

Journal of the House

THIRD DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 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. Howe and Winn were excused on verified illness.

Prayer by Chaplain Holmes:

Dear Father, Thank You for a good night's rest and a new day to stand in the gap for the people of Kansas. We are in a good place to make a positive difference for those whom we have been called to serve. Indeed, we are blessed with the opportunities and challenges set before us.

Some have already met opposition to thoughts and ideas they consider important. Teach each of us the right and correct way to respond to those who see things differently than we do.

In Your Word You direct leadership to "be harmonious, sympathetic, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; not returning evil for evil, or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead."

Give the courage to speak when proper and the wisdom to be quiet when quietness is the better choice. Allow us to acknowledge Your divine direction to be "quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger."

I pray for the peace of Almighty God to prevail in our State and Nation. In some respects, these are difficult days and thus require cool heads and sensitive, as well as thoughtful spirits.

I intercede for the homeless and marginalized individuals who struggle day to day for their very existence. Help us push any judgmental thoughts aside and see these individuals as You see them. If opportunity to help manifests itself, might we not shrink from the challenge.

Now, may Your grace, strength, and blessing rest upon these gathered to make life richer and more prosperous for all.

In Jesus Name I Pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Alcalá.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

HB 2436, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to rendering medical assistance; allowing for the use of expired opioid antagonists to treat an opioid overdose; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 22-2312 and repealing the existing section, by Representatives Wikle, Amyx, Paige, Carmichael, Carr, Ellis, Featherston, Haskins, Hoheisel, T. Johnson, Martinez, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Mosley, Neighbor, Oropeza, Poskin, Proctor, Reavis, Ruiz, S., Sweely, Waggoner, Woodard and Xu.

HB 2437, AN ACT concerning elections; relating to voter registration; authorizing the use of additional resources for verifying voter registration records; removing individuals disqualified for voting from voter registration records; providing an open records exemption for certain information related to voter registration; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-2316c and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Elections.

HB 2438, AN ACT concerning elections; relating to voter registration; imposing restrictions on websites that can accept and transmit voter registration applications, by Committee on Elections.

HB 2439, AN ACT concerning public health and the environment; enacting the Kansas geoengineering and weather modification prohibition act; prohibiting geoengineering and weather modification activities; providing criminal penalties for certain violations of the act; assigning enforcement authority to the department of health and environment; authorizing the secretary to adopt rules and regulations as necessary; requiring operators of public-use airports to report any violations to the department of transportation on a monthly basis; requiring the department of transportation to send such reports to the secretary of health and environment and the applicable state law enforcement agency; authorizing the secretary of transportation to adopt rules and regulations as necessary; repealing the Kansas weather modification act; repealing K.S.A. 82a-1401, 82a-1402, 82a-1403, 82a-1405, 82a-1406, 82a-1407, 82a-1408, 82a-1409, 82a-1410, 82a-1411, 82a-1412, 82a-1413, 82a-1414, 82a-1415, 82a-1416, 82a-1417, 82a-1418, 82a-1419, 82a-1420, 82a-1421, 82a-1422, 82a-1423, 82a-1424 and 82a-1425, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

HB 2440, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to exemptions; excluding owners of oil leases from having to file request for exemption with the board of tax appeals; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 79-213 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2441, AN ACT concerning income taxation; relating to credits; adding compressed natural gas or liquefied natural gas to alternative fuels that are eligible for the income tax credit for alternative-fueled motor vehicle property expenditures; amending K.S.A. 79-32,201 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2442, AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to income tax; providing for the apportionment of business income by a manufacturer of alcoholic liquor by the single sales factor; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 79-3279 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2443, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to public utilities; providing that certain natural gas storage facilities shall not be classified as public

utilities; amending K.S.A. 79-5a01 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2444, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; providing that jail credit when consecutive sentences are imposed shall not apply to more than one case; creating a special sentencing rule of presumptive imprisonment when a new felony is committed by certain offenders while on probation, parole or postrelease supervision for a prior felony; prohibiting certain dispositional and durational departures when a new felony is committed by offenders while on probation, parole or postrelease supervision for a prior felony; requiring secured minimum appearance bond amounts for certain defendants who commit a new felony while on probation, parole, postrelease supervision or bond for a prior felony unless the court makes certain findings; amending K.S.A. 21-6818 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 21-6615, 21-6804 and 22-2802 and repealing the existing sections, by Representatives McNorton, Anderson, Barrett, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Brantley, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, Chauncey, Collins, Droge, Ellis, Helwig, T. Johnson, Long, Minnix, Neelly, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Sappington, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Sutton, Tarwater, VanHouden, Wasinger, White, Williams, K., Wilson and Wolf.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Recommended that **HB 2332** be passed over and retain a place on the calendar.

On motion of Rep. S. Ruiz to amend **HB 2204**, Rep. Schmoe requested a ruling on the amendment being germane to the bill. The Rules Chair ruled the amendment not germane.

Also, on motion of Rep. B. Carpenter **HB 2204** be amended on page 1, in the title, in line 3, by striking "it's" and inserting "the" and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee report to **HB 2332** be adopted;

Also, on motion of Rep. Estes, **HB 2332** be amended As Amended by House Committee, on page 1, in line 5, before "Section" by inserting "New"; in line 14, by striking "Indians" and inserting "Native Americans"; following line 26, by inserting:

"Sec. 2. K.S.A. 75-201 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-201. The great seal of the state of Kansas, procured by the secretary of state, as required by the joint resolution approved May twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one (which resolution was published as chapter seventy-eight [*], Laws of eighteen hundred sixty-one), shall be and remain the great seal of this state. Such seal is described in said joint resolution as follows: The east is represented by a rising sun, in the right-hand corner of the seal; to the left of it, commerce is represented by a river and a steamboat; in the foreground, agriculture is represented as the basis of the future prosperity of the state, by a settler's cabin and a man plowing with a pair of horses; beyond this is a train of ox-wagons, going west; in the background is seen a herd of buffalo, retreating, pursued by

two ~~Indians~~ Native Americans, on horseback; around the top is the motto, "Ad astra per aspera," and beneath a cluster of thirty-four stars. The circle is surrounded by the words, "Great seal of the state of Kansas. January 29, 1861.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 75-201 is hereby repealed.";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

Also on page 1, in the title, in line 2, after "thereof" by inserting "; amending K.S.A. 75-201 and repealing the existing section"

and the bill be passed as amended.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

Speaker Hawkins announced the withdrawal of **HB 2346** from Calendar under the heading of General Orders and re-referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development.

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 2445, AN ACT concerning income taxation; relating to Kansas adjusted gross income; enacting the health care sharing ministries tax deduction act; providing a subtraction modification for qualified health care sharing expenses paid by a qualified individual and certain qualified health care shares received by a qualified individual; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 79-32,117 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2446, AN ACT concerning elections; relating to the crime of corrupt political advertising; deleting the requirement that treasurers be listed in political advertising attributions; amending K.S.A. 25-2407 and 25-4156 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Elections.

CHANGE OF CONFEREES

Speaker Hawkins announced the appointed of Rep. Ward to replace Rep. Turk as a member of the conference committee on **SB 30**.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, January 15, 2026.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

