking "that"; by striking all in line 3; in line 4, by striking all before the semicolon; and the bill be passed as amended.

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES**

Speaker Hawkins announced the appointment of Rep. Ellis to replace Rep. Barth on Committee on Local Government for March 5, 2025.

Also, the appointment of Rep. McDonald to replace Rep. Meyer on Committee on Elections for March 7, 2025.

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

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

