

Journal of the House

THIRTY-NINTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

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

The roll was called with 122 members present.

Rep. Meyer was excused on verified illness.

Reps. Simmons and Willcott were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Present later: Rep. Willcott.

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

Loving Heavenly Father,

Thank You so much for each representative here. Thank You for deeply loving each one more than we could ever imagine.

Father, I acknowledge that You are sovereign and that You have brought every individual member of this body together for Your specific purpose. Thank You that You have a particular role for each representative to play as first adjournment approaches. And thank You that You have provided each member with the resources required to accomplish Your perfect plan in the Kansas House of Representatives. Your perfect plan will be accomplished because of, or in spite of, each one of us. Father, I pray that it will be because of.

In Jesus Name. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Poskin.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There being no objection, the following remarks of Rep. Rhiley are spread upon the Journal:

Today, we recognize the accomplishments of the 2024 Cowley County Community College Volleyball team. The Lady Tigers will go down as one of the most dominant volleyball teams in the history of NJCAA DII volleyball.

It is a Tradition of Excellence that the Cowley County Community College Volleyball program has stood for in its 49-year history.

The 2024 team continued that tradition by winning the National Junior College Athletic Association NJCAA Division II national championship with a perfect 40-0 record.

The national championship gives the program four national championships in their program history and also back to back 2023, 2024, undefeated national championships resulting in a NJCAA winning streak record with 81 straight victories. The Cowley College Volleyball team dropped only five sets the entire 2024 season.

We need to note that the team also captured district and conference titles prior to winning the national championship.

The Cowley College Volleyball team, had five All-American selections led by Laura Bonomi, AVCA Two-Year College Player of the Year, NCAA DII Player of the Year, Conference Most Valuable Player, and NJCAA Tournament Most Valuable Player.

- Hanna Darvas was named KJCCC Setter of the Year and was also named Freshman of the Year.
- Jessi Ritchhart was named KJCCC Libero of the Year.
- Laura Bonomi, Hanna Darvas, and Sara Puskas were named NJCAA All-Tournament team
- Josci Buckley – was selected Kansas Player/All-Conference, All-District player of the year
- Valarie Luna – was selected Kansas Player / All-Conference
- Mika Schultz – was selected Kansas Player of the year
- Sadie Lewis is their team captain
- Lana Milner – is their Assistant Coach
- Their Coach, Steven Gream was named the American Volleyball Coaches Association, AVCA, Two-Year College Coach of the Year, NJCAA DII Coach of the Year, AVCA Mid-West Region Coach of the Year, Plains A District Coach of the Year, Kansas Junior Community College Coach of the Year, and NJCAA Coach of the Tournament.

Also in the gallery there is the rest of the players and the school administrators. Thank you for coming.

Rep. Rhiley presented his guests with a framed House certificate in honor of their accomplishments.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There being no objection, the following remarks of Rep. Borjon are spread upon the Journal:

Greetings colleagues! I rise before the body to recognize a momentous occasion for the Hayden High School Ladies Tennis Team this past Fall. Joining me on the floor are:

- Coaches Christy Sheetz and Lynn Bishop
- Hayden Ladies Tennis players Emily Sheetz, Ainzley Zulueta, Avery O’Bray, Izzy Glotzbach, Grace Funk and Sophia Wichman.

Last October, Hayden hosted the Class 4A state championship at Kossover Tennis Center here in Topeka.. Through hard work and determination, the Hayden Ladies Tennis Team clinched the team title with 40 points, winning the 4A State Championship. Senior Ainzley Zulueta took home first place in the 4A bracket for Hayden. Zulueta won her third Class 4A state singles title with 6-0, 6-0 win over Buhler. Additionally, and this is quite impressive, she had a perfect record of 24-0 and didn’t lose one single game during the postseason run.

- Senior Emily Sheetz and freshman Sophia Wichman earned a runner-up 4A double finish.
- Junior Grace Funk placed ninth in singles.
- And Juniors Izzy Glotzbach and Avery O'Bray finished 11th in doubles.

Overall, it was an incredible performance by the Hayden Ladies Tennis Team! Topeka, as well as Kansas, could not be prouder of them. We wish all of you much success and luck and eagerly look forward to your next season. Please join me in recognizing this outstanding group of lady athletes.

