

# Journal of the House

TWENTY-SECOND DAY

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HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
TOPEKA, KS, Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 11:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment with Speaker pro tem Schwab in the chair.

The roll was called with 122 members present.

Rep. Osterman was excused on verified illness.

Rep. Bergquist was excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Excused later: Rep. Claeys

Prayer by guest chaplain, Ms. Gil Aitkens, Brown County Chapter of the Native American Church, Hoyt, and guest of Rep. Victors.

Nwi mat mo  
Nogizget Mnomotsawin  
igwen

Thank You Creator God for this beautiful day and all  
you have blessed us with.  
Bless the leaders of the State of Kansas with wise minds  
for the decisions they  
are here to make. Let their decisions continue to  
improve the Kansas communities and lives for all  
nationalities.  
In Jesus Name  
Amen

Kshe'mnito kapma yawok pama mine' waje'wapte'kon  
God be with you until we see one another again.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Victors.

## INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There being no objection, the following remarks of Rep. Victors are spread upon the Journal:

Today is Kansas Native American Legislative Day, a day to honor the government-to-government relationship between our four tribes and the state. There are over 500 federally recognized tribes in the United States, each with their own culture, spirituality, traditions, and language.

In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, tribes were restricted to reservations. Many Native American children were taken to boarding schools, where they were required to speak only English and were persecuted for speaking their tribal language. As a result of this horrifying atrocity, Native American languages were dead or dying. By the late 20<sup>th</sup> century, more than half of Native Americans in the U.S. lived in urban areas, where English was their everyday language. Today, the few remaining Native American languages are usually only spoken by tribal elders. However, this trend is being reversed by the younger generation, many of whom have taken it upon themselves to learn and preserve their tribal language.

Today, I want to showcase two tribal youth – Gerald Wahwahsuck, Jr. from the Sac and Fox Nation of Kansas, and Panosh Wabaunsee from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation – who are fluent in their native language. They understand the importance of preserving their culture for future generations. Please join me in recognizing them and encouraging them to continue to learn their culture. Weblahha!

Rep. Victors presented her guests with a framed House certificate.

### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

There being no objection, the following remarks of Rep. Williams are spread upon the Journal:

Members of the Body, it is my honor today to introduce you to the Rose Hill High School two-time State Volleyball Champions. These young women, led by Head Coach Melissa Segovia, clinched the 2016 and the 2017 4A Division I State Volleyball Championship.

This highly decorated team has accumulated a host of awards including four players making the 4A Division I State Tournament team, four receiving the Kansas Volleyball Association 4A Division I All State Honors with one named Co-Player of the Year, and two players receiving the Wichita Eagle All Metro Team Designation: one hitter and one setter. Almost every member of this group of extraordinary young women athletes holds an all-time career record or single match record in Rose Hill volleyball. In addition, Head Coach Segovia was named Kansas Volleyball Association 4A Division I Volleyball Coach of the Year award in *both* 2016 and 2017.

Segovia attributes success to the support of the families, administration, staff, and community and, of course, the tireless efforts put forth by all the girls, especially the seniors who set the tone for the season. In the Coach's words, "players realized that there's a lot that goes into a championship. Hard work, dedication, mental fortitude, and simply showing up every day" goes a long way in building a winning team.

Rep. Williams introduced the following members of the team to the House in recognition of their achievements: Hunter Gunnarson, Morgan Gunnarson, Sarah Lazar, Emily Witt, Danyel Yardley, Emily Adler, Paeten Burke, Breckynn Myers, Analisa Pennington, Gracie Van Driel, Emma Cunningham, Rylie Baker, Haley Thrush. Coaches: Melissa Segovia, Elaine Witt, Jennifer Goering and Superintendent, Randal Chickadonz.

Rep. Williams presented Coach Segovia with a framed House certificate.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The following bills and concurrent resolution were introduced and read by title:

**HB 2653**, AN ACT concerning income tax; relating to credits; educational expenses made by certain school employees, by Representative Hodge.

**HB 2654**, AN ACT concerning income tax; relating to credits; expenses made by colleges for health or education facilities, by Representative Hodge.

**HB 2655**, AN ACT concerning income taxation; relating to credits, fitness facility membership fees, by Representative Hodge.

**HB 2656**, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to recreational vehicles; amending K.S.A. 79-5120 and repealing the existing section, by Representative Hodge.

**HB 2657**, AN ACT concerning income tax; relating to credits, salary increases to Kansas employees, by Representative Hodge.

**HB 2658**, AN ACT concerning sales taxation; relating to exemptions, certain food and food ingredients; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 79-3606 and repealing the existing section, by Representative Hodge.

**HB 2659**, AN ACT concerning sales and compensating use tax; relating to the sale of certain motor vehicles, rate of tax; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 79-3603 and repealing the existing section, by Representative Hodge.

**HB 2660**, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to certain personal property, motor vehicles and watercraft; amending K.S.A. 79-5111 and K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 79-5105 and 79-5501 and repealing the existing sections, by Representative Hodge.

**HB 2661**, AN ACT concerning income taxation; relating to rates, corporations; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 79-32,110 and repealing the existing section, by Representative Hodge.

**HB 2662**, AN ACT concerning the Kansas board of barbering; relating to fees; increasing the fees for licenses and examinations; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 65-1817 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

**HB 2663**, AN ACT enacting the KanCare/Medicaid ombudsman act; providing for the powers, duties and functions of the state KanCare/Medicaid ombudsman, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

**HB 2664**, AN ACT establishing a task force on social work mobility and workforce development; membership and scope of study; submission of reports and recommendations, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

**HB 2665**, AN ACT concerning water; establishing a water law study commission, by Committee on Water and Environment.

**HB 2666**, AN ACT concerning public assistance; relating to cash assistance, food assistance, medical assistance and child care subsidies; eligibility; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 39-702 and 39-709 and repealing the existing sections, by Representatives Ousley and Gallagher.

