

# Journal of the Senate

FORTY-NINTH DAY

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SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS  
Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 2:30 p.m.

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

God Bless America  
Psalm 84:11

Shortly after becoming an American citizen, Irving Berlin wrote, the earliest version of this prayer, a prayer that was set to music and went on to become a national anthem. Psalm 84:11 For the LORD God is a sun and a shield; the LORD gives grace and glory; He withholds no good thing from those who walk with integrity.

God Bless America, land that I love.  
Stand beside her, and guide her  
Thru the night with a light from above.  
From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans, white with foam,  
God bless America, My home sweet home. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Wilborn.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bill was introduced and read by title:

**SB 556**, AN ACT concerning the Kansas silver alert plan; relating to public notice of certain missing persons; expanding such plan to include persons 18 years of age or older who have been diagnosed with an intellectual disability and are in certain dangerous circumstances; amending K.S.A. 75-754 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

## REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Federal and State Affairs: **SB 554**, **SB 555**.  
Judiciary: **HB 2781**.

## 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 Bowers in the chair.

On motion of Senator Bowers the following summary report was adopted:

**HB 2745** be passed.

**HB 2481, HB 2498, HB 2629, HB 2760, HB 2790** be passed as amended by adoption of the committee reports.

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ATIONS

**HB 2481** be amended by the adoption of the committee amendments.

**HB 2498** be amended by the adoption of the committee amendments.

**HB 2629** be amended by the adoption of the committee amendments.

**HB 2745** be passed.

**HB 2760** be amended by the adoption of the committee amendments.

**HB 2790** be amended by the adoption of the committee amendments.

#### CHANGE OF CONFERENCE

Senators Billinger, Claeys and Pettey are appointed to replace Senators Longbine, Fagg, and Holscher as members of the conference committee on **SB 28**.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Agriculture and Natural Resources** recommends **HB 2525**, As Amended by House Committee, be passed.

Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** recommends **HB 2783** be passed.

Also, Your Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** begs leave to submit the following report:

The following appointment was referred to and considered by the committee and your committee recommends that the Senate approve and consent to such appointment:

By the Governor:

4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Member, State Civil Service Board: K.S.A. 75-2929a

Jordan Massey, to fill a term expiring on March 15, 2026

Committee on **Financial Institutions and Insurance** recommends **SB 505** be amended on page 1, following line 7, by inserting:

"New Section 1.

#### KANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

(a) On July 1, 2024, or as soon thereafter as moneys are available, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer \$22,300,000 from the state general fund to the Kansas public employees retirement fund (365-00-7002-7000) of the Kansas public employees retirement system: *Provided*, That the transfer shall be for the full payment of the unfunded actuarial liability incurred by increasing the retirement benefit multiplier for members who are security officers of the department of corrections for participating service earned under K.S.A. 74-4914a, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 2.";

On page 2, in line 20, after "service" by inserting "earned under K.S.A. 74-4914a, and amendments thereto,";

On page 4, in line 36, after "service" by inserting "earned under K.S.A. 74-4914a, and amendments thereto,";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 2, after the semicolon by inserting "making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; authorizing certain transfers from the state general fund to the Kansas public employees retirement fund;"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **HB 2487, HB 2628** be passed.

Also, **HB 2604, HB 2660**, be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bills are of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

Committee on **Public Health and Welfare** recommends **HB 2536, HB 2579** be passed.

#### **REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**SB 307, SB 336, SB 431** reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Governor on March 19, 2024.

**SR 1746** reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Secretary of the Senate on March 19, 2024.

On motion of Senator Alley, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks.*

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

