

Journal of the Senate

SECOND DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Ty Masterson.

The roll was called with 39 senators present.

Senator J.R. Claeys was excused.

President Masterson introduced guest chaplain, Doug Henkle who delivered the following invocation:

Almighty God, I come before Your throne this afternoon on behalf of our brother, Chaplain Cecil Washington. Lord, grant him relief from the pain caused by a herniated disc. Give those caring for him wisdom. May their treatment be successful, that he would return to service in this chamber soon.

Father, thank You for the warm rich time with family and friends yesterday as members were sworn in and this body was organized and prepared to conduct the business of our state. I ask that the spirit of goodwill and cooperation realized on day one would continue through day ninety despite political and legislative differences.

Thank You for each Senator here today. Lord, I ask that You build and strengthen this chamber with relationships that honor You. I pray that You would cause a bond of common purpose to unite this body. Keep us from quarrels and angry disputes, injuring otherwise friendly relations. May we not think more of ourselves than we ought.

I pray that You would bless the committee chairs, vice-chairs and ranking minorities as their work has begun. Give them clarity of mind and Your direction as they lead their committees. As hearings are held, I pray for each conferee offering testimony before each committee. I ask that their testimony be clear, concise, and accurate and that it would lead to sound decisions that would honor You, blessing all Kansans.

At the end of the day, cause us to reflect not on what we gained or lost personally, but by what we accomplished for the people of Kansas in this legislative body, the Kansas Senate. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Masterson.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and concurrent resolution were introduced and read by title:

SB 4, AN ACT concerning elections; relating to advance voting ballots; requiring the return of such ballots by 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election; amending K.S.A. 25-1132 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 5, AN ACT concerning elections; relating to the transparency in revenues underwriting elections act; prohibiting the use of funds provided by the United States

government for the conduct of elections and election-related activities unless approved by the legislature; amending K.S.A. 25-2436 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 6, AN ACT concerning elections; prohibiting the use of any form of ranked-choice voting methods in conducting elections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 7, AN ACT concerning townships; relating to the bonding authority thereof; increasing the statutory limits on such bonding authority based on the population of the township; increasing the statutory limit on bonding authority for improvements to a township fire department; amending K.S.A. 80-113 and 80-1910 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Local Government, Transparency and Ethics.

SCR 1602—A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION encouraging Governor Kelly to fully cooperate with the policies of the Trump administration in enforcing federal immigration laws, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Federal and State Affairs: **SB 1**.

Public Health and Welfare: **SB 3**.

REFERENCE OF APPOINTMENTS

The following appointment was referred to Committee as indicated:

Education: **Kathy Wolfe-Moore**, State Board of Regents

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

The following reports were received by the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:
 Conveyance of Surplus Real Property, Kansas Board of Regents
 Qualified Admissions Report, Kansas Board of Regents
 Kan Ed Report, Kansas Board of Regents
 Postsecondary Technical Education Authority Report, Kansas Board of Regents
 Kansas Training Information Program (K-TIP) Report, Kansas Board of Regents
 Exemptions From Retirement Policy from the Working After Retirement Penalty, Kansas Public Retirement System
 ACT, Pre-ACT and WorkKeys exams 2023-2024 school year Report, Kansas State Department of Education
 Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation Unit 2024 Annual Report, Kansas Attorney General
 Kansas Water Authority Annual Report, Kansas Water Office
 Report on Issuance of Special Order 2424-01, Kansas Department of Credit Unions
 Rules and Regulations Annual Report, Division of the Budget
 Inflationary Adjustments to the IDD Waiver 2024 Annual Report, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services
 Fiscal Year 2024 In Review, Kansas Corporation Commission
 2025 Utilities and Common Carriers Report, Kansas Corporation Commission
 2025 Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Status Report, Kansas Corporation Commission
 2025 Electric Special Contracts/Reduced Rates Biennial Report, Kansas Corporation Commission

2025 Oil and Gas Remediation Site Status Report, Kansas Corporation Commission
 2025 Land-Spreading Procedures and Costs Report, Kansas Corporation Commission
 2024 Step Therapies Annual Report, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
 2024 Pregnancy Maintenance Initiative Report, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Client Assessment, Referral and Evaluation (CARE) & Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) 2024 Annual Report, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

Sexual Predator Treatment Program 2024 Annual Report, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Announcing adoption of **HR 6001**, a resolution relating to the organization of the 2025 House of Representatives and selection of the following officers:

Dan Hawkins, Speaker of the House

Blake Carpenter, Speaker Pro Tem

Chris Croft Majority Leader

Brandon Woodard, Minority Leader

Susan Kannarr, Chief Clerk

Allen Morgan, Sgt. At Arms

and awaits the pleasure of the Senate.

