

Journal of the Senate

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Thursday, February 15, 2024, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Ty Masterson.
The roll was called with 40 senators present.
Invocation by Reverend Cecil T. Washington:

Love Is A Many Splendered Thing
1 Corinthians 13, Matthew 24: 12

Lord of Love, Mercy and Grace. Every year in the middle of February, we remind ourselves of that strange phenomenon called love and how everything we do should first show love for You at its center and secondly, love for others. But we need Your help in clearing up the confusion over what it is and how to do it. For if we ask 100 people to define it, we'll get 100 definitions.

Back in 1955, a Paul Webster tried to help us with the words to his song, He said "Love Is A Many-Splendered Thing." His lyric continued with, "It's the April rose that only grows in the early spring, that it's nature's way of giving a reason to be living; That it's the golden crown that makes a man a king." Lord, we're pretty good at poetry, and talking about love being multi-faceted. And we've come to know that it is. But, like a diamond takes in pure light and reflects it in a variety of brilliant hues, shine the pure light of Your love into our hearts to such a degree that we reflect it in a variety of ways. So much so, that those around us take note and say, "that's a man or woman who consistently demonstrates love."

In 1 Corinthians 13, the love chapter of Your Holy Word, You tell us how love does and does not behave. Help us to regularly use that passage as a love test to examine ourselves. For You predicted in Matthew 24: 12, that as we draw closer to the end times, due to lawlessness multiplying, the love of the many will grow cold.

So, Lord, help us to start telling folk and showing folk that we love them. For the need to promote love for our neighbor is amplified more now than ever. I thank You for Your love and for hearing this prayer, 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 515, AN ACT concerning sales taxation; relating to exemptions; providing a sales tax exemption for the Dane G. Hansen foundation; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 79-3606 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

SB 516, AN ACT concerning elevators; relating to annual inspections under the elevator safety act; exempting elevators owned by nonprofit organizations with a maintenance service contract for such elevator from the inspection requirement; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 44-1815 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

SB 517, 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 Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 518, AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to complex rehabilitation technology; establishing coverage and reimbursement therefor; providing for the formation of a complex rehabilitation technology reimbursement task force; creating the complex rehabilitation technology coverage act; directing the commissioner of insurance to adopt rules and regulations, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 519, AN ACT concerning postsecondary education; requiring technical colleges to affiliate with a state educational institution or municipal university; requirements therefor; amending K.S.A. 71-1802, 72-3810, 74-32,413 and 76-712 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Ways and Means.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

SR 1740—A RESOLUTION supporting the admission of Washington, District of Columbia, into the union as a state of the United States of America, by Senators Holscher, Corson, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Haley, Pettey, Pittman and Sykes

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Agriculture and Natural Resources: **Sub HB 2168; HB 2477, HB 2525.**

Federal and State Affairs: **SB 513.**

Financial Institutions and Insurance: **SB 512.**

Judiciary: **HB 2583, HB 2632.**

Ways and Means: **SB 514.**

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

Senators Faust-Goudeau and Haley introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1739—

A RESOLUTION recognizing the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for their outstanding service to the citizens of our state, our nation and the international community and their promotion of sisterhood, scholarship and service.

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a private, not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support to local communities throughout the world in diverse fields relating to public service through the organization's established five-point programmatic thrust: Economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement; and

WHEREAS, On January 13, 1913, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., was founded at Howard University in the District of Columbia by: Osceola Macarthy Adams, Marguerite Young Alexander, Winona Cargile Alexander, Ethel Cuff Black, Bertha Pitts Campbell, Zephyr Chisom Carter, Edna Brown Coleman, Jessie McGuire Dent, Fredrica Chase Dodd, Myra Davis Hemmings, Olive C. Jones, Mamie Reddy Rose, Eliza Pearl Shippen, Florence Letcher Toms, Ethel Carr Watson, Wertie Blackwell Weaver, Madree Penn White and Edith Motte Young; and

WHEREAS, In March 1913, the founders of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., participated in the Women's Suffrage March in the District of Columbia, which was the sorority's first public act; and

WHEREAS, Since its founding, more than 300,000 women have joined the organization; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has eight chapters in Kansas and a total of 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters in the United States, Canada, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, West Africa and the Republic of Korea: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we recognize the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for their outstanding service to the citizens of our state, our nation and the international community and for their promotion of sisterhood, scholarship and service; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send enrolled copies of this resolution Trudy Baker, Honorable Gwynne Birzer, Jasmine Burrell, Ashlynn Clark, Anna Gregory, Dr. Felicia C. Echols, Carrington Jackson, Dr. Christina Love, Valerie Patterson, Erica Wills, Sue E. Wilson, Tanya Young, Senator Faust Goudeau and Senator Haley.

On emergency motion of Senator Faust-Goudeau **SR 1739** was adopted.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Announcing passage of **HB 2499**, **HB 2561**, **HB 2588**.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HB 2499, **HB 2561**, **HB 2588** were thereupon introduced and read by title.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Senator Alley, the Senate resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, for consideration of bills on the calendar under the heading of General Orders with Senator Peck in the chair.

On motion of Senator Peck the following report was adopted:

SB 142, **SB 394**, **SB 419** be passed.