**HB 2667**, AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to coverage of abortion services; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 40-2,103, 40-19c09, 40-2246, 65-6731, 65-6733, 79-32,117, 79-32,138, 79-32,182b, 79-32,195 and 79-32,261 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 40-2,190 and 40-2,191, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

**HB 2668**, AN ACT concerning sales taxation; relating to exemptions, farm products sold at farmers' markets; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 79-3606 and repealing the existing section, by Representatives Pittman, Clayton, Hodge, Horn, Karleskint, Lusker, Parker and Probst.

**HB 2669**, AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to oil and gas operations; relating to operators of class II injection wells; requiring liability insurance coverage for induced seismicity damages; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 55-151 and repealing the existing section, by Representatives Lusk, Good, Ballard, Bishop, Clayton, Crum, S., Curtis, Finney, Henderson, Kuether, Neighbor, Ousley, Parker, Probst, Seiwert, Stogsdill and Victors.

**HB 2670**, AN ACT concerning real property; relating to protests and exemptions from property or ad valorem taxes; information required to be provided to local units of government, by Committee on Taxation.

**HB 2671**, AN ACT concerning sales and compensating use tax; relating to exemptions, midland care connection, inc.; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 79-3606 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

**HB 2672**, AN ACT concerning oil and gas; relating to the state corporation commission, powers and duties; requirements for certain injection wells; creating the citizens' injection well board; creating the injection well induced seismicity fund; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 55-151, 66-1503 and 76-326b and repealing the existing sections, by Representatives Lusk, Good, Ballard, Bishop, Clayton, Crum, S., Curtis, Dierks, Finney, Henderson, Kuether, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Ousley, Parker, Probst, Victors and Whipple.

**HB 2673**, AN ACT concerning elections; dealing with voter registration, by Representative Hodge.

**HB 2674**, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to the practice of telemedicine; certain state licensing agencies; establishing coverage parity between in-person and telemedicine-delivered healthcare services and providers; enacting the Kansas telemedicine act; definitions; rules and regulations; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 40-2,103 and 40-19c09 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Taxation.

**HB 2675**, AN ACT concerning elections; related to the interstate voter registration crosscheck program, by Representative Pittman.

**HB 2676**, AN ACT concerning the developmental disabilities reform act; failure of community service providers to comply with requirements, standards or laws, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

**HB 2677**, AN ACT repealing K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 75-6705; relating to the use of state appropriated moneys to lobby on gun control issues, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. **HCR 5024**—

By Representative Hodge

A PROPOSITION to amend article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas by adding a new section thereto, concerning the taxation of certain residential property.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate concurring therein:*

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"§ 14. **Taxation of certain residential property; state levy.** (a) There is hereby levied an annual permanent state tax of 10 mills upon property classified in subclass 1 of section 11 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas with an appraised value of \$1,000,000 or more.

(b) The county treasurer of each county shall make the proceeds of the tax levy provided for in this section available to the state treasurer immediately upon collection. When available, the state treasurer shall withdraw from each county the proceeds of the taxes raised by such tax levy. Upon such withdrawal, the state treasurer shall deposit the same in the state treasury and shall credit the entire amount to the state general fund."

Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:

*Explanatory statement.* The purpose of this amendment is to levy a tax upon residential property with an appraised value of \$1,000,000 or more. The proceeds of this levy would be deposited into the state general fund.

"A vote for this proposition would provide a state tax of 10 mills on residential property with an appraised value of \$1,000,000 or more and deposit the proceeds therefrom into the state general fund.

"A vote against this proposition would make no changes in current law with no additional tax levy on residential property with an appraised value of \$1,000,000 or more."

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives, and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the year 2018, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case it shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the special election.

## REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Agriculture: **HB 2649, HB 2651, HB 2652.**

Children and Seniors: **HB 2639.**

Commerce, Labor and Economic Development: **HB 2647.**

Corrections and Juvenile Justice: **HB 2648.**

Education: **HB 2638.**

Elections: **HB 2633, HB 2642.**

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2650.**

General Government Budget: **HB 2634.**

Higher Education Budget: **HB 2643, HB 2644.**

Insurance: **HB 2646.**

Judiciary: **HB 2630, HB 2631, HB 2645.**  
 K-12 Education Budget: **HB 2635, HB 2636.**  
 Local Government: **HB 2627, HB 2628, HB 2629.**  
 Taxation: **HB 2626.**  
 Transportation: **HB 2632.**  
 Veterans and Military: **HB 2637.**  
 Water and Environment: **HB 2640, HB 2641.**

### MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Announcing adoption of **HCR 5023**, A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION providing for a joint session of the Senate and House of Representatives for the purpose of hearing a message from the Governor.

The following escorts were appointed:

To escort the Governor: Senators Hardy and Faust-Goudeau  
 To escort the Supreme Court: Senators Hilderbrand and Pettey

Announcing passage of **SB 256, SB 283, SB 284, SB 292, and SB 335.**

### INTRODUCTION OF SENATE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate bills were thereupon introduced and read by title:

**SB 256, SB 283, SB 284, SB 292, SB 335.**

### CONSENT CALENDAR

No objection was made to **HB 2474** appearing on the Consent Calendar for the third day. The bill was advanced to Final Action on Bills and Concurrent Resolutions.

Objection was made to **HB 2547** appearing on the Consent Calendar; the bill was placed on the Calendar under the heading General Orders.

### FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

**HB 2474**, AN ACT concerning the Kansas family law code; relating to marriage; notification by court to the secretary of health and environment; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 23-2511 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 122; Nays 0; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 2.

