

# Journal of the Senate

FIFTIETH DAY

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SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS  
Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Ty Masterson.  
The roll was called with 40 senators present.  
Invocation by Reverend Cecil T. Washington:

Difficulties Make Us Stronger  
2 Corinthians 12:7-10, John 15:5-8

Heavenly Father, we thank You today, for our lives, for the freedoms we enjoy, for a portion of health and strength. We thank You for our loved ones, for our families, friends and neighbors. Lord, we even thank You today for our enemies...for our struggles, for our difficulties. For it is through them that You increase our strength, as resistance increases stamina and endurance.

Teach us the value of our troubles, as You taught the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. Due to the importance and status of the work we're called to do, You lovingly use our difficulties and pain to keep us humble, to keep us from becoming so proud or conceited that we lose sight of the fact that it's Your grace that sustains us, Your strength that carries us.

For You tell us in John 15:5-8, without You we can't produce anything of real value. So, like Paul, who declared, "when I am weak, then I am strong." Teach us to be content with our limited abilities, with weaknesses, insults, hardships and even disasters. Lord, if two negatives equal a positive, then teach us to be optimistic and when problems prevail, stay connected to You. Teach us to pray and search until we find the good. I offer this prayer, simply as a branch, connected to Jesus, The True Vine. Amen and Amen

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Masterson.

## REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bill was referred to Committees as indicated:

Public Health and Welfare: **SB 556**.

## REFERENCE OF APPOINTMENTS

The following appointment was referred to Committee as indicated:

President Masterson referred **Richard Samaniego**, Chair, Crime Victims Compensation Board, to the Committee on **Judiciary**.

**INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS**

Senators Faust-Goudeau and Blasi introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1747—**

A RESOLUTION recognizing Storytime Village, Inc., for its work  
in giving young Kansas children the opportunity  
for a better future through its literacy programs.

WHEREAS, According to the Annie E. Casey Foundation, children who are proficient in reading by the end of third grade are more likely to graduate from high school and be economically successful in adulthood; and

WHEREAS, Many underserved populations in Kansas are lacking the quality literacy skills essential for future success in school and life; and

WHEREAS, Storytime Village, Inc., under the leadership of founder and CEO Prisca Barnes, has been working to provide literacy programs for children since 2009; and

WHEREAS, In 2024, Storytime Village, Inc., celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, honoring its history of helping Kansas children, beginning at birth through age eight, thrive through partnerships that provide early childhood development, family engagement involving reading, access to books, advocacy and awareness; and

WHEREAS, Supported by parents and the help of many dedicated volunteers, Storytime Village, Inc., inspires children, regardless of their socio-economic background, race or gender, to read by providing them with free books and literacy resources; and

WHEREAS, March 20, 2024, is designated as the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Literacy Day at the Capitol, which will address the literacy achievement gap in the state of Kansas by focusing on early literacy and mobilizing high school students to raise their voice through meetings with legislators, panel discussions and an advocacy workshop, with the theme, "The Right to Read: Helping our Youngest Thrive through Literacy." Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we recognize Storytime Village, Inc., for its work in giving young Kansas children the opportunity for a better future through its literacy programs; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Prisca Barnes and Senators Faust Goudeau and Blasi.

On emergency motion of Senator Faust-Goudeau **SR 1747** was adopted by voice vote.

Senators Pettey, Haley and Pittman introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1748—**

A RESOLUTION congratulating Kansas City Kansas Community College  
on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of serving the educational needs  
of Wyandotte County and the broader Kansas City region.

WHEREAS, The rich history of Kansas City Kansas Community College (KCKCC) began in 1923 when it offered its first classes as part of the Kansas City, Kansas School District in downtown Kansas City, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, KCKCC expanded its reach by establishing a permanent location on State Avenue, providing a dedicated space for its growing academic

programs; and

WHEREAS, KCKCC further strengthened its commitment to career and technical education through its 2008 merger with the Area Vocational Technical School, offering students a wider range of skills training opportunities; and

WHEREAS, KCKCC's commitment to expanding its reach is further demonstrated by its recent land acquisition in Leavenworth County, paving the way for a new educational facility; and

WHEREAS, KCKCC also continues to be a leader in innovative educational models, exemplified by its ongoing construction of the Kansas City Kansas Community Education, Health and Wellness Center in downtown Kansas City, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, KCKCC consistently serves a diverse student body of over 8,000 students annually, 51% of which being from Wyandotte County; and