Rep. Borjon presented the team with a framed House certificate in honor of their accomplishments.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There being no objection, the following remarks of Rep. Collins are spread upon the Journal:

On May 24" of last year, the Raiders of the Frontenac High School Softball team coached by Cassie Rhuems and assisted by Scott Fields and Hope Zafuta clenched the 2024 Class 3A state title with a hard fought 3-0 victory over Silver Lake.

It was a bittersweet victory for the Raiders in that less than two months prior they lost a man who had served as an assistant coach, an avid supporter and in the case of Coach Rhuems, her dad. Francis Buche, or as he was known to many of us as Francie.

Francie was a positive influence in the lives of not only Coach Cassie but on the entire team. As the 2024 season progressed the hashtag p4f meaning "play for Francie" was a common sight on social media posts not only in the members of the Frontenac community but from other well wishers in the Southeast Kansas/Southwest Missouri area and beyond. In his memory, please join me in congratulating the Frontenac Raiders 2024 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 3A Softball State Champions.

Rep. Collins presented the team with a framed House certificate in honor of their championship.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There being no objection, the following remarks of Rep. Osman are spread upon the Journal:

I'm joined at the podium by members of the Kansas Miss Amazing. Miss Amazing provides opportunities for girls and women with disabilities across Kansas to build self-esteem. The options available to girls with disabilities should reflect their boundless potential. But because of widely-held myths about their capabilities, girls with disabilities are often held back from taking risks that could enrich their personal development. They are deprived of opportunities to make friends and granted less access to resources.

Miss Amazing Inc. was established in 2007 to help combat that. In 2018, Kansas created its own state organization to work on local issues that girls and women with disabilities face in our state.

Kansas Miss Amazing's mission is to provide unique leadership, self-esteem and self-advocacy opportunities to assist in the building of those skills. These skills are

important to girls and women with disabilities because currently the need for female leaders with disabilities is great. How else can the changes needed be created without the voice of those who have been there and know? The options for girls and women with disabilities should reflect their limitless potential.

I'm joined on the dais by some, frankly, amazing women and girls. They are:

- Kirstanna Guerrero State Director, Kansas Miss Amazing
- Tatianna Legitt Kansas Miss Amazing Teen
- Elizabeth Jane Varelman Kansas Miss Amazing Jr. Miss
- Jessica Brundige Kansas Miss Amazing Miss
- Erin Bowser Kansas Miss Amazing Sr. Miss
- Tiara Hensley Kansas Miss Amazing Mentor

Thank you all for coming to the Capitol today and the best of luck representing Kansas in the national conference in July.

Rep. Osman presented his guests with House certificates in honor of their accomplishments.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There being no objection, the following remarks of Rep. Tarwater are spread upon the Journal:

It is my Honor to introduce the Heros of Kansas Task Force 1. In anticipation of Hurricane Helene, Kansas Task Force 1 was put on standby several days in advance.

On September 24, 2024, the task force rallied in Olathe and Wichita, KS and headed to Florida, taking shifts and driving though the night, a trip that would normally take 14 hours. They drove straight through for 20 hours before arriving in Pensacola Florida, where they were able to rest.

The convoy faced heavy rains from the initial bands of the Hurricane, two tire failures and heavy traffic. On September 26, 2024, Hurricane Helene made landfall as a powerful Category 4 storm, unleashing widespread destruction and claiming more than 230 lives. On that same day, TASK FORCE 1 was directed to Orlando, again facing traffic and the storm. Once they arrived, they underwent "JUST IN TIME" training.

On September 27th the Task Force was sent to Dunelin, FL to rescue people in the water. From 4 am to 10 am they searched over 600 locations for human life, pet life and structural assessments. Next they were assigned to search and rescue operations in the barrier islands and then search and rescue in Treasure Island FL, a barrier island.

On September 30th, their work in Florida was complete and they were demobilized by Florida. On October 1st while on their way home, at 5am, TF1 was reassigned/redeployed to North Carolina. They set up a tent and a field hospital, searched the very hilly and rugged terrain in areas of Burnsville, North Carolina. On October 3rd they worked with a National Guard unit doing search and rescue in Yancey County, North Carolina.

In some cases, TF1 was the first to arrive in these areas and make human contact with residents. They used star link to communicate because there was very little communication infrastructure left.

On October 10th, the TF1 was assigned to an extensive search up the mountain to the river. They identified and marked possible targets for Human Remains Detection

canines to search for recovery of human remains. They conducted search and rescue for the remaining time in North Carolina.

