

Journal of the House

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 11:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment with Speaker Ryckman in the chair.

The roll was called with 120 members present.

Reps. Kuether and Thimesch were excused on verified illness.

Reps. Brim, Deere and Houser were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by guest chaplain, the Rev. Brian Hiortdahl, pastor, Atonement Lutheran Church, Overland Park, and guest of Rep. Markley:

God of all, on this International Women's Day, we pray for health, safety, dignity, and equal opportunity for all women and girls throughout our state. On this 200th birthday of the New York Stock Exchange, we pray for a robust economy marked by fairness and abundance. On this 100th anniversary of the United States Senate's cloture rule, we pray for civil, healthy, and productive debate in this chamber that promotes justice and prosperity. Thank you for our public servants in this House. Grant them your wisdom and strength, that, instructed by our past, informed by our present, and inspired by a hopeful future, they may rise this day to their calling as faithful stewards of power with humility, honesty, integrity, discernment, diligence, and a consistent commitment to the well-being of all Kansans. Amen

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Rooker.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bill was referred to committee as indicated:

K-12 Education Budget: **HB 2379**.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was introduced and read by title:

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. **HR 6016**—

By Representatives Humphries, Blex, Brim, Crum, S., Elliott, Garber, Highland, Jacobs, Murnan, Osterman, R. Powell, Rafie, Resman, Smith, A., Smith, E., Sutton, Weber, C., Whitmer, K. Williams and Wilson

HR 6016 – A RESOLUTION recognizing that pornography is a public health hazard that leads to a broad spectrum of individual and public health impacts and societal harms.

WHEREAS, Pornography is creating a public health crisis and perpetuates a sexually toxic environment; and

WHEREAS, Efforts to prevent pornography exposure and addiction, to educate individuals and families concerning its harms and to develop recovery programs must be addressed systematically; and

WHEREAS, Due to advances in technology and the universal availability of the internet, young children are exposed to pornography at an alarming rate, with 27% of millennials, aged 25 to 30, reporting that they first viewed pornography before puberty, based on a 2016 Barna Group study; and

WHEREAS, This early exposure can lead to low self-esteem and body image disorders, an increase in problematic sexual activity at younger ages and an increased desire among adolescents to engage in risky sexual behavior; and

WHEREAS, Exposure to pornography often serves as a child's and a teen's sex education and shapes their sexual understanding, because pornography treats women and children as objects and commodities for the viewer's use. Pornography teaches girls that they are to be used and teaches boys to be users; and

WHEREAS, Pornography normalizes violence and abuse against women and children by treating women and children as objects, and often depicts rape and abuse as if they are harmless. Moreover, pornography equates violence towards women and children with sex, and equates pain with pleasure, which increases child sexual abuse and child pornography and the demand for sex trafficking and prostitution, according to a 2012 study published in The Protection Project Journal of Human Rights and Civil Society; and

WHEREAS, The potential detrimental effects on viewers of pornography can impact brain development and functioning, contribute to emotional and medical illnesses, shape deviant sexual arousal, as well as problematic or harmful sexual behaviors and addiction and lead to difficulty in forming or maintaining intimate relationships; and

WHEREAS, Recent research indicates that pornography is potentially biologically addictive, which means the user requires more mental stimulation, often in the form of more shocking material, in order to be satisfied. This biological addiction often leads to increasing themes of risky sexual behaviors, extreme degradation, violence and child sexual abuse images and child pornography; and

WHEREAS, Pornography use is linked to lessened desire in young men and women to marry, dissatisfaction in marriage and infidelity, which has a detrimental effect on the family unit; and

WHEREAS, Pornography has contributed to a rise in the occurrence of erectile

dysfunction in young men; and

WHEREAS, Overcoming pornography's harms is extremely difficult for the afflicted individual to address alone: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we recognize pornography is a public health hazard that leads to a broad spectrum of individual and public health impacts and societal harms; and

