

# Bill would stop benefits to illegal immigrants

February 28, 2025

After turnaround (the half-way point in session), most of the work is happening in committees.

Stopping state benefits to illegal aliens including in-state tuition, Senate Bill (SB) 254, drew a crowd for the committee hearing. There was one proponent and over 20 opponents that wanted to speak about the bill. The committee rules allow each side to speak the same amount of time. Since the proponents only had one person speaking, AG Kobach spoke for several minutes. The opponents (those who want benefits for illegals) were told that not all of them would get to speak, especially since there were so many of them and the first speakers used up a good portion of the time. After time was called, one of the opponents started yelling and demeaning the committee and the process. The Highway Patrol was called to escort him out of the room and the meeting was adjourned. Thankfully, this is extremely rare, and most people respect the rules and the decorum at our Capitol. The committee will work on the bill in the next week or two.

U.S. Constitution Article V speaks to allowing states to convene and propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Any proposed amendment would have to be ratified by 38 of the states. The main difference in an Article V convention of states is that the amendment originates from the states, not in U.S. Congress. All amendments have originated in Congress, never by using Article V. However, there is



a growing effort to make this happen.

With President Trump in office working to stop out-of-control spending, there doesn't seem to be the urgency for an Article V amendment. However, the next president may be as reckless as previous presidents, so I voted for Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 1604, calling for a convention. The SCR passed the Senate 29 to 11. If the House passes SCR 1604, Kansas will be the 20th state to pass this language. It takes 34 for a convention to be called.

Sales Tax Exemption Forms would not be required for custom meat processing if the person who owns the animal is processing it for their own consumption. Senate Bill 33 passed unanimously and was sent to the House for consideration.

Firearms taken under the Kansas Standard Asset and Seizer Act could be sold or transferred to a properly licensed federal firearms dealer if SB 137 becomes law. It passed 39 to 1. I voted Yes.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your 12th District State Senator.

# Smith wins Senior Center pitch

Fifteen individuals gathered the 27th of February to play 10 games of 13-point pitch.

The results of those games are as follows: Don Smith took top honor winning 8 of 10 games and he also had the most perfect hands with four; Dorothy Spencer captured

50/50 and Glenda Stanley won the least number of games.

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Jan Wards reporting



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## Summertime Youth Concession Stand Worker

The City of Garnett is seeking Summertime Youth Concession Stand Workers. Work is between 12 – 20 hours per week.

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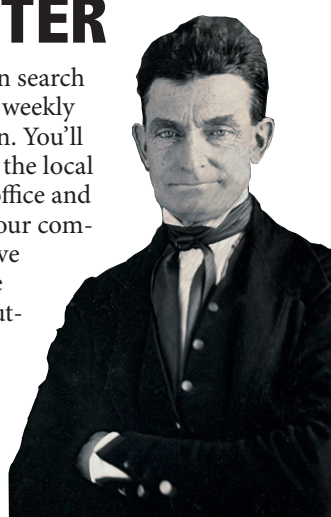
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Tract 2: 160 +/- Acres consisting of cropland, homestead and outbuildings with utilities onsite. Move into the existing home or build your spouse their dream home.  
Tract 3: 240 +/- Acres (Combination of Tracts 1 & 2) Located west of Burlington.
- **LYON COUNTY, KS - 3/17/2025**  
SELLER: Miller Family - ONLINE AUCTION  
115 +/- Total acres offered In 5 Tracts of 18, 19, 39, 39, and 115 Acres of productive pasture, two ponds, creek drainage, paved road frontage, adjacent rural water and electrical lines. Located west of Emporia.
- **ANDERSON COUNTY, KS - 3/19/2025**  
SELLER: Beckmon Family - ONLINE AUCTION  
50 +/- Acres comprised of mature timber along the North Fork of the Little Osage and mixed grass pasture. This is a beautiful potential build site with recreational appeal and utilities adjacent. Located south of Kincaid.
- **ALLEN COUNTY, KS - 3/20/2025**  
SELLER: Newman Family - ONLINE AUCTION  
This 151 +/- Acre property will be attractive to the grain producer, investor and the recreational buyer, whether you pursue upland birds, whitetails or waterfowl. Composed of upland tillable, some timber and watershed lake. Located north of Iola.
- **COFFEY COUNTY, KS - 3/21/2025**  
SELLER: Nicoletti Family - ONLINE AUCTION  
80 +/- Acres of cropland with a high percentage of usable acreage. This tract will be conducive to expansion of your farm acreage or as an investment. Located north of LeRoy.
- **GREENWOOD COUNTY, KS - 3/26/2025**  
SELLER: Kile Trust - ONLINE AUCTION  
Tract 1: 69 +/- Acres made up of excellent cropland along the Verdigris River and mature hardwood timber, combining to make a top-shelf recreational property.  
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