

Journal of the Senate

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Wednesday, March 5, 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:

Gracious Father, I thank You for the sunshine this afternoon and the persistence of the coming spring, despite the winter weather overnight and the blustery day. Your word tells us that Your plans are to prosper us, to give us a future and a hope. Father, I thank You for the hope we have in Jesus. Thank You for the promise of Your gracious goodness and the assurance that Your heart is always good toward us. Fill the Kansas Senate with Your peace and Your insight.

As many of us observe Ash Wednesday, preparing our hearts and minds for the joyous celebration of Easter Sunday, we are reminded of your calling to repent, to change our thinking, to have the mind of Christ. Give this body Your mind and Your wisdom as the critical issues of the day are debated. Cause each senator to argue strongly held, often differing, positions in a gracious and honorable way, ultimately bringing about a resolution honoring You and blessing all Kansans.

I pray for President Masterson, Vice President Shallenburger, Majority Leader Blasi and Minority Leader Sykes, the committee chairs and ranking minorities and each senator. Bless them with Your wisdom and Your grace.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Masterson.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bill was introduced and read by title:

SB 290, AN ACT making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, for the state historical society to issue a scope statement, plan the work to be accomplished and issue a request for proposals for a master plan for the Quindaro ruins archaeological park in Wyandotte county, Kansas, and implement such master plan, by Committee on Ways and Means.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Federal and State Affairs: **SB 287; HB 2054.**

Local Government, Transparency and Ethics: **SB 285, SB 286.**

Utilities: **SB 289.**

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Announcing passage of **HB 2331, HB 2372.**

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HB 2331, HB 2372 were 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 Peck in the chair.

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

SCR 1611 be adopted as amended by adoption of the committee report and as further amended by Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ACTIONS

SCR 1611 be amended by the adoption of the committee amendments, be further amended by motion of Senator Blasi; on page 3, in line 23, after "campaign" by inserting ", except when such judge is a candidate for election to a position on an appellate court"

A motion by Senator Francisco to further amend **SCR 1611** failed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Commerce** recommends **HB 2092, HB 2117** be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bills are of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

Committee on **Financial Institutions and Insurance** recommends **HB 2043**, As Amended by House Committee, be amended on page 8, in line 16, by striking "to respond to an" and inserting ", upon receipt of any"; in line 17, before "within" by inserting "concerning a complaint or inquiry related to a particular matter,"; in line 19, before the period by inserting "of receipt of such inquiry to furnish the department with an adequate response to such inquiry";

On page 14, in line 14, before "14" by inserting "15 business days, or failed to respond to an inquiry within"; in line 17, before the period by inserting "from the commissioner concerning a complaint, as defined in K.S.A. 40-2404, and amendments thereto, or an inquiry related to a particular matter";

On page 16, in line 29, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **HB 2062**, As Amended by House Committee of the Whole, be passed.

Also, **HB 2155** be amended on page 1, in line 14, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

HB 2242 be amended on page 2, in line 13, by striking "statute book" and inserting

"Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

HB 2347, As Amended by House Committee, be amended on page 2, in line 10, by striking "and"; in line 17, before the period by inserting "; and

(9) property that is a motor vehicle of the value of at least \$500 but less than \$1,500 is a severity level 10, nonperson felony";

On page 1, in the title, in line 4, before "amending" by inserting "increasing the criminal penalty when the property is a motor vehicle of the value of at least \$500 but less than \$1,500;"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Local Government, Transparency and Ethics** recommends **SB 194** be amended on page 1, in line 19, after "shall" by inserting "only"; in line 23, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Transportation** recommends **HB 2031**, As Amended by House Committee, be amended on page 2, in line 6, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Also, **HB 2124**, As Amended by House Committee, be amended on page 1, in line 32, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

HB 2289 be amended on page 7, in line 20, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

On motion of Senator Blasi, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Thursday, March 6, 2025.

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COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

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