

Journal of the House

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 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.

Rep. Benson was excused on verified illness.

Reps. Bishop and Wasinger were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by guest chaplain, Rev. Doreen Rice, Pastor, Episcopal Church of the Covenant, Junction City, and guest of Rep. Clark:

Let us pray.

Creator and sustainer God, we thank you for your good creation and all that it provides us. We especially thank you for the beauty and richness of the state of Kansas, including its land, its animals, and its people.

We ask that you provide guidance to those assembled here who care for all that is Kansas, helping ensure their work is marked by collegiality, creative thinking, and compassion. They have committed their lives to public service, carrying both the worries and fears and the hopes and dreams of their fellow Kansans on their shoulders. For this we are most grateful.

May their efforts support your creation now and forever.

Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. French.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and concurrent resolution were introduced and read by title:

HB 2737, AN ACT concerning school buses; authorizing school districts to install and operate school bus cameras; providing enhanced criminal penalties for vehicles improperly passing school buses; establishing the bus camera reimbursement fund and the school bus safety zone fund; amending K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 8-285, 8-1556, 8-2118, 21-5405 and 21-5413 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

HB 2738, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to restitution; time of payment; amending K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 21-6604 and 21-6607 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. **HCR 5024**—

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

HCR 5024—A PROPOSITION to amend the bill of rights of the constitution of the state of Kansas by adding a new section thereto stating that there is no constitutional right to abortion and reserving to the legislature the power to regulate abortion.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate concurring therein:

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: The bill of rights of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

§ 22. Regulation of abortion. The constitution of the state of Kansas does not create or secure a right to abortion or the right to require government funding of abortion. Except as limited by the constitution of the United States, the legislature may pass laws allowing, limiting or otherwise regulating abortion."

Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:

"Explanatory statement. This amendment would reserve to the legislature the power to allow, limit or otherwise regulate abortion in this state because there is no right to abortion or to require government funding of abortion under the state constitution.

"A vote for this proposition would reserve to the legislature the power to allow, limit or otherwise regulate abortion in this state because there is no right to abortion or to require government funding of abortion under the state constitution.

"A vote against this proposition would make no changes to the state constitution regarding the right to abortion or to require government funding of abortion."

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives, and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the year 2020.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Appropriations: **HB 2736, SB 225, SB 255, SB 409.**

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2735.**

Taxation: **SB 140.**

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

Speaker pro tem Finch announced the withdrawal of **HB 2700** from the Committee on Judiciary and referral to the Committee on Children and Seniors.

Also, the withdrawal of **HB 2613** from the Committee on Judiciary and referral to the Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

Also, the withdrawal of **HB 2520** from the Committee on Judiciary and rereferral to the Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** recommends **HB 2650** be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

Speaker pro tem Finch announced the appointment of Rep. Francis to replace Rep. Wasinger on Committee on Taxation on March 10, 2020.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Neighbor to replace Rep. Winn on Committee on K-12 Education Budget on March 10, 2020.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Ousley to replace Rep. Benson on Committee on K-12 Education Budget on March 10, 2020.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Frownfelter to replace Rep. Clayton on Committee on Federal and State Affairs on March 11, 2020.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Ward to replace Rep. Bishop on Committee on Health and Human Services until further notice.

Also, Rep. Clayton will serve as the ranking democrat on Committee on Education until further notice.

REPORT ON ENROLLED RESOLUTIONS

HCR 5023 reported correctly enrolled and properly signed on March 10, 2020.

On motion of Rep. Hawkins, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 11, 2020.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