WHEREAS, KCKCC provides a significant positive impact and boosts student success and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, In 2022 alone, Kansas' total educational investment in KCKCC of \$115.5 million returned \$764.9 million in new income, which supports 11,633 jobs in the region: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate Kansas City Kansas Community College (KCKCC) on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and

*Be it further resolved:* That we commend KCKCC for its unwavering dedication to providing quality, accessible education and fostering a skilled workforce for the Kansas City region; and

*Be it further resolved:* That we applaud KCKCC's leadership in creating innovative educational models and its commitment to serving a diverse student population, including its growing Hispanic student body; and

*Be it further resolved:* That we extend our best wishes for continued success to KCKCC as it embarks on its next chapter of service and innovation; and

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

On emergency motion of Senator Pettey **SR 1748** was adopted by voice vote.

Senators Haley and Faust-Goudeau introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1749—**

A RESOLUTION supporting the Kinaway Chamber of Commerce and the First Nations Leadership Development Trade Mission to Kansas.

WHEREAS, The United States and Australia have a shared interest in ensuring their trade and investment agenda delivers inclusive economic growth and benefits for everyone; and

WHEREAS, Both nations are committed to work together in genuine partnership with indigenous businesses and stakeholders in the United States and Australia, and grow opportunities for Indigenous Peoples to enjoy the economic prosperity created by their two-way trade and investment; and

WHEREAS, Both nations have welcomed the opportunities that will be created by the announcement of a new United States funding, which will work with Australian government programs to support ongoing dialogue, knowledge-sharing and increased business opportunities for Indigenous Peoples in the months and years ahead; and

WHEREAS, "Kinaway" means exchange in the Gunnai language and the Kinaway Chamber of Commerce is the lead body representing certified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses in Victoria; and

WHEREAS, The Kinaway Chamber of Commerce is a charity established with the purpose of advancing Victorian Aboriginal businesses to actively participate and excel in both the national and international economy; and

WHEREAS, The Kinaway Chamber of Commerce's focus is on changing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lives through a strength based model of business ownership and participation in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, The Kinaway Chamber of Commerce currently represents over 300 member businesses across numerous industries, more than 150 tier-one corporate partners, global alliance partners and thousands of supporters that directly contribute to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business development by increasing employment and ensuring better health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the Kinaway Chamber of Commerce hosts the Victorian Aboriginal Business Awards. In 2023 the awards included over 800 attendees. It is looking forward to an even larger event in 2024. Other Kinaway Chamber of Commerce events include the "Deadly in Melbourne-First Nations Business Expo"; and

WHEREAS, In the spirit of reconciliation and moving forward in unity, it is important that there is a meeting a meeting place for First Nations Australians, American Indians, new Australians and Global Alliance Friends to come together and share both the United State's and Australia's past and future; and

WHEREAS, Marking a milestone in the history of Australia, the Kinaway Chamber of Commerce Victoria Ltd. has lead the largest First Nations Leadership Development Trade Mission to America through its mission to the great state of Kansas, which seeks to establish new trade routes, collaborations and strengthen trade between the two nations: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That Kansas supports the Kinaway Chamber of Commerce and the First Nations Leadership Development Trade Mission to Kansas; and

*Be it further resolved:* That we affirm that the Kinaway Chamber of Commerce is the meeting place for Global First Nations business in Victoria; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Donald Betts and Senators Haley and Faust Goudeau.

On emergency motion of Senator Haley **SR 1749** was adopted by voice vote.

This particular delegation, the Kinaway AUS-OZ, is alleged to be the largest Australian trade mission of indigenous leadership to have ever reached our State. Indeed historic in that realization is too found a bit of history in and of itself with the return to this Chamber of our colleague, my former seatmate, my teacher, my mentor of whom I couldn't be more proud of if he were my biological son, the Honorable Senator (once a Senator ALWAYS a Senator), DONALD BETTS! You know Mr. President, looking back on the journey and lessons of our lives is often taken for granted; and actually, seldom done. Once we leave these hallowed halls, my experience (of now nearly 30 years here) is to seldom see any of us return to visit; even when fostering stronger ties and enhancing trade as is before us now. Senator Betts in spearheading this

trade mission from Australia is embodying the spirit of Sankofa or “going back, looking back in order to retrieve and to grow”, along with his beloved mother, Charmaine Betts, who too is with us today. Welcoming this delegation here is nothing short of historic! Godspeed and good luck to this indigenous Australian delegation: Senator Donald Betts; Charmaine Betts; Jenny Ockwell; Jane Tittums; Karen Millard; Trent Brickle; Lawrence Moser; David Parkins; Denny Francisco; Chris Elstoft (AUS Consul General); Brian Carnahan; AMB. Justin Mohamed; Jen Tomasik; Chelsea Harris; and Jason Briggs. —DAVID HALEY

