

The Moser Minute No. 5

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Welcome to the fifth edition of *The Moser Minute*. This week, February 24 – 27, the House finalized a few remaining House bills and began debating Senate Bills.

Regarding committee work:

Appropriations Committee: Informational hearings: Department of Commerce on STAR Bonds, the Joint Committee on State Building Construction regarding capital improvement projects, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation on the Pittsburg Regional Crime Center, Haely Ordoyne, with the Kansas State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, and Ryan Vincent, Kansas Housing Resources Corporation.

Two bills passed out of Appropriations and will advance to the House floor: **HB 2427**—Establishing the position of fiscal integrity auditor to be appointed by the legislative coordinating council, providing for the duties of the fiscal integrity auditor, including access to the state fiscal technology systems and software and requiring certain reports and recommendations to certain legislative committees; **HB 2513**—Authorizing payment of certain claims against the state, making appropriations therefor and authorizing certain transfers.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee: Two informational briefings were held this week including an Update on the Water Injection Dredging Project at Tuttle Creek presented by Connie Owen and Richard Rockel-Kansas Water Office, and an update on the Kansas Geological Survey Program presented by Dr. Jay Kalbas, Director-Kansas Geological Survey.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee: The committee heard about subsurface Drip Irrigation (SDI) from Matt Strausz-Heartland Irrigation Inc., Kurt Grimm-Nutra Drip, Aaron Vogts-MJ Farms, Moundridge, and Sam Stucky-CNS Farms, McPherson. Also recognized during the Ag Committee were the State FFA Officer team, including Vice President Dustin Denton, Blue Rapids. I was delighted to recognize the Washington County High School 2025 FFA National Champion Agronomy Team of Amber Kolle, Linn, Jonathan Wright, Morrowville, Destyni Christenson, Haddam, and Dawson Strunk, Hollenberg. John Kern, WCHS FFA advisor, is their coach.

House floor action:

Concurring with the Senate on HB 2223—Modifying certain provisions of the optometry law relating to scope of practice, definitions and credentialing requirements. (98-23)

HB 2274—Veteran ID bill designating Kansas as a purple heart state and permitting homeless veterans to use alternative forms of proof of identity and residency when applying for nondriver identification cards. (121-0)

HB 2745—Requiring a vote of the electors to approve increases in property tax revenues for the next year, establishing the property tax limit in lieu of the revenue neutral rate to provide for certain budget increases of taxing subdivisions and continuing in existence the taxpayer notification costs fund. (76-45) This is the House version of property tax relief for the 2026 session. More information to come.

Sub HB 2434—Substitute for HB 2434 by Committee on Appropriations - Making and concerning supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2026 and appropriations for fiscal years 2027 and 2028 for various state agencies, authorizing certain capital improvement projects and fees, authorizing certain transfers. (68-53) This is the State Budget bill. Both the property tax bill and our state budget bill will now go to the Senate and proceed on to Conference Committee where leadership from the House and Senate of these committees (Tax and Appropriations) will work together to come up with a solid plan for Kansas.

To recap a bit more of Turnaround Week, the following bills were passed and sent to the Senate:

1. **HB 2729**—Requiring the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to provide forms and notices to physicians pursuant to the woman’s-right-to know act. (87-37)
2. **HB 2727**—Providing for the plaintiff to elect to limit recovery in claims brought for violations of the woman’s-right-to-know act and making the laws providing for medical malpractice screening inapplicable when such election is made. (87-37)
3. **HB 2635**—Enacting the pregnancy center autonomy and rights of expression act to protect the ability of private pregnancy centers to provide life-affirming care. (87-37)
4. **HB 2502**—Requiring the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to offer discounted resident senior combination hunting and fishing passes to residents of this state who are 65 years of age or older and removing the expiration date for Kansas kids’ lifetime combination hunting and fishing licenses. (111-11)
5. **HB 2528**—Requiring all state board of nursing action related to nonpractice violations be void, allowing for late license renewal for professional, practical and advanced practice registered nurses, setting fees for late license renewal, limiting unprofessional conduct to acts related to the practice of nursing, prohibiting the board from taking retaliatory action against a licensee based on certain lawful actions and creating a civil cause of action for violation hereof, requiring that board members be subject to senate confirmation and requiring the board to issue refunds for overpayment or duplicate payment. (88-34)
6. **HB 2571**—Requiring cost-sharing agreements between municipalities for the maintenance of shared roads. (117-5)
7. **Sub HB 2595—Substitute for HB 2595** by Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources – Enacting the attorney training program for rural Kansas act, providing stipends to law students who meet certain requirements and agree to practice law in rural areas and providing loan forgiveness to lawyers who meet certain requirements and practice law in rural areas. (118-4)

Visitors included FFA State Vice President Dustin Denton, Blue Rapids; Rex Boley, former superintendent at Rock Hills Schools, Mankato, and now at Blue Valley Randolph; Lee Schmidt, superintendent at Linn-Hanover schools.

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

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