

Journal of the House

TWENTY-NINTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Friday, February 16, 2024, 8:30 a.m.

The House met session pro forma pursuant to adjournment with Speaker pro tem Carpenter in the chair.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bill was introduced and read by title:

HB 2805, AN ACT concerning the open records act; relating to public records; continuing in existence certain exceptions to the disclosure thereof; amending K.S.A. 41-511 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 45-229, 50-6,109a and 74-50,227 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Taxation.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2803**.

Taxation: **HB 2804**.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

Speaker pro tem Carpenter announced the withdrawal of **HB 2785** from Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development and referral to Committee on Appropriations.

Also, the withdrawal of **HB 2485**, **HB 2489**, **HB 2506**, **HB 2514**, **HB 2594**, **HB 2650**, **HB 2717**, **HB 2738** from Committee on K-12 Education Budget and referral to Committee on Appropriations.

Also, the withdrawal of **HB 2780** from Committee on Judiciary and referral to Committee on Appropriations.

Also, the withdrawal of **HB 2723** from Committee on Appropriations and re-referral to Committee on Welfare Reform.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was introduced and read by title:

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. **HR 6039**—

By Representatives Hill, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Carpenter, Clifford, Collins, Croft, Dodson, Droge, Ellis, Estes, Fairchild, Garber, Goddard, Goetz, Hawkins, Hoheisel, Houser, Howe, Howerton, Johnson, Lewis, McDonald, Moser, Murphy, Owens, Poskin, Rhiley, Schmoe, Tarwater, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Turk and Waggoner

HR 6039—A RESOLUTION affirming the commitment to freedom of expression with integrity

A RESOLUTION affirming Kansas' commitment to robust freedom of expression with integrity and accountability and opposing the threat to free and responsible speech.

WHEREAS, The First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States protects the freedom of worship, speech, the press, assembly and the right to petition our government; and

WHEREAS, Section 11 of the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the State of Kansas recognizes that the liberty of the press shall be inviolate, and the same section affirms the right of all people to speak, write and publish freely; and

WHEREAS, Section 11 of the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the State of Kansas also sets forth the responsibility of the people to not abuse the freedom of speech in a defamatory, untruthful or grossly negligent manner; and

WHEREAS, Censorship of protected speech in public forums, such as public spaces on university campuses, is contrary to the purpose and spirit of free speech; and

WHEREAS, The scope and ease of digital dissemination of defamatory information increases the potential for harmful impact of such information; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Legislature recognizes that the public depends on the accuracy and integrity of information providers: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we affirm our commitment to freedom of the press and encourage open and positive discourse; and

Be it further resolved: That we affirm to those who speak, write and publish information of our responsibility to strengthen the public trust in these liberties while avoiding the abuse thereof; and

Be it further resolved: That we commit ourselves to the same degree of openness and integrity we expect of the general public; and

Be it further resolved: That we unequivocally state our commitment to the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the great State of Kansas; and

Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to the director of the Kansas Press Association, Emily Bradbury, the owner of the Marion County Record, Eric Meyer and Representative Hill.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Agriculture and Natural Resources** recommends **HB 2564** be amended on page 1, in line 7, by striking "4" and inserting "5";

On page 3, following line 4, by inserting:

"Sec. 5. The provisions of the Kansas farm-to-food bank program act, sections 1 through 5, and amendments thereto, shall expire on July 1, 2025.";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

And the bill be passed as amended;

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGE

Speaker pro tem Carpenter announced the appointment of Rep. Hoffman to replace Rep. Seiwert on Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget February 16, 2024.

REPORT ON ENGROSSED BILLS

HB 2481, HB 2501 reported correctly engrossed February 15, 2024.

On motion of Rep. Croft the House adjourned pro forma until 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 19, 2024.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

