

Journal of the House

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Thursday, March 6, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

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

The roll was called with 122 members present.
Reps. Martinez, Sawyer and Schlingenspiepen were excused on verified illness.

Prayer by Chaplain Holmes:

Dear Father.

We thank and praise You for the opportunities which You have prepared for us today.

We may very well be surprised by some of the things
which transpire in this chamber, but we know You will not be.

You have already prepared resources which will assist us in making right choices.

Thank You for the leadership gifts assembled in this room.

I pray for a united spirit as future laws and regulations
are debated and formulated into the policy.

In the book of Proverbs we read,

“Do not let kindness and truth leave you. Bind them around your neck. Write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good repute, in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.”

As we enter into the work of the day, might kindness and truth
lead us through all the issues we will be dealing with.

We are going to trust You to guide our thoughts and actions
in every debate and decision we encounter.

Father, I pray each one vested with power in this room will stay sensitive
to the needs of those they represent. Many of these good Representatives
will never meet those who have entrusted them with thoughtful confidence.

Might we always remain faithful to the high calling of serving,
and even though we may not recognize their faces, keep us keenly aware
of their needs and desires.

Bless all those in our State which consistently give of themselves in serving others.

Our first responders, on call physicians and nurses
and those charged with the responsibility of protecting us.

Thank You for their commitment to service.

I pray this in Jesus Name. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Roth.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and concurrent resolution were referred to committees as indicated:

Commerce, Labor and Economic Development: **HB 2400**.

Federal and State Affairs: **HCR 5012**.

Judiciary: **HB 2401**.

CONSENT CALENDAR

No objection was made to **SB 8** appearing on the Consent Calendar for the first day.

FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HB 2028, AN ACT concerning wildlife; licenses; requiring the Kansas department of wildlife and parks to offer discounted resident senior combination hunting and fishing passes to residents of this state who are 65 years of age or older; removing the expiration date for Kansas kids lifetime combination hunting and fishing licenses; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 32-9,101 and repealing the existing section; reviving and amending K.S.A. 32-9,100 and repealing the revived section; also repealing K.S.A. 32-9,100, as amended by section 64 of chapter 7 of the 2023 Session Laws of Kansas, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 111; Nays 11; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.

Yeas: Alcalá, Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barrett, Barth, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Carlin, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Carr, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helwig, Hill, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Miller, S., Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Neighbor, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Penn, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Clayton, Schmoe, 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, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Paige, Carmichael, Featherston, Haskins, Hoye, Meyer, Mosley, Ohaebosim, Poskin, Wikle, Winn.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Martinez, Sawyer, Schlingensiepen.

The bill passed.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE

MR. SPEAKER: I vote NO on **HB 2028**. When the originating bill was heard in the Agriculture and Natural Resources committee, there was concern about defunding the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. As the department is largely fee funded and has recently had \$4.2 million stricken from their portion of the Economic Development Initiative Fund, I still have these concerns. Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

has worked hard to increase accessibility to and participation in the Kansas wildlife sector. I would not want to impede their good work by jeopardizing fee based or federal funding. – LINDA FEATHERSTON, MARI-LYNN POSKIN, SUZANNE WIKLE, HEATHER MEYER, JOHN CARMICHAEL

HB 2378, AN ACT establishing removal of squatters act; requiring an owner or agent of a dwelling unit to provide a notarized affidavit regarding a person identified as a squatter; providing criminal penalties for an owner or agent knowingly providing a false affidavit; establishing the duties of law enforcement agencies; establishing a civil cause of action against an owner or agent for wrongful removal, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 114; Nays 8; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.

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

Nays: Featherston, Hoye, Meyer, Mosley, Ousley, Ruiz, S., Vaughn, Woodard.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Martinez, Sawyer, Schlingensiepen.

The bill passed, as amended.

Sub Bill for SB 45, AN ACT concerning education; relating to graduation rate determinations; requiring the state board of education to calculate graduation rates for purposes of accreditation using an alternative calculation for all school districts; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 72-3713 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 86; Nays 36; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.

Yeas: Anderson, Averkamp, Barrett, Barth, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Chauncey, Corbet, Croft, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Hawkins, Helwig, Hill, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Huebert, Humphries, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, McNorton, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Penn, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Sanders, Schmoë, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Smith, A., 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, Collins, Curtis, Featherston, Haskins, Helgerson, Hoye, James, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Miller, S., Mosley, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Poskin, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Clayton, Simmons, Stogsdill, Vaughn, Weigel, Wikle, Winn, Woodard, Xu.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Martinez, Sawyer, Schlingensiepen.

The bill passed, as amended.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE

MR. SPEAKER: My NO vote on **Sub SB 45** reflects my concern for the legislative branch of government once again attempting to usurp the authority of the duly elected State Board of Education. Accreditation is under the purview of the Department of Education, which is overseen by and directed by the State Board of Education. They alone should be setting policy regarding graduation requirements, accreditation and curriculum. — NIKKI McDONALD, JERRY STOGSDILL, FORD CARR, LINDA FEATHERSTON, ALEXIS SIMMONS, MARI-LYNN POSKIN, CINDY NEIGHBOR, LYNN MELTON, SUZANNE WIKLE, HEATHER MEYER, KIRK HASKINS, JOHN CARMICHAEL

SB 92, AN ACT concerning the state corporation commission; relating to electric transmission line siting permits; extending the time in which the commission shall make a final order on an electric transmission line siting application; amending K.S.A. 66-1,178 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 120; Nays 2; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.

Yeas: Alcala, Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Borjon, 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, Hill, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Miller, S., Minnix, Moser, Mosley, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Penn, Pickert, Pishny, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Clayton, Schmoie, 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, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Barth, Poetter.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Martinez, Sawyer, Schlingensiepen.

