

Journal of the House

FIFTY-THIRD DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Monday, April 25, 2022, 11:00 a.m.

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

The roll was called with 117 members present.

Rep. Schreiber was excused on verified illness.

Rep. Barker was excused on legislative business.

Reps. Hoffman, Poetter Parshall, L. Ruiz, Sutton, Vaughn and Victors-Cozad were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by guest chaplain, Pastor Kent Pedersen, First Church of the Nazarene, Hutchinson, and guest of Rep. Ryckman.

Heavenly Father, thank You for the opportunity to pray for Your humble servants who represent the good people of our great State of Kansas!

Lord may You grant our elected leaders wisdom to make good decisions and pass good legislation for our children and their children! Help all of us to be good stewards of the gifts and resources You have graciously given us in order that we may be a blessing to others!

I ask Your blessings on our state and our leaders. Lord thank You also for the special honor of celebrating and welcoming later today our 2022 National Champions, Kansas Jayhawks, to the State Capital today! What a fun blessing! We give You all the glory and pray all this in the powerful and mighty Name of Your Son, Jesus! Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Turner.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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

In 1968 a squad of young men from around the nation came together under the leadership of Sgt. Larry Joe Powell from Kansas City, Kansas and found themselves embroiled in the Vietnam War. Dennis Battles, Eddie Billimeyer, Rhea Rakes, Dennis Summerfield and Dean Smith joined Powell in becoming known as the "Roadrunners" a recon/intelligence squad in the South Vietnam highlands near Pleiku.

Their exploits became legendary as they ventured out from Landing Zone St. George. Then on November 6, 1969 the squad along with some 70 other soldiers found themselves outnumbered 10 to 1 by Viet Cong and North Vietnam Regulars in a battle that lasted all night. Partially overrun, the Roadrunners engaged in hand-to-hand as they defended their post. The casualties on both sides were staggering, but the outnumbered U.S. troops prevailed. The Roadrunners were highly decorated for their actions.

After completing their tour in the Vietnam War, some members continued in the military. They stayed in touch through the years, and today four members: Sgt. Powell, Dean Smith, Rhea Rakes, and Dennis Summerfield are here celebrating their 52nd anniversary of the Roadrunners. Member Dennis Battles is unable to attend today due to medical issues, while Ed Billmyre is deceased. I would ask the distinguished military leaders from this body to present to these four heroes a certificate at this time

Today, the Kansas House of Representatives honors the Roadrunners and welcomes them home from Vietnam.

The Roadrunners in attendance were presented with framed House certificates in honor of their service.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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

Today, I would like to recognize Ms. Genia Deets, the founder of the Mail-A-SMILE program and current Kindergarten teacher at Green Springs Elementary School in Olathe.

The Mail-A-SMILE program provides authentic writing opportunities for students in grades PreK-5th grade. Their goal is to spread kindness. Students identify someone they feel would benefit from a whole classroom package of letters. Recipients might include a grandparent, a child suffering from an illness, an elderly neighbor, or anyone who could use a smile. I believe political leaders are also on their recipient list! The goal is for the recipient to know that there is hope and there is a smile.

Over the last twenty years, most being at Green Springs Elementary, the Mail-A-SMILE writing program has grown from a few SMILE letters being mailed each year, to thousands of letters, from multiple schools to make the world a happier place!

Every SMILE package is different. Most have letters, toys, and heart-felt drawings, and they have been found to have a tremendous impact on the lives of the recipients.

One of first SMILE packages mailed by Ms. Deets' class 20 years ago was to California, a SMILE nomination coming from kindergartner Hailey Hohanadel. Seventeen years later, Hailey's own family became a SMILE recipient after she passed away in a tragic accident.

Another recipient of a SMILE package was a Soldier who had just started Basic Training. He was having a difficult time being away from his family, so the classroom decided to thank him for being brave, and to thank him for supporting our country.

This program is not only for the recipients, it is also an amazing lesson for the children who begin to see that sometimes it takes something very little to leave an impression that's very big. I know this personally as two of my own children took part in Ms. Deets' project when they had her as their own classroom teacher.

Most recently, my father who is battling cancer received a Mail-A-SMILE package all the way in Ohio. The heartfelt notes, beautiful drawings, handmade bracelets, and amusing questions of the Green Springs kinder-gators touched the hearts of both him, my mother, and my sisters. The personal impact of this program is felt beyond measure.

Ms. Deets current goal is mailing letters to all 50 states this school year. You can find more on her Facebook page and using the hashtags #KindnessIsContagious and #MilesOfSMILES.

Today, Ms. Deets is joined by Green Springs Elementary Principal, Dr. Todd Wheat.

