

Journal of the Senate

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Tuesday, March 11, 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, Erickson and Thompson were excused.
Invocation by Reverend Cecil T. Washington:

The Naked Emperor
Proverbs 29:19

Heavenly Father, You tell us in proverbs 29:18 that where there is no vision, no enlightenment coming from You through Your Word, that people are out of control. It's also translated that people perish. Young's Literal Translation says that people are made naked.

Lord, it reminds me of the emperor who thought he was all dressed up in fancy, brand new clothes, when in reality he was completely uncovered; just as naked as a J Bird.

Lord, help us to see ourselves through Your eyes. And then clothe us with humility, with kindness and with Godliness. Help us put on character qualities that are becoming to You and appealing to others.

Master, bless and give wisdom to all that sit in these legislative seats. And bless all members of the supporting staff.

Now Lord, I want to thank You for the volume of prayers that have been offered for my wife and me. And in like manner, we offer a multitude of prayers for L.D. Holmes.

I come to You Lord, in the precious Name of Jesus, 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 295, AN ACT concerning marijuana; removing the criminal penalties for possession of a personal-use quantity of marijuana; creating a marijuana infraction; amending K.S.A. 21-5706 and 21-5709 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 21-6607 and 22-3717 and repealing the existing sections, 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: **HB 2396**; **HCR 5011**.

Education: **HB 2382**.

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2313**.

President Masterson referred **HB 2152** to the Committee on **Financial Institutions and Insurance**.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Announcing passage of **HB 2111**; **Sub HB 2152**; **HB 2400**.

Announcing passage of **SB 14**, as amended, **SB 105**, as amended.

The House accedes to the request of the Senate for a conference on **H Sub SB 9** and has appointed Representatives Tarwater, Turk and Clayton as conferees on the part of the House.

The House accedes to the request of the Senate for a conference on **SB 20** and has appointed Representatives Sutton, Bergkamp and Neighbor as conferees on the part of the House.

The House accedes to the request of the Senate for a conference on **SB 21** and has appointed Representatives Sutton, Bergkamp and Neighbor as conferees on the part of the House.

The House accedes to the request of the Senate for a conference on **SB 22** and has appointed Representatives Sutton, Bergkamp and Neighbor as conferees on the part of the House.

The House accedes to the request of the Senate for a conference on **SB 92** and has appointed Representatives Delperdang, Wilborn and Ohaebosim as conferees on the part of the House.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HB 2111; **Sub HB 2152**; **HB 2400** 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 Dietrich in the chair.

On motion of Senator Dietrich the following report was adopted:

HB 2027 be passed.

HB 2029, **HB 2124**, **HB 2155**, **HB 2347** be amended by the adoption of the committee amendments, and the bills be passed as amended.

HB 2062 be passed as amended by Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SUMMARY

HB 2027 be passed.

HB 2029 be amended by the adoption of the committee amendments.

HB 2062 be amended by motion of Senator Schmidt. A ruling of the chair was requested as to the germaneness of the amendment. The chair ruled the amendment was germane to the bill, and **HB 2062** be amended; on page 3, following line 17, by inserting:

"Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 79-32,121 is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-32,121. (a) For tax year ~~2024~~ 2025, and all tax years thereafter, a taxpayer shall be

allowed a Kansas exemption as follows:

(1) In the case of married individuals filing a joint return, a personal exemption of \$18,320;

(2) in the case of all other individuals with a filing status of single, head of household or married filing separate, a personal exemption of \$9,160; and

(3) in addition to the amount allowed pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2), a personal exemption of \$2,320 for each dependent for which such taxpayer is entitled to a deduction for the taxable year for federal income tax purposes or any unborn child as defined in K.S.A. 23-3001, and amendments thereto. For any unborn child, the taxpayer shall apply to the department of revenue to be assigned a taxpayer identification number to be used for the unborn child for the income tax return.

(b) In addition to the exemptions provided in subsection (a), any individual who has been honorably discharged from active service in any branch of the armed forces of the United States and who is certified by the United States department of veterans affairs or its successor to be in receipt of disability compensation at the 100% rate, if the disability is permanent and was sustained through military action or accident or resulted from disease contracted while in such active service, such individual shall be allowed an additional Kansas exemption of \$2,250 for tax year 2023 and all tax years thereafter.";

Also on page 3, in line 18, after "23-3001" by inserting "and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 79-32,121";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 4, after semicolon by inserting "providing for an income tax exemption for unborn children,;" in line 5, after "23-3001" by inserting "and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 79-32,121";

A motion by Senator Haley to further amend **HB 2062** failed.

A motion by Senator Holscher to further amend **HB 2062** failed.

HB 2124 be amended by the adoption of the committee amendments.

HB 2155 be amended by the adoption of the committee amendments.

HB 2347 be amended by the adoption of the committee amendments.

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO CONCUR AND NONCONCUR

On motion of Senator Billinger the Senate nonconcurrred in the House amendments to **SB 14** and requested a conference committee be appointed.

The President appointed Senators Billinger, J.R. Claeys, and Pettey as a conference committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Blew the Senate nonconcurrred in the House amendments to **SB 105** and requested a conference committee be appointed.

The President appointed Senators Masterson, Blew and Faust Goudeau as a conference committee on the part of the Senate.

REMOVE FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

An objection having been made to **HB 2116** appearing on the **Consent Calendar**, the President directed the bill be removed and placed on the calendar under the heading of **General Orders**.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Financial Institutions and Insurance** recommends **HB 2044** be amended on page 2, in line 38, by striking "immediately"; in line 40, after "code" by inserting "at the time such filing is made"; in line 43, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Also, **HB 2046** be amended on page 1, in line 26, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

HB 2048 be amended on page 3, in line 29, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Financial Institutions and Insurance** recommends **HB 2049**, As Amended by House Committee, be amended on page 2, in line 22, by striking "14 calendar" and inserting "15 business";

On page 5, in line 27, by striking all before "days" and inserting "15 business";

On page 7, in line 28, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

HB 2333 be amended on page 3, in line 42, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **HB 2061**, As Amended by House Committee, be amended on page 2, in line 27, after "facility" by inserting "or any aboveground or belowground line, cable or wire"; in line 28, by striking all after "infrastructure"; in line 29, by striking all before the comma; in line 30, by striking ", but not limited to"; in line 31, by striking all after "(A)"; in line 32, by striking "(B)"; in line 37, before "equipment" by inserting "related";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

And the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Public Health and Welfare** recommends **HB 2170**, be passed.

Also, **HB 2307**, As Amended by House Committee, be passed.

The Committee on **Transportation** recommends **HB 2201** be amended on page 2, 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., Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks.*

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

