

Journal of the Senate

FORTY-THIRD DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Monday, March 11, 2024, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Ty Masterson.
The roll was called with 34 senators present.
Senators Baumgardner, Faust-Goudeau, Holscher, Pyle, Ryckman and Thompson were excused.

Invocation by Reverend Cecil T. Washington:

Psalm 33:12, 144:12-15, Matthew 6:9-13

Heavenly Father, Noah Webster, who hobnobbed with and inspired the Founding Fathers of this blessed nation, helped to unite us linguistically when he gave us the Noah Webster's Dictionary. And inspired by Your Holy Spirit, he also wanted to unite us as a blessed nation, spiritually.

For Your Word says in Psalm 33: 12, blessed and sacred is the nation who's God is the LORD. He is quoted as saying, "All miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery and war proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible."

And Lord, a description of the nation that is blessed by You is poetically given to us in the Scriptures of Psalm 144:12-15 "May our sons be like full-grown, young plants. May our daughters be like stately columns that adorn the corners of a palace. May our barns be filled with all kinds of crops. May our sheep give birth to thousands of lambs, tens of thousands in our fields. May our cattle have many calves. May no one break in and may no one be dragged out. May there be no cries of distress in our streets. Blessed are the people who have these blessings! Blessed are the people whose God is the LORD."

So Lord, please unify us under Your Almighty Hand, that we not succumb to ungodly ways. I ask You, as Jesus taught the disciples to ask You in Matthew 6:13, to "Deliver us from influences of the evil one." In His Name, I pray, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Masterson.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 542, AN ACT making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; relating to the Kansas department for aging and disability services; creating a grant program to fund proposed homeless shelter infrastructure; establishing requirements for such grants to be awarded; creating the homeless shelter infrastructure

grant fund in the state treasury, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 543, AN ACT concerning state educational institutions; relating to diversity, equity and inclusion; prohibiting the endorsement of discriminatory ideologies, the usage of diversity, equity and inclusion statements and the provision of preferential consideration on the basis of such discriminatory ideologies; creating a right of action and providing penalties for violations thereof, by Committee on Ways and Means.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Federal and State Affairs: **SB 541**.

Financial Institutions and Insurance: **SB 540**.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Local Government** recommends **HB 2661** be passed.

Also, **HB 2176**, As Amended by House Committee, be amended on page 5, in line 14, by striking ", required or collected" and inserting "for any subsequent calendar year"; in line 15, after the period by inserting "On such date, the Arkansas city public library shall cease to be a participating library in the south central Kansas library system. Such library district may submit a petition to join the south central Kansas library system as a participating library.";

On page 9, in line 28, by striking all after "imposed"; in line 29, by striking "collected" and inserting "for any subsequent calendar year"; also in line 29, after the period by inserting "On such date, the Udall public library shall cease to be a participating library in the south central Kansas library system. Such library district may submit a petition to join the south central Kansas library system as a participating library."; and the bill be passed as amended.

HB 2587 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 **Ways and Means** recommends **SB 514** be amended by substituting with a new bill to be designated as "Substitute for SENATE BILL NO. 514," as follows:

"Substitute for SENATE BILL NO. 514

By Committee on Ways and Means

"AN ACT making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, June 30, 2026, June 30, 2027, and June 30, 2028, for state agencies; authorizing certain transfers, capital improvement projects and fees, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements, procedures and acts incidental to the foregoing; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 2-223, 12-1775a, 12-5256, 65-180, 74-50,107, 74-8711, 74-99b34, 76-775, 76-7,107, 79-2959, 79-2964, 79-2989, 79-3425i, 79-34,171 and 82a-955 and repealing the existing sections.";

And the substitute bill be passed.

On motion of Senator Alley, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks*.

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate*.

