

Journal of the House

TWENTY-SECOND DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment with Speaker Hawkins in the chair.

The roll was called with 119 members present.

Reps. Buehler, Highberger, Poskin and Sawyer were excused on verified illness.

Reps. Bergquist and Donohoe were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Present later: Rep. Bergquist.

Prayer by Chaplain Holmes:

Dear Father;

I marvel at the grace You abundantly bestow upon each of us!

Thank You! I know grace is not deserved, but it is so appreciated.

I am well aware of all the offenses I have committed against You and others,

but You have forgiven and given grace

instead of the justice which was rightly deserved.

Today I pray for the same grace You have bestowed,

to be spread across this chamber of responsibility.

Allow each one to give to others as You have given to them.

If personal offenses have occurred, might Your peace and grace abound.

I pray unity would abound in our quest to best serve the people of our great State.

I also pray when our work is done

and we leave this decision-making place

we can look back and say, I have done well!

Many of us are missing the opportunity to be with our families.

Regardless, if they be near or far,

bless them with an understanding heart for the work

You have called me to do.

Please, O God, remind them even though they are not physically present

they are a partner in this work, and I am so grateful for their support.

Our world is experiencing chaos on many fronts.

It so needs You to show the correct way forward.

We pray for our National and International leaders.

Might Your wisdom and understanding

be granted to those in places of great responsibility.

I ask this in Jesus name;

Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Borjon.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There being no objection, the following remarks of Reps. Waymaster and Ballard are spread upon the Journal:

Rep. Waymaster began, today we recognize February 7, 2024, as JAG-K Day at the Capitol.

Most of the members of this body are familiar with Jobs for America's Graduates-Kansas and their remarkable outcomes.

- JAG-K is an in-school elective class that helps prepare students for successful futures.
- JAG-K Career Specialists work with their students all 12 months of the year and provide 12 months of support following their senior year.
- Since JAG-K started in Kansas, in 2013-14, JAG-K students have a 95% graduation rate.
- And, 85% of JAG-K graduates are in post-secondary education, military service, or in the workforce on full-time basis 12 months after they graduate from high school.

I have seen the magnificent work our local Russell High School JAG-K program has done. Our students are getting paid internships, learning valuable life skills, and growing as leaders in school and our community. Their Career Specialist Raina Tomlinson is doing an excellent job.

Before recognizing the students, I would like to offer my colleague, Representative Barbara Ballard, an opportunity to say a few words about JAG-K. Representative Ballard has been a long-time member of the JAG-K Board of Directors and one of their biggest supporters in the Legislature.

Rep. Ballard continued, joining us in the East Gallery today are some of the hundreds of JAG-K students in the Capitol today.

The students on the floor are state and regional JAG-K Career Association officers. The following students were introduced: Charee Moore, James Kingsbury, Xavier Aquino, Laila Horton, Mycah Benton, Hayden Brown and Landon Kreifels. Also introduced were President and CEO, Chuck Knapp and Senior VP of Programming, Bev Mortimer.

Thank you for joining us in recognizing JAG-K Day at the Capitol.

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There being no objection, the following remarks of Rep. Haswood are spread upon the Journal:

I want first to acknowledge the Tribal Leadership that is here with us today, Prairie Band Potawatomi Chairman Joseph Zeke Rupnick and council member Raphael Wahwassuck; Kickapoo Tribal Chairwoman Gail Cheatum-Dupuis; Vice Chair Gary Samqua; and her four council members, Priscilla Wakole, Sharon Doxator, Grace Ross; and Iowa Tribal Chairman Tim Rhodd, Treasurer Robert Hullman; and council member Brad Campbell. Thank you all for being here today.

Today is the Kansas Native American Legislative Day at the Capitol. This was passed in statute in 2013 by former state representative Ponka-We Victors-Cozad, who made history as the first Native American woman to hold office in the Kansas State Legislature.

This day is to recognize and honor the four Tribes' historic and continued contributions to weaving the fabric of the great state of Kansas. I am excited to celebrate the accomplishments of one of our own!