SB 23 be passed as amended by Committee of the Whole

SB 360, **SB 410**, **SB 414** be passed as amended by committee.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ACTIONS

SB 23 be amended by motion of Senator Longbine, by striking all in lines 9 through 36;

By striking all on pages 2 through 5;

On page 6, by striking all in lines 1 through 42; following line 42, by inserting:

"Section 1. K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-4921 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-4921. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the Kansas public employees retirement fund. All employee and employer contributions shall be deposited in the state treasury to be credited to the Kansas public employees retirement fund. The fund is a trust fund and shall be used solely for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to members and member beneficiaries and defraying reasonable expenses of administering the fund. Investment income of the fund shall be added or credited to the fund as provided by law. All benefits payable under the system, refund of contributions and overpayments, purchases or investments under the law and expenses in connection with the system unless otherwise provided by law shall be paid from the fund. The director of accounts and reports is authorized to draw warrants on the state treasurer and against such fund upon the filing in the director's office of proper vouchers executed by the chairperson or the executive director of the board. As an alternative, payments from the fund may be made by credits to the accounts of recipients of payments in banks, savings and loan associations and credit unions. A payment shall be so made only upon the written authorization and direction of the recipient of payment and upon receipt of such authorization such payments shall be made in accordance therewith. Orders for payment of such claims may be contained on:

(a) A letter, memorandum, telegram, computer printout or similar writing; or
(b) any form of communication, other than voice, which is registered upon magnetic tape, disc or any other medium designed to capture and contain in durable form conventional signals used for the electronic communication of messages.

(2) The board shall have the responsibility for the management of the fund and shall discharge the board's duties with respect to the fund solely in the interests of the members and beneficiaries of the system for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to members and such member's beneficiaries and defraying reasonable expenses of administering the fund and shall invest and reinvest moneys in the fund and acquire, retain, manage, including the exercise of any voting rights and disposal of investments of the fund within the limitations and according to the powers, duties and purposes as prescribed by this section.

(3) Moneys in the fund shall be invested and reinvested to achieve the investment objective which is preservation of the fund to provide benefits to members and member beneficiaries, as provided by law and accordingly providing that the moneys are as productive as possible, subject to the standards set forth in this act. No moneys in the fund shall be invested or reinvested if any investment objective is for economic development or social purposes or objectives.

(4) In investing and reinvesting moneys in the fund and in acquiring, retaining, managing and disposing of investments of the fund, the board shall exercise the judgment, care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of like character and with like aims by diversifying the investments of the fund so as to minimize the risk of large losses, unless under the circumstances it is clearly prudent not to do so, and not in regard to speculation but in regard to the permanent disposition of similar funds, considering the probable income as well as the probable safety of their capital.

(5) Notwithstanding subsection (4):

(a) Total investments in common stock may be made in the amount of up to 60% of

the total book value of the fund;

(b) the board may invest or reinvest moneys of the fund in alternative investments if the following conditions are satisfied:

(i) The total of the annual net commitment to alternative investments does not exceed 5% of the total market value of investment assets of the fund as measured from the end of the preceding calendar year;

(ii) if in addition to the system, there are at least two other qualified institutional buyers, as defined by section (a)(1)(i) of rule 144A, securities act of 1933;

(iii) the system's share in any individual alternative investment is limited to an investment representing not more than 20% of any such individual alternative investment;

(iv) the system has received a favorable and appropriate recommendation from a qualified, independent expert in investment management or analysis in that particular type of alternative investment;

(v) the alternative investment is consistent with the system's investment policies and objectives as provided in subsection (6);

(vi) the individual alternative investment does not exceed more than 2.5% of the total alternative investments made under this subsection. If the alternative investment is made pursuant to participation by the system in a multi-investor pool, the 2.5% limitation contained in this subsection is applied to the underlying individual assets of such pool and not to investment in the pool itself. The total of such alternative investments made pursuant to participation by the system in any one individual multi-investor pool shall not exceed more than 20% of the total of alternative investments made by the system pursuant to this subsection. Nothing in this subsection requires the board to liquidate or sell the system's holdings in any alternative investments made pursuant to participation by the system in any one individual multi-investor pool held by the system on the effective date of this act, unless such liquidation or sale would be in the best interest of the members and beneficiaries of the system and be prudent under the standards contained in this section. The 20% limitation contained in this subsection shall not have been violated if the total of such investment in any one individual multi-investor pool exceeds 20% of the total alternative investments of the fund as a result of market forces acting to increase the value of such a multi-investor pool relative to the rest of the system's alternative investments; however, the board shall not invest or reinvest any moneys of the fund in any such individual multi-investor pool until the value of such individual multi-investor pool is less than 20% of the total alternative investments of the fund;

(vii) the board has received and considered the investment manager's due diligence findings submitted to the board as required by subsection (6);

(viii) prior to the time the alternative investment is made, the system has in place procedures and systems to ensure that the investment is properly monitored and investment performance is accurately measured; and

