

Journal of the Senate

TWENTIETH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Monday, February 5, 2024, 2:30 p.m.

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

The roll was called with 37 senators present.

Senators Claeys, Holland and Ware were excused.

The Vice President introduced Reverend Shelley Page, Developmental Minister at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Lawrence, to deliver the invocation:

Let us pray in the name of the One, who is called by many names, the best of which is Love. We gather in gratitude for the great gift that is Kansas, a state richly blessed with natural abundance.

We are grateful for our land, the fertile soil that nourishes the nation with its grains and prairie beauty that touches our souls. We are thankful for our water, stored deep in the earth and raining down from above, flowing freely, serving the needs of creation and people. We are appreciative of our wide open skies with energetic winds, solar bounty, and sunset magic. We are grateful for all the plants and creatures who make a home here or pass through here on their long migrations.

We are thankful for all the diverse wonderful people of this great state who live, work, study and play together; people born here and those who have made Kansas their home.

We pray that the members of this Senate keep in mind these rich blessings as you serve the people, the land, the water, the air and the marvelous complex interdependence that is Kansas. It is a sacred trust to hold this state with all its bounty of natural abundance and human diversity. May your work together on behalf of Kansans be rooted in love, justice, equity and stewardship.

Blessings for your world today and throughout this session. In the name of all that is holy, we say amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Wilorn.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 447, AN ACT concerning the state treasurer; relating to powers, duties and responsibilities thereof; directing the state treasurer to establish a mortgage insurance program for certain individuals; establishing the homes for every local protector, educator and responder act of Kansas, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 448, AN ACT concerning competency to stand trial; establishing procedures in the Kansas code of procedure for municipal courts related to determination of an

accused person's competency to stand trial; authorizing a municipal judge to order an examination; requiring dismissal of criminal charges if the examination shows that an accused person is incompetent to stand trial; requiring the secretary for aging and disability services to reimburse counties for the costs of keeping such persons in the custody of a county jail awaiting examination, evaluation or treatment; amending K.S.A. 19-1936 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 449, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to liability protections for emergency care by healthcare providers; expanding the definition of healthcare provider to include individuals trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, automated external defibrillator or emergency cardiovascular care; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 65-2891 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 450, AN ACT concerning Alzheimer's disease; establishing the Kansas Alzheimer's disease advisory council; relating to duties of the Kansas department for aging and disability services, by Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

SB 451, AN ACT creating the Dwayne Peaslee technical training center district act; authorizing submission of the question of creating the Dwayne Peaslee technical training center district to the voters of Douglas county; providing for the establishment of such district, if approved, and the powers and duties of its board of directors; authorizing such district to levy a tax not exceed 0.5 mills on the tangible taxable property of the district, by Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

SB 452, AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to the homestead property tax refund act; excluding certain school district bond and interest levies from increased property tax homestead refund claim amounts; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 79-4508a and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

SB 453, AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to the homestead property tax refund act; excluding social security payments from household income; expanding eligibility related to increased property tax homestead property tax refund claims; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 79-4502 and 79-4508a and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

SB 454, AN ACT concerning sales taxation; relating to exemptions; providing a sales tax exemption for purchases of property and services by nonprofit organizations distributing food pursuant to a food distribution program on a charitable basis; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 79-3606 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:

Federal and State Affairs: **SB 446**.

Ways and Means: **SB 445**.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** recommends **SB 368**, **HB 2446**, be passed.

On motion of Senator Alley, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

