

Journal of the House

SIXTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

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

The roll was called with 116 members present.

Reps. Alcala, Haskins, Sawyer, Schmoe and Winn were excused on verified illness.

Reps. Boatman, Meyer and Simmons were excused on legislative business.

Rep. Poetter Parshall was excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by Chaplain Holmes:

Dear Father, Thank You for another day to serve all the people of Kansas. May we never take for granted the opportunities placed before us to make a difference for so many! Today, we once again embrace the trust placed upon us, knowing we need Your help to make good and wise decisions.

The psalmist prayer asks, "May The Lord answer you in the day of trouble! May The God of Zion set you securely on high! May He send you help from the sanctuary and support you from Zion. May He grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your counsel." I pray this for each one gathered here for the purpose of investing in the future of our State. Thank You for their willingness to give of themselves in service.

I pray for our Nation and National leaders as they strive to bring peace, unity, and stability to our troubled land. Give them wisdom unimpeded by personal desires or self interest. May their leadership be marked by integrity, good character, and pure hearts.

I pray and intercede for those not feeling well today. Colds, flu, sinus infections, and seasonal sicknesses hamper their ability to perform as they would like. I pray Your strength and healing upon each one wrestling with these physical discomforts.

Today as bills are presented and debate invited, might wisdom and peace prevail. Grant each one in this chamber insight beyond themselves.

Now, may the blessings of Almighty God rest upon all these gathered to do the work set before them. In Jesus Name I pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Amyx.

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 today to recognize the Washburn Rural High School 6A Boys State Cross Country Championship Team and 6A Boys State Soccer Championship Team. – Two State Championships in one week!!!

First, on my left, the Cross Country Team.

Joining me on the floor are:

- Henry Laubach
- Brooks Kehoe
- Clayton Fink
- Duke Graf
- Jaxson Adams

Joining in the gallery are Coach Matthew Swedlund and other members of the cross country team. This team had an incredible season. Their accomplishments include:

- Topeka City Champions for the 19th Straight Year
- Centennial League Champions
- Regional Runner-up
- And, capped off the season with the 6A Cross Country Championship at Rim Rock Farm on November 1st.

What an extraordinary accomplishment!

In addition, I am joined on my right, by the soccer team.

Joining me on the floor are:

- Draden Chooncharoen
- Brandon Hamilton
- Drew Moore
- Liam Morrison
- Dylan Willingham

Joining in the gallery are: Coach Brian Hensyel, Miles Cook, Boston Golden, Brody Grogan, Justin Gutierrez, Brandon Hamilton, Higgins Hawks, Brady Loeffler, Jordy Schroeder, Brady Drane, Charlie Nimz, Athletic/Activities Director and Dr. Scott McWilliams, Superintendent.

This team had a tremendous season, their accomplishments include:

- 7th time to play in the State Championship game
- 4th time to win Boys State Championship
- The State Championship was won on Nov 8th with a penalty kick.
- This team ended the season ranked #14 in the nation in the United Soccer Coaches National Poll.

- Head Coach Brian Hensyel – Named 6A Coach of the Year
- Miles Cook – Named 6A Keeper of the Year
- Dylan Willingham – Named 6A Forward of the Year

Congratulations to both teams and Washburn Rural High School. Colleagues, please join me in recognizing this group of outstanding athletes. THANK YOU!

Rep. Borjon presented his guests framed House certificates in honor of their achievements.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

HB 2471, AN ACT concerning roads and highways; designating a portion of interstate 35 as the deputy Sam Smith memorial highway; redesignating a current portion of the 35th infantry division memorial highway for interstate 35; amending K.S.A. 68-1013 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Transportation.

HB 2472, AN ACT concerning postsecondary educational institutions; enacting the forming open and robust university minds act or FORUM Act; prohibiting such institutions from certain actions concerning freedom of speech, expression and association; providing exceptions thereto; providing for monetary damages; requiring the submission of a report to the legislature and the governor, by Committee on Higher Education Budget.

HB 2473, AN ACT concerning marriage; requiring persons to be 18 years of age or older to be eligible to give consent for marriage; excluding certain days from being counted toward the current three-day waiting period; amending K.S.A. 23-2505 and repealing the existing section, by Representatives Clayton, Barrett, Bloom, Collins, Fairchild, Helwig, Pickert, Reavis, Roeser, Schwertfeger, Steele, Tarwater, VanHouden and Wilson.

HB 2474, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to public utilities; requiring the director of property valuation to conduct a review or audit of the appraisal and apportionment of the valuation of the property of any public utility whose total appraised value of property of such public utility in this state decreases more than 5%; amending K.S.A. 79-5a02 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2475, AN ACT concerning sales taxation; relating to exemptions; providing a sales tax exemption for purchases made by radical life inc; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 79-3606 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2476, AN ACT concerning agriculture; relating to pesticides; permitting federal pesticide warning or labeling requirements to satisfy any state pesticide warning or labeling requirements, by Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

HB 2477, AN ACT concerning water; relating to the Kansas department of agriculture; requiring the department to publish a map on the department's official website that shows the location of all applied-for diversions of water and requested changes of more than 300 feet; requiring any resulting orders to be posted on the department's official website; expanding the current individual notice requirement to apply to all landowners that are within half a mile of such applied for diversions or changes; removing the requirement for such individual notice to be made by the department in conjunction with the applicable groundwater management district;

amending K.S.A. 82a-745 and 82a-1906 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Water.

HB 2478, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to nursing licensure; requiring advance practice registered nurses and registered nurse anesthetists to submit to a criminal history check upon application for a nursing license; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 74-1112 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 2479, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to release of persons prior to trial; authorizing electronic monitoring with victim notification as a condition of release for certain offenders charged with a domestic violence offense, domestic battery, stalking or violation of a protective order; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 22-2802 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

HB 2480, AN ACT concerning social workers; relating to attorney-client privilege; creating an exception to certain mandatory reporting obligations for licensed social workers when working under the supervision of an attorney; permitting attorneys to require certain licensed social workers to keep ethical obligations of attorney-client privilege when working under the supervision of such attorney; amending K.S.A. 38-2224, 39-1402, 39-1403, 39-1431, 39-1432 and 65-6315 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 38-2223 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Judiciary.

HB 2481, AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to transient guest tax; removing the two-bedroom requirement to qualify as hotel, motel or tourist court requiring collection of tax from all such qualifying rentals; amending K.S.A. 12-1692 and 12-1696 and repealing the existing sections, by Representative Reavis.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Education: **HB 2468**.

Taxation: **HB 2469**, **HB 2470**.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTION

On motion of Rep. Croft to withdraw **HB 2005** from Calendar, under that order of business, General Orders, pursuant to House Rule 2306, the motion prevailed and the Bill was re-referred to Committee on Taxation.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGE

Speaker Hawkins announced the appointment of Rep. Wikle to replace Rep. Winn on Committee on K-12 Education Budget on January 20, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Ballard to replace Rep. Winn on Committee on Education on January 20, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Neighbor to replace Rep. Alcala on Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget on January 20, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Neighbor to replace Rep. Alcala on Committee on Taxation on, January 20 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Simmons to replace Rep. Winn on Committee on K-12 Education Budget on January 21, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Vaughn to replace Rep. Winn on Committee on Financial Institutions and Pensions on January 21, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. S. Ruiz to replace Rep. Haskins on Committee on Federal and State Affairs on January 21, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Wikle to replace Rep. Meyer on Committee on Elections on January 27, 2026.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

