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Visitors



It was great having the 5A State Basketball Championship in Topeka. The Skins played a great game. I had the pleasure of over 75 students visiting the Capitol the following day.



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Useful Phone Numbers

Medicaid Fraud

1-866-551-6328

Welfare Fraud Hotline

800-432-3913

Department On Aging

800-432-3535

I want to thank Braegan Zimmerman, James Armstrong, Erick Rodriguez and Alexandria Lamberson for serving as pages. If your middle school or high school student would like to serve as a page please contact me next January to set a date.



Jayme Applebee presented testimony to the House Health and Human Services Committee last week. I learned a lot listening to her speak about Nurse Practitioners.



Child/Adult Abuse Hotline

800-922-5330

Child & Family Services

888-369-4777

Consumer Protection

800-423-2310

Crime Tip Hotline

800-252-8477

Crime Victim Assistance

800-828-9745

Gov- Brownback

800-748-4408

Highway Road Conditions

511 (in Kansas)

Housing Hotline

800-752-4422

KanCare Assistance

866-305-5147

Kansas Lottery

800-544-9467

Legislative Hotline

800-432-3924

Mental Health Services

888-582-3759

School Safety Hotline

877-626-8203

Social Security

800-772-1213

Taxpayer Assistance

785-368-8222

Tax Refund Status

800-894-0318

Although I was unable to attend Pancake Day because of legislative business, I did have the pleasure of presenting Certificates of Recognition from the Kansas House of Representatives to Miss Liberal, Gaby Amparan, and our race winner, Summer Parsons.



DV Enterprises, LLC won the Kansas Small Business Development Center Award for our region. Congratulations to Don, Vicky & Mindy Brunkhardt.

Topeka

This week has been very busy in Topeka. House Committees are working bills that have passed the Senate. Lots of action is happening on the House Floor as bills come out of Committee for action.

HB2700 has passed out of committee and is waiting for action on the house floor. This bill allows Kansas Government Retirees to work up to 4 years after retirement if local KPERS participating entities have positions they are unable to fill.

Exemption for Natural Gas Vehicles. One of the impediments to natural gas as a fuel is the additional weight requirements of the fuel tank, which can be as much as 2600 lbs. I am working on legislation to mirror federal law in Kansas that provides a weight exception of up to 2,000 lbs for vehicles powered by natural gas.

Bills and Resolutions Passed Out of the House

They include a resolution for a constitutional amendment

Unclaimed Property

800-432-0386

Unemployment Insurance

800-292-6333

Vital Statistics

785-296-1400

Voter Registration

800-262-8683

Worker's Comp

800-332-0353

for the Right to Hunt and Fish and a resolution to the Federal Government opposing the relocation of Guantanamo Bay prisoners to Kansas.

I voted against a bill prohibiting minors from using tanning beds. I believe a parental consent form would have been more appropriate. I also voted against a bill micromanaging requirements of degree prospectuses including website placement for our Colleges and Universities. Bills like this create bureaucracy and administrative costs and then we wonder why we don't have more money in the classroom. A bill from my Vision 20/20 committee passed regarding IT Security. HB 2549 will streamline cooperative efforts for law enforcement agencies in border counties. A bill regarding child care workers and volunteers to be checked against the Sex Offender registry was passed on to the Senate.

In Ag Committee a Senate Bill regulating human interaction and private ownership of big cats was tightened up to limit the ownership of Clouded Leopards to Zoos and USDA Breeders among others. Water bills relating to non-reporting, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and Multi-year Flex Account change applications were passed out of committee.

A lot more happened but hopefully these highlights will give you a glimpse of my week.

Legislative Coffee

I will have a legislative coffee next Saturday, March 19th at 10:00 am at Spencer Brownes Coffee House.

“Government’s first duty is to protect the people, not run their lives.”

“I know in my heart that man is good. That what is right will always eventually triumph. And there’s purpose and worth to each and every life.”

(Ronald Reagan)

Constituent Services

Please reach out to me regarding issues with our state government that I can help with. I do ask that you send

the request to me by email. My email address is:
Shannon.francis@house.ks.gov. This insures that I get the
information correctly to the agency we are working with.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Please contact me
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