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

The following appointment made by the Attorney General and submitted to the Senate for confirmation was introduced and the appointment letter read:

Richard Samaniego, Chair, Crime Victims Compensation Board (submitted: December 13, 2023)

### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The House accedes to the request of the Senate for a conference on **H Sub SB 233** and has appointed Representatives Landwehr, Eplee and Ruiz, S. as conferees on the part of the House.

The House accedes to the request of the Senate for a conference on **SB 340** and has appointed Representatives Sutton, Clifford and Neighbor as conferees on the part of the House.

Announcing passage of **Sub HB 2273; HB 2800, HB 2816**.

Announcing passage of **SB 399**.

The House adopts the Conference Committee report to agree to disagree on **H Sub SB 233**, and has appointed Representatives Landwehr, Eplee and Ruiz, S. as Second conferees on the part of the House.

The House announced the appointment of Representatives Waymaster, Hoffman and Helgerson to replace Representatives Sutton, Penn and Neighbor as conferees on **SB 28**.

### INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

**Sub HB 2273; HB 2800, HB 2816** were thereupon introduced and read by title.

### CONSIDERATION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS

Citing Senate Rule 11(b), Senator Steffen motioned to withdraw **SB 286** from the Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** and move the bill to the Calendar under the heading of **General Orders**, below the line.

### FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

**HB 2481**, AN ACT concerning roads and highways; designating portions of K-96 highway as the PFC Henry Lee Fisher memorial highway and the 96th Infantry Division memorial highway; designating bridge No. 160-96-293.72 in Sumner county as the SrA Derek Scott Martin memorial bridge; amending K.S.A. 68-1044 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Baumgardner, Billinger, Blasi, Bowers, Claeys, Corson, Dietrich, Doll, Erickson, Fagg, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Holland, Holscher, Kerschen, Kloos, Longbine, Masterson, McGinn, O'Shea, Olson, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Pittman, Pyle, Reddi, Ryckman, Shallenburger, Steffen, Straub, Sykes, Thompson, Tyson, Ware, Warren, Wilborn.

The bill passed, as amended.

**HB 2498**, AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to license plates; providing for the first city of Kansas distinctive license plate; requiring certain license plates to have the county of registration for the motor vehicle identified or the plate, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Baumgardner, Billinger, Blasi, Bowers, Claeys, Corson, Dietrich, Doll, Erickson, Fagg, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Holland, Holscher, Kerschen, Kloos, Longbine, Masterson, McGinn, O'Shea, Olson, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Pittman, Pyle, Reddi, Ryckman, Shallenburger, Steffen, Straub, Sykes, Thompson, Tyson, Ware, Warren, Wilborn.

The bill passed, as amended.

**HB 2629**, AN ACT concerning children and minors; relating to the state child death review board; replacing sudden infant death with sudden unexplained infant death; requiring the secretary for health and environment to provide a death certificate to the state child death review board; listing requirements for notification of a deceased child; increasing the number of members appointed by the state board of healing arts to the state child death review board; allowing for compensation for board members; providing for the disclosure of certain records to certain persons for securing grants and public officials for supplemental information to the board's annual report; directing that records be kept for 15 years after a case is closed; amending K.S.A. 22a-242, 22a-243 and 22a-244 and repealing the existing sections, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Baumgardner, Billinger, Blasi, Bowers, Claeys, Corson, Dietrich, Doll, Erickson, Fagg, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Holland, Holscher, Kerschen, Kloos, Longbine, Masterson, McGinn, O'Shea, Olson, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Pittman, Pyle, Reddi, Ryckman, Shallenburger, Steffen, Straub, Sykes, Thompson, Tyson, Ware, Warren, Wilborn.

The bill passed, as amended.

