

Journal of the Senate

FORTY-FIRST DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Thursday, March 7, 2024, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Ty Masterson.

The roll was called with 39 senators present.

Senator O'Shea was excused.

The President introduced guest chaplain, Doug Henkle, who delivered the invocation:

Father God, it is such a blessing to know You love us and care about every detail of our lives. Thank You for personally caring about those things that worry us and prey on our thoughts. It is reassuring to know that not a single nagging, aching, worrisome thought escapes Your notice. Thank You for caring about them even more than we do. It is so encouraging to know that we are Your personal concern and that we never disappear from Your radar screen.

Heavenly Father, You care about the debate that will occur on the floor of this chamber in the weeks ahead. I pray that You would cause a bond of common purpose, the welfare of the citizens of Kansas, to unite this body and that Your peace, which is far beyond our understanding, would be over the Kansas Senate today.

I lift up every Senator here to You. Give them wisdom to accurately discern the issues presented before them. Cause them to make decisions that would strengthen and prosper our state. Provide them with guidance in conducting their affairs honorably, ethically and with integrity. May their actions and decisions be right, just and pleasing to You. Father, bring to light the things they need to know so they may vote in line with Your plan, will and purpose.

I pray for President Masterson, Vice President Wilborn, Majority Leader Alley, and Minority Leader Sykes. Give them Your divine insight and direction as they lead this chamber. Father, I ask that at the end of the day the deliberations in the Kansas Senate would lead to sound decisions that would honor You and benefit the citizens of Kansas. In Jesus' Name, 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 538, AN ACT concerning elections; relating to municipal elections; establishing a commencement date for candidate nomination filings for such elected offices; amending K.S.A. 25-205 and 25-21a01 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 539, AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to income tax; modifying tax rates for individuals; increasing the Kansas standard deduction and the Kansas personal exemption; increasing the income limit to qualify for a subtraction modification for social security income; relating to privilege tax; decreasing the normal tax rate; relating to property tax; increasing the extent of exemption for residential property from the statewide school levy; relating to sales and compensating use tax; reducing the state rate of tax on sales of food and food ingredients; modifying the percent credited to the state highway fund from revenue collected; amending K.S.A. 79-1107 and 79-1108 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 79-201x, 79-32,110, 79-32,117, 79-32,119, 79-32,121, 79-3603, 79-3603d, 79-3620, 79-3703 and 79-3710 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Assessment and Taxation: **SB 536**, **SB 537**.

Commerce: **HB 2648**.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

Senator Sykes introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:
SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1745—

A RESOLUTION congratulating Goodwill of Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas on its 130th anniversary in 2024.

WHEREAS, The Helping Hand Institute was founded in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1894 to provide food, shelter and a work relief program for those who were homeless and without resources; and

WHEREAS, Goodwill Industries was founded in 1902 with the mission of collecting household goods to be repaired and sold to support the program and hiring and training individuals with disabilities and disadvantages; and

WHEREAS, The Goodwill Industries of Greater Kansas City opened its first repair shop in 1925 at St. Peter's Evangelical Church on Oak Street, where it impacted the community over several decades through employment skills training and vocational rehabilitation for persons with disabilities and other disadvantages; and

WHEREAS, The Helping Hand Institute and Goodwill Industries of Greater Kansas City merged in 1978 to form the Helping Hand of Goodwill Industries, which, in 2010, was changed to its present name Goodwill of Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas, otherwise known simply as Goodwill; and

WHEREAS, Today, Goodwill continues to be a nonprofit leader in the Kansas City region, providing resources and services to individuals who face barriers to obtaining employment, including one-on-one career navigation and employment services, wraparound services, digital skills training and digital navigation services, reentry services and occupational training within the Goodwill Artemis Institute courses such as the Bridge to Technology and Certified Manufacturing Associate; and

WHEREAS, Goodwill continues to support the community by directly employing nearly 700 people, offering janitorial services to government and commercial customers, and operating 17 donated goods retail stores and one outlet center, which

provide inexpensive household items and clothing for the community while at the same time diverting such items from landfills: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate Goodwill of Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas on its 130th anniversary of empowering people and strengthening communities in Eastern Kansas; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senators Sykes.

On emergency motion of Senator Sykes **SR 1745** was adopted by voice vote.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Announcing passage of **Sub HB 2676**; **HB 2665**, **HB 2749**.

Announcing passage of **SB 338**, as amended; **SB 339**, as amended; **SB 356**, as amended; **SB 398**, as amended.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HB 2665; **Sub HB 2676**; **HB 2749** were thereupon introduced and read by title.

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS

In accordance with Senate Rule 55, the following appointments submitted to the Senate for confirmation were considered:

Senator Alley moved the following appointments:

By the Governor

On the appointment to the:

State Board of Tax Appeals:

Virginia Powell, Term ends January 15, 2028

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 36; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 4.

Yeas: Alley, Baumgardner, Billinger, Blasi, Bowers, Claeys, Corson, Dietrich, Doll, Fagg, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Holland, Holscher, Kerschen, Kloos, Longbine, Masterson, McGinn, Olson, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Pittman, Pyle, Reddi, Ryckman, Shallenburger, Straub, Sykes, Thompson, Tyson, Warren, Wilborn.

Absent or Not Voting: Erickson, O'Shea, Steffen, Ware.

The appointment was confirmed.

By the Governor

On the appointment to the:

State Board of Tax Appeals:

Devin Sprecker, Term ends January 15, 2028

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 36; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 4.

Yeas: Alley, Baumgardner, Billinger, Blasi, Bowers, Claeys, Corson, Dietrich, Doll, Fagg, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Holland, Holscher, Kerschen, Kloos, Longbine, Masterson, McGinn, Olson, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Pittman, Pyle, Reddi, Ryckman, Shallenburger, Straub, Sykes, Thompson, Tyson, Warren, Wilborn.

Absent or Not Voting: Erickson, O'Shea, Steffen, Ware.

The appointment was confirmed.

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO CONCUR AND NONCONCUR

On motion of Senator Longbine the Senate nonconcurrred in the House amendments to **SB 338** and requested a conference committee be appointed.

The President appointed Senators Longbine, Fagg and Holscher as a conference committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Longbine the Senate nonconcurrred in the House amendments to **SB 339** and requested a conference committee be appointed.

The President appointed Senators Longbine, Fagg and Holscher as a conference committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Longbine the Senate nonconcurrred in the House amendments to **SB 356** and requested a conference committee be appointed.

The President appointed Senators Longbine, Fagg and Holscher as a conference committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Longbine the Senate nonconcurrred in the House amendments to **SB 398** and requested a conference committee be appointed.

The President appointed Senators Longbine, Fagg and Holscher as a conference committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Alley, the Senate adjourned pro forma until 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 8, 2024.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks.*

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