Announcing adoption of **HCR 5002**, a concurrent resolution providing for joint session of the Senate and House of Representatives for the purpose of hearing messages from the Governor the Supreme Court and the Adjutant General

The following escorts are appointed:

For the State of the State:

To escort the Governor: Representatives Tarwater, Bergquist and Ousley

To escort the Lt. Governor: Representatives Corbet, Awerkamp and McDonald

To escort the Supreme Court: Representatives Howerton, Estes and Simmons

To escort the Senate: Representatives Wasinger, Minnix and Oropeza

For the State of the Judiciary:

To escort the Supreme Court: Representatives Humphries, Laura Williams and Curtis

To escort the Senate: Representatives Lewis, Resman and Martinez

For the State of the Military:

To escort the Adjutant General: Representatives Proctor, Buehler and Weigel

To escort the Military Advisory Board: Representatives Thompson, Turk and Miller

To escort the Senate: Representatives Penn, Goddard and Mosley

Announcing adoption of **SCR 1601**, a concurrent resolution relating to a committee to wait upon the Governor and advise her the 2025 session of the Legislature is duly organized and ready to receive communication. The Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the House were appointed as to wait upon the Governor.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HCR 5002 was thereupon introduced and read by title.

CONSIDERATION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS

HCR 5002, A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION providing for joint sessions of the

Senate and the House of Representatives for the purpose of hearing messages from the Governor, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Adjutant General. On emergency motion of Senator Blasi, **HCR 5002**, was adopted by voice vote.

The President appointed the following escorts:

For the State of the State:

To escort the Governor: Senators Bowers and Pettey

To escort the Lt. Governor: Senators Alley and Faust Goudeau

To escort the Supreme Court: Senators Warren and Holscher

For the State of the Judiciary:

To escort the Supreme Court: Senators Warren and Corson

For the State of the Military:

To escort the Adjutant General: Senators Billinger and Schmidt

To escort the Advisory Board: Senators Bowser and Francisco

On emergency motion of Senator Blasi, **HCR 5002** was adopted by voice vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Your Committee on Confirmation Oversight begs leave to submit the following report: The following appointments were referred to and considered by the committee and your committee recommends that the Senate approve and consent to such appointments:

By the Governor:

Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks: K.S.A. 32-801

Christopher Kennedy, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor

Member, Kansas Human Rights Commission: K.S.A.44-1003

Christal Watson, to serve a term expiring on January 15, 2028

Member, Kansas Lottery Commission: K.S.A.74-8709

Margaret Larue, to serve a term expiring on March 15, 2028

Brigadier General, Kansas National Guard: K.S.A.48-208

Col. Paul Schneider, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor

Member, Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission: K.S.A.74-8803

David Moses, to serve a term expiring on January 15, 2028

Child Advocate, Office of Child Advocate: K.S.A.75-7602

Kerrie Lonard, to serve a term expiring on June 30, 2028

Member, State Banking Board: K.S.A.74-3004

Taylor Hight, to serve a term expiring on March 15, 2027

Herbert Iams, to serve a term expiring on March 15, 2027

Irvin Mitchell, to serve a term expiring on March 15, 2026

Leonard Wolfe, to serve a term expiring on March 15, 2026

Ombudsman, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman: K.S.A.75-7304

Haely Ordoyne, to serve a term expiring on January 15, 2028

By the Attorney General:

Chairperson, Crime Victims Compensation Board: K.S.A.74-7303

Richard Samaniego, to serve a term expiring on March 15, 2028

On motion of Senator Blasi, the senate adjourned pro forma until 8:00 a.m. January 15, 2025.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks*.
COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate*.