Today I want to introduce to you all Dr. Alex Red Corn. Dr. Red Corn is an Osage Nation citizen, a member of the Tsi.zhu.wah.shtah.geh (Gentle Sky/Peacekeeper) clan, with family roots in the Wa.ha.xolin district/Osage village near Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

In the College of Education at Kansas State University, he serves as an Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership, Coordinator of Indigenous Partnerships, Co-Chair of the Indigenous Faculty and Staff Alliance, Executive Director of the Kansas Association for Native American Education (KANAE) and Program Coordinator for the Indigenous Educational Leadership Graduate Certificate.

His scholarship and service are focused on building capacities for Native nations to take on a more prominent role in the education of their citizens. As a member of the College of Education faculty, Dr. Red Corn has consulted with school and tribal leaders across the region on a variety of topics related to the education of Indigenous peoples, and he has helped cultivate conditions for increased collaboration with tribal governments. He has also developed the new Indigenous Educational Leadership Graduate Certificate program to help leaders working with Native Nations and communities build their technical skill sets when working with unique systems of Indian education as they work across tribal governments, public schools, and federal programs. He has successfully graduated two cohorts of students with master's degrees in educational leadership in partnership with the Osage Nation - whose lands and histories long predate the state of Kansas in these lands.

Red Corn, is known nationally for his contributions to education and has been awarded the O'Brien Award in 2023 by the Human Rights Educators USA and the Wilma Mankiller Memorial Award from the National Education Association.

Body, please join me in celebrating Dr. Alex Red Corn.

Rep. Haswood presented Dr. Red Corn a framed House certificate in honor of his many accomplishments.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There being no objection, the following remarks of Rep. Proctor are spread upon the Journal:

Today I have with me the Board of Directors and Staff of the Alliance Against Family Violence. Here at the well with me are Board members; Melynda Harbour and Jamie Lynn Svatos and Staff members; Katie Irvin, Jenna Motely and Stacy Eisenring.

Forty years ago this month, the Alliance Against Family Violence began to serve families in Leavenworth County who are impacted by domestic and sexual violence. And since they opened, the Alliance Against Family Violence has been helping residents of Leavenworth County and beyond in managing crises, as well as starting new lives after tragedy.

Since they first opened their doors forty years ago, the Alliance has expanded its services to include shelter for individuals fleeing abusive homes, a 24-hour hotline, court advocacy, crisis intervention services, medical and child and youth advocacy, and support group services.

Over four decades, the Alliance Against Family Violence has remained dedicated to facilitating an empowering positive change in the lives of those affected by domestic and sexual violence and to providing safety and security for members of the communities it serves.

And so, on behalf of the Kansas House of Representatives, I am honored to present this tribute to the Alliance Against Family Violence in recognition of your forty years serving Leavenworth families. Your hard work, dedication, and commitment to serving your neighbors reflect great credit on your organization, the City and County of Leavenworth, and the State of Kansas.

Rep. Proctor presented his guests with a framed House certificate in honor of their accomplishments.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

HB 2728, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to the valuation of real property; requiring that comparable residential sales occur within the subdivision or township or closest located subdivision or township where such property is located; amending K.S.A. 79-503a and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2729, AN ACT concerning precious metals; relating to gold and silver bullion and specie; enacting the Kansas specie legal tender act; providing that gold and silver specie is legal tender; authorizing the state treasurer to adopt rules and regulations allowing the use of approved electronic currencies backed by specie legal tender; enacting the Kansas bullion depository act; authorizing the state treasurer to establish, administer or contract for the administration of bullion depositories; allowing state moneys to be deposited in such bullion depositories and invested in specie legal tender; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 75-4209 and repealing the existing section, by Representatives Murphy, Bryce, Buehler, Clifford, Corbet, Eplee, Fairchild, Garber, Helgerson, Hill, Hoffman, Houser, Howe, Jacobs, Mason, Poetter, Probst, Sanders, Schmoe, Smith, C., Sutton, Tarwater, Thomas, Turk, Waggoner, Wasinger and White.

HB 2730, AN ACT concerning education; relating to the tax credit for low income students scholarship program act; expanding eligibility for scholarships under such act to include students enrolled in underperforming school districts; amending K.S.A. 72-4351 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-4352 and 72-5132 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Education.

HB 2731, AN ACT concerning education; relating to statewide assessments; requiring the state board of education to submit annual reports to the legislature on certain statistics of students who take such assessments; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-5170 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Education.

HB 2732, AN ACT concerning school districts; authorizing school districts to employ chaplains or accept chaplains as volunteers to provide support, services and programs for students, by Committee on Education.

