

Journal of the Senate

EIGHTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Thursday, January 18, 2024, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by Vice President Rick Wilborn.
The roll was called with 36 senators present.
Senators Doll, Holland, O'Shea and Steffen were excused.
The Vice President introduced Doug Burleigh, guest chaplain to deliver the invocation:

Dear Lord, in the words of the old hymn, "O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home." As we look across the world, we lift up those in harm's way in Ukraine and Gaza and we pray for peaceful solutions to these devastating conflicts. We pray, closer to home, for those in our state who are undergoing hardship from physical maladies, financial hardship, and grief from the recent loss of loved ones. We also pray for those suffering from the effects of the recent bitter cold weather.

We pray that our demeanor, in the midst of disagreement over a multitude of issues, would be honoring to You, Lord, who said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the children of God."

As we seek to make decisions affecting the people of Kansas, help us to be good stewards of this great responsibility. And as far as our own personal integrity is lived out, may we remember the words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, "let your yes be yes and your no be no. Anything other than that is from the evil one."

We ask for wisdom and guidance as we seek to engage in the people's work for the great state of Kansas. In the Name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Rick Wilborn.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Ryckman rose on a Point of Personal Privilege and offered the following remarks: It is my honor and privilege to bring to the Senate's attention today an institution that provides a true beacon of hope and progress in our State: The University of Kansas Cancer Center. The Center has long been a symbol of excellence, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to eradicating the burdens of cancer within Kansas and beyond. Through tireless dedication, groundbreaking research, and compassionate patient care, they have become a leading force in the fight against one of the most formidable challenges of our time. Their work was recently recognized by the National Cancer Institute, which rewarded the KU Center with "comprehensive" status in 2022. With this award, they are now one of only 56 NCI-designated comprehensive

cancer centers in the country -- and the only one in our state and region. As the highest level of recognition awarded by NCI, this is the “gold standard” for cancer centers. This places KU in the top 1% of cancer centers across the country -- and means that Kansans will be cared for by the world’s leading experts with access to cutting-edge research and technologies. Simply put, this translates into saved lives, for patients treated at NCI-designated cancer centers have a 25% greater chance of survival. I am fortunate to be hosting in the VIP Gallery today not only the leadership from The University of Kansas Cancer Center but also three of their survivors and real-life success stories. The first (who is, regrettably, detained on the other side of the Capitol giving a presentation to the House Health and Human Services Committee, but definitely warrants introduction) is Dr. Roy Jensen, Vice Chancellor and Director of The University of Kansas Cancer Center, as well as Director of the Kansas Masonic Cancer Research Institute and CEO of the Masonic Cancer Alliance. Since joining the Center in 2004, Dr. Jensen has recruited a world-class leadership team and built a robust research program that made their “comprehensive” designation possible. Jeff Wright [Please stand] serves as the Senior Vice President of Cancer Services at The University of Kansas Health System. He is also the current Chairman of the Board of Ambassadors for the American Cancer Society. Cici Rojas [And I will ask you to please stand as well] is co-owner and President of Tico Productions and Tico Sports, a multicultural marketing firm in Mission, Kansas. She is also an actively engaged citizen, serving on the boards of multiple community organizations, including the YMCA. In 2017, Cici was diagnosed with Stage 4 Large B-cell Lymphoma. She underwent several chemotherapy treatments, including two (what are called) CAR-T treatments and a bone marrow transplant. Cici has been in remission since 2020! Darren McLaughlin serves as the Chief of Police for Merriam, Kansas, where he has been serving its citizens for 34 years. He and his wife, Mindy, are the proud parents of two children, Kyle and Grace. Darren was diagnosed in January of 2019 with Stage 4 Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He received CAR-T therapy in June 2019 and has been cancer-free ever since! Fred Logan is Head of the Masonic Cancer Alliance Partners Advisory Board. In 2023, he received the first-ever Chancellor’s Award for Distinguished Service, in part for his work in support of The University of Kansas Cancer Center. He and our other four guests are here today with many others as part of “KU Cancer Center Day in the Statehouse.” Because my wife, Mary (also seated in the gallery), is herself a KU Cancer Center success story, I have an immense sense of personal gratitude for the blessing of the true miracles they perform, mindful, of course, that it is with a lot of help “from above.” Since ultimately all of us have friends or loved ones whose lives have been impacted by cancer in some way, please join me now in applause and appreciation for the amazing accomplishments and legacy of The University of Kansas Cancer Center.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 358, AN ACT concerning books or other media; prohibiting school districts and local libraries from prohibiting, banning or restricting books or other media unless certain requirements are met, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 359, AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to distinctive license plates; providing for the Kansas City Chiefs license plate, by Senators Warren, Alley, Bowers,

Claeys, Corson, Dietrich, Fagg, Faust-Goudeau, Gossage, Kloos, Longbine, Masterson, Peck, Petersen, Pittman, Ryckman, Shallenburger, Thompson and Wilborn.

