

# Journal of the House

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY

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

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

The roll was called with 123 members present.

Rep. Martinez was excused on verified illness.

Rep. Simmons was excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by guest chaplain, Rev. Doug Henkle, Garden City.

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for bringing us together here this morning. Remind each representative that they have come together here, in this chamber, to serve the people of Kansas who elected them. I pray for Your peace in this chamber and in this building.

Keep us from quarrels and angry disputes, injuring otherwise friendly relations. Remind us that death words destroy, hurt, create humiliating feelings. Life words build and increase strength of character. They center on the truth, and therefore they set the other person free. Cause us to ask ourselves: Are our words accurate or exaggerated? Necessary or needless? Wholesome or vile? Cause us, as Your Word admonishes us to do, to speak the truth in love.

Heavenly Father, you care about the debate that will occur on the floor of this chamber today and in the days ahead. I pray that you would cause a bond of common purpose, the welfare of the citizens of Kansas, to unite this body and that Your peace, which is far beyond our understanding, would be over the Kansas House today and in the days ahead.

I pray for Speaker Hawkins, Speaker Pro-Tem Carpenter, Majority Leader Croft and Minority Leader Woodard. Give them Your wisdom, insight, and direction as they lead this chamber.

In Jesus Mighty Name. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Rhiley.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The following bill was introduced and read by title:

**HB 2406**, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to exemptions; providing tax exemption eligibility for commercial and industrial machinery and equipment that is currently ineligible for tax exemption due to such property being acquired or transported into this state on or before June 30, 2006; amending K.S.A. 79-223 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

**REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2405**.

Judiciary: **SB 237**.

Local Government: **SB 194**.

**CHANGE OF REFERENCE**

Speaker pro tempore Carpenter announced the withdrawal of **HB 2294** from Committee on Commerce Labor and Economic development and referral to Committee on Calendar and Printing.

**MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

The Senate nonconcur in House amendments to **H Sub SB 9**, requests a conference and has appointed Senators Warren, Titus and Corson as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate nonconcur in House amendments to **SB 20**, requests a conference and has appointed Senators Dietrich, Fagg and Francisco as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate nonconcur in House amendments to **SB 21**, requests a conference and has appointed Senators Dietrich, Fagg and Francisco as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate nonconcur in House amendments to **SB 22**, requests a conference and has appointed Senators Dietrich, Fagg and Francisco as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate nonconcur in House amendments to **SB 92**, requests a conference and has appointed Senators Fagg, Petersen and Francisco as conferees on the part of the Senate.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS**

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House acceded to the request of the Senate for a conference on **H Sub for SB 9**.

Speaker pro tempore Carpenter thereupon appointed Reps. Tarwater, Turk and Sawyer Clayton as conferees on the part of the House.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House acceded to the request of the Senate for a conference on **SB 20**.

Speaker pro tempore Carpenter thereupon appointed Reps. Sutton, Bergkamp and Neighbor as conferees on the part of the House.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House acceded to the request of the Senate for a conference on **SB 21**.

Speaker pro tempore Carpenter thereupon appointed Reps. Sutton, Bergkamp and Neighbor as conferees on the part of the House.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House acceded to the request of the Senate for a conference on **SB 22**.

Speaker pro tempore Carpenter thereupon appointed Reps. Sutton, Bergkamp and Neighbor as conferees on the part of the House.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House acceded to the request of the Senate for a conference on **SB 92**.

Speaker pro tempore Carpenter thereupon appointed Reps. Delperdang, Wilborn and Ohaebosim as conferees on the part of the House.

## **INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

On emergency motion of Rep. Schreiber, **HR 6012**, by Reps. Schreiber and Barrett, as follows, was introduced and adopted:

**HR 6012**—A RESOLUTION recognizing the 40th year of operation at Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station.

A RESOLUTION recognizing the 40<sup>th</sup> year of operations of the Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station in Burlington, Kansas.

WHEREAS, The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission approved the Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station's (Wolf Creek) license to operate at its Burlington, Kansas, location on March 11, 1985; and

WHEREAS, Wolf Creek began commercial operations on September 3, 1985, after reaching criticality on May 22, 1985, following more than a decade of construction; and

WHEREAS, Wolf Creek is Kansas' only operational nuclear power plant and has generated more than 345 million megawatt hours of power from July 1, 1985, through December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Wolf Creek is 96% owned by Evergy and 6% owned by Kansas Electric Power Cooperatives, and it generates 20.7% of Kansas' electricity and 36% of its emission-free electricity; and

WHEREAS, More than 800,000 Kansas homes benefit from Wolf Creek's energy output, and 89 of the state's 105 counties receive power from Wolf Creek; and

