

# Journal of the Senate

## THIRTEENTH DAY

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SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS  
Thursday, January 29, 2026, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by Vice President Tim Shallenburger.

The roll was called with 39 senators present.

Senator Claeys was excused.

Invocation by Reverend Cecil T. Washington:

Love's Responsibilities - 1 Corinthians 13

Lord, thank You for giving us another day. It was through Your Apostle John, You said, in John 13:35, that our strong love for one another will verify to all people that we belong to You, that we're being guided by You.

So, Lord, understanding that love is not just something we feel, but what we do, prompt us to do love right where we live, work, play and have our being. In Your holy word, You give guidance to the specifics of how to do love. You said:

Love one another with a pure heart – Peter 1:22

By love, serve one another – Galatians 5:13

Pray for one another – James 5:16

Be kind and forgiving of one another – Ephesians 4:32

Encourage and build up one another – 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Caution one another – Romans 15:14

Exhort, prod, push one another – Hebrews 3:13

Exemplify Christ in receiving one another – Romans 15:7

Share burdens with one another – Galatians 6:2

Be warm and sociable with one another – 1 Peter 4:9

Lord, we've got a long ways to go to be like You, but beginning today, help us to grow in the good deeds of love, proving that we really do belong to You.

This is my prayer. In the Name of Jesus the Christ, so be it. Amen!

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Shallenburger.

Senator Adam Thomas led the singing of *Home on the Range* in honor of Kansas' Birthday.

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

**SB 420**, AN ACT concerning education; relating to curriculum; enacting the Holocaust education act; requiring school districts to provide instruction on Holocaust

education and awareness as part of the social studies curriculum for students in grades six through 12, by Senator Holscher.

**SB 421**, AN ACT concerning education; enacting the safeguarding personal expression at K-12 schools act; authorizing students to engage in protected speech or expression; providing limitations for such speech or expression; providing a civil cause of action for violations of the act, by Committee on Education.

**SB 422**, AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to the regulation thereof; reorganizing certain provisions that apply to foreign insurance companies seeking authorization to do business in Kansas; authorizing the suspension or revocation of a nonresident agent's license without notice and opportunity for a hearing after 30 days following notification to the commissioner that such nonresident agent no longer holds a home state license; requiring agents and public adjusters to respond to inquiries from the commissioner of insurance within 14 calendar days; amending K.S.A. 40-209 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 40-4906, 40-4909 and 40-5510 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance.

**SB 423**, AN ACT concerning health insurance; relating to cost-sharing requirements; requiring certain cost-sharing assistance be applied toward a covered individual's deductible or annual out-of-pocket limit under the individual's health benefit plan, by Senator Sykes.

**SB 424**, AN ACT concerning education; enacting the student secular bill of rights; establishing statutory protections against religious coercion and discrimination in public schools; providing a cause of action for students and parents for violations thereof, by Senator Miller.

**SB 425**, AN ACT concerning agriculture; relating to agricultural seeds; increasing the maximum annual registration fee for seed retailers and wholesalers; authorizing a late fee for registrations renewed after the expiration date of such registrations; amending K.S.A. 2-1421a and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

**SB 426**, AN ACT enacting the Kansas transparency in consumer legal funding act; providing requirements for consumer legal funding agreements; prohibiting consumer legal funding companies from engaging in certain conduct; requiring certain consumer disclosures related to consumer legal funding agreements; providing for penalties for violation of the act, by Committee on Judiciary.

**SB 427**, AN ACT concerning the senate committee on confirmation oversight; clarifying that the chairperson and vice chairperson shall have access to review tax information and Kansas bureau of investigation background checks on persons appointed to office who are subject to senate confirmation; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 22-4714, 75-712 and 75-4315d and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Judiciary.

**SB 428**, AN ACT concerning public assistance; requiring the secretary for children and families and the secretary of health and environment to execute a memorandum of understanding, data use agreement or other written data-sharing instrument upon written request of the United States department of agriculture or the United States department of health and human services; requiring such secretaries to comply with written data requests from such federal agencies made pursuant to such memorandum of understanding, data use agreement or written data-sharing instrument; amending K.S.A. 39-760 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Government Efficiency.

**REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

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

Agriculture and Natural Resources: **SB 407**.

Commerce: **SB 418**.

Education: **SB 406, SB 419; SCR 1620**.

Federal and State Affairs: **SB 405**.

Financial Institutions and Insurance: **SB 409, SB 410, SB 412**.

Judiciary: **SB 408, SB 413, SB 414, SB 415, SB 416; HB 2413, HB 2422**.

Transportation: **SB 411**.

Utilities: **SB 417**.

**INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS**

Senator Bowser and others introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:

A RESOLUTION commemorating and celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America.

WHEREAS, The United States of America was founded on July 4, 1776, when the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, Since its founding, the United States of America has observed and celebrated previous milestone anniversaries, such as the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1826, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1876, the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1926 and the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1976; and

WHEREAS, On July 4, 2026, the United States of America will be celebrating the historic 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, marking the founding of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas has begun planning a program for this historic event by developing and organizing activities published on the Travel Kansas website, focused on sharing the triumphs and difficulties that Kansans faced during their settlement in the heartland: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we commemorate and celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Bowser.

On emergency motion of Senator Bowser **SR 1724** was adopted unanimously.

**MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE**

Announcing passage of **HB 2446**.

The House adopts the Conference Committee report to agree to disagree on **HB 2158**, and has appointed Representatives Tarwater, Ward and Clayton as Second conferees on the part of the House.

**INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

**HB 2446** were thereupon introduced and read by title.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Committee on **Transportation** recommends **SB 113** be amended on page 2, in line 18, by striking "100 miles per hour or more or";

On page 1, in the title, in line 2, by striking all after "of"; in line 3, by striking all before "35"; and the bill be passed as amended.

**REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS, CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS**

**SCR 1604** reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Secretary of State on January 29, 2026.

**SR 1723** reported correctly enrolled and properly and presented to the Secretary of the Senate signed on January 29, 2026.

On motion of Senator Blasi, the Senate adjourned pro forma until 9:00 a.m., January 30, 2026.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks.*

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