(ix) the total subject to the provisions of subsections (3), (4) and (5), the board shall adopt a limitation for the investment of alternative investments ~~does not exceed 15% expressed as a percentage~~ of the total investment assets of the fund. Such limitation contained in this subsection shall not have been violated if the total of such alternative investments exceeds 15% of the total investment assets of the fund the percentage adopted by the board, based on the fund total market value, as a result of

market forces acting to increase the value of such alternative investments relative to the rest of the system's investments. However, the board shall not invest or reinvest any moneys of the fund in alternative investments until the total value of such alternative investments is less than ~~15% of the total investment assets of the fund based on the market value. If the total value of the alternative investments exceeds 15% of the total investment assets of the fund, the limitation adopted by the board or the board adopts a new limit.~~ The board shall not be required to liquidate or sell the system's holdings in any alternative investment held by the system, unless such liquidation or sale would be in the best interest of the members and beneficiaries of the system and is prudent under the standards contained in this section;

(c) for purposes of this section, "alternative investment" includes a broad group of investments that are not one of the traditional asset types of public equities, fixed income, cash or real estate. Alternative investments are generally made through limited partnership or similar structures, are not regularly traded on nationally recognized exchanges and thus are relatively illiquid, and exhibit lower correlations with more liquid asset types such as stocks and bonds. Alternative investments generally include, but are not limited to, private equity, private credit, hedge funds, infrastructure, commodities and other investments that have the characteristics described in this paragraph; and

(d) except as otherwise provided, the board may invest or reinvest moneys of the fund in real estate investments if the following conditions are satisfied:

(i) The system has received a favorable and appropriate recommendation from a qualified, independent expert in investment management or analysis in that particular type of real estate investment;

(ii) the real estate investment is consistent with the system's investment policies and objectives as provided in subsection (6); and

(iii) the system has received and considered the investment manager's due diligence findings.

(6) (a) Subject to the objective set forth in subsection (3) and the standards set forth in subsections (4) and (5) the board shall formulate policies and objectives for the investment and reinvestment of moneys in the fund and the acquisition, retention, management and disposition of investments of the fund. Such policies and objectives shall include:

(i) Specific asset allocation standards and objectives;

(ii) establishment of criteria for evaluating the risk versus the potential return on a particular investment;

(iii) a requirement that all investment managers submit such manager's due diligence findings on each investment to the board or investment advisory committee for approval or rejection prior to making any alternative investment;

(iv) a requirement that all investment managers shall immediately report all instances of default on investments to the board and provide the board with recommendations and options, including, but not limited to, curing the default or withdrawal from the investment; and

(v) establishment of criteria that would be used as a guideline for determining when no additional add-on investments or reinvestments would be made and when the investment would be liquidated.

(b) The board shall review such policies and objectives, make changes considered

necessary or desirable and readopt such policies and objectives on an annual basis.

(7) The board may enter into contracts with one or more persons whom the board determines to be qualified, whereby the persons undertake to perform the functions specified in subsection (2) to the extent provided in the contract. Performance of functions under contract so entered into shall be paid pursuant to rates fixed by the board subject to provisions of appropriation acts and shall be based on specific contractual fee arrangements. The system shall not pay or reimburse any expenses of persons contracted with pursuant to this subsection, except that after approval of the board, the system may pay approved investment related expenses subject to provisions of appropriation acts. The board shall require that a person contracted with to obtain commercial insurance which provides for errors and omissions coverage for such person in an amount to be specified by the board, provided that such coverage shall be at least the greater of \$500,000 or 1% of the funds entrusted to such person up to a maximum of \$10,000,000. The board shall require a person contracted with to give a fidelity bond in a penal sum as may be fixed by law or, if not so fixed, as may be fixed by the board, with corporate surety authorized to do business in this state. Such persons contracted with the board pursuant to this subsection and any persons contracted with such persons to perform the functions specified in subsection (2) shall be deemed to be agents of the board and the system in the performance of contractual obligations.

(8) (a) In the acquisition or disposition of securities, the board may rely on the written legal opinion of a reputable bond attorney or attorneys, the written opinion of the attorney of the investment counselor or managers, or the written opinion of the attorney general certifying the legality of the securities.

(b) The board shall employ or retain qualified investment counsel or counselors or may negotiate with a trust company to assist and advise in the judicious investment of funds as herein provided.

(9) (a) Except as provided in subsection (7) and this subsection, the custody of money and securities of the fund shall remain in the custody of the state treasurer, except that the board may arrange for the custody of such money and securities as it considers advisable with one or more member banks or trust companies of the federal reserve system or with one or more banks in the state of Kansas, or both, to be held in safekeeping by the banks or trust companies for the collection of the principal and interest or other income or of the proceeds of sale. The services provided by the banks or trust companies shall be paid pursuant to rates fixed by the board subject to provisions of appropriation acts.

(b) The state treasurer and the board shall collect the principal and interest or other income of investments and the proceeds of sale of securities in the custody of the state treasurer and pay same when so collected into the fund.

(c) The principal and interest or other income or the proceeds of sale of securities as provided in this subsection shall be reported to the state treasurer and the board and credited to the fund.

(10) The board shall with the advice of the director of accounts and reports establish the requirements and procedure for reporting any and all activity relating to investment functions provided for in this act in order to prepare a record monthly of the investment income and changes made during the preceding month. The record will reflect a detailed summary of investment, reinvestment, purchase, sale and exchange transactions and such other information as the board may consider advisable to reflect a

true accounting of the investment activity of the fund.

