

Journal of the House

SEVENTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

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

The roll was called with 123 members present.

Rep. Highberger was excused on verified illness.

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

Prayer by Chaplain Holmes:

Good Morning Father;
As we contemplate this new day of legislative work,
we seek Your Divine guidance. Our desire is to be diligent
as well as inquisitive in the agendas set before us. We seek ultimately to be
good stewards of the trust placed upon us.
This is the season when sickness, colds and various viruses
seek to keep us from performing at our very best.
Would You provide strength and healing
to those who need that physical touch only You can provide.
We pray for our families. Some gathered here are separated
from those whom they love because of their legislative duties.
Might Your strength and healing touch be upon our loved ones
who are not feeling well today.
I pray for peace to reign in each heart
as they negotiate the often intricate and complex issues set before them.
We are aware as Your peace prevails wisdom and direction tends to follow.
Keep a smile in our spirits and a sense of gratitude in our very beings
as we celebrate the opportunity to make a positive difference
in our part of the world.
I ask these things in the name of the One who loves and cares unconditionally.
Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Awerkamp.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

HB 2511, AN ACT concerning elections; relating to candidate names on ballots; allowing candidates for nonpartisan offices to have such candidate's political party affiliation added on the ballot with such candidate's name; amending K.S.A. 25-613 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Elections.

HB 2512, AN ACT concerning elections; relating to advance voting ballots; requiring that if such ballots are cast in person that they be received in the county election office by 7:00 p.m. on the second day preceding the election; amending K.S.A. 25-1128 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 25-1122 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Elections.

HB 2513, AN ACT concerning elections; relating to advance voting ballots; extending the time for transmittal of such ballots to 22 days prior to an election; requiring the return of such ballots by 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election; amending K.S.A. 25-1123 and 25-1132 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 25-1122 and 25-2311 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Elections.

HB 2514, AN ACT concerning education; relating to school districts; open enrollment; requiring school districts to give priority to students who reside in Kansas over students who do not reside in the state except under certain circumstances; providing for continued enrollment of students who attended a school district of nonresidence in school year 2023-2024; authorizing school districts to deem students as not in good standing prior to enrollment; requiring student transfer policy revisions to be published on the school district's website; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-3123, 72-3124, 72-3126 and 72-3127 and repealing the existing sections, by Representatives Williams, K., Bergquist, Blew, Blex, Bloom, Bryce, Clifford, Delperdang, Droge, Goetz, Hill, Hoffman, Howe, Howerton, Humphries, T. Johnson, Kessler, Mason, Murphy, Penn, Pickert, Rhiley, Schmoe, Seiwert, Sutton, Tarwater and Wasinger.

HB 2515, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; amending the born-alive infants protection act; creating a civil cause of action against any healthcare provider who injures a child during an attempted abortion; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 65-6754, 65-6756, 65-6757 and 65-6758 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

HB 2516, AN ACT concerning elections; raising the number of signatures required for nomination petitions for independent candidates for statewide office; eliminating the ability of independent candidates for statewide office to pay a filing fee; amending K.S.A. 25-4119f and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 25-303 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Elections.

HB 2517, AN ACT concerning campaign finance; relating to the crime of corrupt political advertising; deleting the requirement for listing the name of the treasurer of the sponsoring organization of the advertisement; amending K.S.A. 25-4156 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Elections.

HB 2518, AN ACT concerning elections; relating to advance voting ballots; authorizing the secretary of state, after consultation with county election officers, to adopt rules and regulations for the use of remote ballot boxes, by Committee on Elections.

HB 2519, AN ACT concerning campaign finance; amending the crime of corrupt political advertising to expand the crime to include constitutional amendment propositions, bond issues and other question submitted propositions; amending K.S.A. 25-4156 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Elections.