Finally on October 7th and 8th, TF1 departed from North Carolina and TF 2 was deployed from KS to continue the search and rescue operations.

Rep. Tarwater introduced the following Task Force 1 Heroes:

Toby Aldridge	Shawn Hayes	Tyler Ross
Shawn Alexander	Randy Hill	Kody Songs
Caleb Berger	Frank Hogan	Daryl Strain
Tyler Brennehan	Kendall Johnson	Evan Swanson
Josh Chaney	Laurie Kerns	Drew Taylor
Devin Connelly	Dale Lowry	Tony Tracy
Paul Craft	Matt Ludwig	Jeff Weltmer
Cameron Dietsch	Adam McIntosh	Luke Wiebe
Krystle Escobar	Jackie Miller	Chad Winton
Brian Force	Cole Minton	Christopher Wirths
Brian Griffin	Adam Powers	Nicholas Woods
Riley Hawbaker	Jay Reynolds	Landon Woodward

The State Fire Marshal Mark Engholm is also with us. Please Welcome these Kansas Heroes to the Statehouse.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolution was introduced and read by title:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. **HCR 5013**—

By Representatives Sutton, Neighbor, Bryce, W. Carpenter, Francis, Hoheisel, Howe, Hoyer, Humphries, Long, Minnix, Resman, Smith, C., Wasinger and White

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging Congress to give state insurance regulators authority over Medicare Advantage plans.

WHEREAS, On July 30, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed Medicare into law to be administered by the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas legislature in 1981 passed a statute requiring the Kansas Insurance Commissioner to regulate and establish specific standards for Medicare supplement policies delivered or issued for delivery in the state of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 created Medicare Part C, known now as Medicare Advantage; and

WHEREAS, The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, also known as the Medicare Modernization Act, created Medicare Part D but also limited the authority of states to oversee Medicare Advantage plans; and

WHEREAS, Since the implementation of the Medicare Modernization Act and because of the lack of state oversight, state departments of insurance, state health insurance programs and consumer advocacy organizations have reported patterns of overly aggressive, deceptive and abusive marketing and sales practices in the Medicare private plan marketplace; and

WHEREAS, There have been complaints made to the state insurance departments, including Kansas, regarding misrepresentations in the marketing and sales of Medicare

Advantage plans, particularly Private Fee-for-Service plans, including misrepresentations about provider networks, provider acceptance of plans, reimbursements, benefits, premiums and other features; and

WHEREAS, The sale of Medicare Advantage plans often involves aggressive sales tactics that include the attempt to sell additional non-Medicare related products to seniors and vulnerable adults; and

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas, along with the other 49 states, are unable to assist consumers in such matters, because their hands are tied due to the passage of the Medicare Modernization Act; and

WHEREAS, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which are charged with the regulation of Medicare Advantage plans, have failed in their duty to regulate the advertising of Medicare Advantage plans and protect the most vulnerable Kansans: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein: That we urge Congress to give state insurance regulators authority over Medicare Advantage plans, because state-based regulation is more efficient and effective at protecting the citizens of Kansas; and

Be it further resolved: That we urge Congress to conclude that states are better equipped to oversee Medicare plans and protect vulnerable populations from abusive and fraudulent marketing and advertising of Medicare Advantage plans, just as they oversee other health plans; and

Be it further resolved: That we urge Congress to pass legislation that allows states to enforce their own marketing and consumer disclosure laws and regulations on Medicare plans; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate and the Kansas Department of Insurance.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2407**.

Taxation: **HB 2406**.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The Senate nonconcur in House amendments to **SB 14**, requests a conference and has appointed Senators Billinger, JR Claeys, and Pettey as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate nonconcur in House amendments to **SB 105**, requests a conference and has appointed Senators Masterson, Blew and Faust Goudeau 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 **SB 14**.

Speaker Hawkins thereupon appointed Reps. Waymaster, Williams, K. and Ballard 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 105**.

Speaker Hawkins thereupon appointed Reps. Proctor, Waggoner and Haskins as conferees on the part of the House.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On emergency motion of Rep. Croft, **HR 6013**, by Reps. Hawkins and Croft, as follows, was introduced and adopted:

HR 6013—A RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th anniversary of the State Government Affairs Council.