(11) The board shall provide for an examination of the investment program annually. The examination shall include an evaluation of current investment policies and practices and of specific investments of the fund in relation to the objective set forth in subsection (3), the standard set forth in subsection (4) and other criteria as may be appropriate, and recommendations relating to the fund investment policies and practices and to specific investments of the fund as are considered necessary or desirable. The board shall include in its annual report to the governor as provided in K.S.A. 74-4907, and amendments thereto, a report or a summary thereof covering the investments of the fund.

(12) Any internal assessment or examination of alternative investments of the system performed by any person or entity employed or retained by the board which evaluates or monitors the performance of alternative investments shall be reported to the legislative post auditor so that such report may be reviewed in accordance with the annual financial-compliance audits conducted pursuant to K.S.A. 74-49,136, and amendments thereto.;

Also on page 6, in line 43, by striking "2022" and inserting "2023";

On page 1, in the title, in line 5, by striking "2022" and inserting "2023"

SB 23 be further amended by motion of Senator Fagg; on page 1, by striking all in lines 9 through 36;

By striking all on pages 2 through 5;

On page 6, by striking all in lines 1 through 42; following line 42, by inserting:

"Section 1. K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-4921 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-4921. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the Kansas public employees retirement fund. All employee and employer contributions shall be deposited in the state treasury to be credited to the Kansas public employees retirement fund. The fund is a trust fund and shall be used solely for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to members and member beneficiaries and defraying reasonable expenses of administering the fund. Investment income of the fund shall be added or credited to the fund as provided by law. All benefits payable under the system, refund of contributions and overpayments, purchases or investments under the law and expenses in connection with the system unless otherwise provided by law shall be paid from the fund. The director of accounts and reports is authorized to draw warrants on the state treasurer and against such fund upon the filing in the director's office of proper vouchers executed by the chairperson or the executive director of the board. As an alternative, payments from the fund may be made by credits to the accounts of recipients of payments in banks, savings and loan associations and credit unions. A payment shall be so made only upon the written authorization and direction of the recipient of payment and upon receipt of such authorization such payments shall be made in accordance therewith. Orders for payment of such claims may be contained on:

(a) A letter, memorandum, telegram, computer printout or similar writing; or

(b) any form of communication, other than voice, which is registered upon magnetic tape, disc or any other medium designed to capture and contain in durable form conventional signals used for the electronic communication of messages.

(2) The board shall have the responsibility for the management of the fund and shall discharge the board's duties with respect to the fund solely in the interests of the members and beneficiaries of the system for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits

to members and such member's beneficiaries and defraying reasonable expenses of administering the fund and shall invest and reinvest moneys in the fund and acquire, retain, manage, including the exercise of any voting rights and disposal of investments of the fund within the limitations and according to the powers, duties and purposes as prescribed by this section.

(3) Moneys in the fund shall be invested and reinvested to achieve the investment objective which is preservation of the fund to provide benefits to members and member beneficiaries, as provided by law and accordingly providing that the moneys are as productive as possible, subject to the standards set forth in this act. No moneys in the fund shall be invested or reinvested if any investment objective is for economic development or social purposes or objectives.

(4) In investing and reinvesting moneys in the fund and in acquiring, retaining, managing and disposing of investments of the fund, the board shall exercise the judgment, care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of like character and with like aims by diversifying the investments of the fund so as to minimize the risk of large losses, unless under the circumstances it is clearly prudent not to do so, and not in regard to speculation but in regard to the permanent disposition of similar funds, considering the probable income as well as the probable safety of their capital.

(5) Notwithstanding subsection (4):

(a) Total investments in common stock may be made in the amount of up to 60% of the total book value of the fund;

(b) the board may invest or reinvest moneys of the fund in alternative investments if the following conditions are satisfied:

(i) The total of the annual net commitment to alternative investments does not exceed 5% of the total market value of investment assets of the fund as measured from the end of the preceding calendar year;

(ii) if in addition to the system, there are at least two other qualified institutional buyers, as defined by section (a)(1)(i) of rule 144A, securities act of 1933;

(iii) the system's share in any individual alternative investment is limited to an investment representing not more than 20% of any such individual alternative investment;

(iv) the system has received a favorable and appropriate recommendation from a qualified, independent expert in investment management or analysis in that particular type of alternative investment;

(v) the alternative investment is consistent with the system's investment policies and objectives as provided in subsection (6);

(vi) the individual alternative investment does not exceed more than 2.5% of the total alternative investments made under this subsection. If the alternative investment is made pursuant to participation by the system in a multi-investor pool, the 2.5% limitation contained in this subsection is applied to the underlying individual assets of such pool and not to investment in the pool itself. The total of such alternative investments made pursuant to participation by the system in any one individual multi-investor pool shall not exceed more than 20% of the total of alternative investments made by the system pursuant to this subsection. Nothing in this subsection requires the board to liquidate or sell the system's holdings in any alternative investments made

pursuant to participation by the system in any one individual multi-investor pool held by the system on the effective date of this act, unless such liquidation or sale would be in the best interest of the members and beneficiaries of the system and be prudent under the standards contained in this section. The 20% limitation contained in this subsection shall not have been violated if the total of such investment in any one individual multi-investor pool exceeds 20% of the total alternative investments of the fund as a result of market forces acting to increase the value of such a multi-investor pool relative to the rest of the system's alternative investments; however, the board shall not invest or reinvest any moneys of the fund in any such individual multi-investor pool until the value of such individual multi-investor pool is less than 20% of the total alternative investments of the fund;

