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

The roll was called with 122 members present.
Rep. Corbet was excused on verified illness.
Reps. Clayton and E. Smith were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by guest chaplain, Rev. Zane Brooks, Pastor, Free Will Baptist Church, Wellington, and guest of Rep. Rhiley:

Oh gracious and Heavenly Father.

In the book of James, Chapter 1 Verse 22 it says “Be ye doers of the Word, as well as hearers of the Word.” I once heard of your mercy, I accepted your mercy and now I extend your mercy.

God grant this great State of Kansas the divine intervention it needs. Please give these men and women truth as they endeavor to lead the wonderful, but judgement bound people of Kansas in a righteous approach to Christ. For what we do in moderation our children will do in excess. Let us do well for future generations.

Oh God, help us in our deliberations that we will hold the standard of “A Heaven to Gain and a Hell to Shun.” This will aid all here today in governing in a way which would not only please our constituents back home, but first and foremost, please the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Noah Webster once said “Education is useless without the Bible.” So, Lord with no excuse of inadequate examples, inadequate education, or inadequate support can we complain. For with the Holy Bible in our hand and in our hearts, we have no exemption. The Bible is enough to lead us safely through.

In addition, God we beg of you to teach us these biblical values that we may apply them in each vote we cast. We know our Nation is only as strong as our states. I seek your forgiveness on behalf of our State for the sins we have committed. I know you are a loving and gracious God, those who repent will find salvation. Please Lord, allow the great State of Kansas to lead - lead in repentance, lead in forgiveness, and lead in mercy.
Yes Lord, your Word tells us: “Where there is no vision the people perish.” God Bless these visionaries with the gift of virtue and humility, so that Kansas may be a state that leads a Nation because it follows God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

In Jesus’ Holy Name. Amen

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Highberger.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Education: SB 277.
Federal and State Affairs: HB 2719.
Insurance: SB 304.
Taxation: HB 2720, HB 2721, HB 2722.
Transportation: SB 288, SB 302, SB 315, SB 326.

FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HB 2429, AN ACT concerning task forces and commissions; relating to the Kansas closed case task force; staff assistance; the Kansas criminal justice reform commission; membership; public defender; amending K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 21-6901 and 21-6902 and repealing the existing sections, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 121; Nays 1; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.


Nays: Jacobs.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Clayton, Corbet, Smith, E..

The bill passed, as amended.

HB 2432, AN ACT concerning agriculture; relating to environmental remediation; establishing the Kansas pesticide waste disposal program and the Kansas pesticide waste disposal fund; allowing annual transfers from the Kansas agricultural remediation fund to the Kansas pesticide waste disposal fund; amending K.S.A. 2-3702 and K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 2-3708 and repealing the existing sections, was considered on final action.
On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 122; Nays 0; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.


Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Clayton, Corbet, Smith, E..

The bill passed, as amended.

HB 2447, AN ACT concerning courts; relating to use of two-way electronic audio-visual communication; amending K.S.A. 12-4402, 12-4404, 12-4408, 22-2803 and 22-3205 and K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 12-4213, 22-2802, 22-3208, 22-3405, 38-2203, 38-2343, 38-2344 and 60-243 and repealing the existing sections, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 83; Nays 39; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.


Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Clayton, Corbet, Smith, E..

The bill passed, as amended.
EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE

MR. SPEAKER: This bill as written allows a person standing trial for sexual harassment to appear by video conference. It allows a drunk driver accused of wrongful death of a child to appear by video conference. It allows an adult falsely accusing a teacher of civil misconduct to appear by video conference. The witnesses in these examples could be coached from off camera. Is that what we want for our civil justice system in Kansas? This is not a trivial matter. We need due process, not a cheap process. I vote No on HB 2447. – KELLIE WARREN, RON ELLIS, LONNIE CLARK, BILL SUTTON, TREVOR JACOBS, CHARLOTTE J. ESAU, WILLIE DOVE, RANDY GARBER

MR. SPEAKER: I vote No on HB 2447. Verbal communication makes up a mere 10% of how we communicate. While video does increase this factor, it does not and cannot replace an in-person testimony. When this comes to court proceedings, it is no trivial matter. Civil proceedings impact all Kansans. This bill removes important, statutory safeguards that were put in place for a reason. Evidence should be presented in an open court. Not a court where testimony can be coached or altered without the knowledge of those whom it can have long-term effects. This bill, as written, does not get it right, and stands to degrade due process. – LEO DELPERDANG, RON HOWARD

MR. SPEAKER: I vote “no” on HB 2447. A witness’s credibility can be significantly impacted by his eye contact with the jury. A witness who never or rarely looks at the jury may be lying. As written, Section 13 of this bill would alter K.S.A. 60-243 to allow unscrupulous lawyers or litigants to shield untruthful witnesses from the crucible of trial, over the objection of a party and without good cause. A jury’s ability to fully assess non-verbal conduct should not be taken away lightly. While some trial judges would mitigate against these concerns, an amendment is needed to statutorily provide such safeguards and guidance for the court. – MARK SAMSEL