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WHEREAS, The State Government Affairs Council (SGAC) was established 50 years ago with the mission to advance and support the state government affairs profession by fostering community and relationship-building with peers and elected officials, building knowledge and promoting diverse perspectives in a nonpartisan environment; and

WHEREAS, SGAC's members, consisting of government affairs professionals, have consistently worked to enhance understanding and communication between the public and private sectors, ensure the fair representation of diverse interests and advocate for the advancement of policies that promote unparalleled educational opportunities, provide a forum for members and policymakers to convene and collaborate, mentor the next generation of state government affairs professionals and promote all aspects of diversity; and

WHEREAS, Through its collaboration with legislative bodies, administrative agencies and community stakeholders, SGAC has helped build a more responsive, transparent and accountable government at the state level; and

WHEREAS, The 50th anniversary of SGAC represents a milestone of achievement and service in its ongoing commitment to excellence in government affairs; and

WHEREAS, SGAC has fostered a forward-thinking platform for addressing emerging challenges in state governance; and

WHEREAS, SGAC has created a legacy of fostering leadership, training and advocacy that has shaped the professional development of thousands of individuals in the field of government relations: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we commemorate the State Government Affairs Council for its 50 years of dedicated service and significant contributions to enhancing the relationship between state and local governments, businesses and communities; and

Be it further resolved: That we encourage continued support for SGAC's mission and commend its members for their tireless work to advocate for sound policy decisions, transparency and good governance; and

Be it further resolved: That we extend congratulations to the SGAC and its members for reaching this remarkable milestone, acknowledge their enduring influence on the state's government affairs landscape and recognize their continued commitment to advancing public policy across the state; and

Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the State Government Affairs Council.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On emergency motion of Rep. Amyx, **HR 6014**, by Reps. Amyx, Alcalá, Ballard, Bohi, Buehler, Carlin, Curtis, Featherston, Haskins, Hoye, Huebert, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Miller, Mosley, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Brownlee Paige, Poskin, Rahjes, Ruiz, Ruiz, Schlingensiepen, Schreiber, Smith, Smith, Stogsdill, Vaughn, Wikle and Woodard, as follows, was introduced and adopted:

HR 6014—A RESOLUTION recognizing March 13, 2025, as Mental Health Advocacy Day at the Capitol.

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WHEREAS, Kansas has made significant progress in improving access to mental health services and has moved up to 22nd overall among all states in the rankings of the Mental Health America Report; and

WHEREAS, Encouraging people to seek help when necessary and lowering the stigma associated with mental health treatment depends on creating a community that is understanding and supportive; and

WHEREAS, The youth in Kansas continue to experience mental health and behavioral health concerns, therefore, youth voice, advocacy and prevention efforts are more vital today than ever before; and

WHEREAS, Youth Leaders in Kansas (YLINK) encourages middle and high school students to form groups with peers in their communities to support mental health and behavioral health awareness and suicide prevention efforts through youth advocacy, promotion and prevention messaging; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Mental Health Coalition is a collaboration of nonprofit organizations, agencies and individuals representing consumers, families and providers dedicated to improving the lives of Kansans with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Mental Health Coalition is dedicated to providing opportunities for all Kansans who care about our state's mental and emotional well-being to share their stories and experiences with policymakers at all levels; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Mental Health Coalition commends the Legislature, the Governor and state agencies for their strategic planning, implementation of improvements and investment in a full continuum of behavioral health services in recent years; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Mental Health Coalition, Youth Crew and Clay Counts YLINK, along with other YLINK groups from around the state, are visiting the Capitol on March 13, 2025, to meet with legislators and advocate for mental health services and wellness programs: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we recognize March 13, 2025, as Mental Health Advocacy Day at the Capitol; and

Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Representative Amyx.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

There being no objection, the following remarks of Rep. Amyx are spread upon the Journal:

Rep. Amyx recognized **HR 6014** which names March 13, 2025 as Mental Health Advocacy Day at the Capitol. He encouraged all members to participate and thanked the co-signers of the resolution.

CONSENT CALENDAR

No objection was made to **HB 2390** appearing on the Consent Calendar for the first day.

No objection was made to **SB 2** 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

SB 2, AN ACT concerning elections; relating to question submitted elections on the issuance of bonds by a school district; validating the election results for the bond issuance question submitted by the board of education of USD 200, Greeley county; relating to election publication requirements; providing for publication on the website of the county election office if such office has a website; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 10-120 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 121; Nays 1; 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, 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, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, 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, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoë, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Stogsdill, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Thompson, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Vaughn, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Wickle, Wilborn, Williams, K., Williams, L., Winn, Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Poetter.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Meyer, Simmons, Willcott.

