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Representative Carlin speaking to the Leadership Manhattan group on Thursday, February 8th

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Governor Colyer Addresses Legislature

On Wednesday, newly-inaugurated Governor Jeff Colyer addressed both chambers of the Kansas legislature for the first time.

Colyer's speech covered a broad range of topics, which he broke into three categories: reform, jobs, and education. Within these categories he discussed the need for transparency in state government, his first executive order addressing sexual harassment within the executive branch and state agencies, and school finance litigation.

While Colyer called for an end to the cycle of constant litigation over the funding of Kansas public schools, he gave no specifics on how this might be done. The Governor also expressed his wish to be the most accessible governor in the state's history.

Bills Discussed on the Floor

This week, the House worked several bills on the floor. All of which passed through the chamber:

HB 2438: Prohibits state agencies from contracting with a vendor on an information technology project if that vendor prepared or assisted with: 1) The preparation of the program statement; 2) The project planning documents; or 3) Any other project plans prepared prior to approval of the project by the Chief Information Technology Officer of the relevant branch of government.

HB 2441: Transfers responsibility for procuring independent audits from the Legislative Division of Post Audit (LPA) to the audited agencies.

HB 2446: Adds a designation of ranking minority member to the Joint Committee on Kansas Security and to the Joint Committee on Information Technology. The ranking minority member of the Joint Committee on Kansas Security would be a representative member selected by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives in odd-numbered years and a senator member selected by the Minority Leader of the Senate in even-numbered years.

HB 2470: Allows microbreweries within the state of Kansas to contract with other microbreweries for production and packaging of beer and hard cider. The contracting Kansas microbrewery would be held to all applicable state and federal laws dealing with manufacturing, packaging, and labeling and would be responsible for payment of all state, and federal taxes on the beer or hard cider.

HB 2502: Provides for newly authorized sales of beer containing no more than 6.0 percent alcohol by volume by cereal malt beverage (CMB) licensees to be subject to state and local sales taxes instead of the state liquor enforcement tax.

Agriculture Committee

HB 2477: Would increase fees related to the Kansas pet animal act.

HB 2583: Relates to the control and eradication of noxious weeds in the state of Kansas. A decision as to how much control is given to the Department of Agriculture to establish which weeds are noxious and also reopens the makeup of the Citizens Advisory Board of whom will oversee the program.

Black History Month

Throughout the duration of February, we celebrate Black History Month.

“The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by black Americans and other peoples of African descent.

In the decades that followed, mayors of cities across the country began issuing yearly proclamations recognizing Negro History Week. By the late 1960s, thanks in part to the civil rights movement and a growing awareness of black identity, Negro History Week had evolved into Black History Month on many college campuses.

President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to ‘seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.’”

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[Dwight D. Eisenhower Statue](#)

SB 262: Authorizes the Capitol Preservation Committee to approve plans to place a permanent statue of Dwight D. Eisenhower on the Kansas Capitol grounds.

Dwight David Eisenhower was born in Denison, Texas, on October 14, 1890. His family moved to Abilene, Kansas, when he was less than a year old. Throughout school he distinguished himself as an athlete, and he was a star halfback at the Military Academy at West Point until a knee injury ended his football career. He was graduated in 1915 and stationed in San Antonio, Texas, where he met his future wife, Mamie Doud.

In 1952 he accepted the Republican presidential nomination and was elected the nation's thirty-fourth president; he was reelected in 1956. The campaign slogan "I Like Ike" reflected widespread appreciation of Eisenhower's sincerity, generosity, and kindness. His time in office saw the end of the Korean War, the continuation of the Cold War, and the beginning of school desegregation. After leaving office he was respected as an elder statesman and remained popular among Americans. He died on March 28, 1969, and is buried in Abilene, Kansas. His statue replaced that of G.W. Glick, the first time that a state has replaced one of its statues.

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