

The Moser Minute No. 8

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As this second to the last week of session winds down, March 16-20, there were very few standing committee meetings. The House was focused on working Senate bills as well as a select number of House bills on the floor.

Regarding committee work:

Appropriations Committee: In its final form and following final action, **SB181** is the House's trailer bill regarding the state budget. It addresses the reallocation of \$15M worth of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and permits the KU College of Architecture \$60M bonding authority. **HB2543:** Requires an annual reimbursement to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks for lost revenue from free or discounted hunting and fishing licenses, permits or passes that will be established by legislative enactment on or after July 1, 2027, and requiring the department to maintain an accounting of lost revenue to obtain reimbursement.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee: A presentation was given on the Kansas Biological Survey by Sara Baer.

Additional House floor action:

SB358: Requiring individuals convicted of certain felonies to be held without bond in the county jail until sentencing. (109-14). **H Sub for SB 366:** Prohibiting the use of a mobile telephone while operating a motor vehicle in school or construction zones, providing penalties, and permitting the display of certain lighting in road construction zones by vehicles and trailers engaged in highway construction and maintenance operations. (116-7).

SB380: Requires retail electric suppliers to provide nondiscriminatory rates and services to entities that provide electric vehicle charging services and prohibits any costs and expenses associated with a retail electric supplier's electric vehicle charging stations from being recovered in electric rates. (122-2). **SCR1603:** Proposing to amend section 1 of article 11 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas to limit property tax valuation increases for real property and personal property. It was passed as amended to include mobile homes. I voted no on this measure, as it does not take effect until 2028, thus it gives no immediate property tax relief to Kansans who need action now. (84-40). In addition, there were approximately 25 other bills that passed the House before we adjourned last week. All the legislation passed this week will now move to the Senate for its evaluation.

On March 19, Governor Kelly signed **HB 2299** into law, the "Bell-to-Bell" cell phone ban for Kansas students in both public and private schools (private schools accredited by KSHSAA are included). I support this legislation. "The Anxious Generation" by Jonathan Haidt is a must read if you have any doubts about the negative effects that cell phones have on our youth, with research dating back to the early 2010's. The Governor also signed 13 other bills, including: **HB2477:** Requiring the Kansas Department of Agriculture to publish a map on its official website that shows the location of all applied-for diversions of water and requested changes of more than 300 feet. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers. **HB 2555:** Provides legislative oversight of the Rural Health Transformation Program by requiring certain information regarding the program to be regularly submitted to certain legislative committees.

The bill passed unanimously in both chambers. This federal funding came out of the One Big Beautiful Bill that Congress passed in 2025. Kansas has qualified for \$200M/year for 5 years. Oversight of these dollars by the State Legislature will ensure that they are spent to truly transform rural health in Kansas. **HB 2557:** Enacts the revised Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children. The ICPC governs the placement of children across state lines through foster care and both public and private adoptions. Kansas is now the 21st state to join the updated version of the compact. The bill passed 39-1 in the Senate and 118-1 in the House. **HB 2433:** Reaffirming the state’s authority over the transfer or appropriation of water by explicitly placing such authority, except for domestic use, with the chief engineer and the water transfer hearing panel. The bill passed 36-3 in the Senate and 116-6 in the House.

On March 17, I recognized 13 different District 106 high school clubs, organizations, individuals and teams for various state and national honors. I will post that information on our website, www.moserranch.com where I have been posting all my Moser Minutes for this session. I invite you to go there and click on the Legislative Updates tab at the top to read about the 2026 session from my corner of the Capitol.

I am grateful to the Kansas Farm Bureau for hosting legislative updates in the communities of Cuba and Washington on March 21st. Senator Elaine Bowers and I had an enjoyable morning together updating constituents on what has happened thus far in Topeka this session, and what to look for during next week, March 23-27th, which is Conference Committee week. Stay tuned next week for the results of “Sausage Making” week.

This week’s visitors included: Steve and Jonathan Wright of Washington County. I was also pleased to welcome to my office Ruthie, Lamna, Natalie, Amna, Michael, Steve, Sammy, Noah, Joseph, Allison, and Steve from Twin Valley Developmental Services, Greenleaf, Kansas.

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

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