

# Journal of the House

## FORTY-SECOND DAY

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HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
TOPEKA, KS, Monday, March 18, 2019, 11:00 a.m.

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

The roll was called with 123 members present.

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

Prayer by guest chaplain, Rev. Everett Schultz, Pastor, First Mennonite Church, Pretty Prairie, and guest of Rep. Seiwert:

Our Father in Heaven,

We come before Thee this morning thanking You for the many blessings You have bestowed upon our great nation and upon this great state of Kansas. I want to thank You that this great state still opens each session of this House with prayer. Your Word tells us that where two or three are gathered together in Your name, there You are in the midst of them. So, I thank You that You are with us in this House right now.

I come before You today to ask for Your wisdom and guidance to be given to these people in this great hall. There are so many issues that must be addressed and probably at times these people feel that the problems are too complex to be resolved. The decisions they make will affect our children and grand-children. And yet, I know that You can provide the wisdom and guidance to solve the needs of this state and provide a better state for years to come. Father, Your word says that "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Your word also states that "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, that gives to all men liberally and without reproach; and it will be given him." Therefore, Father, I ask that You give wisdom and understanding. I pray that they will be able to make decisions that meet the needs of this great state not only for us today, but also for our children and grand-children.

Father, please bestow Your wisdom upon these people. Give them encouragement. Give them guidance. Help them to be able to discern the right decisions. Keep them from buckling to the pressures that is all around them. Help them to represent the people who elected them, and to look out for all the people's interests, when there may be times when it is difficult to stay the course.

During the remaining days of this year's session; I ask for Your encouragement, Your wisdom, and Your guidance to direct the decisions that are made. May their decisions be made according to Your will. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Seiwert.

### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

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

On March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018, I presented the 2017 Sabetha Bluejay football team in the House chamber. The team was recognized for winning their third state football championship in November of 2017. At the same time Elliott Strahm was congratulated for winning an individual wrestling title. Sabetha fans had enjoyed quite a successful athletic season.

The fans could never have imagined what would happen from that day in March, 2018 until the end of November. In May, our student athletes won state in Golf and Baseball. The girls 4x800 relay took home a gold medal at the state track and field tournament. Not to be outdone by the athletes on the gridiron, diamond or track, the FFA Rituals team also won first place at state.

When the 2018-2019 school year began, everyone knew we had a good football team. But could we win another state championship? The football team went 13-0 and ended the season with a thrilling 43-42 overtime victory over Pratt.

Today, I am recognizing some of the players and coaches of the 2018 state baseball champions and the 2018 back-to-back state football champions. Most of the players and coaches are in the gallery. Anyone who plays a team sport knows it takes everyone on the team to win so before I mention the accomplishments of the individuals on the floor I want to thank all the players and coaches in the gallery for the thrilling moments you brought to our lives.

### **2018 STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONS**

#### **Team Accomplishments:**

- Seeded 7th at the State Tournament and beat #1, #2 and #3 seeds
- Never trailed in a game in the month of May
- Team on Base Percentage of .514
- State Champions in second year of program

#### **Individual Honors:**

- Gabe Garber - Sports in Kansas 2018 3A Co-Player of the Year  
1st Team All State 3A Outfield
- Blake Frey - 1st Team All State 3A Outfield
- Brayden Becker - 1st Team All State 3A Pitcher
- Brandon Brownlee - 2nd Team All State Catcher
- Joe Gruber - 2nd Team All State Infield
- Seth Burdick - Honorable Mention All State Infield
- Riley Herrmann - Honorable Mention All State Outfield
- Braden Argabright-Starting & Winning Pitcher - State Championship game
- Aaron Frey - Coach of the Year (3A)

### 2017 and 2018 BACK 2 BACK STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

#### Team Accomplishments:

- 13-0 (26-1 record the last two years)
- 1st Back 2 Back State Championships in Big 7 League History  
(1926 to Present)
- 20 Consecutive Game Win Streak – Longest current win streak in  
11-man football
- Big 7 League Champions

#### Individual Honors:

- Elliott Strahm - Sports in Kansas - 2 Time Defensive Player of the Year  
(2017 & 2018)  
Top 11 Defensive Lineman All Classes
- Cauy Rokey - Sports in Kansas-Co-Defensive Player of the Year (2018)  
1st Team All State 3A Linebacker
- Braeden Cox - 1st Team All State 3A Kicker and Defensive Back
- Joseph Gruber - 1st Team All State 3A Punter
- Kamden Brownlee - HM All State 3A Defensive Lineman
- Gabe Garber - HM All State 3A Linebacker
- Garrett Michael - Coach of the Year (All Classes)

Rep. Garber present framed House certificates to members of the Sabetha Bluejays in honor of their many achievements.

### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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

This past summer on June 26th, a tornado hit the southwest corner of Eureka and made a path to the northeast corner of town where it hit the Eureka High School facility. At daylight the next morning at the command post, I ran into my legislative friend Eric Smith, who had spent the night in securing the area and accounting for those trapped and missing. He told me to hop in and we'd take a tour. When we got to the high school area, the thing that hit me the hardest was a sign hanging limply on the destroyed grandstand that said "Tornado Alley." It was evident that the football field, track, and second gymnasium were damaged beyond repair.

When football season started for these boys two months later, every game was an away game and they had to find a place to practice that wasn't contaminated by the glass, nails, and debris of the tornado. The boys won a few ballgames but I know they were very excited to start wrestling practice in the part of the facility that was not damaged. As the year went on, success came to them as they won their own prestigious Eureka Invitational tournament and finished first in the Fredonia Regional tournament. But there were still skeptics who wondered if they could keep up with those great western Kansas schools who had dominated state 3-2-1A wrestling for decades.

During the first day of the state tournament, they took a large lead and on the second day continued to be successful, winning away. This was the first time that a school east of Wichita and Salina and south of Topeka had ever won a state championship.

At this time, I'd like to introduce the wrestlers who participated in the state tournament:

106#, freshman Connor Booth-Hughes

113# three times state champion Kendall Beitz

120# two time state champion Kolby Beitz - and yes, you remember, I introduced these twin brothers on the floor last season

138# Brenan Lowe who won his first state championship

152# sophomore Brent Escareno who finished second

160# freshman Garrison Spoons who contributed points but did not medal.

Heavyweight division Jonathan Turner who contributed points but did not medal.

They are accompanied by their coaches Mike Davison and Tyler Lowe

The rest of the Eureka wrestling team are in the balcony and I ask that you join me in recognizing the 3-2-1A state wrestling team for 2019.

Rep. Hibbard presented the team framed House certificates in honor of their accomplishments.

### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

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

Two years ago, I recognized Nico Hernandez on the house floor for winning a bronze medal at the 2016 Olympic Games. In the two years following that visit, he has gone undefeated as a professional fighter with a current record of 7 wins and no losses. Nico is the International Boxing Federation's National and World Champion and he just had his 7th professional fight aired live on national television.

Nico has brought some of the largest promoters in the sport of boxing here to the state of Kansas and he will be fighting once again on May 18th at Century II in Wichita. I am a supportive fan of Nico and attend the boxing matches in Wichita. Nico is not only a champion in the ring, he is also a champion outside of the ring. Nico has recently agreed to serve as the Grand Marshall for the inaugural year of the Wichita Chisolm Trail Marathon. The purpose of this first-year marathon is to foster a premier regional sporting event that magnifies the culture of Kansas, while runners and community come together to make a sizable donation to The United Way of the Plains. The Wichita Chisolm Trail Marathon will be held on March 24th in the heart of downtown Wichita and will be one of the fastest and flattest qualifying courses for the Boston and New York Marathons, as well as the Olympic trials!

Joining Team Nico today are Race Director Michael Langston and his wife Amanda, as well as their 3 children Tate, Parker and Rose. Also with Nico today are his fiance, parents and manager. They would all like to thank the great State of Kansas for their shared community and continued support, and they look forward to bringing even greater sporting events to our state in years to come!"

### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The following bill was introduced and read by title:

**HB 2400**, AN ACT concerning food products; enacting the kratom consumer protection act, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

**REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

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

Elections: **SCR 1605**.

Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications: **SB 69**.

Judiciary: **SB 150**.

K-12 Education Budget: **SB 142**.

**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**HB 2001** approved on March 14, 2019.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

No objection was made to **SB 40**, **SB 41**, **SB 59** appearing on the Consent Calendar for the first day.

No objection was made to **HB 2188**, **SB 193** appearing on the Consent Calendar for the second day.

Objection was made to **SB 61** appearing on the Consent Calendar; the bill was placed on the Calendar under the heading General Orders.

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES**

Speaker pro tem Finch announced the appointment of Rep. Parker to replace Rep. Frownfelter on Committee on Insurance on March 18, 2019.

On motion of Rep. Hawkins, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks*.

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk*.

