

The Moser Minute No. 4

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Welcome to the fourth edition of ***The Moser Minute***. This 90-day session is now past the halfway point. This week, February 17 – 19th, was “Turnaround Week.” All the bills that have passed out of their respective committees and have been debated and passed on the House floor will now be sent to the Senate for their review and work. Likewise, all the Senate bills that have undergone the same procedure will now come to the House. I will spend the next few weeks describing some of the bills that we passed out during Turnaround.

Regarding committee work:

Appropriations Committee: Since we finished the House version of the State Budget on Friday, February 13th, no meetings were held this week.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee: An informational briefing on World Cup planning was presented by Pam Kramer, Chief Executive Officer for KC2026.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee: Final action was held on **HB2633**—Concerning the Department of Wildlife and Parks; relating to fees; increasing the service charge fee for each license, permit, stamp or other issue of the Department of Wildlife and Parks to an amount of not to exceed \$2.00 and, in the case of each migratory waterfowl habitat stamp, and amount of not to exceed \$1.00; amending K.S.A. 32-989 and repealing the existing section; and on **HB2595**—Concerning the practice of law in rural Kansas; providing financial assistance to law students who practice law in rural areas of the state; establishing the attorney training program for rural Kansas fund; transferring moneys to such fund. These two bills passed out of committee on February 16, 2026. Both bills passed the House floor-**HB2633** (119-3) and **HB2595** (118-4) and will now go to the Senate.

Additional House floor action:

H Sub for SB 281—House Substitute for SB 281 by Committee on Education – Requiring school districts to prohibit the use of personal electronic communication devices during school hours, prohibiting any employee of a school district from using social media to directly communicate with any student for official school purposes. This will apply to both public and private schools. (75-48).

HB 2453—Requiring applications for advance voting ballots be filed by the 14th day prior to election day, that advance voting in person be completed by 12:00 p.m. on the Sunday prior to election day, extending the time for transmittal of advance voting ballots to 22 days prior to an election and ending the time for voter registration at 23 days prior to election day. (85-38)

HB 2412—Increasing the criminal penalties for endangering a child if the child is less than six years of age. (124-0)

HB 2444—Providing that jail credit when consecutive sentences are imposed shall not apply to more than one case, creating special sentencing rules when a felony is committed by certain offenders while on probation, parole or post release supervision for a prior felony and requiring secured minimum bonds for certain defendants who commit a new felony while on probation, parole, post release supervision or bond for a prior felony unless the court makes certain findings. (88-36)

HB 2537—Increasing the penalties of the crime of sexual extortion when an offender is 18 years of age or older and the victim is less than 18 years of age or a dependent adult, creating the crimes of aggravated sexual extortion causing bodily harm and aggravated sexual extortion causing death and requiring the attorney general to prepare and provide educational materials and information concerning such crimes. (124-0)

The Senate overrode the Governor's veto of House Substitute for SB 244 on February 17th, and the House did the same on February 18th. House Sub for SB 244 requires the designation of multiple-occupancy private spaces in public buildings for use by only one sex ("Assistance" is defined regarding a child or adult who needs aid, i.e., blindness, physical impairment, etc.) and imposes criminal and civil penalties for violations (Note: a complaint must be filed in order to proceed). It defines the term "gender" to mean biological sex at birth for purposes of statutory construction, and directs the division of vehicles to invalidate and reissue driver's licenses when necessary to correct the gender identification on such licenses and directs the office of vital statistics to invalidate and reissue birth certificates when necessary to correct the sex identification on such certificates. (87-37)

I voted yes on all the above legislation. This week alone, 117 bills were passed, 62 of which were passed by a large supermajority, as you can see from various vote totals above. Bills were approved from the following committees; Elections-8, Transportation-8, Veterans and Military-5, Judiciary-24, Health and Human Services-13, General Government-2, Federal and State Affairs-11, Higher Education-2, Financial Institutions-3, Taxation-1, Water-2, Education-7, Appropriations-1, Commerce, Labor and Economic Development-8, Insurance-4, Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications-2, and Legislative Modernization-1, Welfare Reform-3, Agriculture & Natural Resources-3, Local Government-2, Corrections-3, and Child Welfare-4.

My visitors included Kryslynn Carlson, Scandia, who served as my House Page, Diane Kussman of Courtland with Cloud, Republic and Washington County 4-H, including the following 4-Hers: Cloud County—Emily Kelsey, Grace Demars, Seth Lacy; Marshall County—Norman Jurgensen; Republic County—Michael Pachta, Jacob Pachta, Paul Pachta; and Washington County — Rowley Keesecker, Witt Keesecker, and Adelyn Oakes. Other visitors were Linda Grier with NEK-CAP, Brandi Folsom, Atchison, Kansas, Tammy Wesley, Holton, Kansas, Christina Jeffrey who brought students from Jewell County to see the Legislature in action, and Keith Edmonds from Washington County with students in his government class.

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

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