WHEREAS, Wolf Creek generates approximately 1,250 megawatts of electricity and is licensed to operate until March 11, 2045; and

WHEREAS, As of January 2025, Wolf Creek surpassed 10,000,000 safe work hours without a lost-time incident or OSHA-recordable incident; and

WHEREAS, Wolf Creek contributes to the economic vitality of Coffey County and the surrounding counties, effectuating more than \$165,000,000 in economic impact via payroll, taxes and purchases: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we recognize and congratulate the employees and owners of Wolf Creek for their outstanding service, dedication and leadership and providing safe and reliable power to thousands of Kansans, thereby strengthening the energy security of Kansas; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send three enrolled copies of this resolution to Representative Schreiber.

### **PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

There being no objection, the following remarks of Reps. Schreiber and Barrett are spread upon the Journal:

Rep. Barrett read **HR 6012** recognizing the 40<sup>th</sup> year of operations of the Wolf Creek Generating Station in Burlington, Kansas.

Rep. Schreiber continued, When I started at Wolf Creek in May 1979, the site was much like any other large construction site. Steel was being placed, dirt moved and concrete poured. The commitment and dedication to quality moved the plant to commercial operation in 1985 and for the last 40 years the Wolf Creek power plant has operated safely and reliably.

But the keystone to its success has to be the partnership that developed between Coffey County, the State of Kansas, and the plant. Through this partnership they addressed the only contention in the plant being granted an operating license, which was the status of the emergency plans of the state, Coffey County, and the plant.

They successfully demonstrated to the NRC and FEMA, they could protect the health and safety of the public. This partnership continues to be important to its ongoing success.

I am proud of the Wolf Creek staff I worked with and look forward to another 20 years of reliable operation of Wolf Creek generation.

Today we have members of Evergy's senior management in the gallery. We thank them for their dedication to successfully operating Kansas' only nuclear power plant.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

No objection was made to **SB 2** appearing on the Consent Calendar for the second day.

### **FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

**HB 2111**, AN ACT concerning water; relating to the Kansas conservation reserve enhancement program; increasing the acreage cap for CREPs from 40,000 to 60,000 acres; clarifying the county acreage cap for CREPs and that the last eligible offer for enrollment exceeding applicable acreage caps may be approved; removing the limitation on acres eligible for CREP enrollment based on expired federal contracts; adding a general ineligibility criterion based on federal ineligibility; allowing CREP contracts for dryland farming or limited irrigation for water quantity goals; removing the prohibition on participation in CREP for government-owned water rights; clarifying current CREP criteria related to water right usage, sanctions and reporting; allowing exceptions to eligibility criteria based on factors such as location in high-priority water conservation areas, high-flow capacity wells, circumstances like bankruptcy or probate and enrollment in other water conservation programs; modifying the reporting requirements to cover the preceding five years; amending K.S.A. 2-1933 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 115; Nays 8; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 2.

Yeas: Alcala, Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, 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, Featherston, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helwig, Hill, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoyer, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Miller, S., Minnix, Moser, Mosley, Neely, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Penn, Pickert, Pishny, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schreiber, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., 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: Barrett, Barth, Fairchild, Poetter, Rhiley, Schmoee, Schwertfeger, Steele.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Martinez, Simmons.

The bill passed, as amended.

**Sub Bill for HB 2152**, AN ACT concerning public moneys; relating to the deposit and investment thereof; mandating financial institutions designated as public depositaries 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, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 119; Nays 4; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 2.

Yeas: Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Paige, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, 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, Hoyer, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Miller, S., Minnix, Moser, Mosley, Neely, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Penn, Pickert, Pishny, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoee, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, 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: Alcalá, Barth, Carr, Poetter.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Martinez, Simmons.

The substitute bill passed.

**HB 2400**, AN ACT concerning agritourism; including trail rides as a ranching activity to qualify as an agritourism activity; classifying such land as used for agritourism for purposes of property tax valuation as agricultural land; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 32-1432 and 79-1476 and repealing the existing sections, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 110; Nays 13; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 2.

Yeas: Amyx, Anderson, Averkamp, Ballard, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Carlin, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Hawkins, 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, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Osman, Ousley, Penn, Pickert, Pishny, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoe, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Stogsdill, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Thompson, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Vaughn, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, White, Wikle, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Alcalá, Barth, Paige, Carmichael, Carr, Helgerson, Mosley, Oropeza, Poetter, Rhiley, Ruiz, L., Weigel, Winn.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Martinez, Simmons.

The bill passed.