Body, please join me to honor and celebrate the work of Genia Deets, Dr. Wheat, and the children of Green Springs Elementary School. And I'd like to officially say "There's nothing greater than a Gator."

Rep. Lynn presented Ms. Deets a framed House certificate in honor of her Mail-A-SMILE program.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

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

Rep. Highland was joined by his wife, Linda, at the well.

I would like to announce that I will not be seeking reelection for a sixth term. I would like to fondly thank my wife, Linda, for her support for 53 years and also the Body for your friendship.

It is a humbling experience to be elected by the majority of voters. I appreciate the trust and support they have had in me. I will continue to represent my district to the best of my ability until June 23rd.

My first year in the Legislature, I sat on the back row with fellow new members. The pro tem was always telling us to settle down.

The best part of serving in the Legislature is meeting and becoming friends with people you might not have otherwise met and being paid to study topics that I never would have done on my own.

I would like to thank all from both sides of the aisle for their friendship and support. Until we meet again!

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bill was referred to committee as indicated:

Health and Human Services: **HB 2748**.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

HB 2075, HB 2110, HB 2228, HB 2231, S Sub for HB 2458, HB 2462, HB 2481, HB 2490, HB 2537, HB 2541, HB 2547, HB 2568, HB 2605, HB 2608, HB 2712 approved on April 7, 2022.

HB 2386, HB 2564, HB 2607, HB 2717 approved on April 11, 2022.

HB 2644 approved on April 12, 2022.

HB 2456, HB 2476, HB 2478, HB 2489 approved on April 13, 2022.

HB 2005, HB 2087, HB 2109, HB 2239 approved on April 14, 2022.

S Sub for HB 2279 approved on April 15, 2022.

HB 2299, S Sub for HB 2361, HB 2377, HB 2508, HB 2559, HB 2595, HB 2703 approved on April 18, 2022.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message with the Governor's objection to **S Sub for HB 2448**, AN ACT concerning public assistance; requiring able-bodied adults without dependents to complete an employment and training program in order to receive food assistance; amending K.S.A. 39-709 and repealing the existing section. was received and read.

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR REGARDING VETO OF
S SUB FOR HOUSE BILL 2448**

Every Kansan feels the price of the pandemic-induced inflation at the pumps and at the grocery store. The cost of food alone is one of the most significant contributors to inflation overall.

With the rising costs of these necessities, we should be helping people afford the basics. This bill would unnecessarily burden nearly 30,000 hard-working Kansans, including people caring for their families and impacting those with children.

Therefore, under Article 2, Section 14(a) of the Constitution, I hereby veto S Sub for House Bill 2448.

Dated: April 15, 2022

LAURA KELLY
Governor of Kansas

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Announcing adoption of **HCR 5036**.

CHANGE OF CONFEREES

Speaker Ryckman announced the appointment of Reps. Waymaster, Hoffman, and Wolfe Moore to replace Reps. S. Johnson, Croft, and Neighbor as members of the conference committee on **HB 2510**.

On motion of Rep. Ryckman, the House recessed until 2:00 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On emergency motion of Rep. Finch, **HR 6027**, by Reps. Ryckman, Finch, Hawkins, Sawyer, Alcalá, Amyx, Anderson, Arnberger, Awerkamp, Baker, Ballard, Barker, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Borjon, Burris, Burroughs, Byers, Carlin, Carlson, Carmichael, Carpenter, Clark, Clayton, Clifford, Coleman, Collins, Concannon, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Dodson, Donohoe, Ellis, Eplee, Esau, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Finney, Francis, French, Garber, Gartner, Haswood, Helgeson, Helmer, Henderson, Highberger, Highland, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Houser, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Huebert, Humphries, Jacobs, Johnson, Johnson, Kelly, Kessler, Kuether, Landwehr, Lee, Long, Lynn, Mason, Meyer, Miller, Minnix, Moser, Murphy, Neelly, Neighbor, Newland, Ohaebosim, Orr, Osman, Ousley, Owens, Patton, Penn, Poetter Parshall, Poskin, Probst, Proctor, Proehl, Rahjes, Ralph, Resman, Rhiley, Ruiz,

Ruiz, Samsel, Sanders, Schmidt, Schreiber, Seiwert, Smith, Smith, Smith, Stogsdill, Sutton, Tarwater, Thomas, Thompson, Toplikar, Turner, Vaughn, Victors, Waggoner, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, Wheeler, Williams, Winn, Wolfe Moore, Woodard and Xu, as follows, was introduced and adopted:

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. **6027**—

HR 6027— A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the 2021-2022 University of Kansas men's basketball team for an outstanding season and for winning the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship.

