



KHA's Capitol Comments
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Updates from the House of Representatives

Today, the Kansas House of Representatives made motions to concur on the following bills coming to them from the Senate:

[House Bill 2160](#) exempts the transport of cotton bales from the secured load requirements under certain conditions. The chamber passed the motion to concur on a vote of 118-0.

[House Bill 2326](#) extends the sunset date on the Scrap Metal Theft Reduction Act and clarifies that catalytic converters are covered by the Act. The motion passed on a vote of 119-0.

[House Bill 2313](#) creates the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act to provide legal protections for infants who are born alive regardless of the intent of the delivery. Motion to concur passed on a vote of [86-36](#).

The chamber also took action to reconsider actions from the following day related to [Senate Substitute for House Bill 2053](#) and voted [86-32](#) to concur. The bill provides for a presidential preference primary election; establishes voter registration and voting procedures for such an election.

Those bills will now go to the governor.

Updates from the Senate

Today, in the Senate, the chamber saw motions to concur on the following bills that made their way through the House:

[Senate Bill 132](#) provides for the buffalo soldier's distinctive license plate. The motion to concur passed on a vote of 40-0.

[Senate Bill 180](#) establishes the Women's Bill of Rights to provide a meaning of biological sex for purposes of statutory construction. The motion to concur passed on a vote of [28-12](#).

[Senate Bill 205](#) authorizes certain water rights in a water bank to participate in multi-year flex accounts on a temporary basis. The motion to concur passed on a vote of 40-0.

[Senate Concurrent Resolution 1603](#) urges the president of the United States to restore energy independence in the United States. The motion to concur passed on a vote of [29-10](#).

Those will now go to the governor.

The Senate also debated and passed [Substitute for House Bill 2058](#). The legislation authorizes any gaming compact regarding sports wagering to include provisions governing sports wagering outside the boundaries of Indian lands and crediting tax revenue generated from wagers on historical horse races to the horse breeding development fund and the horse fair racing benefit fund. The bill was amended and passed on a vote of [29-10](#).

Conference Committees Continue to Meet

Today, the budget held several rounds of conference meetings to negotiate between the chamber's positions on the state budget. Additionally, the following conferences have spent time meeting as they work toward negotiated agreements that will begin running through both the House and Senate chambers as the week progresses:

House and Senate Taxation
Federal and State Affairs
Commerce and Federal and State Affairs
Commerce Committees
Judiciary
Corrections and Juvenile Justice and Senate Judiciary
Transportation
Education
Financial Institutions and Insurance
Agriculture/Natural Resources and Water
Judiciary and Child Welfare and Foster Care

Conference committees will continue to meet late into the day and throughout the week.