**HB 2745**, AN ACT concerning occupational licensing; relating to occupational licensing, certification and registration fees; providing that military spouses of active military servicemembers shall be exempted from all such fees; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 48-3406 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Baumgardner, Billinger, Blasi, Bowers, Claeys, Corson, Dietrich, Doll, Erickson, Fagg, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Holland, Holscher, Kerschen, Kloos, Longbine, Masterson, McGinn, O'Shea, Olson, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Pittman, Pyle, Reddi, Ryckman, Shallenburger, Steffen, Straub, Sykes, Thompson, Tyson, Ware, Warren, Wilborn.

The bill passed.

**HB 2760**, AN ACT concerning veterans and military; relating to the transfer of powers, duties and functions of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office; establishing the Kansas office of veterans services; updating the veterans claims assistance program to include references to veterans affairs medical centers and cross-accreditation requirements; amending K.S.A. 21-6630, 39-923, 65-1732, 65-2418, 73-209, 73-210, 73-230, 73-1209, 73-1210a, 73-1211, 73-1217, 73-1218, 73-1222, 73-1223, 73-1225, 73-1231, 73-1232, 73-1233, 73-1234, 73-1235, 73-1236, 73-1238, 73-1239, 73-1241, 73-1242, 73-1243, 75-3370, 75-4362, 76-6b05, 76-1904, 76-1904a, 76-1906, 76-1908, 76-1927, 76-1928, 76-1929, 76-1931, 76-1932, 76-1935, 76-1935a, 76-1936, 76-1939, 76-1941, 76-1951, 76-1952, 76-1953, 76-1954, 76-1955, 76-1956, 76-1957, 76-1958 and 79-3221k and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 32-934, 74-2012, 75-3740 and 77-440 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 73-1208d, 73-1208e and 73-1208f, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Baumgardner, Billinger, Blasi, Bowers, Claeys, Corson, Dietrich, Doll, Erickson, Fagg, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Holland, Holscher, Kerschen, Kloos, Longbine, Masterson, McGinn, O'Shea, Olson, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Pittman, Pyle, Reddi, Ryckman, Shallenburger, Steffen, Straub, Sykes, Thompson, Tyson, Ware, Warren, Wilborn.

The bill passed, as amended.

**HB 2790**, AN ACT concerning labor and employment; relating to professional employer organizations; transferring registration requirements, related compliance oversight and enforcement authority for such organizations from the commissioner of insurance to the secretary of state, effective January 1, 2025; requiring the filing of initial and renewal registration applications, reports, financial statements and other assurance documents with the secretary; providing for fees to be submitted to the secretary and granting the secretary responsibility over the professional employer organization fee fund; ensuring that welfare benefit plans offered by professional employer organizations to employees and covered employees are treated as a single employer welfare benefit plan for purposes of state law; amending K.S.A. 44-1702, 44-1704, 44-1705, 44-1706, 44-1708, 44-1709 and 44-1710 and repealing the existing sections, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 39; Nays 0; Present and Passing 1; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Baumgardner, Billinger, Blasi, Bowers, Claeys, Corson, Dietrich, Doll, Erickson, Fagg, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Holscher, Kerschen, Kloos, Longbine, Masterson, McGinn, O'Shea, Olson, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Pittman, Pyle, Reddi, Ryckman, Shallenburger, Steffen, Straub, Sykes, Thompson, Tyson, Ware, Warren, Wilborn.

Present and Passing: Holland.

The bill passed, as amended.

#### CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on House amendments to **H Sub SB 233** submits the following report:

Your committee on conference agrees to disagree and recommends that a new conference committee be appointed;

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

BRENDA LANDWEHR

JOHN EPLEE

SUSAN RUIZ

*Conferees on part of House*

BEVERLY GOSSAGE

RENEE ERICKSON

PAT PETTEY

*Conferees on part of Senate*

On motion of Senator Gossage the Senate adopted the conference committee report on **H Sub SB 233**, and requested a new conference be appointed.

The President appointed Senators Gossage, Erickson and Pettey as a second Conference Committee on the part of the Senate on **H Sub SB 233**.

#### **CHANGE OF REFERENCE**

The President withdrew **S Sub HB 2646** from the Calendar under the heading of **General Orders**, and jointly referred the bill to the Committee on **Ways and Means** and the Committee on **Financial Institutions and Insurance**.

#### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Committee on **Agriculture and Natural Resources** recommends **HB 2477** be amended on page 1, in line 23, by striking "for"; in line 25, after the comma by inserting "may receive"; also in line 25, after "site" by inserting "as provided herein and evidenced by receipts for any eligible corrective action costs, but the total reimbursement"; also in line 25, after "exceed" by inserting "\$300,000. If an eligible person has paid at least \$2,000 for eligible corrective action costs at a site, such person may receive reimbursement in"; in line 27, by striking "\$1,000 and less than or equal to" and inserting "\$2,000 until such person has received"; also in line 27, after "(B)" by inserting "additional reimbursement in an amount equal to"; also in line 27, after "of" by inserting "additional"; in line 28, by striking all after "costs"; in line 29, by striking all before the period and inserting "until such person has received an additional \$200,000 in reimbursement"; in line 33, by striking all after the period; by striking all in lines 34 through 36;

On page 2, by striking all in lines 1 through 4;

On page 3, in line 4, by striking "energy" and inserting "agriculture"; also in line 4, after "resources" by inserting "or any successor committee"; in line 5, by striking "environment" and inserting "agriculture and natural resources or any successor committee";

On page 1, in the title, in line 3, by striking "and"; by striking all in line 4; in line 5, by striking all before the semicolon; and the bill be passed as amended.

Also, **HB 2543** be amended on page 1, in line 20, by striking "receiving"; also in line 20, after "determination" by inserting "being sent by the animal health commissioner"; in line 33, after "unlawful" by inserting "and subject to penalties as provided in K.S.A. 47-421, and amendments thereto"; in line 35, by striking "holding" and inserting

"wanting to renew";

On page 2, in line 1, after "title" by inserting "held by such person"; in line 11, after "unlawful" by inserting "and subject to penalties as provided in K.S.A. 47-421, and amendments thereto"; in line 21, after "the" by inserting "total of the"; also in line 21, by striking "or"; also in line 21, before "renewal" by inserting "and"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Commerce** recommends **Sub HB 2570** be amended on page 16, in line 30, by striking all after "through" and inserting "2027, 25%";

(ii) calendar year 2028, 30%;

(iii) calendar year 2029, 35%;

(iv) calendar years 2030 through 2031, 40%; and";

Also on page 16, in line 31, by striking "2031" and inserting "2032"; in line 32, by striking all after "(a)"; in line 33, by striking all before the semicolon and inserting "40%, except as provided in subclause (b)"; in line 34, by striking all after "45%"; in line 35, by striking all before the period and inserting "if any combination of employer rate schedules G through M, as provided in K.S.A. 44-710a(a)(4)(C), and amendments thereto, is in effect for any five consecutive preceding calendar years occurring after calendar year 2031. The specified percentage of 45% shall then remain in effect for all ensuing calendar years thereafter notwithstanding any changes to the employer rate schedules in effect during such ensuing calendar years";

On page 17, in line 7, by striking "(A)(i) through (vii)" and inserting "(A)";

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

On page 27, in line 33, after "benefits" by inserting "allowed"; also in line 33, after "year" by inserting "pursuant to paragraph (1)"; in line 34, by striking all before "traditional" and inserting "apply to the combined total of any weeks of"; also in line 34, by striking "or" and inserting "and"; in line 35, after "unemployment" by inserting "in such benefit year";

On page 48, in line 24, by striking "may" and inserting "shall"; also in line 24, by striking the first "the" and inserting "a";

On page 56, in line 16, by striking "subsection (e)(1)" and inserting "paragraph";

On page 58, in line 8, after "(E)" by inserting "(i)"; in line 10, before "If" by inserting:

"(ii)";

Also on page 58, in line 18, after the stricken material by inserting:

"(iii)";

Also on page 58, in line 19, by striking "the" and inserting "an"; in line 21, by striking the first "the" and inserting "a"; also in line 21, by striking "will" and inserting "shall";

On page 62, in line 14, by striking "2.7%" and inserting "1.75%"; in line 16, by striking "6%" and inserting "5.55%";

On page 63, in line 22, by striking all after "(ii)"; by striking all in lines 23 through 27; in line 28, by striking all before the period and inserting: "(a) Beginning on July 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, active negative rated employers shall be eligible for a calculated negative debt write-off and forgiveness amount as determined pursuant to this subclause. If on any computation date an employer's account registers a negative reserve ratio less than or equal to -7.150%, a portion of benefit charges shall be

conditionally forgiven and removed from the employer's account in order to bring the employer's account to a reserve ratio of -7.150%, and the employer shall be assigned to rate group N11, as set forth in paragraph (4)(C)(ii) for the next three calendar years.

