

Journal of the Senate

ELEVENTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by Vice President Rick Wilborn.
The roll was called with 38 senators present.
Senators Holland and Thompson were excused.
Vice President Wilborn introduced guest chaplain, L.D. Holmes, to deliver the Invocation:

Dear Father; This is the day You have made; our desire is to rejoice and be glad in it! Thank You for the opportunity to serve the people of Kansas in this unique position in which we find ourselves. Indeed, You have blessed us that we might bless others.

We will most certainly engage in many conversations of substance and importance in the coming hours. Your Word teaches, "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

Help us look for the way of gentleness in our debate and decision making. Remind us, if You will, that few good decisions are made out of an angry heart. We pray for our National leaders that they might exercise caution and wisdom as they tend to the business of our Nation. We pray for our women and men in uniform who are tasked with the defense of our Nation as well as our very way of life. Protect them with Your hand of justice and righteousness.

Bless our families today. May they be nourished at Your well of grace. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Wilborn.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 378, AN ACT concerning postsecondary education; relating to the state board of regents; making and concerning appropriations to the state board of regents for fiscal year 2025; providing grants to community colleges, technical colleges and the Washburn institute of technology for capital improvements of trade program buildings and facilities and for repairs and purchases of trade program educational equipment and fixtures; establishing the Kansas trade service scholarship act to provide scholarships to students who enroll in certain trade programs; creating the Kansas trade service scholarship fund, by Senator Olson.

SB 379, AN ACT concerning the Kansas probate code; providing a longer time for notice to creditors by publication when a petition for administration or probate of a will is filed; changing the process for transferring personal property by affidavit in small

estates; modifying time requirements for notice by publication related to sales at public auction; amending K.S.A. 59-709 and 59-2243 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 59-1507b and 59-2308 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 380, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to sentencing; clarifying a special sentencing rule applicable to violations of criminal discharge of a firearm when a person was present in the dwelling, building, structure or motor vehicle at which the offender discharged a firearm; amending K.S.A. 21-6804 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 381, AN ACT concerning coroners; relating to appointment in judicial districts; authorizing the board of county commissioners of any county that is not the most populous county in a multiple-county judicial district to appoint a coroner to serve as the district coroner for the county; amending K.S.A. 22a-226 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 382, AN ACT making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, June 30, 2026, June 30, 2027, and June 30, 2028, for state agencies; authorizing certain transfers and increasing expenditure limitations to the foregoing; funding of the fiscal year 2024 salary increase for certain state employees; transferring funds from the legislature employment security fund of the legislative coordinating council to the university of Kansas and Wichita state university health collaboration fund of the university of Kansas, the Wichita state university and university of Kansas health collaboration fund of Wichita state university and the state general fund; authorizing certain expenditures from the build Kansas matching grant fund, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 383, AN ACT concerning drainage districts; relating to the governance thereof; authorizing the board of directors of such districts to hold executive sessions in accordance with the open meetings act; amending K.S.A. 24-416 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Local Government.

SB 384, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to emergency medical services; staffing of ambulances; permitting an ambulance to operate with one emergency medical service provider in rural cities and counties; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 65-6135 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Local Government.

SB 385, AN ACT concerning conventions under article V of the constitution of the United States; designating members of the senate as delegates thereto, by Senator Pyle.

SB 386, AN ACT concerning education; relating to the Kansas school equity and enhancement act; requiring school district enrollment to be determined using the current school year or preceding school year enrollment; requiring any school district that closed a school building in the preceding school year to use current school year enrollment; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-5132 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Education.

SB 387, AN ACT concerning education; relating to school districts; open enrollment; providing for continued enrollment of students who attend a school district of nonresidence; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-3123 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Education.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Assessment and Taxation: **SB 376, SB 377.**

Federal and State Affairs: **SB 373, SB 374, SB 375.**

Judiciary: **SB 372.**

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

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

Annual Report of the South Central Regional Psychiatric Hospital Advisory Panel, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

Annual Hunters Feeding the Hungry report for calendar year 2023, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

Annual Progress Report on the Completion of Recovery Plans for Threatened or Endangered Species in Kansas, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

On motion of Senator Alley, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 24, 2024.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks.*

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