Yeas: Alcalá, Alford, Arnberger, Aurand, Averkamp, Baker, Ballard, Barker, Becker, Bishop, Blex, Brim, Burris, Burroughs, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, Claeys, Clark, Clayton, Concannon, Corbet, Cox, Crum, S., Curtis, E. Davis, Deere, Delperdang, Dierks, Dietrich, Dove, Elliott, Ellis, Eplee, Esau, Finch, Finney, Francis, Frownfelter, Gallagher, Garber, Gartner, Good, Hawkins, Helgerson, Henderson, Hibbard, Highberger, Highland, Hineman, Hodge, Hoffman, Holscher, Horn, Houser, Huebert, Humphries, Jacobs, Jennings, Johnson, K. Jones, Judd-Jenkins, Karleskint, Kelly, Kessinger, Koesten, Kuether, Landwehr, Lewis, Lusk, Lusker, Markley, Mason, Mastroni, Miller, Murman, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Orr, Ousley, Parker, F. Patton, Phelps, Phillips, Pittman, R. Powell, Probst, Proehl, Raffie, Rahjes, Ralph, Resman, Rooker, Ruiz, Ryckman, Sawyer, Schreiber, Schroeder, Schwab, Seiwert, Sloan, Smith, A., Smith, E., Stogsdill, Sutton, S. Swanson, Tarwater, Thimesch, Thompson, Trimmer, Vickrey, Victors, Ward, Waymaster, Weber, C., Weigel, Wheeler, Whipple, Whitmer, K.

Williams, Winn, Wolfe Moore.

Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Bergquist, Osterman.

The bill passed.

**HB 2470**, AN ACT concerning alcoholic beverages; dealing with microbreweries; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 41-308b and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 121; Nays 1; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 2.

Yeas: Alcalá, Alford, Arnberger, Aurand, Averkamp, Baker, Ballard, Barker, Becker, Bishop, Blex, Brim, Burris, Burroughs, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, Claeys, Clark, Clayton, Concannon, Corbet, Cox, Crum, S., Curtis, E. Davis, Deere, Delperdang, Dierks, Dietrich, Dove, Elliott, Ellis, Eplee, Esau, Finch, Finney, Francis, Frownfelter, Gallagher, Garber, Gartner, Good, Hawkins, Helgerson, Henderson, Hibbard, Highberger, Highland, Hineman, Hodge, Hoffman, Holscher, Horn, Houser, Huebert, Humphries, Jennings, Johnson, K. Jones, Judd-Jenkins, Karleskint, Kelly, Kessinger, Koesten, Kuether, Landwehr, Lewis, Lusk, Lusker, Markley, Mason, Mastroni, Miller, Murnan, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Orr, Ousley, Parker, F. Patton, Phelps, Phillips, Pittman, R. Powell, Probst, Proehl, Rafie, Rahjes, Ralph, Resman, Rooker, Ruiz, Ryckman, Sawyer, Schreiber, Schroeder, Schwab, Seiwert, Sloan, Smith, A., Smith, E., Stogsdill, Sutton, S. Swanson, Tarwater, Thimesch, Thompson, Trimmer, Vickrey, Victors, Ward, Waymaster, Weber, C., Weigel, Wheeler, Whipple, Whitmer, K. Williams, Winn, Wolfe Moore.

Nays: Jacobs.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Bergquist, Osterman.

The bill passed, as amended.

On motion of Rep. Hineman, the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole, with Rep. Landwehr in the chair.

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Rep. Landwehr, Committee of the Whole report, as follows, was adopted:

Recommended that **HB 2502** be passed.

Committee report to **HB 2446** be adopted; and the bill be passed as amended.

Roll call was demanded on motion of Rep. Parker to amend **HB 2438**, on page 1, following line 6, by inserting:

"New Section 1. (a) The legislature finds and declares that:

- (1) The state of Kansas is a significant purchaser of internet services;
- (2) implementation of the principles of net neutrality is necessary for the state to ensure efficient procurement of goods and services and to ensure delivery of predictable, stable and high quality internet services; and

(3) a majority of state services are exclusively online and, without principles of net neutrality in place, internet service providers could limit Kansas citizens' ability to receive state services, which could dramatically deepen the digital divide and exacerbate challenges faced by the poorest citizens in accessing state services.

(b) The state shall not enter into a contract with any internet service provider that fails to meet the requirements of this section. To be eligible to receive a contract from the state for the provision of internet services:

(1) An internet service provider shall not:

(A) Block lawful content, applications, services or nonharmful devices, subject to reasonable network management that is disclosed to the consumer;

(B) throttle, impair or degrade lawful internet traffic on the basis of internet content, application or service, or use of a nonharmful device, subject to reasonable network management that is disclosed to the consumer;

(C) engage in paid prioritization; or

(D) unreasonably interfere with or unreasonably disadvantage:

(i) End users' ability to select, access and use internet services or lawful internet content, applications, services or devices of their choice; or

(ii) a content, application, service or device provider's ability to make lawful content, applications, services or devices available to end users.

(2) An internet service provider shall publicly disclose to all of its customers in the state:

(A) Information upon the network and internet transport management practices for all internet services; and

(B) performance and commercial terms of the provider's internet services sufficient for consumers to make informed choices regarding the use of such services and for content, application, service or device providers to develop, market and maintain internet offerings.

(c) The secretary of administration may adopt rules and regulations for the administration of this act.

(d) As used in this section:

(1) "Internet service" means a mass-market retail service that provides the capability to transmit data to and receive data from all or substantially all internet endpoints without regard to delivery technology or infrastructure used to provide such service.