WHEREAS, On April 4, 2022, the University of Kansas men's basketball team completed an outstanding season by winning the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, The historic victory over the University of North Carolina is the Jayhawks' sixth national basketball title, fourth NCAA title and second NCAA title under head coach Bill Self; and

WHEREAS, After trailing by 16 points in the first half, the Jayhawks rallied to win in the largest comeback in NCAA title game history; and

WHEREAS, Bill Self is the first head coach in KU basketball history to win multiple NCAA championships; and

WHEREAS, Ochai Agbaji and David McCormack were both named to the NCAA Final Four all-tournament team; and

WHEREAS, Ochai Agbaji was also named the Big 12 Player of the Year, the Final Four Most Outstanding Player and a consensus first team All-American; and

WHEREAS, During the 2021-2022 season, the KU men's basketball team were Big 12 Regular Season Co-Champions, tying with Baylor University for the best conference record, and won the Big 12 Championship tournament in Kansas City by defeating Texas Tech; and

WHEREAS, The KU men's basketball team became the winningest team in Division I men's basketball history by passing long-time rival the University of Kentucky for the most wins in Division I men's basketball history; and

WHEREAS, The players and coaches of the 2021-2022 championship team will be remembered in the long and storied history of the legendary KU men's basketball program: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend the members and coaches of the University of Kansas men's basketball team for an outstanding season and winning the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship; and

Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send three enrolled copies of this resolution to Representative Ryckman.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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

It is my honor today to present the 2022 NCAA Division one men's basketball champion Kansas Jayhawks.

Under the leadership of Coach Bill Self, the team were Big 12 regular season co-champions and won the Big 12 tournament in Kansas City.

They entered the NCAA tournament as a #1 seed.

With a signature blend of unselfish play, high octane transitions and stifling defense the Jayhawks proceeded to march through one of the most competitive and upset laden tournament fields in recent memory.

With senior leadership, transfer talent, and young role players this team carried on the Kansas legacy of winning basketball and in Chicago became the winningest team in Division 1 college basketball history.

Whether you are a Wildcat, a Shocker, or a fan of any other Kansas team, when one of our teams leaves the state to take on the rest of nation, they carry the reputation of Kansas with them. They become ambassadors of our state and what great ambassadors these players are.

These young men showed the rest of the world and particularly North Carolina that Kansas plays hard, never quits, and though we may not be the biggest we will always strive to be the best.

Members of the Kansas House, please join me in honoring two-time national champion coach Bill Self and the 2022 National Champion Kansas Jayhawks. Rock Chalk Jayhawk, Go KU!

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTION

In accordance with House Rule 1309, Rep. Gartner moved that **HB 2487** be withdrawn from Committee on Taxation and be placed on the calendar under the order of business General Orders.

Also, in accordance with Subsection (a) of House Rule 1503, Rep. Gartner moved that the bill be the first order of business to be considered on General Orders on April 26, 2022.

The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives is requested to cause it to be printed in the Calendar of April 26, 2022, under the order of business "Consideration of Motions and House Resolutions Offered on a Previous Day" as provided by House Rule 1309 (b).

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The Senate announced the appointment of Senators Hilderbrand, Gossage and Pettey to replace Senators Olson, Gossage and Hilderbrand as conferees on **Sub SB 34**.

The Senate announced the appointment of Senator Claeyes to replace Senator Bowers as a conferee on **SB 313**.

The Senate announced the appointment of Senators Billinger, Claeyes and Hawk to replace Senators Longbine, Fagg and Holscher as conferees on **HB 2510**.

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on **H Sub for SB 261**.

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on **SB 366**.

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on **HB 2237**.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGE

Speaker Ryckman announced the appointment of Rep. Highland to replace Rep. Sutton on Committee on Appropriations for the week of April 25th, 2022.

REPORT ON ENGROSSED BILLS

HB 2109 reported correctly engrossed April 3, 2022.

S Sub for HB 2361, HB 2644 reported correctly engrossed April 4, 2022.

HB 2508, HB 2703 reported correctly engrossed April 5, 2022.

S Sub for HB 2239 reported correctly engrossed April 6, 2022.

REPORT ON RE-ENGROSSED BILLS

HB 2087, HB 2299 reported correctly re-engrossed April 3, 2022.

HB 2489, HB 2559 reported correctly re-engrossed April 4, 2022.

REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS

HB 2005, HB 2087, HB 2109, HB 2239, S Sub for HB 2279, HB 2299, S Sub for HB 2361, HB 2377, S Sub for HB 2448, HB 2456, HB 2476, HB 2478, HB 2489, HB 2508, HB 2559, HB 2595, HB 2644, HB 2703 reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Governor on April 8, 2022.

REPORT ON ENROLLED RESOLUTIONS

HCR 5036 reported correctly enrolled and properly signed on April 8, 2022.

On motion of Rep. Hawkins, the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