Be it further resolved: That we recognize the need for additional education, prevention, research and policy change at the community and societal levels, and we urge this chamber and other governing bodies to take appropriate steps to ensure progress is made; and

Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to the Kansas Attorney General, Derek Schmidt; the Kansas Bureau of Investigation Director, Kirk Thompson; the Kansas Highway Patrol Superintendent, Colonel Mark Bruce; the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Secretary, Susan Mosier; the Kansas Library Association; the Kansas County & District Attorneys Association; the Kansas Sheriffs' Association; the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police; the Kansas Association of District Court Clerks and Administrators; the Kansas Appellate Courts and the Kansas Supreme Court; the League of Kansas Municipalities; the Kansas County Commissioners Association; the American Family Association of Kansas and Missouri State Director, Phillip Cosby; and Representative Humphries.

On motion of Rep. Hineman, the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole, with Rep. Garber in the chair.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Rep. Garber, Committee of the Whole report, as follows, was adopted:

Recommended that on motion of Rep. Curtis to amend **SB 43**, Rep. Esau requested a ruling on the amendment being germane to the bill. The Rules Chair ruled the amendment not germane, and **SB 43** be passed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Taxation** recommends **HB 2162** be amended on page 2, in line 9, by striking "\$80" and inserting "\$400"; in line 11, by striking "\$3,200" and inserting "\$4,000"; in line 13, by striking "\$3,200" and inserting "\$4,000";

On page 3, in line 9, after "after" by inserting "January 1, 2018, and"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Upon unanimous consent, the House referred back to the regular business, Introduction of Bills and Concurrent Resolutions.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

HB 2380, AN ACT concerning sales and compensating use tax; relating to city and county retailers' sales tax, Marion county; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 12-187, 12-189 and 12-192 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2381, AN ACT concerning sales and compensating use tax; relating to exemptions, the land institute; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 79-3606 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2382, AN ACT concerning motor fuels tax; relating to rates, trip permits and distribution of revenues; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 79-3492b, 79-34,118, 79-34,141 and 79-34,142 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Taxation.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

Speaker Ryckman announced the withdrawal of **SB 25** from Committee on Agriculture and referral to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development.

Also, the withdrawal of **HB 2168** from Committee on Taxation and rereferral to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was introduced and read by title:

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. **HR 6017**—

By Representative Wilson

HR 6017—A RESOLUTION recognizing after-school programs in Kansas and the increased exposure to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) they provide to K-12 youth.

WHEREAS, More than 70,000 youth who attend an after-school program in Kansas are participating in project-based learning and apprenticeships that allow them to improve their 21st century skills; and

WHEREAS, Research shows that after-school programs help students perform better in school, improve work habits, elevate graduation rates, reduce juvenile crime and prepare students for in-demand careers, like those in STEM fields, which are expected to grow by 13% between 2012 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, Through after-school programs, students engage in enriching experiences that foster leadership, collaboration and responsibility; and

WHEREAS, For every one student enrolled in an after-school program, two are waiting to get into a program, and this ratio increases in rural areas to three students who are waiting to get into an after-school program; and

WHEREAS, Learning in after-school settings is often enhanced by an environment that supports personal attention from caring adults, positive peer groups, activities that youth find interesting, and building self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, These after-school programs provide healthy snacks and, sometimes, a meal accompanied by a health and nutrition lesson; and

WHEREAS, The combination of homework help, STEM or other hands-on enrichment activities, physical fitness opportunities, a snack, and dedicated, caring adults make after-school programs successful: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we recognize after-school programs in Kansas and the increased exposure to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) they provide to K-12 youth; and

Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to Representative Wilson and Randy Watson, Kansas Commissioner of Education.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

Speaker pro tem Schwab announced the appointment of Rep. Corbet to replace Rep. Houser on Committee on Federal and State Affairs on March 9, 2017.

On motion of Rep. Hineman, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 9, 2017.

BECKIE HENDRICKS, JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