(2) "State" means this state or any agency, institution, department, board, commission, office or officer of this state.";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

Also on page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking "projects"; also in line 1, after the semicolon by inserting "relating to state agencies; prohibiting state contracts with internet service providers that do not adhere to net neutrality policies;"

Rep. Highland requested a ruling on the amendment being germane to the bill. The Rules Chair ruled the amendment was germane.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 43; Nays 78; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.

Yeas: Alcalá, Ballard, Bishop, Burroughs, Carlin, Carmichael, Clark, Clayton, Crum, S., Curtis, Deere, Finney, Frownfelter, Helgerson, Henderson, Highberger, Hodge, Holscher, Horn, Koesten, Kuether, Lusk, Lusker, Miller, Murnan, Neighbor,

Ohaebosim, Ousley, Parker, Phelps, Pittman, Probst, Ruiz, Sawyer, Sloan, Stogsdill, Trimmer, Victors, Ward, Weigel, Whipple, Winn, Wolfe Moore.

Nays: Alford, Arnberger, Aurand, Awerkamp, Baker, Barker, Becker, Blex, Brim, Burris, B. Carpenter, Concannon, Corbet, Cox, E. Davis, Delperdang, Dierks, Dietrich, Dove, Elliott, Ellis, Eplee, Esau, Finch, Francis, Gallagher, Garber, Gartner, Good, Hawkins, Hibbard, Highland, Hineman, Hoffman, Houser, Huebert, Humphries, Jacobs, Jennings, Johnson, K. Jones, Judd-Jenkins, Karleskint, Kelly, Kessinger, Landwehr, Lewis, Markley, Mason, Mastroni, Orr, F. Patton, Phillips, R. Powell, Proehl, Rafie, Rahjes, Ralph, Resman, Rooker, Ryckman, Schreiber, Schroeder, Schwab, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, E., Sutton, S. Swanson, Tarwater, Thimesch, Thompson, Vickrey, Waymaster, Weber, C., Wheeler, Whitmer, K. Williams.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Bergquist, Claeys, Osterman.

The motion of Rep. Parker to amend did not prevail, and **HB 2438** be passed.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Local Government** recommends **HB 2505** be passed.

Committee on **Transportation** recommends **HB 2486** be passed.

Committee on **Transportation** recommends **HB 2511** be passed.

Committee on **Transportation** recommends **HB 2531** be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

Upon unanimous consent, the House referred back to the regular business, Introduction of Bills and Concurrent Resolutions.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and concurrent resolution were introduced and read by title:

**HB 2678**, AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to distinctive license plates; providing for the choose life license plate; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-1,141 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Transportation.

**HB 2679**, AN ACT enacting the Kansas contraceptive equity act; providing insurance coverage for contraceptives; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 40-2,103 and 40-19c09 and repealing the existing sections, by Representative Parker.

**HB 2680**, AN ACT concerning elections; related to voter registration; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 25-2360 and repealing the existing section, by Representative Parker.

**HB 2681**, AN ACT concerning the legislature; relating to voting requirements; requiring the recording of certain votes when in standing committees and committee of the whole, by Representative Parker.

**HB 2682**, AN ACT concerning advanced telecommunications services; relating to internet service providers and net neutrality; relating to state contracts; requirements to receive state contracts, by Representatives Parker, Clayton, Curtis, Highberger, Ohaebosim and Probst.

**HB 2683**, AN ACT concerning elections; related to voter registration, by Representative Parker.

**HB 2684**, AN ACT concerning certain state agencies; relating to redaction of social security numbers, by Representatives Parker and Carmichael.

**HB 2685**, AN ACT concerning firearms; relating to the personal and family protection act; relating to exemptions for postsecondary educational institutions; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 75-7c20 and repealing the existing section, by Representatives Ballard, Bishop, Carlin, Carmichael, Crum, S., Finney, Highberger, Horn, Ohaebosim, Parker and Stogsdill.

**HB 2686**, AN ACT making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, for the department of corrections, by Representatives Pittman and Deere.

**HB 2687**, AN ACT concerning children and minors; creating the adoption protection act; relating to the placement of children for foster care or adoption; relating to the religious freedoms of private entities providing such placement services, by Representatives Humphries, Arnberger, Awerkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Burris, B. Carpenter, Delperdang, Dove, Elliott, Ellis, Eplee, Esau, Garber, Good, Highland, Hoffman, Houser, Huebert, Jacobs, K. Jones, Mason, R. Powell, Rafie, Resman, Seiwert, Smith, E., Sutton, Thimesch, Vickrey, Weber, C. and Whitmer.

**HB 2688**, AN ACT establishing the behavioral health task force, by Committee on Appropriations.

**HB 2689**, AN ACT concerning the judicial branch; relating to salaries of justices, judges and nonjudicial employees; making and concerning appropriations for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019; amending K.S.A. 75-3120f and K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 75-3120g, 75-3120h and 75-3120k and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Appropriations.

**HB 2690**, AN ACT concerning school districts; creating the Kansas school financial transparency act, by Committee on Education.

**HB 2691**, AN ACT concerning water; relating to the division of water resources of the department of agriculture; relating to notification requirements for multi-year flex accounts and water right applications; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 82a-736 and 82a-1906 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Water and Environment.

**HB 2692**, AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to students diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder; requiring the provision of applied behavior analysis for such students, by Committee on Education.

**HB 2693**, AN ACT concerning state finance; relating to budget bills introduced by the legislature and the governor's budget report; requiring preparation of a federal moneys report by the director of the budget, by Representative Tarwater.

**HB 2694**, AN ACT concerning education; creating the community leaders service act; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 79-32,117 and repealing the existing section; also repealing K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 79-32,117o, by Representative Hodge.

