

The Moser Minute No. 2

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Welcome to the second installment of ***The Moser Minute*** as we begin the month of February! Here is what happened in my corner of the Capitol from February 2nd through the 6th:

Appropriations Committee: As of today, 93 of the 98 agency budgets that will come before the Appropriations Committee have been reported out by the six Budget Subcommittee Chairs. I reported the following budgets this week: Kansas Water Office, Kansas Department of Agriculture, Kansas Department of Health and Environment-Environment Division, and Kansas Department of Commerce. Appropriations also held a hearing on **HB 2513** authorizing payment of certain claims against the state and making appropriations therefore and authorizing certain transfers.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee: In addition to working and passing out the budget for the Kansas Department of Commerce, mentioned above, there were informational briefings on (1) the Kansas Dam Safety Program-Earl Lewis, Chief Engineer for the Kansas Department of Agriculture; (2) an Equus Beds Update, specifically concerning the Chloride Plume located north of Wichita near Burrton, Kansas-Kate Gleeson, Deputy Secretary and Director of Environment of the Kansas Department of Health & Environment; and (3) an update on the Water Program Task Force-Senator Kenny Titus, Co-Chair of the Water Program Task Force.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee: A hearing was held on **HB 2547** requiring a valid upland game bird stamp prior to taking any upland game bird in this state, except on private land, establishing the upland game bird restoration fund and requiring the Department of Wildlife and Parks to use moneys from such fund for the procurement and release of upland game birds. The committee also held discussion on **HB 2063** establishing various conservation funds, allocating dedicated state moneys for conservation, requiring reports to the governor and legislature, and authorizing fund transfers and providing for the use of such funds by the Kansas Department of Agriculture and the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks. It passed out of committee on February 5th, with an amendment added to reduce funding from \$60M/year to \$16M/year; allowing administering agencies (Dept. of Ag and KS Wildlife & Parks) to use up to 2% of the grant to administer the program; prioritizing applications that provide dual benefits; clarifying that grant funds through this program may not be used to purchase land.

Other Legislation that passed on the House floor:

1. **HB 2471** designating a portion of I-35 as the Deputy Sam Smith Memorial Highway and redesignating a current portion of the 35th Infantry Division Memorial Highway for I-35. (120-0)
2. **HCR 5022** making application to the Congress of the United States to call a Convention of States to establish Term Limits for members of congress. (78-42)
3. **HB 2464** extending the number of years that new credits may be issued or earned for contributions to graduates of aerospace and aviation-related educational programs and employers of program graduates. (81-39)

4. **HB 2515** enacting the Virtual Currency Kiosk Consumer Protection Act, providing definitions, establishing requirements for virtual currency kiosk operators, imposing certain limits on virtual currency kiosk transaction amounts and charges and authorizing the Attorney General and any law enforcement agency to investigate reports of fraudulent money transmission and report to the state bank commissioner. Think of intentional elderly fraud here. (118-5)
5. **SB 254** prohibiting aliens who are unlawfully present in the United States from receiving any state or local public benefit in accordance with applicable federal laws. This bill was amended during debate on the House floor to add back (KSA 76-731a) and amendments thereto, thus allowing certain persons without lawful immigration status deemed residents for purpose of tuition and fees. (86-36)

Visitors included NM-MS Electric-Kathleen O'Brien, Kimberly Broxterman, Bob Voet, David Koch, Tom Niehues, Todd Sandmann, David Ronnebaum, Melvin Kruse; Prairie Land Electric-Kirk Girard, Elena Larson; BlueStem Electric-Mark Diederich, Bruce Meyer; and four KSU Student Governing Association students.

Thank you for your continued support. You can reach me with any questions or concerns at lisa.moser@house.ks.gov.

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