

# Journal of the Senate

## TENTH DAY

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SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS  
Monday, January 27, 2025, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Ty Masterson.  
The roll was called with 36 senators present.  
Senators Holscher, Shallenburger, Shane and Titus were excused.  
President Masterson introduced guest chaplain, Doug Henkle, who delivered the following invocation:

Precious Jesus, real prayer, the kind of prayer You spoke about and modeled, is realistic, down-to-earth communication with the living God that results in a relief of personal anxiety and a calm assurance that our Heavenly Father is in full control of our circumstances.

Jesus, thank You for having prepared for us in advance every detail of our needs today. It is tremendously encouraging to know that You care about the smallest details of each of our lives. Thank You that, no matter how thick the darkness clouding our vision, no matter how devoid of answers we may be, no matter how distant consensus may seem, You always are able to speak exactly the right word to bring clarity of vision and refreshing direction.

Jesus, You have already planned for every detail personally, relationally and legislatively. All needed provision is already "in You" and has been since the beginning of time. Cause us to be quiet enough to hear what You are saying and then to trust in You.

And Jesus, we trust You to hold close and care for Chaplain Cecil Washington and his wife, Audrey, as he cares for her in the hospital. We ask that Your healing hands would be on her. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Masterson.

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

**SB 76**, AN ACT concerning education; relating to employees of school districts and postsecondary educational institutions; enacting the given name act to require such employees to use the name and pronouns consistent with a student's biological sex and birth certificate; authorizing a cause of action for violations therefor, by Committee on Education.

**SB 77**, AN ACT concerning administrative rules and regulations; requiring state agencies to provide notice of revocation thereof; removing certain abolished or inactive state agencies from the five-year agency review requirement; amending K.S.A. 2024

Supp. 77-426 and 77-440 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Government Efficiency.

**SB 78**, AN ACT concerning education; relating to postsecondary educational institutions; requiring such institutions to regularly review and update accreditation policies; prohibiting accrediting agencies from compelling such institutions to violate state law; providing a cause of action for violations thereof, by Committee on Education.

**SB 79**, AN ACT concerning public assistance; relating to food assistance; directing the secretary for children and families to request a waiver from the supplemental nutrition assistance program that would allow the state to prohibit purchase of candy and soft drinks with food assistance; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 39-709 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Government Efficiency.

**SB 80**, AN ACT concerning wildlife and parks; relating to hunting; eliminating the authority of the secretary of wildlife and parks to issue nonresident landowner deer permits; amending K.S.A. 32-937 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

**SB 81**, AN ACT concerning public utilities; relating to the state corporation commission; prohibiting large facilities receiving certain tariffs or failing to meet workforce and electric demand requirements from qualifying for economic development electric rates; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 66-101j and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Utilities.

**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, by Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

**SB 83**, AN ACT concerning cities; relating to city elections; extending voter franchise to qualified electors living in areas subject to extraterritorial zoning or subdivision regulations; amending K.S.A. 12-184b and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

**SB 84**, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to crimes involving property; modifying criminal use of a financial card to include certain conduct involving gift cards; amending K.S.A. 21-5828 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

#### **REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The following bill was referred to Committee as indicated:

Education: **SB 75**.

On motion of Senator Blasi, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks*.

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate*.