**HB 2695**, AN ACT concerning sexual harassment claims; relating to state moneys used for settlements; non-disclosure agreements, by Representatives Holscher, Brim, Carlin, Clayton, Crum, S., Dietrich, Finney, Horn, Judd-Jenkins, Koesten, Kuether, Murnan, Parker, Pittman, Ward, Whipple and Winn.

**HB 2696**, AN ACT concerning employment; relating to non-disclosure agreements; allegations of sexual harassment, by Representative Whipple.

**HB 2697**, AN ACT concerning education; relating to the Kansas school equity and enhancement act; relating to the calculation of transportation weighting; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 72-5148 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on K-12

Education Budget.

**HB 2698**, AN ACT concerning the state treasurer; relating to financial institutions; establishing the Kansas children's savings account program; establishing the Kansas children's savings account program trust fund; Kansas children's savings account program expense fund; tax credit for donations to the Kansas children's savings account program trust fund, by Representative Highberger.

**HB 2699**, AN ACT concerning the legislature; relating to bills; prohibiting amendments striking all material and inserting new material, by Representatives Probst, Burroughs, Crum, S., Deere, Finney, Gartner, Holscher, Horn, Murnan, Parker, Pittman, Stogsdill, Trimmer and Victors.

**HB 2700**, AN ACT concerning public records; regarding disclosure of personal information; social security numbers; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 75-3520 and repealing the existing section, by None.

**HB 2701**, AN ACT concerning broadband; creating the statewide broadband expansion task force; relating to the expansion of broadband services, by Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications.

**HB 2702**, AN ACT concerning meteorological evaluation towers; relating to reporting requirements, definitions; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 66-1281 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications.

**HB 2703**, AN ACT concerning workers compensation; relating to the determination of functional impairment; use of American medical association guides; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 44-508, 44-510d and 44-510e and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development.

**HB 2704**, AN ACT concerning adult care homes; requiring written informed consent before administering an antipsychotic medication to an adult care home resident, by Representatives Gallagher, Baker, Curtis, Deere, Good, Judd-Jenkins, Markley, Mastroni, Ousley and Resman.

**HB 2705**, AN ACT concerning health care providers; relating to peer review; privileged information; amending K.S.A. 65-4925 and K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 65-4915 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Judiciary.

**HB 2706**, AN ACT concerning sexual assault examinations; relating to child advocacy centers; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 38-2227 and 65-448 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Judiciary.

**HB 2707**, AN ACT concerning charitable organizations; relating to registration; transfer from secretary of state to the attorney general; amending K.S.A. 17-1763, 17-1764, 17-1765, 17-1769, 17-1771, 17-1772 and 46-236 and K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 17-1762 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Judiciary.

**HB 2708**, AN ACT concerning criminal procedure; relating to the attorney general; diversion agreements; amending K.S.A. 22-2906 and 22-2907 and K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 22-2909 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Judiciary.

**HB 2709**, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to lewd and lascivious behavior; penalties; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 21-5513 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

**HB 2710**, AN ACT concerning employees; relating to protection of victims of domestic violence; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 44-1132 and repealing the existing section, by Representative Whipple.

**HB 2711**, AN ACT concerning judicial, legislative and executive state employees; relating to wage discrimination based on gender; applications for employment to state agencies, by Representative Whipple.

**HB 2712**, AN ACT concerning employment; relating to maternity benefits, by Representative Whipple.

**HB 2713**, AN ACT concerning bail enforcement agents; relating to continuing education; the attorney general; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 22-2809b and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice.

**HB 2714**, AN ACT creating the Arkansas City library district, by Representative Judd-Jenkins.

**HB 2715**, AN ACT concerning an abandoned cemetery, by Representative Judd-Jenkins.

**HB 2716**, AN ACT regulating traffic; concerning antique military vehicles; relating to the registration thereof; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-128, 8-197 and 8-1486 and repealing the existing sections, by Representatives Judd-Jenkins and Hoffman.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. **HCR 5025**—

By Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

A PROPOSITION to repeal section 12 of article 15 of the constitution of the state of Kansas, relating to membership or nonmembership in labor organizations.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate concurring therein:*

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Section 12 of article 15 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:

*"Explanatory statement.* This amendment would repeal section 12 of article 15 of the constitution of the state of Kansas, regarding membership or nonmembership in labor organizations. This section provides that a person shall not be denied the opportunity of gaining or retaining employment because the person is a member or is not a member in a labor organization. This section also provides that the state of Kansas or any subdivision of the state, or any individual, corporation, or any kind of association may not make any written or oral agreement that excludes any person from employment or from continuing to be employed because the person is a member or is not a member in any labor organization. The repeal of this section would remove the provisions regarding union membership and employment described above from the constitution of the state of Kansas.

"A vote for this proposition would repeal section 12 of article 15 and remove its provisions relating to membership or nonmembership in labor organizations from the constitution of the state of Kansas.

"A vote against this proposition would retain section 12 of article 15 and its provisions relating to membership or nonmembership in labor organizations in the constitution of the state of Kansas."

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives, and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the year 2018, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case it shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the special election.

### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

Speaker pro tem Schwab announced the appointment of Rep. Schwab to the Committee on Financial Institutions and Pensions and the Committee on Insurance.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Frownfelter to replace Rep. Stogsdill on Committee on Commerce and Labor on February 7, 2018.

### REPORT ON ENGROSSED BILLS

**HB 2470** reported correctly engrossed February 6, 2018.

### REPORT ON ENROLLED RESOLUTIONS

**HR 6047** reported correctly enrolled and properly signed on February 7, 2018.

On motion of Rep. Hineman, the House recessed until 2:45 p.m.

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### AFTERNOON SESSION

The House met pursuant to recess with Speaker Ryckman in the chair.