#### EXPLANATION OF VOTE

MR. SPEAKER: I vote NO on **HB 2400** because this bill bypassed the committee/legislative process. What policy is next? Today, it's horse stables, but what will happen tomorrow or next year? – MELISSA OROPEZA

**SB 14**, AN ACT concerning the state budget; providing for a continuous budget until amended, lapsed or eliminated by the legislature in certain specified circumstances; providing temporary reallocations; establishing conditions and limitations therefor, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 82; Nays 41; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 2.

Yeas: Anderson, Averkamp, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helwig, Hill, Hoffman, Hoheisel,

Howell, Howerton, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, McNorton, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Penn, Pickert, Pishny, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Sanders, Schmoie, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Steele, Stiens, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Thompson, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, White, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wolf.

Nays: Alcalá, Amyx, Ballard, Barth, Paige, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Curtis, Esau, Featherston, Haskins, Howe, Hoye, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Miller, S., Mosley, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Poetter, Poskin, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schreiber, Smith, A., Smith, C., Stogsdill, Vaughn, Weigel, Wikle, Winn, Woodard, Xu.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Martinez, Simmons.

The bill passed, as amended.

#### EXPLANATION OF VOTE

MR. SPEAKER: I vote Nay on **SB 14**. The Kansas Constitution requires the Governor to present a budget to the Legislature annually. The Legislature must pass a budget annually. The Legislature has always accomplished this, including this year with a new Legislative Budget process, compressed time schedule, and shortened calendar session. This Senate legislation is unnecessary, given that we have always passed a budget. **SB 14** will do nothing but give legislative leadership an incentive to fail to pass a budget for the State of Kansas. We cannot support this legislation and vote NO – BARBARA BALLARD, JERRY STOGSDILL, MIKE AMYX, JO ELLA HOYE, LOUIS RUIZ, KC OHAEBOSIM, BROOKLYNNE MOSLEY, TOBIAS SCHLINGENSIEPEN, KIRK HASKINS, HEATHER MEYER, LINDA FEATHERSTON, MARI-LYNN POSKIN, VIRGIL WEIGEL, SUSAN RUIZ, TOM SAWYER, SYDNEY CARLIN, STEPHANIE SAWYER CLAYTON, LYNN MELTON, JOHN ALCALA, FORD CARR, WANDA BROWNLEE PAIGE, NIKKI McDONALD, SUZANNE WIKLE, CINDY NEIGHBOR, DAN OSMAN, RUI XU, JOHN CARMICHAEL, SILAS MILLER, LINDSAY VAUGHN

**SB 105**, AN ACT concerning the offices of United States senator, state treasurer and the commissioner of insurance; relating to the filling of vacancies in such offices; requiring the appointment of a person of the same political party as the incumbent; requiring the legislature to nominate three persons for consideration for such appointment and that the governor appoint one of the nominated persons; establishing the joint committee on vacancy appointments; amending K.S.A. 25-101b and 40-106 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 25-318, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 87; Nays 36; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 2.

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

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Martinez, Simmons.

The bill passed, as amended.

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

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Recommended that **SB 88**, **SB 175** be passed.

Committee report to **SB 82** be adopted; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee report recommending Sub for **SB 193** be adopted; and **S Sub SB 193** be passed as amended.

Committee report to **HB 2217** be adopted.

Also, roll call was demanded on motion of Rep. McDonald to amend **HB 2217** As Amended by House Committee, on page 5, in line 3, after the first period by inserting "The attorney general shall not authorize more than five additional full-time employees in fiscal year 2026 in the office of the inspector general to perform the expanded duties in subsection (b)(1), and in fiscal year 2026, expenditures for salaries and wages shall not exceed \$600,000 for such additional employees."

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 43; Nays 76; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 6.

Yeas: Alcala, Amyx, Ballard, Bohi, Paige, Butler, Carlin, Carmichael, Curtis, Fairchild, Featherston, Haskins, Helgerson, Hoye, T. Johnson, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Miller, S., Mosley, Neighbor, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Poetter, Poskin, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schwertfeger, Smith, C., Stogsdill, Weigel, Wikle, Winn, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Anderson, Awerkamp, Barrett, Barth, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Borjon, Brantley, Bryce, Buehler, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Hawkins, Helwig, Hill, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Huebert, Humphries, James, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, McNorton, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Penn, Pickert, Pishny, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Roth, Schmoe, Schreiber, Seiwert, Smith, A., Steele, Stiens, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Thompson, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, White, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, L., Wolf.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Carr, Martinez, Ohaebosim, Simmons, Vaughn, Williams, K..



Also, roll call was demanded on motion of Rep. Oropeza to amend **HB 2217** As Amended by House Committee, on page 5, following line 25, by inserting:

"(4) It shall be a violation of this section to report findings under paragraph (3) that contain false information. If the inspector general reports false information, an individual who is the subject of such report shall have a cause of action and may seek damages or other equitable relief. In an action brought pursuant to this section, a prevailing plaintiff shall recover actual damages or \$200,000, whichever is greater." the motion did not prevail.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 33; Nays 82; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 10.

