

From the Dome to Home

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House Deliberations

It was Turnaround Week in the legislature, so the Kansas House of Representatives debated and voted on many, many bills. In total 86 bills were debated and voted on, all of which passed their votes and moved onto the Senate. On Wednesday, in the afternoon, I even chaired the deliberation for six hours, covering 29 bills. Below is a selection of 10 bills from that long list of legislation:

House Bill (HB) 2170. This bill designates the first full week of February as Burn Awareness Week in Kansas, in order to raise awareness on the dangers and last impact of burn wounds;

HB 2031, which amends state law by adding valid drivers licenses from other states as sufficient criteria for meeting the listed requirements in attaining a driving instructor license in Kansas;

"Do not look for approval except for the consciousness of doing your best." - Andrew Carnegie

HB 2155, this legislation changes state law to specify that in performance of official acts related to the charge and custody of jails sheriffs, and deputies, are to be held liable;

HB 2280, which expands the list of authorized activities that emergency medical responder personnel can perform under supervision of healthcare professionals, permit nonemergency ambulance services to operate for less than 24 hours in a day, and require external automated defibrillators be registered with the Emergency Medical Services Board;

HB 2016, this bill adds published online obituaries as sufficient criteria for election officers to remove deceased voters from voter rolls, under state law;

HB 2075, which adjusts state law regarding initial permanence hearings deadlines for children taken into the custody of the Kansas Department of Children and Families, changing it from the current 12 to 9 months. The bill would also require that a hearing be held every 9 months for the child after the initial hearing;

HB 2121, which alters state law regarding registration fees for hybrid and all-electric vehicles. A \$30 fee for all-electric motorcycles would be created, the fee for electric hybrids would be increased from \$50 to \$100, the fee for all-electric motorvehicles would be raised from \$100 to \$175, and fees for electric and hybrid trucks and tractors with a gross weight less than 12,000 pounds would also be increased to \$200 and \$125, respectively. All revenue raised from these increases would be remitted to the State Highway Fund and the Special City and County Highway Fund;

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HB 2333, this bill re-

names the Kansas Insurance Department to the Kansas Department of Insurance, along with several related offices. The bill also eliminates the requirement of senate confirmation for the Department of Insurance Assistant Commissioner, and appointees in the securities division;

House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 5008, which proposes a constitutional amendment, adding

to Article 2 of the Kansas Constitution, granting the legislature the ability to revise and revoke administrative rules and regulations by adoption of a concurrent resolution, which requires supermajority support from both chambers. If passed the resolution would go to a public vote in the primary election of 2026;

HB 2134, which establishes limits on fees Executive Branch agencies may charge for access to copies of public records. For printed copies fees would not exceed 25 cents per page and for electronic copies fees would be prohibited. Cost related to employee time for making records available would not exceed the lowest hourly rate of the aforementioned employee. The bill would also permit appeals to the agency heads responsible if the costs of requesting the documents were felt unreasonable.

I voted yes on each of these bills.

It is a distinct honor to serve as your representative for the 109th Kansas House District and the state of Kansas. Please contact me with your thoughts, concerns, and questions. I always appreciate hearing from the residents of the 109th House District and others from the state of Kansas, as well.

Weather spotters meetings

Now that we have passed the depths of winter, spring is not too far away. Each spring is littered with severe weather events, some large, some small, but all have an impact. To help provide the public with the best weather information possible, the National Weather Service (NWS) in Hastings has teamed with local Emergency Management across south central Nebraska and north central Kansas to schedule storm spotter training. The real-time, ground-truth reports from spotters are a key component to accurate and timely severe weather warnings which can potentially save lives and property.

A complete list of the 2025 scheduled talks by the NWS Hastings is at the end of this news release (or found at this specific web address: <https://www.weather.gov/gid/spotterinformation>).

As always, meteorologists from the National Weather Service (NWS) in Hastings will touch on a variety of topics related to strom spotting, severe weather and other aspects of weather preparedness. The second part of the precipitation will be focused on examining different viewpoints which may be observed by the spotter, while reviewing radar signatures to help with situational awareness. The goal is to help any storm spotter affiliated with a local organization be confident in their report while doing so safely.

The talks are free, typically open to the public and last approximately 60-90 minutes. We welcome anyone interested in coming to attend, learn and enjoy. In the event of severe spring or winter weather, the NWS reserves the right to postpone or cancel any presentation in the interest of public safety.

2025 NWS Hastings Severe Weather Awareness Presentation Schedule (last updated 2/24/25)				
All presentations start at 6:30 PM (unless noted)				
All presentations are free and open to the public.				
Date	State	County	City	Location
March 3	NE	Valley	Arcadia	Fire Station, 110 Bridge Street
March 4	NE	Hall	Grand Island	GI-Hall County Comms. Center, 1210 N. North Road
March 5	NE	Furnas	Oxford	Fire Station, 314 Odell Street
March 5	KS	Phillips	Phillipsburg	Fischer Building (Basemet), 205 F Street
March 10	NE	York	Bradshaw	Fire Station, 416 Lincoln Street
March 11	KS	Rooks	Stockton	Rooks County Sheriff's Office (EOC), 803 South Elm
March 11	KS	Smith	Smith Center	Church of the Nazarene, 117 East New York Street
March 12	NE	Clay	Clay Center	Clay County Fairgrounds, 101 North Martin
March 12	NE	Dawson	Lexington	County/City Annex, 200 West 7th
March 13	NE	Greeley	Wolbach (@7:00 PM)	Fire Station, 304 Center Avenue
March 17	NE	Hamilton	Aurora	Fire Station, 906 13th Street
March 18	NE	Phelps	Holdrege	Bertrand Fire Station (New one)
March 19	NE	Thayer	Hebron	Thayer County Court House (Courtroom), 225 North 4th St.
March 19	NE	Nuckolls	Nelson	Nelson Fire Station, 570 Main Street
March 20	NE	Harlan	Alma	Johnson Community Center, 509 West Main
March 24	NE	Franklin	Hildreth	Fire Station, 248 Commercial Avenue
March 31	KS	Jewell	Mankato	Senior Center, 214 North High Street
March 31	NE	Sherman	Litchfield	Winter Building, 204 North Main St.
April 7	NE	Adams	Hastings	Emergency Operations Center, 2965 South Baltimore
April 7	NE	Howard	St. Libory	St Libory Fire/EMS Building, 336 US-281
April 8	NE	Nance	TBD	TBD
April 9	NE	Mitchell	Beloit	Ft. Hays Tech North Central, 3033 US HWY 24
April 10	NE	Fillmore	Milligan	Fire Station, 514 N Street
April 14	NE	Merrick	TBD	TBD
April 14	NE	Polk	Shelby	Fire Station, 100 Oak Street
April 16	NE	Kearney	Minden	Fire Station, 325 North Colorado Avenue
April 16	NE	Webster	Red Cloud	Fire Station, 137 East 5th Avenue
April 22	NE	Gosper	Elwood	Fire Station, 507 Ripley Street
April 24	NE	Buffalo	Ravenna	Fire Station, 224 Alba Avenue
April 30	KS	Osborne	Osborne	Public Library, 325 West Main Street

Legal Notice

(First published Thursday, February 27, 2025 in the Osborne County Farmer)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OSBORNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Rayma J. Hyde, Deceased.

Case No. OB-2025-PR-07

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on February 20, 2025, a Petition For Probate Of Will And Issuance Of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Brent Duane French, designated as Executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Rayma J. Hyde", deceased, dated August 4, 2017.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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