MR. SPEAKER: I vote No on HB 2447. How Kansas conducts its court proceedings is no trivial matter. Civil proceedings impact all Kansans, regardless of where one sits on the political spectrum. This bill removes important, fundamental statutory safeguards. It eviscerates the constitutional principle that evidence should be presented in open court. It’s unwise for this body to set up a two-tiered system of justice, when prudence dictates that constitutional ideals should remain consistent across both criminal and civil matters. This bill, as written, does not get it right and will usher in a cheapened process, rather than due process. – BARB WASINGER, RENEE ERICKSON, ALICIA STRAUB, PAUL WAGGONER

MR. SPEAKER: This bill, from the Kansas Supreme Courts’ Blue Ribbon Commission, was broadly supported in testimony before the Committee, without any opposition. In conjunction with Court rules and judicial discretion, HB 2447 allows videoconferencing in select court proceedings when there is a recognizable benefit and when safeguards and technology exist for its effective use. HB 2447 creates efficiencies, saving time and money, while also increasing access to justice. The bill is good for our state, for business, and, most importantly, for justice. Justice is best served by permitting Kansans to use secure technology to allow full and fair consideration of all admissible evidence. I vote AYE on HB 2447. – FRED C. PATTON, RUSSELL JENNINGS

MR. SPEAKER: I fully support and endorse Representative Patton's explanation comments. Further, I must point out that this legislation does not provide any litigants
the opportunity to avoid their presence in a courtroom. Every citizen of this State remains subject to the subpoena power of the Courts of this State. We have always allowed witnesses to appear in Court by use of written transcripts or videotaped testimony when they are not subject to subpoena. We have now simply provided juries additional opportunities to actually view witnesses while they testify. I vote “AYE” on HB 2447. – BRADLEY C. RALPH, JOHN CARMICHAEL.

HB 2449, AN ACT concerning the board of indigents' defense services; relating to appointments to the board; amending K.S.A. 22-4519 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 99; Nays 23; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.


Nays: Awerkamp, Barker, Bergquist, Blex, Capps, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Delperdang, Dove, Ellis, Erickson, Esau, French, Garber, Jacobs, Landwehr, Mason, Rahjes, Rhiley, Straub, Sutton, Thomas, Waggeron.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Clayton, Corbet, Smith, E..

The bill passed.

HB 2451, AN ACT concerning agriculture; relating to the Kansas department of agriculture; the division of animal health; license, permit and registration renewal deadlines; calfhood vaccination tag fees; amending K.S.A. 47-1208 and K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 47-1001e, 47-1002, 47-1503, 47-1805, 47-1831 and 47-2101 and repealing the existing sections, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 122; Nays 0; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.

HB 2501, AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to nonhighway and salvage vehicles; allowing salvage vehicle pools to apply to the division of vehicles for ownership documents; providing application and notice requirements; amending K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 8-198 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 119; Nays 3; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.


Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Clayton, Corbet, Smith, E.. The bill passed.

HB 2595, AN ACT concerning state surplus property; eliminating a 30-day waiting period before sale thereof to the general public; amending K.S.A. 75-6602 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 118; Nays 3; Present but not voting: 1; Absent or not voting: 3.


Nays: Carmichael, Ousley, Waymaster.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Clayton, Corbet, Smith, E.. The bill passed, as amended.

Nays: Jacobs, Pittman, Toplikar.

Present but not voting: Cox.

Absent or not voting: Clayton, Corbet, Smith, E..

The bill passed, as amended.


COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Rep. Highland, Committee of the Whole report, as follows, was adopted:

Recommended that committee report to HB 2515 be adopted; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee report to HB 2500 be adopted; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee report to HB 2521 be adopted; and the bill be passed as amended.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS

On emergency motion of Rep. Hawkins, pursuant to House Rule 2311, HB 2515, HB 2500, HB 2521 were advanced to Final Action on Bills and Concurrent Resolutions.

FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HB 2515, AN ACT concerning postsecondary education; relating to scholarship programs; creating the Kansas promise scholarship act, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 116; Nays 6; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.


Nays: Awerkamp, Garber, Helgent, Jacobs, Orr, Yeager.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Clayton, Corbet, Smith, E..

The bill passed, as amended.
EXPLANATION OF VOTE

Mr. Speaker: It is not the state's responsibility to force taxpayers to pay even more taxes for "free scholarships" for college education. I also believe that it is irresponsible to only expect a student to work 15 hours a week or 100 hours of community service annually and maintain only a 2.0 grade average. This has a potential cost to the taxpayers of over 50 million plus in the next 5 years. If the state continues giving "free money" away the taxpayers will have no more money for the state to confiscate. I vote "No" on HB 2515. – TREVOR JACOBS

HB 2500, AN ACT concerning the Kansas power of attorney act; relating to effectiveness of power of attorney; exemption of third persons from liability in certain circumstances; amending K.S.A. 58-658 and K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 58-652 and repealing the existing sections, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 122; Nays 0; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.


Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Clayton, Corbet, Smith, E..

The bill passed, as amended.