SB 360, AN ACT concerning tax-advantaged savings programs; allowing the taxpayer to elect the taxable year in which a subtraction modification for contributions to 529 qualified tuition accounts, ABLE accounts or first-time home buyer savings accounts would be applied; authorizing the state treasurer to appoint a 529 program advisory council; amending K.S.A. 75-644 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 79-32,117 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Education.

SB 361, AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to violations of the uniform act regulating traffic on highways; increasing criminal penalties for a driver who leaves the scene of a vehicular accident when the accident results in the death of any person or more than one person, if the driver knew or reasonably should have known that such accident resulted in injury or death; amending K.S.A. 8-1602 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 362, AN ACT repealing K.S.A. 19-26,120; relating to the expiration of the Sedgwick county urban area nuisance abatement act, by Committee on Local Government.

SB 363, AN ACT concerning barbers; relating to the examination and licensure thereof; creating a senior status license; providing for certain licensure fees; amending K.S.A. 65-1808, 65-1809, 65-1810, 65-1812, 65-1815, 65-1817, 65-1819, 65-1820a and 65-1825a and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Local Government.

SB 364, AN ACT concerning civil actions; relating to limitations on actions; extending the time to file a claim for damages suffered as a result of childhood sexual abuse; reviving claims against any party for such damages that occurred on or after July 1, 1984; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 60-523 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 365, AN ACT concerning elections; relating to advance voting ballots; requiring the return of such ballots by 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election; amending K.S.A. 25-1132 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 366, AN ACT concerning elections; relating to advance voting ballots; requiring that county election officers receive a request for an application for an advance voting ballot prior to mailing such application to such voter; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 25-1122 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 367, AN ACT concerning elections; relating to the transparency in revenues underwriting elections act; prohibiting the use of funds provided by the United States government for the conduct of elections or election-related activities unless approved by the legislature; amending K.S.A. 25-2436 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 368, AN ACT concerning elections; prohibiting the use of any form of ranked-choice voting methods in elections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 369, AN ACT concerning elections; relating to filings of declarations of intention to become a candidate, nomination petitions or certificates of nomination; requiring such filings for national, state, county, township and municipal office include the candidate's non-government issued email address; amending K.S.A. 25-205, 25-209, 25-304, 25-311, 25-2020 and 25-21a03 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 25-1903 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 370, AN ACT concerning national land designations; requiring legislative

approval of any designation of a national heritage area or national historic trail in the state of Kansas or the inclusion of certain property within any such designation; prohibiting state funding of any national heritage area or national historic trail unless such funding is first approved by the legislature of the state of Kansas, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 371, AN ACT concerning the Kansas silver alert plan; relating to public notice of certain missing persons; expanding such plan to include persons 18 years of age or older who have an intellectual disability; amending K.S.A. 75-754 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Education: **SB 351**.

Financial Institutions and Insurance: **SB 356**.

Public Health and Welfare: **SB 352, SB 353, SB 354**.

Transportation: **SB 357**.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

The following reports were submitted to the Senate and are on file with the Secretary of the Senate:

2024 Annual Report, Kansas Department of Transportation

KBEMS Revolving and Assistance Fund (KRAF) Grant Program, Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services

School District Financial Accountability Report, Kansas State Department of Education

2024 School Safety and Security Information, Kansas State Department of Education

Disposition of Surplus Property Report, Kansas Board of Regents

Annual Report on Exceptions to the Minimum Admission Standards at State Universities, Kansas Board of Regents

KAN-ED Summary Report, Kansas Board of Regents

Kansas Training Information Program (K-TIP) Report, Kansas Board of Regents

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The House adopts the Conference Committee report on **HB 2284**.

The House announced the appointment of Representatives Tarwater, Mason and Probst to replace Representatives Smith, A., Bergkamp and Sawyer as conferees on **SB 15**.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Agriculture and Natural Resources** recommends **SB 336** be amended on page 1, in line 21, before "a" by inserting "or renew"; in line 28, after "K.S.A." by inserting "65-34,130 and"; also in line 28, by striking "is" and inserting "are";

Also on page 1, in the title, in line 4, after "section" by inserting "; also repealing K.S.A. 65-34,130"; and the bill be passed as amended.

On motion of Senator Alley, the Senate adjourned pro forma until 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 19, 2024.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks.*

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