(vii) the board has received and considered the investment manager's due diligence findings submitted to the board as required by subsection (6);

(viii) prior to the time the alternative investment is made, the system has in place procedures and systems to ensure that the investment is properly monitored and investment performance is accurately measured; and

(ix) the total of alternative investments does not exceed ~~15%~~ 20% of the total investment assets of the fund. The ~~15%~~ 20% limitation contained in this subsection shall not have been violated if the total of such alternative investments exceeds ~~15%~~ 20% of the total investment assets of the fund, based on the fund total market value, as a result of market forces acting to increase the value of such alternative investments relative to the rest of the system's investments. However, the board shall not invest or reinvest any moneys of the fund in alternative investments until the total value of such alternative investments is less than ~~15%~~ 20% of the total investment assets of the fund based on the market value. If the total value of the alternative investments exceeds ~~15%~~ 20% of the total investment assets of the fund, the board shall not be required to liquidate or sell the system's holdings in any alternative investment held by the system, unless such liquidation or sale would be in the best interest of the members and beneficiaries of the system and is prudent under the standards contained in this section;

(c) for purposes of this section, "alternative investment" includes a broad group of investments that are not one of the traditional asset types of public equities, fixed income, cash or real estate. Alternative investments are generally made through limited partnership or similar structures, are not regularly traded on nationally recognized exchanges and thus are relatively illiquid, and exhibit lower correlations with more liquid asset types such as stocks and bonds. Alternative investments generally include, but are not limited to, private equity, private credit, hedge funds, infrastructure, commodities and other investments that have the characteristics described in this paragraph; and

(d) except as otherwise provided, the board may invest or reinvest moneys of the fund in real estate investments if the following conditions are satisfied:

(i) The system has received a favorable and appropriate recommendation from a qualified, independent expert in investment management or analysis in that particular type of real estate investment;

(ii) the real estate investment is consistent with the system's investment policies and objectives as provided in subsection (6); and

(iii) the system has received and considered the investment manager's due diligence findings.

(6) (a) Subject to the objective set forth in subsection (3) and the standards set forth in subsections (4) and (5) the board shall formulate policies and objectives for the investment and reinvestment of moneys in the fund and the acquisition, retention, management and disposition of investments of the fund. Such policies and objectives shall include:

- (i) Specific asset allocation standards and objectives;
- (ii) establishment of criteria for evaluating the risk versus the potential return on a particular investment;
- (iii) a requirement that all investment managers submit such manager's due diligence findings on each investment to the board or investment advisory committee for approval or rejection prior to making any alternative investment;
- (iv) a requirement that all investment managers shall immediately report all instances of default on investments to the board and provide the board with recommendations and options, including, but not limited to, curing the default or withdrawal from the investment; and
- (v) establishment of criteria that would be used as a guideline for determining when no additional add-on investments or reinvestments would be made and when the investment would be liquidated.

(b) The board shall review such policies and objectives, make changes considered necessary or desirable and readopt such policies and objectives on an annual basis.

(7) The board may enter into contracts with one or more persons whom the board determines to be qualified, whereby the persons undertake to perform the functions specified in subsection (2) to the extent provided in the contract. Performance of functions under contract so entered into shall be paid pursuant to rates fixed by the board subject to provisions of appropriation acts and shall be based on specific contractual fee arrangements. The system shall not pay or reimburse any expenses of persons contracted with pursuant to this subsection, except that after approval of the board, the system may pay approved investment related expenses subject to provisions of appropriation acts. The board shall require that a person contracted with to obtain commercial insurance which provides for errors and omissions coverage for such person in an amount to be specified by the board, provided that such coverage shall be at least the greater of \$500,000 or 1% of the funds entrusted to such person up to a maximum of \$10,000,000. The board shall require a person contracted with to give a fidelity bond in a penal sum as may be fixed by law or, if not so fixed, as may be fixed by the board, with corporate surety authorized to do business in this state. Such persons contracted with the board pursuant to this subsection and any persons contracted with such persons to perform the functions specified in subsection (2) shall be deemed to be agents of the board and the system in the performance of contractual obligations.

(8) (a) In the acquisition or disposition of securities, the board may rely on the written legal opinion of a reputable bond attorney or attorneys, the written opinion of the attorney of the investment counselor or managers, or the written opinion of the attorney general certifying the legality of the securities.

(b) The board shall employ or retain qualified investment counsel or counselors or may negotiate with a trust company to assist and advise in the judicious investment of funds as herein provided.

(9) (a) Except as provided in subsection (7) and this subsection, the custody of money and securities of the fund shall remain in the custody of the state treasurer,

except that the board may arrange for the custody of such money and securities as it considers advisable with one or more member banks or trust companies of the federal reserve system or with one or more banks in the state of Kansas, or both, to be held in safekeeping by the banks or trust companies for the collection of the principal and interest or other income or of the proceeds of sale. The services provided by the banks or trust companies shall be paid pursuant to rates fixed by the board subject to provisions of appropriation acts.

(b) The state treasurer and the board shall collect the principal and interest or other income of investments or the proceeds of sale of securities in the custody of the state treasurer and pay same when so collected into the fund.

