

Journal of the Senate

SIXTEENTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Ty Masterson.

The roll was called with 37 senators present.

Senators J. R. Claeys, Shane and Ware were excused.

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

Loving God, thank You so much for each senator here. Thank You for deeply loving each one more than we could ever imagine.

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 every senator has a God-given role to play and has been given the resources to play their role as Your perfect plan is achieved in the Kansas Senate. Your perfect will, will be accomplished because of or in spite of every one of us. Father, I pray that it will be because of.

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 174, AN ACT concerning abortion; creating the abolish abortion Kansas act; making all abortions subject to criminal prosecution for violation of Alexa's law; removing certain exceptions to wrongful death cause of action for the death of an unborn child when such death is caused by an abortion; amending K.S.A. 21-5206 and 21-5419 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 60-1901 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

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, by Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

SB 176, AN ACT concerning the Kansas indoor clear air act; prohibiting smoking on the gaming floor of a lottery gaming facility or racetrack gaming facility; amending the definition of smoking to include the use of an electronic cigarette and smoking of marijuana; amending K.S.A. 21-6109 and 21-6110 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 177, AN ACT concerning elections; relating to campaign contribution limits; increasing the limits on certain campaign contributions; providing for automatic increases in such limits based on the consumer price index; eliminating such limits on contributions to or by party committees; amending K.S.A. 25-4153 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 178, AN ACT concerning law enforcement agencies; relating to enforcement of immigration laws; requiring certain law enforcement agencies to apply for and enter into agreements with United States immigration and customs enforcement; providing a cause of action and penalties for failure to comply, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 179, AN ACT concerning income taxation; relating to credits; establishing a child tax credit, by Senators Sykes and Blasi.

SB 180, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to release prior to trial; requiring certain prior convictions be considered when bond is being set for certain sex offenses; amending K.S.A. 22-2802 and 22-2803 and repealing the existing sections, by Senator Sykes.

SB 181, AN ACT concerning state finances; limiting the annual amount of expenditures and transfers from the state general fund; requiring certification by the state treasurer; providing for additional requirements on the governor's and legislature's budget plans and legislative measures; amending K.S.A. 75-3721 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 182, AN ACT concerning health insurance; relating to dental benefit plans and services; enacting the Kansas medical loss ratios for dental healthcare services plans act; requiring certain carriers to file a dental loss ratio annual report; providing for remediation or enforcement actions against certain carriers that report dental loss ratios that do not meet the required ratio percentage; authorizing the commissioner to adopt rules and regulations therefor, by Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance.

SB 183, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to crimes involving government functions; creating the crimes of interference with a security camera in a correctional facility and aggravated interference with a security camera in a correctional facility and providing criminal penalties therefor, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 184, AN ACT concerning the environment; relating to the Kansas drycleaner environmental response act; amending such act to change the penalties for violations thereof; modifying the deductible rate for corrective actions, the environmental surcharge rate and the solvent fee; updating the delinquency penalty related to environmental surcharges and solvent fees; amending K.S.A. 65-34,142, 65-34,144, 65-34,147, 65-34,148, 65-34,150, 65-34,151 and 65-34,154 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

SB 185, AN ACT concerning victims of crime; providing that certain legal violations relating to victims of crime are not grounds for appeal in a criminal case; amending K.S.A. 74-7333 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 186, AN ACT concerning criminal procedure; relating to affidavits or sworn testimony in support of probable cause; requiring such information to be made available to law enforcement; amending K.S.A. 22-2302 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 187, AN ACT concerning children and minors; relating to juvenile offenders; requiring certain records or files to be automatically expunged from a juvenile's record; amending K.S.A. 38-2312 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 188, AN ACT concerning criminal procedure; relating to release prior to trial; requiring a secured release when a person is charged with certain offenses; replacing release on recognizance programs with unsecured judicial release programs; amending K.S.A. 21-5703, 21-5709, 21-5910, 21-5915, 21-6316, 21-6329, 22-2802, 22-2803, 22-2814, 22-2815, 22-2816 and 22-2817 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 189, AN ACT concerning workers compensation; relating to injured employees; providing the employee the freedom of choice in designating a healthcare provider; requiring the employer to pay for the services of the designated healthcare provider; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 44-510h, 44-510k and 44-525 and repealing the existing sections, by Senators Sykes, Corson, Francisco, Holscher and Pettey.