(b) Negative rated employers affected by the conditional write-off provision pursuant to subclause (a) shall have the option to avoid a negative debt write-off and assignment to rate group N11 for the next three calendar years by submitting a voluntary contribution pursuant to subsection (c) equal to or greater than the amount necessary to establish their account reserve ratio to an amount equal to or greater than -7.149% for the next calendar year";

Also on page 63, in line 33, by striking "7" and inserting "(G)"; also in line 33, by striking "(a)(4)(B)(ii)" and inserting "(a)(4)(C)(ii)";

On page 64, in line 27, after "(4)(A)" by inserting "*Contribution Schedules.*"; in line 30, after "(B)" by inserting "*Published calculated maximum annual tax amounts per employee.*"; also in line 30, by striking "prepare" and inserting "publish corresponding"; also in line 30, by striking "rate" and inserting "amount"; in line 32, by striking "the previous, current and ensuing rate year" and inserting "each rate group"; in line 33, by striking "rate" and inserting "amount"; also in line 33, by striking all after "published"; in line 34, by striking all before "on";

On page 65, by striking all in lines 24 through 43;

On page 66, by striking all in lines 1 through 36 and inserting:

"Fund Control Table A  
For Rate Year 2025 and Ensuing Calendar Years

KS SUTA Tax Rate Schedules		Lower AHCM Threshold	Upper Solvency/Credit AHCM Threshold	Solvency/Credit Adjustment	Proportional Solvency/Credit Adjustment
	M	-1,000.00000	-0.00001	1.00%	0.05128%
	L	0.00000	0.24999	1.70%	0.04359%
Solvency Schedules	K	0.25000	0.44999	1.40%	0.03590%
	J	0.45000	0.59999	1.10%	0.02821%
(H-M)	I	0.60000	0.69999	0.80%	0.02051%
	H	0.70000	0.74999	0.50%	0.01282%
Standard Schedule (G)	G	0.75000	1.24999	0.00%	0.00000%
	F	1.25000	1.29999	-0.50%	-0.01282%
Credit Schedules	E	1.30000	1.39999	-0.80%	-0.02051%
	D	1.40000	1.54999	-1.10%	-0.02821%
(A-F)	C	1.55000	1.74999	-1.40%	-0.03590%
	B	1.75000	1.99999	-1.70%	-0.04359%
	A	2.00000	1,000.00000	-2.00%	-0.05128%";

Also on page 66, in line 38, by striking "7" and inserting "G"; in line 43, by striking "7" and inserting "G"; also in line 43, by striking "1" and inserting "H"; also in line 43,

by striking "6" and inserting "M";

On page 67, in line 1, by striking "8" and inserting "A"; also in line 1, by striking "13" and inserting "F"; also in line 1, by striking "with"; by striking all in lines 2 through 4; in line 5, by striking all before the period; in line 20, by striking "7" and inserting "G"; in line 24, by striking "0.10%" and inserting "0.05%"; in line 25, by striking "0.20%" and inserting "0.10%"; in line 26, by striking "0.30%" and inserting "0.15%"; in line 27, by striking "0.40%" and inserting "0.25%"; in line 28, by striking "0.50%" and inserting "0.35%"; in line 29, by striking "0.60%" and inserting "0.45%"; in line 30, by striking "0.70%" and inserting "0.55%"; in line 31, by striking "0.80%" and inserting "0.70%"; in line 32, by striking "0.90%" and inserting "0.85%"; in line 34, by striking "1.10%" and inserting "1.15%"; in line 35, by striking "1.20%" and inserting "1.35%"; in line 36, by striking "1.30%" and inserting "1.55%"; in line 37, by striking "1.40%" and inserting "1.75%"; in line 38, by striking "1.50%" and inserting "1.95%"; in line 39, by striking "1.60%" and inserting "2.20%"; in line 40, by striking "1.70%" and inserting "2.45%"; in line 41, by striking "1.80%" and inserting "2.70%"; in line 42, by striking "1.90%" and inserting "2.95%"; in line 43, by striking "2.00%" and inserting "3.25%";

