



Legislative UPDATE

News & Information for the People of the 29th District

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FLOOR SCHEDULE CHANGES

Legislators are inching closer to first adjournment. The Senate debated and voted on dozens of bills this week. We also confirmed two of Governor Kelly's cabinet secretary appointments. Wednesday marked the last day for non-exempt bills to pass out of either chamber. Summaries of bills we took action on that may be of interest to you will be provided in next week's newsletter.

Next Friday is first adjournment, the end of regular session. Starting Monday, Senators will continue meeting with conference committees through April 7. If a bill that passed the House is amended in the Senate, then it goes back to the House for a vote to concur or to accept the amendments. If the originating chamber votes to not concur, the bill goes to a conference committee. These committees include three members from both chambers who are appointed to iron out any differences between House and Senate versions of bills. Their compromises, known as Conference Committee Reports, are then sent to both chambers for a vote.

The Senate convenes at 10:00a.m. each day next week. To listen to legislative proceedings, just click on "Listen in Live" on the homepage of www.kslegislature.org or you can watch live on the [Kansas Legislature's YouTube channel](#).

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 785-296-7387 or by email at oletha29th@aol.com. Or, stop by my legislative office located in room 135E of the Statehouse.

GOVERNOR VETOES TAX BILL

The week started with Governor Kelly announcing her veto of Senate Bill 22, the mega tax giveaway for giant multinational corporations. In her veto message, she wrote:

“Unfortunately, Senate Bill 22 would absolutely dismantle all the progress we’ve made. It would throw our state once again into a self-inflicted budget crisis, diminishing all the investments we’ve worked so hard to rebuild and restore. It would put our future at risk once again in order to give significant tax breaks to entities who need them the least, while continuing to leave working families behind....”

“The people of Kansas elected me to rebuild our state. They elected me to bring fiscally conservative and responsible principles back to our government. We must be patient, thoughtful, and prudent as we evaluate tax policy. And, when we move forward with commonsense tax relief, we must ensure that it benefits the Kansans who need it the most.”

Meeting at the Capitol



Senator Faust-Goudeau met with Annette Graham who is the Executive Director of Central Plains Area Agency on Aging. The ADRC is a trusted source of information where people of all ages, abilities and income levels, and their caregivers, can obtain assistance in planning for their long-term service and support needs. For additional information www.ksadrc.org

- Learn about different services in the state of Kansas
- Search for services that meet your needs
- Contact information for community service providers
- Ask a question about community resources, in-home services or long-term support services

Bills Heard In The Senate

Senator Faust-Goudeau introduced these three bills in the Senate this session. She also introduced many other issues including bills for education, taxes, Medicaid, foster care and voting.

- SB130 – This bill permits persons voting on advanced ballots to correct a signature deficiency prior to the final canvass. The committee report recommends the bill be passed as amended.
- SB143- This bill allows certain individuals to be eligible for restricted driving privileges.
- SB150-This bill enacts housing protections for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking or stalking. A hearing on this bill was held on March 19, 2019 and was passed in the Senate.

David Toland Confirmed

The Kansas Senate voted Monday to confirm Gov. Laura Kelly's nominee to lead the Kansas Department of Commerce by a vote of 23 to 14. A Senate committee rejected the nomination, survived an effort by the Kansas Republican Party, Kansans for Life, Americans for Prosperity and others to derail nomination of the former CEO of an Allen County nonprofit organization that worked on economic and quality-of-life projects in Iola.

Senator Faust-Goudeau Appointed to Midwestern Legislative Conference

Senator Susan Wagle appointed Senator Faust-Goudeau to the Midwestern Legislative Conference Economic Development Committee for the 2019-2020 biennium. This committee has the opportunity to meet and interact with their colleagues and counterparts from neighboring Midwestern states and provinces to be one of the most rewarding aspects of service on an MLC committee.

Pages at the Capitol



The Senator had 3 pages come to the Capitol on Wednesday. They are Andrea Vandross, Danielle Vandross and Cortez Overstreet.

Dinner With the Governor



Senator Faust-Goudeau had dinner with Governor Kelly on April 1 at the Governor's Mansion.

Kansan Town Hall Meeting

The Governor is planning a Kansan to Kansan Town Hall in Wichita at the beginning of the break. We are still confirming some details and will be officially publishing the event soon, but we wanted to give you a heads up and ask you to save the date to attend if you're able:

**Tuesday, April 9th
5:30pm – 6:30pm**

**Wichita Public Schools
Multi-Purpose Room
903 S. Edgemoor, Wichita, KS 67218**

IMPORTANT STATE PHONE NUMBERS

Here is a list of numbers I often receive requests for during the Legislative Session. I hope you will find this information helpful.

Attorney General
(888) 428-8436

Governor's Office
(877) 579-6757

Social Security
(800) 772-1213

Child Abuse Hotline
(800) 922-5330

Highway Conditions
(800) 585-7623

DCF
(785) 296-1491

Consumer Protection
(800) 432-2310

Housing Hotline
(800) 752-4422

Suicide Prevention
Hotline
(800) 273-8255

Crime Tip Hotline
(800) 572-7463

KanCare Consumer
Assistance
(866) 305-5147

Tax Refund Status Info
(800) 894-0318

Crime Victim Referral
(800) 828-9745

Kansas Jobs
(785) 235-5627

Taxpayer Assistance
(785) 368-8222

Department on Aging
(800) 432-3535

Kansas Lottery
(785) 296-5700

Unclaimed Property
(800) 432-0386

Driver's License Bureau
(785) 296-3963

Kansas State Library
(800) 432-3924

Vital Statistics
(Birth Certificates)
(785) 296-1400

Fraud Hotline
(800) 432-3919

Legislative Hotline
(800) 432-3924

Victims of Human
Trafficking

KPERS
(888) 275-5737

School Safety Hotline
(877) 626-8203

(888) 373-7888