HB 2520, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to exemptions; increasing the extent of exemption for residential property from statewide school levy; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 79-201x and repealing the existing section, by Representatives Miller, V., Alcalá, Amyx, Ballard, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Clifford, Curtis, Dodson,

M., Haskins, Highberger, Martinez, McDonald, Meyer, Miller, D., Miller, S., Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Probst, Ruiz, L., Sawyer, Schlingensiepen, Stogsdill, Weigel, Winn and Xu.

HB 2521, AN ACT concerning education; relating to the state board of education; authorizing teaching licenses for individuals who complete an alternative teacher certification program, by Committee on K-12 Education Budget.

HB 2522, AN ACT concerning the secretary of corrections; relating to release of offenders; requiring the secretary to assist inmates with obtaining identification and employment related documentation prior to release from custody, by Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

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

Education: **HB 2509**.

Elections: **HB 2504**.

Federal and State Affairs: **HCR 5020**.

Judiciary: **HB 2510**.

K-12 Education Budget: **HB 2506**.

Taxation: **HB 2508**.

Transportation: **HB 2505, HB 2507**.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

From Gabrielle Hull, Kansas State Department of Education; in accordance with K.S.A. 72-5178 and 72-1167, Performance Accountability Reports.

From Trish Backman, School Mental Health Coordinator, Special Education and Title Services, Kansas State Department of Education; in accordance with K.S.A. 72-6141 and 72-6145, Information Relating to School Safety and Security.

The complete reports are kept on file and open for inspection in the office of the Chief Clerk.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The Senate announced the appointment of Senators Tyson, Peck, and Holland to replace Senators Longbine, Fagg, and Holscher as conferees on **SB 15**.

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report to agree to disagree on **HB 2284**, and has appointed Senators Tyson, Peck and Holland as Second conferees on the part of the Senate.

Prior to the introduction of guests, Jack Williamson played an Irish Tribute on the bagpipes for the House members and guests.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There being no objection, the following remarks of Reps. Tarwater, K. Williams and Rhiley are spread upon the Journal:

Rep. Tarwater began, Mr. Speaker, Colleagues, thank you for the opportunity to recognize and honor our friend Chairman Mark Daly, of the Senate in Ireland. Senator

Daly has convened an Irish – American Delegation in Ireland for the past four years bringing thousands of American political leaders to the Emerald Isle to strengthen our ties. This past August, Kansas had two delegates representing our State – Senator Renee Erickson and Representative Kristey Williams. The delegation come together in Dublin and Belfast to further develop and strengthen U.S. – Irish trade relations, honor our close historical ties, and create a continued understanding between our two Nations. Though I have not yet traveled to Ireland, as Commerce Chair, I recognized the importance of Kansas trade with our allied nations including Ireland. Therefore, establishing a Kansas-Irish Trade Commission is a priority we intend on closely developing with our committee, among our colleagues, and with the assistance and support of the Department of Commerce.”

Rep. Williams continued, “It’s for these reasons that we wanted to offer House Resolution 6031 supporting the strengthening of Kansas’ trade partnership with Ireland. The resolution, in summary reads: WHEREAS according to US Census Bureau, 11.3% of Kansas Population is of Irish ancestry compared to the national average of 9.7%; WHEREAS, Irish immigrants in the United States helped form the cultural foundation of the nation, and WHEREAS, Ireland currently ranks 38th on Kansas exports, illustrating a need to create a stronger trade partnership. WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Kansas and Ireland to support efforts to strengthen our relationship.”

Rep. Rhiley concluded, “Now therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we support the strengthening of Kansas’ trade partnership with Ireland to create a more prosperous future for all, and be it further resolved: that we recognize the deputy chairman of the Irish Senate, Mark Daly, my personal friend, for his efforts to promote trade.”