The bill passed.

HB 2217, AN ACT concerning the attorney general; relating to the office of the inspector general and the powers, duties and responsibilities thereof; expanding the power of the inspector general to investigate and audit all state cash, food and health assistance programs; amending K.S.A. 75-7427 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 85; Nays 37; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.

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

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

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Meyer, Simmons, Willcott.

The bill passed, as amended.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE

MR. SPEAKER: I am voting NO on **HB 2217**. I am strongly opposed to granting the Inspector General any broadened powers, increased staff or additional funds. This bill would unnecessarily grow government during a time of fiscal austerity in Kansas. This bill is unnecessary, wasteful and, duplicative. This bill is simply a power grab by the Inspector General and the Attorney General. I will not be complicit in any fiscally irresponsible budgetary decisions while everyday Kansans are struggling to pay their bills. Our priority should be focusing on pragmatic ways to give Kansans meaningful tax relief—NIKKI McDONALD, BARBARA BALLARD, JERRY STOGSDILL, MIKE AMYX, LOUIS RUIZ, BROOKLYNNE MOSLEY, TOBIAS SCHLINGENSIEPEN, KIRK HASKINS, LINDA FEATHERSTON, MARI-LYNN POSKIN, VIRGIL WEIGEL, SUSAN RUIZ, TOM SAWYER, SYDNEY CARLIN, STEPHANIE SAWYER CLAYTON, LYNN MELTON, FORD CARR, WANDA BROWNLEE PAIGE, SUZANNE WIKLE, CINDY NEIGHBOR, MELISSA OROPEZA, BRANDON WOODARD, VALDENIA WINN, JOHN CARMICHAEL, SILAS MILLER, LINDSAY VAUGHN, ANGELA MARTINEZ

SB 82, 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, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 122; Nays 0; 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, 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, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Miller, S., Minnix,

Moser, Mosley, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Penn, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., 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, Weigel, White, Wikle, Wilborn, Williams, K., Williams, L., Winn, Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Meyer, Simmons, Willcott.

The bill passed, as amended.

SB 88, AN ACT concerning the state long-term care ombudsman; requiring the state long-term care ombudsman and any regional ombudsman to receive training in memory care; amending K.S.A. 75-7306 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 121; Nays 1; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.

Yeas: Alcala, Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barrett, Barth, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Paige, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Carlin, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Carr, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Hawkins, Helgersen, Helwig, Hill, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, 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, 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, Weigel, White, Wikle, Wilborn, Williams, K., Williams, L., Winn, Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Carmichael.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Meyer, Simmons, Willcott.

The bill passed.

Sub Bill for SB 126, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to the Kansas department of health and environment; updating income eligibility requirements for the children's health insurance program; establishing an advance universal newborn screening program; providing for the reimbursement of certain treatment services; authorizing the secretary of health and environment to specify conditions included in newborn screenings; extending the transfer of moneys to the Kansas newborn screening fund; increasing state financial assistance to local health departments under certain circumstances; increasing the annual assessment on services rate on inpatient and outpatient revenue and expanding exemptions for such assessment; amending K.S.A. 38-2001, 65-181, 65-183, 65-242 and 65-6210 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 65-180, 65-6208 and 65-6209 and repealing the existing sections, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 119; Nays 3; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.

Yeas: Alcalá, 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, 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, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, 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, Schmoë, 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, Williams, K., Williams, L., Winn, Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Barth, Fairchild, Poetter.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Meyer, Simmons, Willcott.

The substitute bill passed.

SB 175, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to healthcare professions; updating the definition of athletic trainer; providing for an exception for those licensed in another state, District of Columbia, territory or foreign country to practice in Kansas; amending K.S.A. 65-6902, 65-6906 and 65-6907 and repealing the existing sections, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 121; Nays 1; 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, Paige, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Carlin, 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, Hoyer, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Miller, S., Minnix, Moser, Mosley, Neely, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Penn, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoë, 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, Williams, K., Williams, L., Winn, Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Carmichael.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Meyer, Simmons, Willcott.

The bill passed.

