

Journal of the House

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Tuesday, February 19, 2019, 11:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment with Speaker pro tem Finch in the chair.

The roll was called with 122 members present.

Reps. Bishop and Lewis were excused on verified illness.

Rep. Moore was excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by guest chaplain, Rev. Amy Truhe, Pastor, Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church / Bethany College, Lindsborg, and guest of Rep. Johnson:

Gracious Creator,

Today we offer our thanks for the abundance you have given us: abundant treasure, abundant hope, abundant spirit. May the work we do this day reflect the abundance you offer to us, that each of us might make decisions based on the wisdom and the insight our experience has given us. Open us to hear one another with grace, to work for common ground and healthy outcomes. We ask that as we move through today, your abiding Spirit of peace, hope, and love might imbue all that we do, to the honor and glory of all that you have created. In the Spirit of Love we pray, let it be so. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Probst.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

HB 2374, AN ACT concerning the attorney general; relating to persons providing certain information; increasing reward payments to such persons; amending K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 75-727 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Appropriations.

HB 2375, AN ACT concerning the Kansas false claims act; relating to private plaintiffs maintaining actions; amending K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 75-7502, 75-7503, 75-7504, 75-7506, 75-7507 and 75-7508 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Appropriations.

HB 2376, AN ACT concerning birth certificates; relating to amendments to birth certificates; authorizing amendments to the registrant's sex; amending K.S.A. 65-2422c and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

HB 2377, AN ACT concerning optometrists and ophthalmologists; relating to liability for charitable vision screenings and donated eyeglasses; amending K.S.A. 65-1501a and 65-1504b and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

HB 2378, AN ACT concerning firearms; relating to restrictions on the possession thereof in subsidized housing rental agreements; amending K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 75-7c10 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

HB 2379, AN ACT concerning alcoholic beverages; relating to microbreweries and microdistilleries; exemption from enforcement tax levy; amending K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 41-308b and 41-354 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

HB 2380, AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to the use of a debt collection agency to collect delinquent taxes; time for payment of sales and liquor drink tax; liability of persons to collect sales or compensating use tax; amending K.S.A. 75-5140 and K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 79-3235a, 79-3607, 79-3643 and 79-41a03 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2381, AN ACT concerning motor fuels tax; relating to rates and trip permits; distribution of revenues; distribution of sales and compensating use tax; amending K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 79-3492b, 79-34,118, 79-34,141, 79-34,142, 79-3620 and 79-3710 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Taxation.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Appropriations: **HB 2369**, **HB 2373**.

Taxation: **HB 2367**, **HB 2368**, **HB 2370**, **HB 2371**, **HB 2372**.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On emergency motion of Rep. Johnson, **HR 6012**, by Reps. Johnson and Concannon, as follows, was introduced and adopted:

HR 6012—A RESOLUTION honoring the 150th anniversary of Lindsborg, Kansas.

WHEREAS, February 20, 2019, marks the 150th anniversary of Lindsborg, a town in McPherson County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, In 1868, Kansas was known as "the great American desert," as it was reported that "it never rained there" and that, upon organizing the Swedish Agricultural Company in April of 1868, Chairman John Ferm said, "If God is going to let us settle in Kansas, He will give us rain"; and

WHEREAS, After claims were filed in the general vicinity of Lindsborg in May of 1866, the Swedish Agricultural Company entered into a contract to purchase 16,000 acres of land from the Kansas Pacific Railway; and

WHEREAS, A call for settlers was sent to Sweden in December of 1868, and a promising young pastor named Dr. Olof Olsson was chosen to lead a large group of immigrants the following spring; and

WHEREAS, The site was settled on January 20, 1869, by the Swedish Agricultural Company. Thereafter, the development of the land and farming commenced; and

WHEREAS, On February 20, 1869, the Swedish Agricultural Company, with several members of the company having "Lind" in their surname, determined that "Lindsborg" would be the name of the settlement. Having fulfilled its role, the Swedish Agricultural Company was dissolved shortly thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Olof Olsson and a group of 100 Swedish immigrants from the Värmland province of Sweden arrived on June 27, 1869; and

WHEREAS, In establishing Lindsborg, the Swedish immigrants had to endure harsh weather conditions in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf visited Lindsborg during his royal tour of the United States in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Today, Lindsborg is a cultural destination, popularly known as "Little Sweden," due to its significant population of descendants of Swedish immigrants and the Swedish heritage and traditions they maintain; and

WHEREAS, Svensk Hyllningsfest is a biennial festival that celebrates Lindsborg's Swedish heritage with art and crafts, special foods, ethnic music, traditional folk dance, costumes, and other Swedish entertainment; and

WHEREAS, The Sesquicentennial Festival Committee has declared the theme "Sweden on the Plains – Living the Legacy" for its 2019 anniversary: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we honor Lindsborg, Kansas, on its 150th anniversary, we commend the men and women who have made Lindsborg the culturally rich town that it is today, and we honor the immigrants from the Värmland province of Sweden for settling in Lindsborg, Kansas; and

Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send three enrolled copies of this resolution to Representative Johnson.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Reps. Johnson and Concannon introduced guests from Lindsborg and Bethany College and invited the body to enjoy events surrounding the sesquicentennial of Lindsborg.

CONSENT CALENDAR

No objection was made to **HB 2070, HB 2123, HB 2143, HB 2199** appearing on the Consent Calendar for the second day.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Appropriations** recommends **SB 9** be passed.

Committee on **Financial Institutions and Pensions** recommends **HB 2119** be amended on page 3, in line 7, by striking "all"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Local Government** recommends **HB 2188** be passed.

Committee on **Rural Revitalization** recommends **HB 2154** be passed.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

Speaker pro tem Finch announced the appointment of Rep. Woodard to replace Rep. Henderson on Committee on General Government Budget on February 19, 2019.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Carmichael to replace Rep. Bishop on Committee on Local Government on February 20, 2019.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Finney to replace Rep. Bishop on Committee on Health and Human Services on February 20, 2019.

On motion of Rep. Hawkins, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 20, 2019.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*