HB 2733, AN ACT concerning real property; relating to homeowners' associations; requiring such associations to conduct certain home repairs in accordance with applicable codes and standards; providing for enforcement by the attorney general, including the assessment of civil fines, by Committee on Local Government.

HB 2734, AN ACT concerning improvement districts; imposing a five-year expiration on improvement districts and community improvement districts if no improvements are carried out within the five-year period; amending K.S.A. 12-6a26 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Local Government.

HB 2735, AN ACT establishing a task force on missing women and girls who are black, indigenous and people of color, by Representative Haswood.

HB 2736, AN ACT concerning energy; relating to reliability of electric generation facilities; providing guidelines for decommissioning of certain electric generation facilities; requiring a utility to replace a closed or decommissioned facility with an equivalent amount of reliable and readily dispatchable electric generation, by Representatives Barth and Turk.

HB 2737, AN ACT concerning abortion; creating the abolish abortion Kansas act; making all abortions subject to criminal prosecution for violation of Alexa's law; removing exceptions to wrongful death cause of action for the death of an unborn child; amending K.S.A. 21-5206 and 21-5419 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 60-1901 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

HB 2738, AN ACT concerning education; relating to special education state aid; revising the special education state aid statewide excess costs calculation to count additional funding; requiring the state board to determine excess costs for school districts; requiring the state board to establish a special education state aid equalization distribution schedule and to distribute certain amounts of special education services aid pursuant to such distribution schedule; requiring each school district to transfer the amount attributable to the special education weighting from the supplemental general fund to the special education fund; amending K.S.A. 72-3422 and 72-5143 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on K-12 Education Budget.

HB 2739, AN ACT concerning state moneys; relating to state-managed funds and state contracts; enacting the countries of concern divestment and procurement protection act; requiring divestment from investments with countries of concern and providing exceptions therefor; prohibiting investments, deposits or contracts with any bank or company domiciled or with a principal place of business in a country of concern; indemnifying state-managed funds with respect to actions taken in compliance with such act; providing an expiration date for such act, by Committee on Financial Institutions and Pensions.

HB 2740, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to crimes against persons; increasing the criminal penalty for a third or subsequent conviction of domestic battery; creating a mandatory minimum sentence for aggravated domestic battery; amending K.S.A. 21-5414 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice.

HB 2741, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to supervision of offenders; updating the terms of supervision for offenders on probation and postrelease supervision; amending K.S.A. 21-6607, 22-2907 and 22-3717 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice.

HB 2742, AN ACT concerning children and minors; relating to the secretary for children and families; directing the secretary to reimburse a hospital when a child in custody of the secretary remains at the hospital and is no longer receiving medical services; amending K.S.A. 38-2217 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care.

HB 2743, AN ACT concerning traffic regulations; relating to driving privileges; revoking the authority to suspend a person's driving privileges or driver's license due to nonpayment of fines or court costs from traffic citations; providing for retroactive application thereof; amending K.S.A. 8-2106 and 8-2110 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Transportation.

HB 2744, AN ACT concerning economic development; enacting the transformation of passenger and freight vehicle industry act; relating to tax and other incentives for projects in specified industries or for a national corporate headquarters with specified job requirements of at least 250 new employees and specified capital investment requirements; providing for a refundable income, privilege and premium tax credit for a portion of any specified capital investment requirement; retention of certain payroll withholding taxes; sales tax exemption for project construction; establishing the transformation of passenger and freight vehicle industry act new employee training and education fund; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 79-3606 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development.

HB 2745, AN ACT concerning occupational licensing; relating to occupational licensing, certification and registration fees; providing that military spouses of active military servicemembers shall be exempted from all such fees; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 48-3406 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development.

HB 2746, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to healthcare professions; updating requirements for receiving and renewing a license under the dietitians licensing act; amending K.S.A. 65-5906 and 65-5909 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 2747, AN ACT concerning health professions and practices; relating to pharmacists; expanding the pharmacist scope of practice to include initiation of therapy for HIV post-exposure prophylaxis; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 65-16,131 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 2748, AN ACT concerning public assistance; relating to certain personal hygiene products; establishing the personal hygiene fund and program within the Kansas department for children and families; prescribing eligibility requirements for such program; authorizing the secretary for children and families to adopt rules and regulations to administer such program; providing an individual income tax credit for taxpayer contributions to the personal hygiene fund, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 2749, AN ACT concerning abortion; relating to reports on abortions performed in this state; requiring the reporting of the reasons for each abortion performed at a medical care facility or by a healthcare provider; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 65-445 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 2750, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to the treatment of sexually transmitted diseases; permitting the use of expedited partner therapy for the treatment thereof, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Agriculture and Natural Resources: **HB 2720**.

