

Journal of the Senate

THIRD DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by Vice President Rick Wilborn.
Invocation by Doug Henkle.

Heavenly Father, I pray you bless each senator today and throughout this legislative session with Your wisdom and Your insight as they debate the issues before them.

I lift up President Masterson, Vice President Wilborn, Majority Leader Alley and Minority Leader Sykes to You. Give them Your direction as they lead this chamber. I pray for unity and friendly relations within this body as the issues of the day are debated and resolved and that each would expect the best from one another.

I pray for our Governor as she suffers from Covid. Heal her, Father. I pray that You would give her Godly wisdom and that she would follow Your direction as she leads the executive branch of our state's government.

Lord, people are often unreasonable, irrational and self-centered. I pray that we would forgive them anyway. If we're kind, people may accuse us of having selfish, ulterior motives. Cause us to be kind anyway. As we're honest and sincere, people may doubt us. I pray we would be honest and sincere anyway. As we find serenity and joy, some may be jealous. Give us Your joy anyway. Lord, the good we do today may soon be forgotten. I pray we would be about doing good anyway.

Oftentimes, we tend to allow others and our concern for their response to cause us to miss the mark. Jesus, I thank You that You can be our standard. That You can be the mark toward which we strive.

Father, I pray that at the end of the day the deliberations in the Kansas Senate would lead to sound decisions that would honor You and bless all Kansans. In Jesus' Name, Amen!

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Wilborn.

OATH OF OFFICE

Vice President Wilborn requested Senator Dinah Sykes escort Usha Reddi to the front of the Senate. The Vice President introduced the Honorable Marla J. Luckert, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Kansas, who administered the Oath of Office.

OATH OF OFFICE
STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF SHAWNEE, ss:

I do solemnly swear or affirm, that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Kansas and will faithfully discharge the

duties of the office of State Senator. So help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to, or affirmed, before me this 11th day of January 2023.

Marla J. Luckert
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

The roll was called with 37 senators present.
Senators Gossage and Holscher were excused.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 23, AN ACT concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas public employees retirement system; Kansas public employees retirement fund; investment standards; eliminating the statutory 15% alternative investment percentage limit thereto; requiring the board of trustees to set alternative investment percentage limit; amending K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-4921 and repealing the existing section, by Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits.

SB 24, AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to coverage for autism spectrum disorder; changing the required number of employees contained in the definitions of "large employer" and "small employer"; amending K.S.A. 40-2,194 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance.

SB 25, AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to premium tax; decreasing such tax rate imposed from 6% to 3% on surplus lines insurance; amending K.S.A. 40-246c and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance.

SB 26, AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to health maintenance organizations and medicare provider organizations; applications for certificates of authority; specifying certain requirements necessary to demonstrate fiscal soundness; amending K.S.A. 40-3203 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance.

SB 27, AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to the uniform insurance agents licensure act; public adjusters licensing act; authorizing the commissioner of insurance to set the amount of certain fees; requiring information obtained from background checks, fingerprinting and criminal history records checks be used solely for the purpose of verifying the identification of an applicant and the fitness of an applicant to be issued a license as an insurance agent; amending K.S.A. 40-4905, 40-4906 and 40-5505 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance.

SB 28, AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to certain group-funded insurance pools; discontinuing payments paid to the group-funded pools fee fund and the group-funded workers' compensation fee fund; transferring such balances and abolishing such funds; establishing the group-funded pools refund fund; refunding the balance thereof and abolishing such fund on July 1, 2024; amending K.S.A. 44-588 and repealing the existing section; also repealing K.S.A. 12-2623 and 44-587, by Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance.

SB 29, AN ACT concerning sales taxation; relating to exemptions; providing an exemption for sales of school supplies, personal computers and clothing during an annual sales tax holiday, by Senators Peck, Bowers, Claeys, Doll, Faust Goudeau and

Petersen.

SB 30, AN ACT concerning income taxation; relating to deductions; increasing the Kansas standard deduction by a cost-of-living adjustment; amending K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 79-32,119 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Assessment and Taxation: **SB 21**, **SB 22**.

Financial Institutions and Insurance: **SB 14**, **SB 15**, **SB 16**, **SB 17**, **SB 18**, **SB 19**.

Public Health and Welfare: **SB 20**.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

Under the authority of the President, the Vice President withdrew **SB 1** from the Committee on **Judiciary**, and referred the bill to the Committee on **Federal and State Affairs**.

Under the authority of the President, the Vice President withdrew **SB 11** from the Committee on **Ways and Means**, and referred the bill to the Committee on **Federal and State Affairs**.

Under the authority of the President, the Vice President withdrew **SB 12** from the Committee on **Judiciary**, and referred the bill separately to the Committee on **Public Health and Welfare** and the Committee on **Judiciary**.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

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

Department for Aging and Disability Services Annual Report on 2022 **HB 2703**-Targeted Employment Act (January 9, 2023)

Emergency Medical Services Board 2022 Annual Report of Civil Fines Imposed and Subpoenas Issued (January 11, 2023)

State Employees Health Care Commission Annual Report (January 11, 2023)

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Reddi rose on a point of personal privilege to offer the following remarks: Thank you for the point of privilege. I'm very excited to be representing Riley County at the state level. I look forward to working with all of you as colleagues and friends. I would like to thank my family present here. Ravi Reddi, my son visiting from New York. He flew in this morning and will be leaving early tomorrow morning. Gavin Freeman, my son-in-law and Santhi Reddi, my daughter are here from Colorado Springs. They drove in close to midnight and will be leaving right after this. Finally, my husband, Brian Niehoff who is always very supportive of everything I do. Once again, thank you Senators I look forward to working with all of you.

REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS

SR 1701, **SR 1702**, **SR 1703** reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Secretary of the Senate on January 11, 2023.

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On motion of Senator Alley, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Thursday, January 12, 2023.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks.*

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

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