(c) The principal and interest or other income or the proceeds of sale of securities as provided in this subsection shall be reported to the state treasurer and the board and credited to the fund.

(10) The board shall with the advice of the director of accounts and reports establish the requirements and procedure for reporting any and all activity relating to investment functions provided for in this act in order to prepare a record monthly of the investment income and changes made during the preceding month. The record will reflect a detailed summary of investment, reinvestment, purchase, sale and exchange transactions and such other information as the board may consider advisable to reflect a true accounting of the investment activity of the fund.

(11) The board shall provide for an examination of the investment program annually. The examination shall include an evaluation of current investment policies and practices and of specific investments of the fund in relation to the objective set forth in subsection (3), the standard set forth in subsection (4) and other criteria as may be appropriate, and recommendations relating to the fund investment policies and practices and to specific investments of the fund as are considered necessary or desirable. The board shall include in its annual report to the governor as provided in K.S.A. 74-4907, and amendments thereto, a report or a summary thereof covering the investments of the fund.

(12) Any internal assessment or examination of alternative investments of the system performed by any person or entity employed or retained by the board which evaluates or monitors the performance of alternative investments shall be reported to the legislative post auditor so that such report may be reviewed in accordance with the annual financial-compliance audits conducted pursuant to K.S.A. 74-49,136, and amendments thereto.";

Also on page 6, in line 43, by striking "2022" and inserting "2023";

On page 1, in the title, in line 3, by striking "eliminating" and inserting "increasing"; also in line 3, by striking "15%"; in line 4, by striking all after "limit"; in line 5, by striking all before the semicolon and inserting "to 20%"; also in line 5, by striking "2022" and inserting "2023" and **SB 23** be passed as amended.

A motion by Senator Olson to amend **SB 142** failed and the following amendment was rejected; on page 11, following line 15, by inserting:

"Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-2902 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-2902. (a) A driverless-capable vehicle ~~may shall not~~ operate on the public highways of this state without a conventional human driver ~~with the automated driving system engaged if the vehicle meets all of the following conditions:~~

~~(1) The vehicle is capable of achieving a minimal risk condition if a malfunction of the automated driving system occurs that renders the system unable to perform the entire dynamic driving task within the system's intended operational design domain, if any;~~

~~(2) while in driverless operation, the vehicle is capable of operating in compliance with the applicable traffic and motor vehicle safety laws and regulations of this state that govern the performance of the dynamic driving task;~~

~~(3) when required by federal law, the vehicle bears the required manufacturer's certification label indicating that at the time of manufacture the vehicle has been certified to be in compliance with all applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards, including any reference to any exception granted by the national highway traffic safety administration; and~~

~~(4) the driverless-capable vehicle cannot exceed 34,000 pounds on tandem axles. The provisions of this paragraph shall expire and have no effect on and after July 1, 2025; and~~

~~(5) a conventional human driver shall be required to be physically present in every driverless-capable vehicle placed into service in Kansas for the 12 consecutive months from the date that such entity places a driverless-capable vehicle into service in this state. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to a person who operates a:~~

~~(A) Vehicle that is not designed, intended or marketed for human occupancy; or~~

~~(B) dedicated driverless-capable vehicle that lacks manual controls for operation by a conventional human driver.~~

~~(b) Prior to operating a driverless-capable vehicle on the public roads of this state without a conventional human driver, the owner of such driverless-capable vehicle shall submit a law enforcement interaction plan to the Kansas highway patrol that describes:~~

~~(1) How to communicate with a fleet support specialist who is available during the times the vehicle is in operation, and on which side of the vehicle contact information of the fleet support specialist is readily visible;~~

~~(2) information regarding safety considerations for first responders in dealing with a driverless-capable vehicle as the result of collision or fire;~~

~~(3) how to recognize whether the driverless-capable vehicle is in autonomous mode; and~~

~~(4) any additional information the manufacturer or owner deems necessary regarding hazardous conditions or public safety risks associated with the operation of the driverless-capable vehicle.~~

~~(e) (1) The operation of an ADS-equipped vehicle capable of performing the entire dynamic driving task within the automated driving system's operational design domain on the public highways of this state while a conventional human driver is present and expected to respond to a request to intervene, shall be lawful. During such operation, the conventional human driver shall possess a valid driver's license pursuant to K.S.A. 8-234b, and amendments thereto, and shall be subject to the required insurance, self-insurance or other financial security required pursuant to K.S.A. 40-3104, and amendments thereto. The conventional human driver shall operate the ADS-equipped vehicle according to the manufacturer's requirements and specifications and shall regain manual control of the vehicle when prompted by the automated driving system.~~

~~(2) An automated driving system, while engaged, shall be designed to operate within the system's operational design domain in compliance with the applicable traffic~~

and motor vehicle safety laws and regulations of this state that govern the performance of the dynamic driving task.

~~(c)~~ Except as provided in this section, the motor vehicle laws of this state shall not be construed to require a conventional human driver to operate a driverless-capable vehicle that is being operated by an automated driving system. The automated driving system, while engaged, shall be deemed to fulfill any physical acts required of a conventional human driver to perform the dynamic driving task.