It being the hour in accordance with **HCR 5023**, to meet in joint session with the Senate to hear the message of the Governor, Reps. Houser, Huebert and Finney escorted President Wagle and members of the Senate to seats in the House.

Reps. Mastroni, Dierks and Kuether and Senators Hilderbrand and Pettey escorted the Supreme Court to seats in the House.

Reps. Awerkamp, Markley and Winn and Senators Hardy and Faust-Goudeau escorted the Governor to the rostrum.

### Governor Jeff Colyer Address to Joint Session February 7, 2018

Mr. Speaker, Madam President, colleagues, honored leaders of our Tribal nations, friends, my fellow Kansans, it is an honor to stand before you today as Governor. Please let me begin by formally introducing the new First Lady, and most importantly, the love of my life, Ruth Colyer.

Last Wednesday, we began our first day at 5:30 am and visited our family farm, went to mass, visited a school for kids with special needs, then came to the Capitol for

the formal inauguration and receptions. We finally pulled up to our garage at home after 10 pm, Ruth looked at me with those big beautiful brown eyes and said, "Be sure to bring the trashcan in, Governor"

With Ruth and our daughters Dominique and Serena by my side I shared with you my vision for a Kansas that called each of us to the service of others. As someone who sat in these desks for four years as a Representative and a Senator, --actually right up there, two seats in--I know that service is important to each of you. You leave your family for months at a time. You work nights and you work weekends. You miss basketball games and grandkids' birthdays to be here working for your constituents. And, let's be honest, I know you don't do it for the money. On our very best days, of which there are many, it is about serving Kansans and not about ourselves. Thank you for your service.

We don't talk a lot about service in Kansas. But service is central to the Kansas character. Serving our neighbors is what connects us as human beings. And that connection can be passed on from generation to generation, just as it was for Seaman High School Senior, Natalie Ford.

As a junior last year, Natalie was the recipient of my Lt. Governor's Service Award for the work she did at iCare Foodbank in Southeast Topeka. Natalie wanted to make a difference in the lives of real people. Rather than just talking about it, or posting about it on Facebook, Natalie decided to act. At an early age, she started spending her mornings during her summer vacation volunteering at iCare, helping less fortunate Kansans make healthy food selections and bring food home to their families. She would take the recipients through the store and then load their groceries into the car. But what makes an eighth grader voluntarily get out of bed early in the summertime to do that? For Natalie, it was the example of her grandmother, Scarlett Ford, whom Natalie describes as a mentor and example of someone who gives back to those around her.

Service passed down from generation to generation is a legacy we can give our children. Natalie and her Grandma Scarlett are both here in the audience today. Let's have them stand and be recognized.

Now as I told you before, I keep a surgeon's schedule, not a politician's. It has been a busy but productive few days. On my first full day as governor I began meeting with the Republican and Democratic leadership. Some hadn't been in the Governor's office in years - similar to my own experience as a legislator. We spoke about working together, solving problems and changing the tone. Thank you, and I hope to meet with each of you in the coming weeks and months.

On day two as governor, I visited great communities across Kansas like El Dorado, Pittsburg and Independence. Many Kansans shared with me their willingness to work for a new day in Kansas. I was truly humbled.

I announced major staff changes that I have been quietly implementing. I have a new policy team, communications team, and management team. There are 6 major changes to the cabinet.

We will have a new Secretary of KDHE. The Secretary of the Department for Children and Families, the Chief of Information Technology, the Secretary of

Commerce, the Chief Budget Officer, and the Lt. Governor will all be new. We will manage Kansas more like a business. I am restructuring the executive office to include a Chief Operating Officer to manage and respond more effectively and professionally--more like a major corporation.

On Saturday, Kansans from Salina to Garden City to Emporia shared their ideas. And the best advice came from Carolyn in Salina who said, "There's a reason your car has a small rear-view mirror and a big windshield. Let's go forward. Remember that."

There are some who say Kansas is in an unwinnable situation. Yes, it is tough, but these are the times we relish. When I worked for President Reagan, even at the darkest hours of the Soviet Union and deep stagflation, he kept a plaque on his desk that read "It CAN be done." These are the times that set history for the next century. I believe our best days are ahead of us.

Let's be very clear – we have some significant challenges to overcome. As a surgeon, I'm going to deal with problems head on, without rancor and always with compassion. But there are some things that need to change, right here, right now. I like to think of those in three big categories: Reform, Jobs, and Education.

Let's begin with Reform.

First of all, I expect a safe and professional workplace – free from sexual harassment. To anyone here that has experienced these evils, I want you to know that you've been heard. You have value and you have my respect.

I want to thank the Women's Foundation, legislative leaders, and my fellow Kansans who insist we have a professional workplace. My commitment to you is that harassment in any form, at any time, in any place, will not be tolerated in my Administration. Monday, I signed my first Executive Order which First requires all Cabinet Agencies to update their sexual harassment prevention policies. Every employee, every intern, every contractor shall receive the material.

Second, it requires every state employee, every manager, even every intern to undergo sexual harassment prevention training. This will happen annually.

Third, allegations of sexual harassment will be investigated promptly and appropriate disciplinary action shall be taken swiftly.

I also want to thank Senate President Susan Wagle for her leadership on establishing a culture of respect and responsibility in THIS building, the People's House. Kansas government must be more transparent. The Kansas Constitution says, "All political power is inherent in the people..." In my travels around the state, I've talked to many Kansans, who express their desire for more sunlight on government dealings.

I applaud the actions taken by Speaker Ryckman, Majority Leader Hineman, and others to make the legislative process more transparent. Already, we've seen moves to end anonymous bills and to broadcast live and archive all committee proceedings. I also support Senator Wagle's proposal to require lobbyist registration for those attempting to influence executive officials. I believe transparency required of the Legislature, should also be required for the Executive Branch.