On page 68, in line 1, by striking "2.10%" and inserting "3.55%"; in line 2, by striking "2.20%" and inserting "3.85%"; in line 3, by striking "2.30%" and inserting "4.15%"; in line 4, by striking "2.40%" and inserting "4.50%"; in line 5, by striking "2.50%" and inserting "4.85%"; in line 6, by striking "2.60%" and inserting "5.20%"; in line 7, by striking "2.70%" and inserting "5.55%"; in line 8, by striking "5.60%" and inserting "5.85%"; in line 9, by striking "5.80%" and inserting "6.15%"; in line 10, by striking "6.00%" and inserting "6.45%"; in line 11, by striking "6.20%" and inserting "6.75%"; in line 12, by striking "6.40%" and inserting "7.00%"; in line 13, by striking "6.60%" and inserting "7.25%"; in line 14, by striking "6.80%" and inserting "7.50%"; in line 15, by striking "7.00%" and inserting "7.75%"; in line 16, by striking "7.20%" and inserting "7.95%"; in line 17, by striking "7.40%" and inserting "8.15%"; in line 18, by striking "7.60%" and inserting "8.35%"; by striking all in lines 19 through 44;

By striking all on pages 69 through 71;

On page 72, by striking all in lines 1 through 4; following line 4 by inserting:  
"SOLVENCY RATE SCHEDULES (H-M)

Rate	L	K	J	I	H
00.05%	0.04%	0.04%	0.03%	0.02%	0.01%
10.15%	0.14%	0.12%	0.11%	0.09%	0.08%
20.25%	0.23%	0.21%	0.18%	0.16%	0.14%
30.36%	0.32%	0.29%	0.18%	0.16%	0.14%
40.51%	0.47%	0.43%	0.39%	0.35%	0.31%
50.66%	0.61%	0.57%	0.52%	0.47%	0.43%
60.81%	0.76%	0.70%	0.65%	0.59%	0.54%
70.96%	0.90%	0.84%	0.78%	0.71%	0.65%
81.16%	1.09%	1.02%	0.95%	0.88%	0.82%
91.36%	1.29%	1.21%	1.13%	1.06%	0.98%
101.56%	1.48%	1.39%	1.31%	1.23%	1.14%
111.77%	1.67%	1.58%	1.49%	1.40%	1.30%
122.02%	1.92%	1.82%	1.72%	1.62%	1.52%
132.27%	2.16%	2.05%	1.94%	1.84%	1.73%
142.52%	2.40%	2.29%	2.17%	2.06%	1.94%

152.77%	2.65%	2.52%	2.40%	2.28%	2.16%
163.07%	2.94%	2.81%	2.68%	2.55%	2.42%
173.37%	3.23%	3.10%	2.96%	2.82%	2.68%
183.67%	3.53%	3.38%	3.24%	3.09%	2.94%
193.98%	3.82%	3.67%	3.51%	3.36%	3.21%
204.33%	4.17%	4.00%	3.84%	3.68%	3.52%
214.68%	4.51%	4.34%	4.17%	4.00%	3.83%
225.03%	4.85%	4.68%	4.50%	4.32%	4.14%
235.38%	5.20%	5.01%	4.83%	4.64%	4.46%
245.78%	5.59%	5.40%	5.21%	5.01%	4.82%
256.18%	5.98%	5.78%	5.58%	5.38%	5.18%
266.58%	6.38%	6.17%	5.96%	5.75%	5.55%
276.99%	6.77%	6.56%	6.34%	6.12%	5.91%
N17.34%	7.11%	6.89%	6.67%	6.44%	6.22%
N27.69%	7.46%	7.23%	7.00%	6.77%	6.53%
N38.04%	7.80%	7.56%	7.32%	7.09%	6.85%
N48.39%	8.14%	7.90%	7.65%	7.41%	7.16%
N58.69%	8.44%	8.18%	7.93%	7.68%	7.42%
N68.99%	8.73%	8.47%	8.21%	7.95%	7.69%
N79.29%	9.03%	8.76%	8.49%	8.22%	7.95%
N89.60%	9.32%	9.04%	8.77%	8.49%	8.21%
N99.85%	9.56%	9.28%	8.99%	8.71%	8.42%
N1010.10%	9.81%	9.51%	9.22%	8.93%	8.64%
N1110.35%	10.05%	9.75%	9.45%	9.15%	8.85%

CREDIT RATE SCHEDULES (A-F)