Commerce, Labor and Economic Development: **HB 2724**, **HB 2725**.

Corrections and Juvenile Justice: **HB 2698, HB 2699, HB 2708.**
 Education: **HB 2700, HB 2702, HB 2703, HB 2709, HB 2719.**
 Financial Institutions and Pensions: **HB 2710, HB 2711, HB 2722.**
 Health and Human Services: **HB 2716.**
 Higher Education Budget: **HB 2705.**
 Insurance: **HB 2707, HB 2712, HB 2714, HB 2715.**
 Interstate Cooperation: **HB 2713.**
 Judiciary: **HB 2721.**
 K-12 Education Budget: **HB 2717, HB 2718, HB 2726, HB 2727.**
 Local Government: **HB 2704.**
 Taxation: **HB 2694, HB 2701.**
 Transportation: **HB 2706.**
 Water: **HB 2695, HB 2696, HB 2697.**
 Welfare Reform: **HB 2723.**

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

Speaker Hawkins announced the withdrawal of **HB 2691** from Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications and referral to Committee on Judiciary.

FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HB 2495, AN ACT making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2025, 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, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 119; Nays 0; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 6.

Yeas: Alcalá, Amyx, Anderson, Averkamp, Ballard, Barth, Bergkamp, Blew, Blex, Bloom, Borjon, Bryce, Butler, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Carr, Clifford, Collins, Concannon, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Dodson, M., Droge, Ellis, Eplee, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Featherston, Francis, Garber, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Haswood, Hawkins, Helgerson, Hill, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Hougland, Houser, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Humphries, Jacobs, T. Johnson, Kessler, Landwehr, Lewis, Martinez, Mason, Maughan, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Meyer, Miller, D., Miller, S., Miller, V., Minnix, Moser, Murphy, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Owens, Penn, Pickert, Poetter, Probst, Proctor, Rahjes, Resman, Rhiley, Robinson, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoie, Schreiber, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Smith, E., Stogsdill, Sutton, Tarwater, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Turk, Turner, Underhill, Vaughn, Waggoner, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Williams, K., Williams, L., Winn, Woodard, Xu, Younger.

Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Bergquist, Buehler, Donohoe, Highberger, Poskin, Sawyer.

The bill passed.

HR 6035, A RESOLUTION affirming state sovereignty, supporting Texas in its efforts to combat illegal immigration and encouraging Governor Laura Kelly to offer the services of the Kansas National Guard to the state of Texas, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 80; Nays 40; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 5.

Yeas: Anderson, Awerkamp, Barth, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blew, Blex, Bloom, Borjon, Bryce, Butler, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Clifford, Collins, Concannon, Corbet, Croft, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Eplee, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Francis, Garber, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Hawkins, Hill, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Houser, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Humphries, Jacobs, T. Johnson, Kessler, Landwehr, Lewis, Mason, Maughan, McNorton, Minnix, Moser, Murphy, Neely, Owens, Penn, Pickert, Poetter, Proctor, Rahjes, Resman, Rhiley, Robinson, Roth, Sanders, Schmoee, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Smith, E., Sutton, Tarwater, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Turk, Turner, Waggoner, Wasinger, Waymaster, White, Williams, K., Williams, L..

Nays: Alcalá, Amyx, Ballard, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Curtis, Dodson, M., Featherston, Haskins, Haswood, Helgerson, Houglan, Hoye, Martinez, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Miller, D., Miller, S., Miller, V., Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Probst, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schreiber, Stogsdill, Underhill, Vaughn, Weigel, Winn, Woodard, Xu, Younger.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Buehler, Donohoe, Highberger, Poskin, Sawyer.

The resolution was adopted.

EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE

MR. SPEAKER: My no vote today on **HR 6035** reflects the oath that I took as a Kansas House Member to uphold the Constitution of the United States. Because of the Supremacy Clause, I believe Gov. Abbot is in violation of the rule of law and of the US Constitution. A vote yes would make me complicit. Abbot's tactics are inhumane and un-American. I would urge him to obey the order from the US Supreme Court, rather than continue his current course. Our system purposefully has 3 branches to ensure checks and balances. Even governors must adhere to the law of the land.

– NIKKI McDONALD, TOBIAS SCHLINGENSIEPEN, DAN OSMAN, KIRK HASKINS, ALLISON HOUGLAND, VIC MILLER, JERRY STOGSDILL, DENNIS MILLER, MIKE AMYX, LINDA FEATHERSTON, MELISSA OROPEZA, ANGELA MARTINEZ, STEPHANIE SAWYER CLAYTON, HEATHER MEYER

MR. SPEAKER: I support coming to the United States, LEGALLY. Our Armed Forces and Law Enforcement Men and Women face risks every day to protect our constitutional rights and freedoms we enjoy.

There is a legal process to enter and remain in the United States. That - I support. I think there are flaws within that system - those flaws need to be addressed.

I do not support inhumane treatment of any type. I don't see how this Resolution fixes the problem, and in my opinion adds to the problem - I will be voting No on **HR. 6035**. – LYNN MELTON

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole, with Rep. Minnix in the chair.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Recommended that:

HB 2490 be passed.

HB 2578 be passed over and retain a place on the calendar.

Committee report to **HB 2522** be adopted; and the bill be passed as amended.

On motion of Rep. Owens, **HB 2578** be amended, on page 1, in line 12, after "(b)" by inserting "(1)"; before "The" by inserting "Prior to July 1, 2027,"; in line 14, after "centers" by inserting "that meet the criteria as set forth in paragraph (3).

(2) On and after July 1, 2027, the Kansas department for aging and disability services shall certify as a certified community behavioral health clinic any community mental health center that meets the criteria as set forth in paragraph (3).

(3) In order to be certified as a certified community behavioral health clinic, a community mental health center shall be";

Also on page 1, in line 14, by striking "that"; in line 15, by striking "provides" and inserting "and provide";

On page 2, in line 12, after "(e)" by inserting "(1)";

Also on page 2, in line 15, by striking "(1)" and inserting "(A)"; in line 17 by striking "(2)" and inserting "(B)"; following line 19, by inserting:

"(2) The provisions of subsection (e) shall expire on July 1, 2027."; and the bill be passed as amended.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Appropriations** recommends **HB 2491**, **SB 195** be passed.

Committee on **Corrections and Juvenile Justice** recommends **HB 2601** be passed.

Committee on **Corrections and Juvenile Justice** recommends **HB 2583** be amended on page 1, in line 16, before "that" by inserting ", disability or death to an assistance dog or inflicting harm"; in line 17, by striking "assistance dog,"; in line 30, by striking "assistance dog,"; in line 34, by striking "assistance dog,";

On page 5, in line 19, after the period by inserting "Replacement costs shall include, but not be limited to, training costs, personnel expenses and costs associated with boarding the animal during training."; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Elections** recommends **HB 2517** be passed.

Committee on **Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications** recommends **HB 2588** be passed.

Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** recommends **HB 2358** be amended on page 1, following line 6, by inserting:

"Section 1. K.S.A. 65-2401 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-2401. As used in this act:

(a) "Vital statistics" includes the registration, preparation, transcription, collection, compilation, and preservation of data pertaining to birth, adoption, legitimation, death,

stillbirth, marriage, divorce, annulment of marriage, induced termination of pregnancy, and data incidental thereto.

(b) "Live birth" means the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a human child, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy, which, after such expulsion or extraction, breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached.

(c) "Gestational age" means the age of the human child as measured in weeks as determined by either the last date of the mother's menstrual period, a sonogram conducted prior to the 20th week of pregnancy or the confirmed known date of conception.

(d) "Stillbirth" means any complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a human child the gestational age of which is not less than 20 completed weeks, resulting in other than a live birth, as defined in this section, and which is not an induced termination of pregnancy.

(e) "Induced termination of pregnancy" means abortion, as defined in K.S.A. 65-6701, and amendments thereto.

(f) "Dead body" means a lifeless human body or such parts of a human body or the bones thereof from the state of which it reasonably may be concluded that death recently occurred.