Yeas: Alcalá, Amyx, Ballard, Paige, Carlin, Carmichael, Curtis, Featherston, Haskins, Helgerson, Hoye, T. Johnson, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Miller, S., Mosley, Neighbor, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Poskin, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Stogsdill, Weigel, Wikle, Winn, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Anderson, Barrett, Barth, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Hawkins, Helwig, Hill, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Humphries, James, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, McNorton, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Penn, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Sanders, Schmoë, Schreiber, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Thompson, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, White, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, L., Wolf.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Awerkamp, Carr, Huebert, Martinez, Ohaebosim, Resman, Schwertfeger, Simmons, Vaughn, Williams, K..

Also, roll call was demanded on further motion of Rep. Oropeza to amend **HB 2217** As Amended by House Committee, on page 2, following line 26, by inserting:

"(14) "Other illegal acts" does not include violations of federal immigration law.";

On page 5, following line 25, by inserting:

"(4) It shall be a violation of this section to investigate or make reports concerning illegal acts not directly related to state cash, food or health assistance programs. A violation of this section is a class B nonperson misdemeanor, and the offender shall be sentenced to not less than 48 consecutive hours but not more than six months of imprisonment.";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly the motion did not prevail.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 32; Nays 85; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 8.

Yeas: Alcalá, Amyx, Ballard, Bohi, Paige, Carlin, Carmichael, Featherston, Haskins, Helgerson, Hoye, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Miller, S., Mosley, Neighbor, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Poskin, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Stogsdill, Weigel, Wikle, Winn, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Anderson, Barrett, Barth, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Borjon, Brantley, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Hawkins, Helwig, Hill, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton,

Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, McNorton, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Penn, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Sanders, Schmoe, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Thompson, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, White, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wolf.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Awerkamp, Carr, Curtis, Martinez, Ohaebosim, Simmons, Vaughn, Waggoner.

Also, on motion of Rep. S. Ruiz to amend **HB 2217**, the motion did not prevail; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee report recommending a substitute bill for **SB 126** be adopted; and **Sub Bill for SB 126** be passed.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Commerce, Labor and Economic Development** recommends **SB 166**, As Amended by Senate Committee, be passed.

Committee on **Education** recommends **SB 114**, As Amended by Senate Committee, be amended on page 1, in line 16, by striking all after "(2)"; by striking all in lines 17 through 21; in line 22, by striking all before the period and inserting "Any student participating in an activity pursuant to paragraph (1) shall also be permitted to participate in any district-sponsored events, ceremonies, programs or other functions directly related to such activity.

(3) The board of education of a school district may adopt policies regarding the participation of those students who are participating in an activity pursuant to paragraph (1) in district-sponsored events, ceremonies, programs or other functions that are not directly related to such activity";

On page 3, in line 5, after "(g)" by inserting "Any student enrolled in a school operated by a school district who withdraws from such school district and subsequently enrolls in an accredited private school, a nonpublic elementary or secondary school, as defined in K.S.A. 72-4345, and amendments thereto, or a virtual school, as defined in K.S.A. 72-3712, and amendments thereto, shall not be eligible for full participation in any activities offered by such school district for the nine-week period immediately following such student's withdrawal unless such student was eligible for full participation in any such activities pursuant to the eligibility policies of such school district and the activities association referred to in K.S.A. 72-7114, and amendment thereto, on the date of withdrawal and such student participates in such activities at the school from which such student withdrew. Such student may be permitted limited participation in any such activities in accordance with the eligibility policies of such school district and the activities association referred to in K.S.A. 72-7114, and amendments thereto.

(h)";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

Also on page 3, in line 16, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Taxation** recommends **HB 2390** be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

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 bill was introduced and read by title:

**HB 2407**, AN ACT concerning the Kansas act against discrimination; adding sexual orientation, gender identity or expression and status as a veteran as protected classes under the act; amending K.S.A. 12-16,107, 44-1001, 44-1002, 44-1004, 44-1005, 44-1006, 44-1009, 44-1015, 44-1016, 44-1017, 44-1027 and 44-1030 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES**

Speaker pro tempore Carpenter announced the appointment of Rep. Howerton to replace Rep. Goetz on Committee on Education Services for March 11, 2025.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Woodard to replace Rep. Martinez on Committee on Judiciary for March 11, 2025.

### **REPORT ON ENGROSSED BILLS**

**HB 2111** reported correctly engrossed March 10, 2025.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

