

Journal of the House

FIFTY-FOURTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Wednesday, March 30, 2005, 11:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment with Speaker Mays in the chair.
The roll was called with 124 members present.
Rep. Showalter was excused on verified illness.

Prayer by guest chaplain, the Rev. Dennis W. Slavens, senior pastor, Antioch Church, Overland Park, and guest of Rep. Judy Morrison:

Our dear Heavenly father, we give you thanks for this wonderful day that you have given to us, and for the freedom we have to live according to the dictates of our hearts. Thank you, for this great country, for the great State of Kansas, and for all the good people who make this their home. Kansas truly is the heart of our Nation.

We thank you, Lord, for the choice men and women who unselfishly serve in this House. These are your servants who give much of their time to both consider and decide the issues before them. We would ask wisdom, courage, and boldness for these leaders as they carry out the business of this State. We ask you to bless their families, their spouses and their children. Prosper them in spirit, soul, and body and reward them abundantly for their labor of love. In these, the final days of this gathering of the Representatives, let there be a special dispensation of grace upon each one.

These are difficult days and, dear Lord, we serve at your pleasure. Remind us that all authority originates with you and has been bestowed upon us by your grace, and by the will of the people we serve. May we humbly recognize the profound effect of our decisions upon the generations to come. As the people of Kansas, and all Americans consider fundamental issues long held to be sacred, may we never lessen the worth of human life or the sanctity of marriage. May we not allow the morality of this generation to dictate our theology, or to diminish our governing values. May we ever seek to please you.

Again Lord, we pray your abundant blessings upon our Representatives. Grant them good health, long life, and all Spiritual blessing.

We humbly ask these things in the name of our wonderful Lord and Savior, amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Edmonds.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

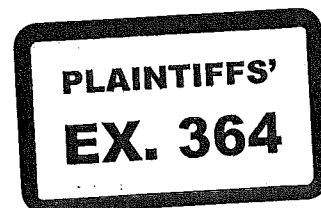
The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Federal and State Affairs: **Sub. SB 80; SB 298.**

Utilities: **SB 303.**

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On emergency motion of Rep. Wilk, **HR 6029**, by Reps. Wilk, Ruff and Crow, as follows, was introduced and adopted:



Collectively, these provisions make the quality of a child's education rely more, not less, on the child's address. Surely this is not what the Supreme Court desires when it directs us to make suitable provision for financing the education of all students in Kansas.

As well as being disequalizing, the large shift to property taxes in House Bill 2247 hurts farmers, ranchers, small businesses, and elderly home owners.

Finally, HB 2247 is a quick fix, not a long term solution. It proposes to spend money we will not have. Therefore, it does not meet the Court's directive, and the Constitution's requirement, to make continual improvement in the education of our citizens.

The Division of the Budget provides us the following budget profile for fiscal years 2006, 2007, and 2008.

Outlook for the State General Fund
Conference Committee Report on HB 2247
(Dollars in Millions)

	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Beginning Balance	\$ 327.5	\$ 279.7	\$ 80.9	\$ (97.0)
Revenue from Taxes	4,539.5	4,677.5	4,864.6	5,059.2
Interest	25.1	40.4	41.4	42.4
Agency Earnings	69.0	57.2	58.2	59.2
Transfers				
KDOT Transfer	0.0	0.0	(51.5)	(167.0)
KDOT Bond Payment	0.0	0.0	(8.0)	(11.0)
KDOT Loan Repayment	0.0	0.0	(32.5)	(30.9)
Special County/City Highway Fund	(10.1)	(10.1)	(10.1)	(10.1)
School Capital Improvement Aid	(53.0)	(56.2)	(58.0)	(60.0)
Water Plan Fund	(3.7)	(6.0)	(6.0)	(6.0)
State Fair Transfer	0.0	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
Regents Faculty of Distinction	(0.3)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.4)
Regents Research Initiative	(4.7)	(4.9)	(10.0)	(10.0)
Highway Patrol Transfer	30.7	33.7	33.7	33.7
27th Paycheck Financed from PM1B	0.0	29.6	(3.0)	(3.0)
Revenue Auditor Collections	0.0	6.0	8.5	8.5
Other Transfers	40.0	0.5	30.0	30.0
School Finance Plan Revenue	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Available	5,046.7	\$5,046.7	\$ 4,937.5	\$ 4,837.2
Expenditures	4,680.3	4,808.0	4,965.8	5,034.5
27th Paycheck	0.0	32.6	(32.6)	0.0
School Finance Caseload Estimates	0.0	0.0	(11.4)	(18.5)
KPERS Rate Increase (State & School)	0.0	0.0	30.0	30.0
KPERS Bond Payment Increase	0.0	0.0	5.0	11.6
SRS & Aging Caseload Increases	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0