Rep. Tarwater shared that the Irish and Kansas flags were flying over the Kansas Capitol today and Chairman Daly would be presented with the Kansas flag at the end of the day. Chairman Daly was also presented with a framed copy of **HR 6031**.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On emergency motion of Rep. Tarwater, **HR 6031**, by Reps. Tarwater, Alcala, Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barth, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Blew, Bloom, Borjon, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Carlin, Carpenter, Carpenter, Clifford, Collins, Concannon, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Dodson, Donohoe, Droge, Ellis, Eplee, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Garber, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Haswood, Hawkins, Helgerson, Highberger, Hill, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Houglund, Houser, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Humphries, Jacobs, Johnson, Kessler, Landwehr, Lewis, Martinez, Mason, Maughan, McDonald, McNorton, Meyer, Miller, Miller, Miller, Minnix, Moser, Murphy, Neely, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Osman, Ousley, Owens, Penn, Pickert, Poetter Parshall, Poskin, Probst, Proctor, Rahjes, Resman, Rhiley, Robinson, Roth, Ruiz, Sanders, Sawyer, Sawyer Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoie, Schreiber, Seiwert, Smith, Smith, Stogsdill, Sutton, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Turk, Turner, Underhill, Vaughn, Waggoner, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Williams, Williams, Winn, Woodard, Xu and Younger, as follows, was introduced and adopted:

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. **HR 6031**—

A RESOLUTION supporting the strengthening of Kansas' trade partnership with Ireland to create a more prosperous future for all.

WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 11.3% of Kansas' population is of Irish ancestry, compared to the national average of 9.7%; and

WHEREAS, Irish immigrants in the United States helped form the cultural foundation of the nation; and

WHEREAS, The ties that bind Ireland and Kansas are deep and lasting; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to those close ties, both Kansas and Ireland have benefited from deep and extensive cultural and commercial exchanges; and

WHEREAS, Ireland currently ranks 38th on Kansas exports, illustrating a need to create a stronger trade partnership. Although the work may be difficult, it surely will be worthwhile; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of Kansas and Ireland to support efforts to strengthen their relationship: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we support the strengthening of Kansas' trade partnership with Ireland to create a more prosperous future for all; and

Be it further resolved: That we recognize the deputy chairman of the Irish Senate, Mark Daly, for his efforts to promote trade with Kansas and his support of an Irish-Kansas trade commission; and

Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Mark Daly, deputy chairman of the Irish Senate, and Representatives Rhiley, Tarwater and K. Williams.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER and MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2284** 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.

CARYN TYSON

VIRGIL PECK

Conferees on part of Senate

ADAM SMITH

BRIAN BERGKAMP

Conferees on part of House

On motion of Rep. A. Smith, the conference committee report on **HB 2284** to agree to disagree, was adopted.

Speaker Hawkins thereupon appointed Reps. A. Smith, Bergkamp and Sawyer as second conferees on the part of the House.

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 were introduced and read by title:

HB 2523, AN ACT concerning drivers' licenses; relating to farm permits; allowing farm permit holders beginning at age 14 to drive to and from religious activities held by any religious organization; amending K.S.A. 8-296 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Transportation.

HB 2524, AN ACT concerning wildlife and parks; relating to cabins and camp sites; elimination of certain fees for senior citizens, by Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

HB 2525, AN ACT concerning the department of health and environment; relating to fees established for the regulation of wastewater treatment facilities, water wells and underground injection control wells; providing for additional sources of revenue for the water program management fund; authorizing the secretary of health and environment to establish additional fees for the regulation of underground injection control wells; amending K.S.A. 65-166b, 65-4514 and 82a-1206 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 55-1,117 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

Speaker Hawkins announced the appointment of Rep. Winn to replace Rep. Highberger on the Committee on Federal and State Affairs until further notice.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Helgerson to replace Rep. Highberger on the Committee on Corrections until further notice.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Martinez to replace Rep. Highberger on the Committee on Judiciary until further notice.

Also, the appointment, Rep. Carmichael to replace Rep. Highberger on the Committee on Rules and Journal until further notice.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Osman to replace Rep. Highberger as the Ranking Member on the Committee on Judiciary until further notice.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, January 18, 2024.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

