

Journal of the Senate

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Monday, March 6, 2023, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by Vice President Rick Wilborn.
The roll was called with 36 senators present.
Senators Blasi, Holland, Holscher and Peck were excused.
Invocation by Reverend Cecil T. Washington:

Thanking God In EVERYTHING!
1 Thessalonians 5:17-18, Romans 8:28

Heavenly Father, as we come to this time of prayer, You say in 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18, that prayer should be a constant way of life, that we should always have our antennas up tuned in to Your frequency. And, we should always be giving thanks.

So, Lord here's thanking You for bringing us through another weekend. Thank You for our times of rest, no matter how brief.

You said we should give thanks in ALL circumstances. And Lord, even though some situations may not feel thank-worthy on the surface, we can trust Your Divine Love and providence to determine what's good for us. And we can trust You to protect us from what's not good.

You guided the Apostle Paul to tell us in Romans 8:28, that we can be confident, that because of Your love for us You cause all things, all activities and all situations to work together, in harmony for our good. And that's as long as we're concerned with Your plan and purpose. So once again Lord, thank You for what You're doing even in the times we don't have a clue as to what You're doing.

Therefore, Lord, remind us to be constantly seeking You in our prayer while continuing in our thankfulness. In Jesus' Name I thank You for the opportunity to offer this prayer. Amen!

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Wilborn.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 291, AN ACT concerning environmental, social and governance criteria involving public contracts and investments; enacting the Kansas public investments and contracts protection act; prohibiting the state or a political subdivision from giving preferential treatment to or discriminating against companies based on environmental, social and governance criteria in procuring or letting contracts; requiring fiduciaries of the Kansas public employees retirement system to act solely in the financial interest of participants

and beneficiaries of the system; restricting state agencies from adopting environmental, social and governance criteria or requiring any person or business to operate in accordance with such criteria; directing registered investment advisers to provide certain environmental, social and governance criteria notice to clients; requiring the legislative research department to develop and maintain an environmental, social and governance disclosure webpage; providing for enforcement of such act by the attorney general; amending K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-4921 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 292, AN ACT concerning veterans and military; updating certain provisions related to the Kansas army and air national guard; providing for the appointment of a state judge advocate; increasing monthly disability and death benefits; providing for the adjustment of such disability and death benefits; amending K.S.A. 48-101, 48-202, 48-205, 48-206, 48-209, 48-211, 48-214, 48-216, 48-242, 48-243, 48-252c, 48-261, 48-267, 48-269, 48-301, 48-509 and 48-516 and K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 48-204 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 48-103, 48-219, 48-221, 48-222, 48-223, 48-228, 48-237 and 48-252, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 293, AN ACT concerning parimutuel wagering; relating to historical horse races; crediting tax revenue generated to the horse breeding development fund and the horse fair racing benefit fund; amending K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-8823 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

SB 294, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to local health departments; increasing state financial assistance to such departments under specified circumstances; amending K.S.A. 65-242 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 295, AN ACT concerning property taxation; authorizing the continuation of the 20 mill statewide levy for schools; amending K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 72-5142 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Ways and Means.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Assessment and Taxation: **HB 2176**.

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2058, HB 2059, HB 2124, HB 2170, HB 2269**.

Ways and Means: **HB 2290**.

REFERENCE OF APPOINTMENTS

The following appointment made by the Governor and submitted to the Senate for confirmation, was referred to Committee as indicated:

Executive Director, Kansas Historical Society:

Patrick Zollner, to serve at the pleasure of the governor.

(Committee on Transparency and Ethics)

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

Under the authority of the President, the Vice President referred **SB 291** to the Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Ways and Means** recommends **SB 172** be passed.

Also, **SB 203** be amended on page 1, in line 14, by striking "state" and inserting "postsecondary"; in line 21, by striking "State" and inserting "Postsecondary"; in line 22, by striking "76-711" and inserting "74-3201b"; in line 30, by striking "state" and inserting "postsecondary"; in line 33, after "(c)" by inserting "(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2),"; in line 34, by striking "state" and inserting "postsecondary"; following line 35, by inserting:

"(2) Expenditures from the fund for a community college, technical college or municipal university shall not require a match.";

On page 2, in line 8, by striking "\$350,000,000" and inserting "\$240,000,000"; in line 10, by striking "state" and inserting "postsecondary"; in line 13, by striking "state" and inserting "postsecondary"; in line 14, by striking the second "state" and inserting "postsecondary"; in line 17, by striking "state" and inserting "postsecondary"; in line 26, before "The" by inserting "(a)"; following line 29, by inserting:

"(b) Commencing in fiscal year 2025 and ending in fiscal year 2036, the board of regents shall credit \$100,000 in each fiscal year from the Kansas campus restoration fund to each community college, technical college and municipal university account established pursuant to section 2, and amendments thereto.";

On page 1, in the title, in line 3, by striking "state" and inserting "postsecondary"; and the bill be passed as amended.

HB 2184, HB 2191 be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bills are of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS

SB 39 reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Governor on March 6, 2023.

On motion of Senator Alley, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks.*

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

