

Moser Minute
January 14, 2022

Greetings! Welcome to my first “Moser Minute”, designed to give you a quick peek inside the happenings of the Capitol.

The House gaveled in at 2PM, Monday, January 10th. Basic housekeeping duties included approving the seating chart and passing a resolution providing for the organization of the House of Representatives for the 2022 session. A formal concurrent resolution passed to inform the Governor that the two houses of the Legislature were duly organized and ready to receive communications. As is the daily occurrence, bills and concurrent resolutions were read in on the House floor.

On Tuesday the Legislature welcomed two “Firsts” in the House Chamber. House leadership issued the following joint comment: “Today will mark the first State of the Judiciary in House Chambers by a female Chief Justice, and the first time in Kansas history that the State of the Judiciary and the Governor’s State of the State address will be presented on the same day in House Chambers. It is a privilege to have all three branches of government come together today to celebrate our state’s successes, analyze our different responsibilities, this is a unique opportunity to recognize each of those roles and hear each set of ideas as we work to develop the best path forward for our state.” Chief Justice Marla Luckert presented the State of the Judiciary at 1:30PM. Governor Laura Kelly presented the State of the State address at 6:30 followed by the Republican response by House Speaker Ron Ryckman.

On Wednesday State Fair representatives Paula Landoll-Smith, Mary McCurry, Kathy Brazle and Dylan Evans were in my office for a great visit about the Kansas State Fair. I encourage you to take in this grand attraction coming in September.

I remain on the same committees as 2021: Federal & State Affairs, Children & Seniors, and Agriculture.

Fed & State: During our one meeting this week, we were given overviews of both the Office of Revisor of Statutes (these are the lawyers who draft the bills brought to them by legislators) and the Kansas Legislative Research Department (these are the research people who find the answers to all my questions and those of my constituents. There are both a fiscal staff and a research staff.) The following resolution was read in on the House floor: HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. HCR 5022— By Committee on Federal and State Affairs. A proposition to amend

sections 2 and 5 of article 9 of the constitution of the state of Kansas to require that a sheriff be elected in each county for a term of four years.

Children & Seniors: On Wednesday nine agencies presented their models regarding all facets of child-care including regulations, licensure, available grant programs, facility inspections and more. The Child Care Act in Kansas is 100 years old this year. Challenges in the Child Care field include the lack of qualified child-care staff, wages for caretakers being below where they need to be while at the same time families cannot afford to pay any more for child-care.

Every ten years our country conducts a census. Based on that census all congressional, state legislature, and state board of education districts are redrawn. Last year the bipartisan House Redistricting Committee held public hearings across the state in 25 Kansas cities. Constituent input, along with the rule of law, and deliberations by all members of the legislature make up this extraordinary process. The work of drawing maps has begun. Floor debate will be a fair, transparent process. Congressional maps will be done first because they must be almost the same in population, then state level maps. I will be reviewing the maps that make it to the House floor and working with members of the committee to preserve our communities in the best and fairest districts possible.

I represent you. Please reach out to me about issues that are concerning. The Legislative hotline is 1-800-432-3942 open 8-5 weekdays. I can be reached at lisa.moser@house.ks.gov ; Capitol office number 785.296.7637; cell number 785.456.3876. Please leave a message if I don't answer. Thank you for your support and interest in the legislative process.

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