(g) "Person in charge of interment" means any person who places or causes to be placed a stillborn child or dead body or the ashes, after cremation, in a grave, vault, urn or other receptacle, or otherwise disposes thereof.

(h) "Secretary" means the secretary of health and environment.

(i) "Cause of death certifier" means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery by the state board of healing arts, a physician assistant licensed by the state board of healing arts, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed by the state board of nursing or a district coroner, deputy coroner or special deputy coroner."

Also on page 1, in line 22, by striking "medical"; in line 23, by striking all after the stricken material; by striking all in line 24; in line 25, by striking all before "who" and inserting "the cause of death certifier";

On page 2, in line 6, by striking "medical" and inserting "cause of death"; in line 8, after "(d)" by inserting "A cause of death certifier who makes a certification of a cause of death in good faith is immune from civil liability for such certification.

(e)";

Also on page 2, in line 11, by striking "medical" and inserting "cause of death";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

Also on page 2, in line 14, after "K.S.A." by inserting "65-2401 and"; also in line 14, by striking "is" and inserting "are";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 2, by striking "medical"; in line 3, by striking all before "to" and inserting "cause of death certifiers"; in line 4, after "K.S.A." by inserting "65-2401 and"; also in line 4, by striking "section" and inserting "sections"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** recommends **HB 2632** 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 **Health and Human Services** recommends **HB 2453**, **HB 2547**, **HB 2637** be passed.

Committee on **Transportation** recommends **HB 2499** be passed.

Upon unanimous consent, the House referred back to the regular business, Introduction of Bills and Concurrent Resolutions.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

HB 2751, AN ACT concerning the Kansas department for aging and disability services; relating to licensure of providers of disability services; authorizing the department to condition or restrict a license therefor; granting the secretary authority to grant regulation waivers unrelated to health and safety; authorizing correction orders and civil fines to be appealed to the secretary; amending K.S.A. 39-2004, 39-2013 and 39-2016 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 2752, AN ACT concerning health insurance; relating to dental benefit plans and services; establishing the dental ratio act; requiring the calculation of the annual dental loss ratio by each dental benefit plan; requiring each dental benefit plan to file an annual report; rebating certain dollar amounts to insureds or plan administrators when the dental loss ratio percentage does not meet the required loss ratio percentage; authorizing the commissioner to adopt rules and regulations, by Committee on Insurance.

HB 2753, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to sex offenses; creating the crime of aggravated sexual extortion and providing criminal penalties therefor; adding making a demand for money or other thing of value to the elements of the crime of sexual extortion; amending K.S.A. 21-5515 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

HB 2754, AN ACT concerning counties; relating to public health; authorizing counties to exempt from the requirement to perform school safety inspections; amending K.S.A. 19-101a and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 65-202 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Judiciary.

HB 2755, AN ACT concerning appearance bonds; relating to release prior to trial; requiring compensated sureties who post bond in municipal court to comply with certain requirements; requiring a minimum bond premium in district court; providing reasons for suspending or terminating authorization of a compensated surety; amending K.S.A. 12-4301 and 22-2809b and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Judiciary.

HB 2756, AN ACT concerning the behavioral sciences regulatory board; relating to the powers, duties and functions thereof; enacting the art therapist licensure act; providing for the regulation and licensing of professional art therapists; amending K.S.A. 74-7507 and 74-7508 and repealing the existing sections, by Representatives Schreiber, Curtis, Meyer and Osman.

HB 2757, AN ACT concerning adoption; relating to the expenses thereof; enacting the adoption savings account act; allowing individuals to establish adoption savings

accounts with certain financial institutions; providing eligible expenses, requirements and restrictions for such accounts; requiring the secretary of revenue to adopt certain rules and regulations; granting nonexclusive marketing authority to the state treasurer; establishing addition and subtraction modifications for contributions to such accounts under the Kansas income tax act; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 79-32,117 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

Speaker Hawkins announced the appointment of Rep. Croft to replace Rep. Donohoe on Committee on Education February 7, 2024.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Droge to replace Rep. Poetter Parshall on Committee on Education on February 7, 2024.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Clifford to replace Rep. Tarwater on Committee on Legislative Post Audit on February 7, 2024.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 8, 2024.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