The bill passed, as amended.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Recommended that committee report to **HB 2382** be adopted; and the bill be passed as amended.

Sub Bill for SB 9 be passed over and retain a place on the calendar.

On motion of Rep. Hoheisel, **HB 2313** be amended on page 1, in line 8, by striking all after the period; by striking all in line 9; in line 10, by striking all before "Any" and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee report to **HB 2294** be adopted.

Also, on motion of Rep. L. Williams to re-refer **HB 2294** to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development, the motion prevailed.

Committee report recommending a substitute bill to **SB 9** be adopted.

Also, on motion of Rep. Xu, **Sub Bill for SB 9** be amended on page 4, following line 40, by inserting:

"(c) The secretary of state shall provide notice of the registration requirement for foreign principals of subsection (b) to all business entities and nonprofit organizations at the time of each of such business entity's or nonprofit organization's registration with the secretary of state or of any other filing with the secretary of state. The attorney general shall provide the secretary of state with instructions for fulfilling the requirements of subsection (b), and the secretary of state shall provide such instructions with such notice to business entities and nonprofit organizations.";

Also on page 4, in line 41, by striking "(c)" and inserting "(d)"; also in line 41, after "(1)" by inserting "(A) Except as provided by paragraph (B), if applicable,";

On page 5, following line 1, by inserting:

"(B) Any foreign principal that owns any interest in real property as described in subsection (a) on July 1, 2025, and fails to file the registration as required under subsection (b) with respect to such interest in real property shall receive a warning from the attorney general advising the foreign principal of such registration requirement and instructing the foreign principal as to the manner of fulfilling such requirement. The foreign principal shall be allowed a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of such warning and instructions to file such registration as required under subsection (b) without a requirement of divestiture of such interest in real property. If such foreign principal fails to file such registration within such 30-day period, such foreign principal shall divest such interest in such real property. The provisions of this subparagraph shall expire on June 30, 2028.";

Also on page 5, in line 9, by striking "(c)" and inserting "(d)";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly

and **H Sub for SB 9** be passed as amended.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Health and Human Services** recommends **SB 88** be passed.

Committee on **Taxation** recommends **HB 2396** be amended on page 1, in line 31, by striking "its" and inserting "the county"; also in line 31, after "website" by inserting "and social media"; in line 32, after "website" by inserting "or social media";

On page 2, in line 5, after the period by inserting "The director of accounts and reports shall design, revise and publish on the website of the department of administration a standard protest petition form pursuant to the provisions of this section and K.S.A. 25-3602, and amendments thereto."; in line 6, by striking "secretary of state" and inserting "president of the United States"; in line 25, by striking "and"; in line 32, after "paragraph" by inserting "; and

(3) increased property tax revenues that are dedicated to paying off a bond issuance that was approved by a vote of the electors at an election held on and after July 1, 2025";

On page 4, following line 1, by inserting:

"(h) The state treasurer shall provide to the house committee on taxation and the senate committee on assessment and taxation on or before January 31 of each year the list of cities and counties that received a transfer from the acknowledging stewardship of tax revenue and appropriations (ASTRA) fund and a list of those cities and counties that did not receive a transfer.";

On page 1, in the title, in line 6, after the semicolon by inserting "requiring reporting by the state treasurer of the cities and counties that receive transfers;"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Water** recommends **SB 58**, As Amended by Senate Committee, be passed.

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 2402, AN ACT concerning education; creating the blue ribbon commission on higher education; establishing the membership and purpose of the commission; requiring the submission of preliminary and final reports to the legislature on the commission's findings and recommendations, by Committee on Appropriations.

HB 2403, AN ACT concerning public health; relating to the disposal of a decedent's remains; establishing the order of priority of a decedent's surviving parents who cannot agree on the disposition of such decedent's remains; amending K.S.A. 65-1734 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

HB 2404, AN ACT concerning the Kansas offender registration act; making it unlawful for adult sex offenders to enter onto certain school property or attend certain school activities and creating criminal penalties for violation thereof; amending K.S.A. 22-4901 and 22-4902 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Taxation.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

Speaker pro tempore Carpenter announced the appointment of Rep. Haskins to replace Rep. L. Ruiz on Committee on Education Services for March 6, 2025.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Neighbor to replace Rep. Martinez on Committee on Judiciary for March 6, 2025.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Oropeza to replace Rep. Brownlee Paige on Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources for March 6, 2025.

Also, the appointment of Rep. McDonald to replace Rep. Schlingensiepen on Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources for March 6, 2025.

APPOINTMENT OF SELECT COMMITTEE

Pursuant to House Rule 1103, I hereby appoint the **Select Committee on Government Oversight**. The **Select Committee on Government Oversight** shall consist of 13 Kansas House of Representatives members. The select committee shall meet on call of the chairperson or when directed by the Speaker.

As Speaker of the House, I hereby appoint the following members to the Select Committee on Government Oversight:

Chair-	Representative Kristey Williams
Vice Chair-	Representative Bob Lewis
	Representative Susan Humphries
	Representative Troy Waymaster
	Representative Will Carpenter
	Representative Francis Awerkamp
	Representative Bill Sutton
	Representative Sean Tarwater
	Representative Shannon Francis
Ranking Minority Member-	Representative Barbara Ballard
	Representative Tom Sawyer
	Representative Dan Osman
	Representative Jo Ella Hoye

REP. DAN HAWKINS
Kansas House Speaker

REPORT ON ENGROSSED BILLS

HB 2378 reported correctly engrossed March 6, 2025.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Friday, March 7, 2025.

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