HB 2521, AN ACT concerning athlete agents; enacting the revised uniform athlete agents act; repealing K.S.A. 44-1516, 44-1517, 44-1518, 44-1519, 44-1520, 44-1521, 44-1522, 44-1523, 44-1524, 44-1525, 44-1526, 44-1527, 44-1528, 44-1529, 44-1530, 44-1531, 44-1532, 44-1533, 44-1534, 44-1535 and 44-1536, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 122; Nays 0; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.

Yeas: Alcala, Amyx, Arnberger, Awerkamp, Baker, Ballard, Barker, Benson, Bergquist, Bishop, Blex, Burris, Burroughs, Capps, Carlin, Carlson, Carmichael, Carpenter, B., Carpenter, W., Claey, Clark, Collins, Concannon, Cox, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Dierks, Dietrich, Donohoe, Dove, Ellis, Eplee, Erickson, Esau, Finch, Finney, Francis, French, Frownfelter, Garber, Gartner, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helmer,

Nays: None.
Present but not voting: none.
Absent or not voting: Clayton, Corbet, Smith, E..

The bill passed, as amended.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on Agriculture recommends HB 2463 be amended on page 2, in line 20, before "certificate" by inserting "surety bond or";
On page 4, in line 11, by striking "providing" and inserting "one of the following:
(1) A surety bond in an amount not less than $6,000 per year. The bond shall be executed by a corporate surety and shall state the effective date and the expiration date. The bond shall be executed on a form approved by the secretary. The applicant shall be named as the principal in the bond. Such bond shall be to the state of Kansas and shall be conditioned upon compliance by the principal and by the principal's officers, agents, representatives and employees, with the provisions of this act and acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto. It shall be unlawful for any licensed person to use the words "bond" or "bonded" in advertising or in publicizing such person's operations in connection with the application of pesticides unless such bond is a performance bond and that fact and the amount of such bond are specified.
(2) ";
Also on page 4, in line 19, by striking "(1)" and inserting "(A)"; in line 21, by striking "(2)" and inserting ";
On page 5, in line 27, after "a" by inserting "surety bond or";
On page 6, in line 8, before "certificate" by inserting "surety bond or"; in line 12, after "a" by inserting "substitute surety bond or"; in line 41, by striking "certificate" and inserting "acceptable surety bonds and certificates"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on Agriculture recommends HB 2464 be amended on page 1, in line 9, after "if" by inserting "the following standards are met"; in line 10, after "repacking" by inserting "may"; in line 15, after "(3)" by inserting "the"; in line 34, after "(7)" by inserting "the"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on Appropriations recommends HB 2439 be passed.

Committee on Elections recommends HB 2561 be amended on page 1, in line 16, by striking "one"; in line 17, by striking "gift" and inserting "gifts"; also in line 17, by striking "legislative session" and inserting "fiscal year"; also in line 17, after "legislator" by inserting "for whom they work"; in line 18, by striking "member" and inserting "chairperson or vice-chairperson"; also in line 18, by striking "$100" and inserting "a total of $120"; and the bill be passed as amended.
Committee on Insurance recommends HB 2478 be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

Committee on Judiciary recommends HB 2546, HB 2587, HB 2675 be passed.

Committee on Local Government recommends HB 2509 be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

Committee on Local Government recommends HB 2510 be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

Committee on Local Government recommends HB 2583 be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

Committee on K-12 Education Budget recommends HB 2526 be passed.

Committee on Transportation recommends HB 2531 be passed.

Committee on Transportation recommends HB 2502 be amended on page 1, in line 8, by striking "eastern" and inserting "western"; also in line 8, by striking "junction of"; in line 9, by striking all before "in" and inserting "eastern city limits of the city of Waterville"; following line 14, by inserting:

"New Sec. 2. Bridge no. 0081-B0058 located on United States highway 77 in Riley county is hereby designated as the PFC Loren H. Larson memorial bridge. Upon compliance with K.S.A. 68-10,114, and amendments thereto, the secretary of transportation shall place suitable signs to indicate that the bridge is the PFC Loren H. Larson memorial bridge."

Also on page 1, in line 26, by striking "eastern" and inserting "western";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

Also on page 1, in the title, in line 3, after the semicolon by inserting "designating a bridge on United States highway 77 as the PFC Loren H. Larson memorial bridge;";

and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on Transportation recommends HB 2608 be amended on page 1, in line 10, after the second "the" by inserting "cemetery,"; and the bill be passed as amended.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES


Also, the appointment of Rep. Lusk to replace Rep. Holscher on Committee on K-12 Education Budget on February 20, 2020.
REPORT ON ENGROSSED BILLS

HB 2420, HB 2429, HB 2432, HB 2448, HB 2454 reported correctly engrossed February 19, 2020.

HB 2447, HB 2501, HB 2595 reported correctly engrossed February 20, 2020.

On motion of Rep. Hawkins, the House adjourned until 8:30 a.m., Friday, February 21, 2020.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, Journal Clerks.
SUSAN W. KANNARR, Chief Clerk.