

Journal of the Senate

SIXTEENTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Ty Masterson.

The roll was called with 39 senators present.

Senator Shane was excused.

Invocation by Reverend Cecil T. Washington:

In Becoming Prosperous and Successful

Joshua 1:1-9

Heavenly Father, when Moses, the leader of Your people completed his assignment and passed on, You charged Joshua with the daunting responsibilities of leadership.

And You said in Romans 15:4 that whatever was written in those days was written for our instruction in these days. That through our persistence and support of the Scriptures we can have the possibility and hope of a bright future.

So help us to take hold of the words You spoke to Joshua as he stepped into the shoes of having a successful term. You said, "Arise and go forward, taking the people with you into a better quality of living. " Lord, that's our desire in these halls. So remind us, as You told Joshua, to be strong and courageous, holding tight to the Book, the Book of Your instructions on how to do it the right way without diverting to the left or right. As a result, You promised that our way would be prosperous and we would have good success.

Thank You for Godly guidance as we take on these daunting responsibilities. In the Holy and precious name of Christ Jesus. 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 450, AN ACT concerning state employees; authorizing the secretary of administration to grant a monetary award to a state employee who reports activity that constitutes fraud, waste or abuse of funds in any program administered by a state agency; amending K.S.A. 75-37,105 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 451, AN ACT concerning elections; relating to campaign finance reports; requiring treasurer reports to include the products and services provided by vendors that are paid by an advertising agency, public relations firm or political consultant from a campaign account expenditure; amending K.S.A. 25-4148 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 452, AN ACT concerning law enforcement; requiring traffic laws that apply to local and state law enforcement to apply to federal law enforcement; including federal law enforcement in the definitions used in the crime of interference with law enforcement; including buildings owned by the United States in the crime of interference with the conduct of public business in public buildings; including enforcement of federal laws and executive orders in the exceptions from liability in the tort claims act; amending K.S.A. 8-1404, 8-2010, 21-5904 and 21-5922 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 8-1102 and 75-6104 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 453, AN ACT concerning infrastructure; enacting the Kansas critical infrastructure protection act; prohibiting access to state critical infrastructure by countries of concern; prohibiting the acquisition of critical software and other technology used in state infrastructure from countries of concern, by Senator Bowser.

SB 454, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; enacting the crush transnational repression in Kansas act; providing for enhanced criminal penalties for offenses committed with the intent to commit transnational repression; requiring the development of transnational repression recognition and response training; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 21-6804 and repealing the existing section, by Senator Bowser.

SB 455, AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to the homestead property tax refund act; restoring homestead renters as eligible to participate in certain homestead property tax refund claims; amending K.S.A. 79-4501, 79-4511 and 79-4522 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 79-4502, 79-4508 and 79-4509 and repealing the existing sections, by Senator Corson.

SB 456, AN ACT concerning public safety; creating the Kansas law enforcement trust fund; establishing the purposes and requirements for such fund; authorizing such fund to retain interest earnings; making a transfer from the state general fund to the Kansas law enforcement trust fund during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, by Senator Corson.

SB 457, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to medical assistance; establishing the affordable healthcare for Kansans program; expanding income limits for eligibility to 138% of the federal poverty level, by Committee on Education.

SB 458, AN ACT concerning education; relating to state assessments; requiring state assessment performance levels and cut scores to be based on the 2024 performance levels and cut scores; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 72-5170 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Education.

SB 459, AN ACT concerning the prisoner review board; relating to membership of the board; changing the appointing authority for the members and creating qualifications for the members; requiring parole hearings to be postponed if proper notice of the public comment session is not made to the victim; amending K.S.A. 75-52,152 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 22-3717 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 460, AN ACT concerning drivers' licenses; relating to replacement drivers' licenses; authorizing municipal court services agencies to issue an identification certificate to offenders under the agency's probation supervision; amending K.S.A. 8-246 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 461, AN ACT concerning the Kansas offender registration act; requiring offenders convicted of distribution of a controlled substance causing great bodily harm or death to register under the act for 15 years; amending K.S.A. 22-4902 and 22-4906 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 462, AN ACT concerning public nuisance; prohibiting civil actions for certain nuisances; requiring the attorney general to bring nuisance actions that are not wholly contained in one political subdivision; requiring special injury for certain public nuisance actions; providing an accrual period for the statute of limitations in public nuisance actions; amending K.S.A. 60-513 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 463, AN ACT concerning civil actions; relating to actions in negligence; prohibiting certain persons from recovering damages in such actions; creating requirements for actions involving negligent security, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 464, AN ACT enacting the anesthesiologist assistant licensure act; providing for the powers, duties and functions of the state board of healing arts thereunder; amending K.S.A. 65-1163 and 65-28,127 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

SB 465, AN ACT concerning corporations; relating to agricultural corporations; including limited liability partnerships as an entity required to obtain county approval to establish a dairy or swine production facility; amending K.S.A. 17-5903, 17-5904, 17-5907 and 17-5908 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

SB 466, AN ACT concerning housing; relating to denial of housing or other adverse actions against tenants or prospective tenants on the basis of past evictions or rental arrears; prohibiting the reporting by consumer reporting agencies or the use by landlords for adverse action against tenants of such information after three years from the date of such evictions or rental arrears; requiring consumer reporting agencies to provide an opportunity for individuals to explain any record of evictions or rental arrears; providing that court records of an eviction action be sealed for certain periods; providing that violations of such provisions by landlords or consumer reporting agencies shall constitute unconscionable acts or practices under the provisions of the Kansas consumer protection act; amending K.S.A. 50-626, 60-2617 and 61-3804 and repealing the existing sections, by Senator Faust Goudeau.

