FROM THE DOME TO HOME

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HOUSE FLOOR ACTION

The Kansas House of Representatives worked nine bills on the floor this week. The topics of those bills ranged from regulations of public construction contracts to new reporting requirements under the Kansas Open Records Act. Detailed below are six of those nine bills worked this week.

• First is House Bill (HB) 2513. This piece of legislation, which is introduced every year, serves to remedy injuries citizens have suffered by the State of Kansas in the previous year, as recommended by the Joint Committee on Special Claims Against the State. HB 2513 was voted out favorably in the House on Wednesday, received by the Senate, and has been referred to the Senate Ways & Means Committee.

• Second is HB 2427. This bill would establish two new fiscal auditors within the legislature, for the purpose of providing greater oversight and more rapid response analysis of state agency spends during the year. HB 2427 was voted out favorably in the House on Wednesday, received by the Senate, and has been referred to the Senate Ways & Means Committee.

• Third is Senate Bill (SB) 299. This legislation would prohibit the Kansas Supreme Court Nominating Commission from establishing rules to prevent disclosure of nominee names and residential addresses. The bill was voted out favorably by the House on Thursday and will go into conference committee, given it was amended by the House.

• Fourth is House Resolution 6033. This resolution would approve of the new gaming compact negotiated by the State of Kansas and the Wyandotte Tribe of Kansas, which would expand the gambling options offered at the tribe's gambling facilities. House Resolution 6033 was voted out favorably in the House on Thursday.

• Fifth is HB 2767. This bill would change the name of the Governor's Military Council into the Kansas Military Affairs Commission, while remaining within the Office of the Governor, and establish the commission's rules for meetings, votes, membership, and staff requirements. HB 2767 was voted out favorably in the House on Thursday and was received by the Senate on Friday.

• Last is House Substitute for Senate Bill 33. This bill, which was amended in the House Committee on Taxation, would extend the tax apportionment of countywide retailers' sales tax revenue, that is based on the proportion levied by the county and each city, through the end of calendar year 2027. House Substitute for Senate Bill 33 was voted out favorably in the House on Thursday and will go into conference committee, given it was amended by the House.

COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

The House Appropriations (HAPP) Committee was busier this week, with meetings held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. During those meetings the committee received five informational briefings, heard two bills, and voted out favorably one of said bills.

On Tuesday HAPP received an update on the progress of America Rescue Plan Act projects, from the Kansas Legislative Research Department, and then heard HB 2781. The update on America Rescue Plan Act projects provided members with key insight on the remaining projects and their funds, as 2026 is the last calendar year said funds can be spent. Following that HB 2781 was heard, which grants authority to the State Historical Society to acquire the junior officers' quarters at Fort Dodge and mandates their maintenance and preservation.

Wednesday witnessed the Kansas Department of Transportation and the Kansas Turnpike Authority provide updates to the committee and the hearing of HB 2788. The Department of Transportation update relayed to members information on the IKE Transportation Plan, from the current project pipeline to the number of miles of road worked, and everything in between. The Kansas Turnpike Authority informed members on the new toll lane installed on Highway 69 in southern Kansas City and its impact on traffic congestion. Following that HB 2788, which establishes an oversight task force for the Kansas Business Enterprise Program, was heard by the committee.

Thursday saw the committee receive presentations from the University of Kansas and Wichita State University, followed by the working of HB 2788. The University of Kansas presentation informed members of the university's architecture program and their need to acquire bonding authority for renovations and construction on its campus, to further said architecture program.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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BIG CREEK, CENTER, FAIRFIELD, FAIRVIEW, GRANT, LINCOLN, LURAY, PARADISE, PLYMOUTH, RUSSELL, WALDO, WINTERSET

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Townships of Big Creek, Center, Fairfield, Fairview, Grant, Lincoln, Luray, Paradise, Plymouth, Russell, Waldo, and Winterset will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan within Russell County. This plan would require entering an interlocal agreement with Russell County, USD #407, USD #299, and USD #399 for the purposes of promoting revitalization and development to enhance public health, safety, or welfare of the residents of the district. More specifically a tax rebate incentive will be available for certain improvements within certain boundaries within the county limits. This public hearing is scheduled for March 24, 2026, at 5:35 am to be held at the Russell Elks Lodge, 510 S. Front St., Russell, Ks, 67665. Reasonable accommodations are available for persons needing assistance. Requests for accommodations should be submitted to Mike Parsons, Executive Director – Russell County Economic Development & CVB, 785-483-4000 by March 20, 2026, at 5:00 pm. Action may be taken.

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