~~(d)~~ K.S.A. 8-2901 through 8-2910, and amendments thereto, shall not be construed to modify the responsibilities of a conventional human driver that operates a system-equipped vehicle when the automated driving system is not engaged.";

Also on page 11, in line 16, by striking "is" and inserting "and 8-2902 are";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, after "concerning" by inserting "motor vehicles; relating to"; also in line 1, by striking "relating to the duty of" and inserting "requiring action by"; in line 3, after the semicolon by inserting "relating to driverless-capable vehicles; requiring conventional human driver for operation;"; also in line 3, after "8-2118" by inserting "and 8-2902"; in line 4, by striking "section" and inserting "sections"

Upon the showing of five hands a roll call vote was requested.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 18; Nays 21; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 1.

Yeas: Corson, Doll, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Haley, Holland, Holscher, Olson, Pettey, Pittman, Pyle, Reddi, Shallenburger, Steffen, Straub, Sykes, Tyson, Ware.

Nays: Alley, Baumgardner, Billinger, Blasi, Bowers, Claeys, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Gossage, Kerschen, Kloos, Longbine, Masterson, O'Shea, Peck, Petersen, Ryckman, Thompson, Warren, Wilborn.

Absent or Not Voting: McGinn.

SB 360 be amended by the adoption of the committee amendments.

SB 410 be amended by the adoption of the committee amendments.

SB 414 be amended by the adoption of the committee amendments.

A motion by Senator Holscher to amend **SB 414** failed.

FINAL ACTION ON CONSENT CALENDAR

SB 379 having appeared on the Consent Calendar for the required two full legislative days without objection from any member, were considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

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

FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

SB 172, AN ACT concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas public employees retirement system and systems thereunder; increasing the lump-sum death benefit; amending K.S.A. 74-4989 and 74-49,315 and repealing the existing sections,

was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 25; Nays 14; Present and Passing 1; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Baumgardner, Billinger, Bowers, Corson, Dietrich, Doll, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Haley, Holland, Holscher, Kloos, McGinn, O'Shea, Olson, Petersen, Pettey, Pittman, Reddi, Ryckman, Shallenburger, Sykes, Tyson, Ware.

Nays: Blasi, Claeys, Erickson, Fagg, Gossage, Kerschen, Longbine, Masterson, Peck, Pyle, Steffen, Straub, Thompson, Wilborn.

Present and Passing: Warren.

The bill passed.

SB 336, AN ACT concerning health and environment; relating to underground storage tanks; removing the requirement for underground storage tank operating permits to be obtained annually; amending K.S.A. 65-34,135 and repealing the existing section; also repealing K.S.A. 65-34,130, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

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

The bill passed, as amended.

SB 347, AN ACT concerning wildlife and parks; relating to the wildlife and parks commission; requiring senate confirmation of appointees thereto; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 32-805 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 24; Nays 16; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Baumgardner, Blasi, Claeys, Doll, Erickson, Fagg, Gossage, Kerschen, Kloos, Longbine, Masterson, O'Shea, Peck, Petersen, Pyle, Ryckman, Shallenburger, Steffen, Straub, Thompson, Tyson, Warren, Wilborn.

Nays: Billinger, Bowers, Corson, Dietrich, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Haley, Holland, Holscher, McGinn, Olson, Pettey, Pittman, Reddi, Sykes, Ware.

The bill passed.

SB 349, AN ACT concerning the passenger rail service program; establishing the intercity passenger rail service program; making transfers annually into the passenger rail service revolving fund; amending K.S.A. 75-5089 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 34; Nays 6; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Baumgardner, Billinger, Blasi, Bowers, Claeys, Corson, Dietrich, Doll, Erickson, Fagg, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Holland, Holscher, Kerschen, Kloos, Longbine, Masterson, McGinn, O'Shea, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Pittman, Reddi, Ryckman, Shallenburger, Sykes, Ware, Warren, Wilborn.

Nays: Olson, Pyle, Steffen, Straub, Thompson, Tyson.

The bill passed.

SR 1737, A RESOLUTION affirming Texas Governor, Greg Abbott's right to defend the state of Texas from unrestrained illegal immigration, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 26; Nays 11; Present and Passing 3; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Baumgardner, Billinger, Blasi, Bowers, Claeys, Erickson, Fagg, Gossage, Kerschen, Kloos, Longbine, Masterson, O'Shea, Olson, Peck, Petersen, Pyle, Ryckman, Shallenburger, Steffen, Straub, Thompson, Tyson, Warren, Wilborn.

Nays: Corson, Doll, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Haley, Holland, Holscher, Pettey, Reddi, Sykes, Ware.

Present and Passing: Dietrich, McGinn, Pittman.

The resolution was adopted.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE

President Biden's failed open border policies have unleashed a nationwide crisis and influx of illegal immigrants. Texas should not have to shoulder the financial and physical burden of protecting our nation's southern border alone. Do we need to start referring to California as Taiwan, Arizona as Ukraine, and Texas as Israel to get our Kansas Governor and Federal Government to aid Texas in defending our nation? As Texas Governor Greg Abbott closed his letter to his fellow Governor's in May of 2023, "When United, We can overcome any challenge together." I stand United with Texas, and vote Aye on **SR 1737**.—ALICIA STRAUB

EMERGENCY FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Senator Alley an emergency was declared by a 2/3 constitutional majority, and **SB 23**, **SB 142**, **SB 360**, **SB 394**, **SB 410**, **SB 414** and **SB 419** were advanced to Final Action and roll call.