A group of legislators, led by Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley and House Minority Leader Jim Ward, have put forth several transparency proposals as well. Many of you are working hard on this issue, and your efforts deserve recognition and support.

Thank you. Now it's time for the executive branch to do its part.

Tomorrow, I will sign four executive orders, that take important steps to make Kansas government more transparent:

1. First, we will no longer charge Kansans for open records requests of less than 100 pages.
2. Second, we will institute policies to ensure the Administration relies on official email accounts to conduct state business.
3. Third, I will implement performance metrics for Cabinet Agencies so Kansans can see how we perform.
4. Fourth, we are launching a website to serve as a one-stop-shop for Cabinet Agencies to post open meetings, locations and materials.

Transparency is key to better accountability and accountability is the key to real results. Let's make this happen.

Kansas was founded on the idea that all people have value. EVERYONE has a God-given right to life and liberty. As a doctor, I've seen newborn babies, who no one gave a chance, thrive. I've seen mothers frightened by a scary ultrasound, only to rejoice at their child's wedding 20 years later.

When Kansas first entered the Union, two of our first laws emphasized basic human dignity. As a free state, Kansas prohibited slavery. The same Founders--whose names appear on these walls--passed laws prohibiting abortion. That same constitution that prohibited slavery did NOT mention a RIGHT to an abortion. Yet, a Kansas Court issued a ruling which argues the framers of the Kansas constitution imagined abortion as a separate constitutional right.

This is violence against basic facts. This cannot stand. We are a pro-life state.

On the issue of life, the stakes are SO high, the issue is SO foundational, the people of Kansas MUST have the final say. Next, let's talk about Jobs. Job growth and enhancing the quality of life for all Kansans must be our highest priority.

So, here's my vision for Kansas: Over the next few years, I want us to work together to steadily and professionally build Kansas to be a vibrant, growing state. In short, I want our children to see their best future right here in Kansas. I want my adventurous daughters to see their dreams—serving others--come true right here in Kansas.

There's some good news to report here. According to the most recent data, the Kansas unemployment rate is 3.4%. That's one of the lowest in the country, and the lowest our state has seen in more than seventeen years!

But I also know, if you travel around our state, listening to people and hearing their stories, it's impossible to miss the real-world struggles still faced by so many Kansas families. A rising tide lifts all boats, but too many of our people seem to be stranded on dry land. An expanding economy with opportunities for higher income and rising standards of living only works if our citizens have the right tools to make the most of their own lives.

Did you know there are more than 48,000 unfilled jobs in our state today? Many of those have high wages and great opportunities for advancement. All over the state,

especially in small towns, employers tell me they would hire more workers if they could find them. Truly, we have jobs looking for people.

More and better jobs for Kansans is important to me personally. On my second full day as Governor I was visiting Pittsburg, and as we all know Southeast Kansas continues to struggle. Without prior warning, I stopped in to visit the KANSASWORKS office which helps people looking for work. John Pettus and his team of professionals provide personalized job search assistance. They are truly dedicated to helping Kansans find good jobs.

To address this issue my Administration will be launching a program called the My (Re) Employment Plan. My (Re)Employment Plan," will provide, free of charge, a skills assessment, resume, interview and networking assistance, and labor market information highlighting current in-demand jobs. This program is designed to help our friends and neighbors get back to earning paychecks and working good jobs.

Other Kansans have the talent and drive but not the immediate technical skills to find a good paying job. The budget proposal includes significant investments in career and technical education. It will give Kansas high school students the opportunity to learn technical skills before they've even received their high school diplomas. Older students can also learn skills needed to compete for in-demand jobs. It will increase the apprentice program, and support the jobs of the future. These modest, but effective, investments will pay long-term dividends, particularly in rural areas.

Now, here's a troubling fact we all must face—Several other states are trying to steal our title of Air Capital of the World. Today we say to them with one voice, "NOT ON OUR WATCH."

I've been working with our state's largest private employer, Spirit Aerosystems, and in December they announced plans to invest more than \$1 Billion dollars and hire more than 1000 Kansans. That's a \$1 million-dollar investment for EVERY job. These are the great-paying high-tech jobs that will stay with us for generations.

In talking with Spirit and other aviation leaders, we've come to learn the real challenge is filling these positions with qualified workers. These are great jobs. They will provide a great life and opportunities for many families.

The budget also helps Wichita maintain its title of Air Capital of the World, with its investments in the National Institute for Aviation Research and the National Center for Aviation Training. I support these investments and hope you'll join me in advocating for them as you work through the budget process.

Speaking of investments, when I was sitting in these seats 10 years ago, I voted to support the T-WORKS program. While that transportation plan was not fully accomplished, we can do better. We must end the highway funding sweeps and build an effective plan that promotes economic development and strengthens our transportation network.

Let's talk about another issue that is washing across America. Many businesses say they have problems finding workers who can pass a drug test. This is a big reason why so many Kansans aren't benefitting from a growing economy. This scourge does not respect ethnicity, age, rich or poor, parent or child or county. Hundreds of our neighbors have died.

Believe it or not, the average life expectancy in the United States decreased the last two years, and many experts cite the opioid and meth epidemics as a primary cause. I've seen this first hand among my own patients.

This legislature has taken some important first steps but we need a comprehensive approach. The good news is, we have one of the top national experts leading our efforts. You know him well: Dr. Greg Lakin--physician, lawyer, addiction specialist, former legislator--will head a task force to work with you to implement short and long-term solutions.

And he's not the only legislator we've turned to for their expertise. I am also tasking our new Chief Budget Officer, Larry Campbell to fully engage a zero-based, performance budgeting process.