Rate	E	D	C	B	A
GroupF					
00.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
10.02%	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
20.06%	0.04%	0.02%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
30.10%	0.07%	0.04%	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%
40.19%	0.15%	0.11%	0.07%	0.03%	0.00%
50.27%	0.23%	0.18%	0.13%	0.09%	0.04%
60.36%	0.31%	0.25%	0.20%	0.14%	0.09%
70.45%	0.39%	0.32%	0.26%	0.20%	0.14%
80.58%	0.52%	0.45%	0.38%	0.31%	0.24%
90.72%	0.64%	0.57%	0.49%	0.41%	0.34%
100.86%	0.77%	0.69%	0.61%	0.52%	0.44%
111.00%	0.90%	0.81%	0.72%	0.63%	0.53%
121.18%	1.08%	0.98%	0.88%	0.78%	0.68%
131.37%	1.26%	1.16%	1.05%	0.94%	0.83%
141.56%	1.44%	1.33%	1.21%	1.10%	0.98%
151.74%	1.62%	1.50%	1.38%	1.25%	1.13%
161.98%	1.85%	1.72%	1.59%	1.46%	1.33%
172.22%	2.08%	1.94%	1.80%	1.67%	1.53%
182.46%	2.32%	2.16%	2.02%	1.87%	1.73%
192.69%	2.54%	2.39%	2.23%	2.08%	1.92%
202.98%	2.82%	2.66%	2.50%	2.33%	2.17%
213.27%	3.10%	2.93%	2.76%	2.59%	2.42%
223.56%	3.38%	3.20%	3.02%	2.85%	2.67%
233.84%	3.66%	3.47%	3.29%	3.10%	2.92%

244.18%	3.99%	3.79%	3.60%	3.41%	3.22%
254.52%	4.32%	4.12%	3.92%	3.72%	3.52%
264.85%	4.65%	4.44%	4.23%	4.02%	3.82%
275.19%	4.98%	4.76%	4.54%	4.33%	4.11%
N15.48%	5.26%	5.03%	4.81%	4.59%	4.36%
N25.77%	5.53%	5.30%	5.07%	4.84%	4.61%
N36.05%	5.81%	5.58%	5.34%	5.10%	4.86%
N46.34%	6.09%	5.85%	5.60%	5.36%	5.11%
N56.58%	6.32%	6.07%	5.82%	5.56%	5.31%
N66.81%	6.55%	6.29%	6.03%	5.77%	5.51%
N77.05%	6.78%	6.51%	6.24%	5.97%	5.71%
N87.29%	7.01%	6.73%	6.46%	6.18%	5.90%
N97.48%	7.19%	6.91%	6.62%	6.34%	6.05%
N107.66%	7.37%	7.08%	6.76%	6.49%	6.20%
N117.85%	7.55%	7.25%	6.95%	6.65%	6.35%

(iii) Not less than 30 days prior to each calendar year, the secretary shall publish the effective contribution schedules for the previous four rate years and ensuing rate year on a publicly accessible website maintained by the secretary.";

And the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Education** recommends **HB 2646** be amended by substituting with a new bill to be designated as "Senate Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 2646," as follows:

"Senate Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 2646

By Committee on Education

"AN ACT concerning education; relating to teachers; defining teachers for purposes of the Kansas public employees retirement system; transferring teachers from the Kansas public employees retirement system act of 2015 to the Kansas public employees retirement system act of 2009; amending K.S.A. 74-49,301 and repealing the existing section.";

And the substitute bill be passed.

Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** recommends **HB 2056** be amended by substituting with a new bill to be designated as "Senate Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 2056," as follows:

"Senate Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 2056

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

"AN ACT concerning firearms; relating to the possession thereof; clarifying the eligibility requirements to obtain a license to carry a concealed handgun under the personal and family protection act; requiring that a license be surrendered to the attorney general upon suspension or revocation of such license; amending K.S.A. 75-7c07 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 75-7c04 and repealing the existing sections.";

And the substitute bill be passed.

Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **HB 2549**, **HB 2741** be passed.

Also, **HB 2632** be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

The Committee on **Public Health and Welfare** recommends **HB 2453**, **HB 2578**, **HB 2484**, **HB 2754** be passed.

Also, **HB 2547** be amended on page 2, in line 14, by striking all after "(b)"; by striking all in lines 15 through 22; in line 23, by striking "(c)"; in line 29, by striking

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"(c)" and inserting "(b)";

On page 4, in line 39, after "conducted" by inserting "by a school nurse, physician or mid-level practitioner"; and the bill be passed as amended.

On motion of Senator Alley, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Thursday, March 21, 2024.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks.*

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

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