SB 23, AN ACT concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas public employees retirement system; Kansas public employees retirement fund; investment standards; eliminating the statutory 15% alternative investment percentage limit thereto; requiring the board of trustees to set alternative investment percentage limit; increasing the statutory alternative investment percentage limit to 20%; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-4921 and repealing the existing section.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 24; Nays 13; Present and Passing 3; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Blasi, Bowers, Corson, Dietrich, Fagg, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Haley, Holland, Holscher, Kerschen, Kloos, Longbine, Masterson, McGinn, O'Shea, Pettey, Pittman, Reddi, Ryckman, Sykes, Ware, Wilborn.

Nays: Billinger, Claeys, Doll, Erickson, Olson, Peck, Petersen, Pyle, Shallenburger, Steffen, Straub, Thompson, Tyson.

Present and Passing: Baumgardner, Gossage, Warren.

The bill passed, as amended.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE

Misunderstanding of alternative assets seem to be prevalent which proves why we want professionals investing our money. The pros of alternative investments that they are not necessarily correlated to the stock market which gives diversification benefits to our KPERs retirees. The cons are that there are higher fees and hard to get into

sometimes, not that they are inherently risky. They can give good returns and have slow risk and be liquid or longer term, so I support **SB 23**.—JEFF PITTMAN

I voted NO on **SB 23** because alternative investments are risky and ill-liquid. The idea of increasing these volatile investments to 20% of KPERS investments underlies a disconcerting degree of overconfidence among the funds managers.—MARK STEFFEN

SB 142, AN ACT concerning traffic regulations; relating to the duty of drivers approaching stationary vehicles; providing a penalty for unlawful passing thereof; amending K.S.A. 8-2118 and repealing the existing section.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 38; Nays 2; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

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

Nays: Doll, Olson.

The bill passed.

SB 360, AN ACT concerning tax-advantaged savings programs; allowing the taxpayer to elect the taxable year in which a subtraction modification for contributions to 529 qualified tuition accounts, ABLE accounts or first-time home buyer savings accounts would be applied; authorizing the state treasurer to appoint a 529 program advisory committee; amending K.S.A. 75-644 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 79-32,117 and repealing the existing sections.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

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

The bill passed, as amended.

SB 394, AN ACT concerning consumer protection; relating to internet content that is harmful to minors; requiring age verification for access to such content; providing for civil penalties for violations; establishing a civil cause of action for damages, attorney fees and costs.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

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

The bill passed.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE

This session we have passed several resolutions, and some in this body wonder whether or not they matter...or if they are symbolic. Six years ago, my predecessor, Mary Pilcher Cook, sponsored a resolution which this chamber adopted, by a vote of 35-4, recognizing pornography as a public health hazard that leads to a broad spectrum of individual and public health impacts and societal harms. That resolution recognized the need for additional educational, prevention, research, and policy change at the community level, and urged this chamber and other governing bodies, to take appropriate steps to ensure progress was made on fighting the very real impacts that pornography has. Now, 6 years later, that progress is being realized with this bill by addressing the public health hazard of pornography in a way that solves the problem in a constitutional manner. I raise this point to both acknowledge the important work of my predecessor on this topic, and also to recognize that the resolutions we pass are not merely symbolic but can also set the stage for further positive action on issues such as this. I vote YES.—MIKE THOMPSON

Senator Erickson requests the record to show she concurs with the "Explanation of Vote" offered by Senator Thompson on **SB 394**.

SB 410, AN ACT concerning roads and highways; designating a portion of United States highway 69 as the Ken W Brock memorial highway; designating a portion of United States highway 81 as the Merle Miller memorial highway; redesignating a current portion of the Frank Carlson memorial highway for United States 81; amending K.S.A. 68-1036 and repealing the existing section.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

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

The bill passed, as amended.

SB 414, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to controlled substances; increasing penalties for unlawful distribution of controlled substances with respect to material containing any quantity of a fentanyl-related controlled substance; creating a special sentencing rule for such unlawful distribution thereof; amending K.S.A. 21-5705 and 21-6805 and repealing the existing sections.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 39; Nays 0; Present and Passing 1; Absent or Not Voting 0.

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

Present and Passing: Francisco.

The bill passed, as amended.

SB 419, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to aggravated endangering a child; increasing the criminal penalties in certain

environments associated with fentanyl-related controlled substances or when bodily harm to the child results; amending K.S.A. 21-5601 and repealing the existing section.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

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

The bill passed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Commerce** recommends **SB 333** be amended on page 2, following line 38, by inserting:

"(h) On July 1, 2029, the state use law committee is hereby abolished.";

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

Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** recommends **SB 365** be passed.

Committee on **Financial Institutions and Insurance** recommends **SB 338, SB 339, SB 340, SB 345, SB 356, SB 398, SB 405** be passed.

Committee on **Public Health and Welfare** recommends **SB 103** be passed.

Committee on **Transportation** recommends **SB 424, SB 399** be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bills are of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

On motion of Senator Alley, the senate adjourned pro forma until 9:00 a.m. Friday, February 16, 2024.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks.*

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