New technologies offer new affordable solutions. Together we can make long-term improvements to the budget. Please join me in thanking Dr. Lakin and Larry Campbell for their service in the legislature and their continued contributions to Kansas in their new roles.

We take seriously our responsibility to care for Kansas children in crisis. The Legislature, led by Health Chair Schmidt and others, has been working energetically along with Secretary Meier-Hummel and other key stakeholders, to reform this system. I want to take a moment to personally thank each of you who have been so willing to work on this important issue.

One need only pick up a newspaper to see examples of the extreme evil that exists in this world. Just weeks ago, we read of parents in California that held their children captive for years, starving and chaining them to their beds. In Kansas, we've had our own tragedies, too terrible to recount here.

Unfortunately, government will never be capable of preventing all these evils. But, we can and we must do better. Secretary Meier-Hummel and I stood together to announce several important proposals to give children and families around the state the help they need. The Secretary is working with outside experts on a top-to-bottom review of our state's child welfare system.

We need funding to achieve the following goals:

- hire additional child welfare field staff,
- establish emergency placement options so there are no more kids sleeping in offices,
- hire additional investigative staff to track down missing foster children,
- and invest in new community based family preservation and family strengthening programs.

I know for a fact that each and every person in this room cares deeply about the plight of abused children in our state. Please join me as we fight for the most vulnerable children in our state.

Another area we must address is supporting those in our communities with mental illness. In the last three weeks, I have visited four Community Mental Health Centers. We are in the process of rebuilding that system. The Legislative Mental Health Task Force provides some excellent recommendations to build the best mental health system

in the country.

I suggest to you, one model for our work on mental health reform is the RSI facility in Wyandotte County. This collaboration was led by my friends, Majority Leader Jim Denning and Representative Kathy Wolfe Moore. Thank you for your important work.

Bringing together local law enforcement, mental health centers, and health providers, we've created a place that provides superior service for those with mental illness. It saves state and local resources for others who truly need it. My administration will begin work on several of these suggestions immediately. We stand ready to work with you to ensure those in our communities with mental illness receive top-notch care with the dignity and the respect they deserve.

As a surgeon and governor, I insist on regularly evaluating progress and continuous improvement. Which brings us to the topic of KanCare. I welcome and appreciate the legislative involvement in the future of the program.

This is critical. Chairman Hawkins and others have been particularly helpful as we look to improve the program. So, here are my priorities for KanCare moving forward:

- Improve outcomes for those we serve.
- Bend the cost curve down.
- Fix the eligibility system.
- We must draw down additional Medicaid funding to treat substance abuse and mental illness.
- Support additional work opportunities for able bodied adults which encourage better health outcomes

Our new Secretary Jeff Andersen at KDHE, along with our new Medicaid Director and Chief Medical Officer bring great experience and expertise to this team. These positions will be critical to tackling the Medicaid eligibility backlog issue and resolving problems for the benefit of clients and providers alike. I want to work with you to make sure this crucial program continues to improve for the betterment of the more than 400,000 Kansans it serves.

Finally, and perhaps the most pressing question in many of your minds, where will we go on education? And before we get to the elephant in the room, let me first thank you to the legislature for the remarkable investments you have made in early childhood education. Early childhood education works.

On my first day as governor, I had the opportunity to visit a public school in my hometown of Hays. I want you to know that your Governor is a supporter of public education. In Kansas, we invest in our schools, not because a court tells us to, but because we want to invest in our children and our future. We invest in teachers because they invest in our kids. We support things like the Kansans Can Redesign program because we are willing to do hard things for the youth of this state.

And now I want you to think about something. Governor Bob Docking, Governor Bob Bennett, Governor John Carlin, Governor Mike Hayden, Governor Joan Finney, Governor Bill Graves, Governor Kathleen Sebelius, Governor Mark Parkinson, Governor Sam Brownback, and Governor Jeff Colyer

The last ten Governors of Kansas. Five Democrats and Five Republicans. Fifty

years and counting. That's longer than the Cold War. All ten governors have had the specter of education lawsuits overshadowing education. This must end now.

To some in politics, leadership is about being a bully or being the loudest, shrillest voice in the room. To others it's about staking out a position and never compromising. To me, leadership is about setting a vision and bringing people together to achieve common goals. And, as a former legislator, I know that you don't appreciate being told what to do by a governor, or anyone else for that matter. And I think the reaction to a recent State of the State address is plenty evidence of that.

What I learned from President Reagan is that we develop principles that allow us to resolve our issues. As the sign on his desk and now mine says, "It can be done." With that in mind, I will offer a framework that I hope you can see fit to support:

1. We must keep our schools open.
2. We need a definitive solution that ends the school finance lawsuits FOR GOOD.
3. Increased investments in K-12 Education must come through a phased in approach that doesn't increase the tax burden on Kansas families and ensures schools can effectively allocate any new funds they receive.
4. Lastly, and most importantly, we must insist on accountability and improved outcomes.

I will sign school finance legislation that meets these objectives. This will not be easy, but public servants and leaders are not called to make the easy choices. We're here to do the right thing, and the right thing is never easy.

As I close today, I want you to know that I intend to be the most approachable Governor in Kansas history. Please know that I see you as a partner and am excited to listen to your ideas about moving our state forward. I began this speech by thanking you for your service to the state and your constituents.

And I would like to end this speech with the same challenge that closed my inaugural address: I challenge you to give yourself to your fellow man. I challenge you to put our long-term interests ahead of short term political gain. I challenge all of us to come together, to work together. To show the world that Kansas is the true heart of America.

Thank you. May God bless you. And may God continue to bless the Great State of Kansas.

On motion of Rep. Hineman, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 8, 2018.

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