

Journal of the House

SEVENTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 11:00 a.m.

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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

It is my honor today to present to you for your recognition, the Lansing High School Lady Lions Volleyball Team, the Kansas 5A Volleyball Champions. Theirs is a story of determination and dedication. They began the season with an opening loss to last year's championship team. That could have been the end of their season but these girls had more in mind than just quitting after one loss. They recovered quickly from that opening loss and won 38 straight matches in a row with only one goal in mind, win the state championship.

Through their determination and experience, they were able to win state with a 38-1 record and create history by giving Lansing volleyball their first state title in 5A Girls Volleyball. They never lost sight of their goal throughout the season as with each practice and each game they got closer to their goal. This team was and always will be unique because of their senior leadership and great coaching.

Today before you, I would like to introduce the coaches and team members who join me on the House floor. Head Coach of the team is Lindsay Zych with Assistant Coach Wes Cackler. Seniors are Caitlin Bishop, Kamryn Farris, Iyannah Jackson, Mackenzie Manthe, McKenzie Moburg, and Olivia Mae VanDerWerff. The rest of the Lansing Lady Lions joining me are Skylar Weaver, Taelyn Jones, Jessi Ritchhart, Anna Laincz, Ashlynn Jaccard, Tabor Scanlon, Virginia VanDerWerffand Mikenna Matzeder.

Coach Zych, because of your team's outstanding accomplishment, the Kansas House of Representatives would like to present to you this Certificate of Recognition for your team's ability to reach their 2021 goal in volleyball and for further success in their future lives.

Rep. French presented coach Zych with a framed House certificate in recognition of the team's accomplishments.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

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

HB 2492, AN ACT concerning certain claims against the state; making appropriations; authorizing certain transfers; imposing certain restrictions and limitations; directing or authorizing certain disbursements, procedures and acts incidental to the foregoing, by Committee on Joint Committee on Special Claims Against the State.

HB 2493, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to classifications of real property; providing certain requirements for property classified for residential purposes and land devoted to agricultural use; amending K.S.A. 79-1439 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2494, AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to sales and compensating use tax; providing for sales tax exemption for DCCCA, inc.; amending K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 79-3606 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2495, AN ACT concerning records; relating to personal information about affiliation with organizations exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(c) of the federal internal revenue code; prohibiting a public agency from disclosing information related to such affiliation and providing exemptions, by Committee on Judiciary.

HB 2496, AN ACT concerning family law; relating to arbitration agreements; enacting the uniform family law arbitration act, by Committee on Judiciary.

HB 2497, AN ACT concerning economic development; enacting the attracting powerful economic expansion act; relating to tax and other incentives for projects in specified industries or for a national corporate headquarters with specified capital investment requirements of at least \$1,000,000,000; providing for a refundable income, privilege and premium tax credit for a portion of such investment; reimbursement of certain payroll costs and training and education costs; retention of certain payroll withholding taxes; sales tax exemption for project construction and a property tax incentive for certain projects located in a foreign trade zone; establishing the attracting powerful economic expansion payroll incentive fund and the attracting powerful economic expansion new employee training and education fund; amending K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 79-3606 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. HCR 5023—

By Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION denouncing price gouging and market manipulation in the natural gas marketplace and supporting investigations into the extraordinary price increases of wholesale natural gas during the extreme cold weather event of February 2021.

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas was gripped by an historic stretch of cold temperatures when a persistent arctic airmass settled across the region from February 6, 2021, through February 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The extreme stretch of cold weather sent the wholesale price of natural gas skyrocketing, which led to significant spikes in natural gas and electricity prices for all Kansans; and

WHEREAS, During the 2021 legislative session, the Kansas Legislature took immediate action to alleviate the drastic financial impacts caused by the spike in utility costs by authorizing financial relief options for wholesale natural gas customers of the state through the authorization of loan programs for extraordinary utility costs; and

WHEREAS, All Kansans will continue to experience significant financial impacts from the cold weather event as the unprecedented utility costs are passed through to Kansas utility customers over the next decade; and

WHEREAS, The Attorney General of the State of Kansas possesses legal authority to investigate and take corrective action if any natural gas or utility price increases were a result of profiteering during a natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the Attorney General has announced that the Office of the Attorney General is investigating whether any such profiteering occurred and whether any corrective action is justified; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission possesses legal authority to investigate natural gas market behavior and take corrective action if a market participant participated in price gouging or market manipulation; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is investigating potential instances of natural gas market manipulation during the cold weather event and continues to review actions of market participants during such cold weather event to determine whether further investigations are merited; and

WHEREAS, Should any such state or federal investigations lead to corrective action or settlement, the state and federal entities that oversee the provision of public utility services, including, but not limited to, the Kansas Corporation Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, cooperatives and municipalities, are strongly encouraged to protect the interests of affected ratepayers: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein: That the Kansas Legislature denounces any and all instances of price gouging and market manipulation in the natural gas marketplace and, specifically, any such instances that occurred during the extreme cold weather event of February 2021 when the provision of utility services were of paramount importance for Kansans; and

Be it further resolved: That the Kansas Legislature supports the ongoing state and federal efforts to investigate the significant increases to the price of wholesale natural gas during the extreme cold weather event of February 2021 and stands ready to assist in those efforts, if necessary; and

Be it further resolved: That the Kansas Legislature encourages efforts to protect the interests of affected Kansas utility ratepayers should any investigation lead to corrective action or settlement; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to each member of congress from Kansas, the chairperson of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Attorney General of the State of Kansas.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Children and Seniors: **HB 2490**.

Financial Institutions and Rural Development: **HB 2489**.

Transportation: **HB 2488, HB 2491**.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGE

Speaker Ryckman announced the appointment of Rep. Ousley to replace Rep. Winn on committee on House K-12 Education Budget on January 19, 20, 21, 24, 25 and 26, 2022. He will serve as the Ranking Minority Member on the committee.

REPORT ON ENGROSSED BILLS

HB 2477 reported correctly engrossed January 18, 2022.

REPORT ON ENROLLED RESOLUTIONS

HCR 5020, HCR 5021 reported correctly enrolled and properly signed on January 19, 2022.

On motion of Rep. Hawkins, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, January 20, 2022.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks*.

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk*.