SB 467, AN ACT concerning accident and health insurance; relating to utilization review; enacting the use of artificial intelligence in medical decisions transparency act; establishing requirements for the use of artificial intelligence by certain health insurers and utilization review entities; requiring that all medical necessity determinations be made by a competent licensed physician or healthcare professional, by Senator Holscher.

SB 468, AN ACT repealing K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 12-16,222; relating to the prohibition on municipal establishment of guaranteed income programs, by Senator Holscher.

SB 469, AN ACT concerning law enforcement; enacting the safe and transparent arrest act; requiring all law enforcement agencies operating in Kansas to adopt a written policy regarding the use of facial coverings; prohibiting law enforcement officers from wearing a facial covering that conceals or obscures their facial identity in the performance of their duties except as expressly authorized by law; waiving any privilege or immunity against a claim of civil liability for certain tortious conduct

committed while committing violations thereof; providing criminal penalties for violations thereof, by Senator Holscher.

SB 470, AN ACT concerning sales taxation; relating to exemptions; providing an exemption for sales of electricity delivered to residential premises for noncommercial use; amending K.S.A. 12-189a and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 79-3603 and 79-3606 and repealing the existing sections, by Senator Haley.

SB 471, AN ACT concerning labor and employment; increasing the Kansas minimum wage to \$16 an hour; providing that such minimum wage shall apply to employers and employees covered under the provisions of the federal fair labor standards act; amending K.S.A. 44-1202 and 44-1203 and repealing the existing sections, by Senator Holscher.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Education: **SB 437, SB 438, SB 440, SB 441.**

Federal and State Affairs: **SB 449.**

Financial Institutions and Insurance: **SB 435.**

Government Efficiency: **SB 432.**

Judiciary: **SB 442, SB 443, SB 446, SB 447.**

Local Government, Transparency and Ethics: **SB 436, SB 444.**

Public Health and Welfare: **SB 448.**

Senate Select Committee on Veterans Affairs: **SB 433, SB 434.**

Transportation: **SB 445.**

Utilities: **SB 439.**

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

Senator Faust Goudeau introduced the following resolution, which was read:

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1725—

A RESOLUTION recognizing Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, for their outstanding service to the citizens of our state, our nation and the international community and their promotion of scholarship, service and advocacy.

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA), an international service organization, was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington D.C. in 1908; and

WHEREAS, AKA is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African American college-educated women; and

WHEREAS, AKA is comprised of more than 355,000 initiated members in graduate and undergraduate chapters located in twelve countries, including the United States, Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Dubai, Germany, Japan, Liberia, Nigeria, South Korea, South Africa and the U.S. Virgin Islands. AKA is led by International President and CEO Danette Anthony Reed of Dallas, Texas; and

WHEREAS, AKA is often hailed as "America's premier Greek-letter organization for African American women"; and

WHEREAS, AKA was founded on a mission following five basic tenets that have remained unchanged since the sorority's inception. The mission is: To cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards; to promote unity and friendship among college women; to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in

order to improve their social stature; to maintain a progressive interest in college life; and to be of "Service to All Mankind"; and

WHEREAS, The women of AKA enact this mission through service, advocacy, scholarship and action on local, state, national and international levels; and

WHEREAS, AKA has five graduate chapters and four undergraduate chapters across the state located at the University of Kansas, Kansas State University, Washburn University and Wichita State University: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we recognize Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, for their outstanding service to the citizens of our state, our nation and the international community and their promotion of sisterhood, service and advocacy; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Mu Omega Chapter President Christina Jenkins, Alpha Iota Omega Chapter President Dr. Teresa L. Clouch, Beta Kappa Omega Chapter President Crystal Turner, Mu Eta Omega Chapter President Margaret Kilpatrick, Upsilon Rho Omega Chapter President Janelle Harvey Jordan, AKA Co-Chair Dr. Lynette Sparkman-Barnes and Senator Faust Goudeau.

On emergency motion of Senator Faust Goudeau **SR 1725** was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Announcing passage of **HB 2471**.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HB 2471 was thereupon introduced and read by title.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

The President withdrew **HB 2004** from the Committee on **Assessment and Taxation**, and referred the bill to the Committee on **Government Efficiency**.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Education** begs leave to submit the following report: The following appointment was referred to and considered by the committee and your committee recommends that the Senate approve and consent to such appointment:

By the Governor:

Member, Kansas Board of Regents: K.S.A. 74-3202a

Peter Johnston, to fill a term expiring on June 30, 2029

Committee on **Financial Institutions and Insurance** recommends **SB 300**, **SB 331** be passed.

Committee on **Public Health and Welfare** recommends **SB 322**, **SB 328** be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bills are of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

Also, begs leave to submit the following report: The following appointment was referred to and considered by the committee and your committee recommends that the Senate approve and consent to such appointment:

By the Governor:

Director of early childhood, Kansas Office of Early Childhood: K.S.A. 75-7701

Christi Smith, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor

The Committee on **Transportation** recommends **SB 324** be passed.

REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS, CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

H Sub SB 244 reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Governor on February 3, 2026.

On motion of Senator Blasi, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 4, 2026.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks.*

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