SB 190, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to real estate bid off by the county for delinquent taxes and special assessments; providing that payment of special assessments for years other than the year being redeemed is not required for purposes of partial redemption of homesteads; amending K.S.A. 79-2401a and repealing the existing section, by Senator Haley.

SB 191, AN ACT concerning municipal utilities; relating to boards of public utilities; limiting the amount of additional fees, taxes and other charges that may be included on a utility bill; amending K.S.A. 13-1223a, 13-1227 and 13-1228 and repealing the existing sections, by Senator Haley.

SB 192, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to judicial foreclosure and order of sale of real estate by a county; requiring judicial foreclosure public auctions to be conducted in person at a physical location in the county; amending K.S.A. 79-2804 and repealing the existing section, by Senator Haley.

SB 193, AN ACT concerning the state board of pharmacy; relating to emergency opioid antagonists; removing law enforcement agencies and officers from the board's statewide opioid antagonist protocol; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 65-16,127 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

SB 194, AN ACT concerning real property; relating to covenants, conditions or restrictions; providing that certain covenants, conditions or restrictions on property owned by a state educational institution that restrict the use of real property to be only for single-family residence purposes or from being used for any purpose other than a single-family residence, and contain discriminatory provisions to restrict ownership or tenancy by race are void, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 195, AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to property tax; establishing the property tax task force that shall study the property tax system in Kansas and develop recommendations and suggest improvements to law, by Senators Sykes, Corson, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Holscher and Pettey.

SB 196, AN ACT concerning employment; prohibiting the employment of unauthorized aliens by business entities and public employers; requiring use and registration of the e-verify program; prohibiting the deduction of certain wages and remuneration to unauthorized aliens; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 79-32,117 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and concurrent resolution were referred to Committees as indicated:

Assessment and Taxation: **SB 148, SB 152; HB 2004.**

Commerce: **SB 153, SB 166; SCR 1609.**

Education: **SB 142, SB 154, SB 159, SB 162, SB 163, SB 164, SB 165.**

Federal and State Affairs: **SB 143, SB 146.**

Financial Institutions and Insurance: **SB 147.**

Government Efficiency: **SB 151, SB 161.**

Judiciary: **SB 141, SB 155, SB 156, SB 157, SB 160.**

Local Government, Transparency and Ethics: **SB 144.**

Public Health and Welfare: **SB 145, SB 149, SB 150, SB 158, SB 172.**

Utilities: **SB 167, SB 168, SB 169, SB 170, SB 171, SB 173.**

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

The following report was received by the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Notice of disposal of the Healy Community Schools building, USD No. 468, Lane County

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Announcing passage of **HB 2037.**

The House concurs in Senate amendments to **HCR 5003.**

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HB 2037 was thereupon introduced and read by title.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Senator Blasi, the Senate resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, for consideration of bills on the calendar under the heading of General Orders with Senator Erickson in the chair.

On motion of Senator Erickson the following summary report was adopted:

SB 4, SB 6 be passed.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ACTIONS

SB 4 be passed.

A motion offered by Senator Faust Goudeau to amend **SB 4** failed.

SB 6 be passed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Financial Institutions and Insurance** recommends **SB 22** be amended on page 15, in line 21, after "after" by inserting "January 1, 2026, and"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Also, **SB 27** be amended on page 1, in line 12, before "The" by inserting "The commissioner of insurance shall make an annual report of the general conduct and condition of the insurance companies, including fraternal benefit societies, doing business in this state and shall publish such report on the department's website."; and the bill be passed as amended.

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Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **SB 30, SB 53, SB 71, SB 84** be passed.

On motion of Senator Blasi, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks.*

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

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