Sub Bill for SB 193, AN ACT concerning the state board of pharmacy; relating to emergency opioid antagonists; exempting law enforcement agencies who do not provide emergency opioid antagonist pursuant to the statewide protocol from the requirement to

procure a physician medical director; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 65-16,127 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 122; Nays 0; 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, 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, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Miller, S., Minnix, Moser, Mosley, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Penn, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Poskin, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., 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, Weigel, White, Wikle, Wilborn, Williams, K., Williams, L., Winn, Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Meyer, Simmons, Willcott.

The bill passed, as amended.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Recommended that committee report to **SB 18** be adopted.

Also, roll call was demanded on motion of Rep. Proctor, **SB 18** be amended As Amended by House Committee, on page 2, in line 20, by striking all after "thereto"; by striking all in line 21; in line 22, by striking all before the period

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 75; Nays 43; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 7.

Yeas: Anderson, Averkamp, Barrett, Barth, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Brantley, Buehler, Butler, B. Carpenter, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Delperdang, 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, Sanders, Sawyer, Schmoe, Schwertfeger, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Thompson, Turk, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, White, Wilborn, Williams, K..

Nays: Alcalá, Amyx, Ballard, Bergkamp, Borjon, Paige, Bryce, Carlin, Carmichael, W. Carpenter, Carr, Curtis, Droge, Featherston, Haskins, Helgerson, Hoye, Martinez, McDonald, Melton, Miller, S., Mosley, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Poskin, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schreiber, Seiwert,

Stogsdill, Vaughn, Weigel, Wikle, Williams, L., Winn, Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Meyer, Roeser, Roth, Simmons, Turner, VanHouden, Willcott.
and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee report to **SB 98** be adopted; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee report to **SB 121** be adopted; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee report to **HB 2329** be adopted.

Also, on motion of Rep. Lewis, **HB 2329** be amended As Amended by House Committee, on page 7, in line 6, by striking "45" and inserting "90"; in line 11, by striking "45" and inserting "90"
and the bill be passed as amended.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Agriculture and Natural Resources** recommends **SB 36**, **SB 89** be passed.

Committee on **Education** recommends **SB 44**, As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole, be passed.

Committee on **Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications** recommends **HB 2149** be amended by substituting with a new bill to be designated as "Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 2149," as follows:

"Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 2149

By Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications

"AN ACT concerning distributed energy resources; requiring distributed energy system retailers to disclose certain information to customers who will construct, install and operate a distributed energy system; requiring the attorney general to convene an advisory group to establish a standard form for such disclosures and requiring publication thereof; requiring electric public utilities to disclose certain information to distributed energy retailers; providing criteria to determine appropriate system size for a customer's distributed energy system that is subject to parallel generation; establishing requirements for interconnection and operation of a distributed energy system; increasing the total capacity limitation for an electric public utility's provision of parallel generation service; establishing powers and limitations relating thereto; establishing notification requirements for when a system is no longer producing energy or the customer seeks to repair or rebuild a distributed energy system; amending K.S.A. 66-1,184 and 66-1268 and repealing the existing sections.";

And the substitute bill be passed.

(**Sub Bill for HB 2149** was thereupon introduced and read by title.)

Committee on **Health and Human Services** recommends **Substitute for SB 67** be passed.

Committee on **Health and Human Services** recommends **SB 250** be amended on page 2, in line 1, by striking the comma and by inserting "who is unaffiliated with such patient's physician or the physician's place of business and"; in line 4, by striking all after "(B)"; by striking all in lines 5 and 6; in line 7, by striking "(C)";

On page 3, in line 26, after "treatment" by inserting ", except that, a patient's estate may be held liable for any outstanding debt related to the treatment or lack of insurance

due to such treatment";

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

And the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Local Government** recommends **SB 194**, As Amended by Senate Committee, 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 **Taxation** recommends **SB 117** be passed.

Committee on **Taxation** recommends **SB 10**, As Amended by Senate Committee, be amended on page 1, in line 18, after stricken material by inserting "and"; in line 19, by striking all after "equipment"; in line 20, by striking all before the period; in line 22, by striking all after "(1)"; by striking all in line 23; in line 24, by striking "(2)"; in line 27, by striking "(3)" and inserting "(2)";

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

Also on page 1, in the title, in line 3, by striking the third comma and inserting "and"; 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. Vaughn to replace Rep. Meyer on Committee on Health and Human Services for March 12, 2025.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Wikle to replace Rep. Ousley on Committee on Appropriations for March 13, 2025.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 13, 2025.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

