

## Breaking News

1. We are moving on to the Kansas Senate to see if we can make some progress!! HB2100 aka SB74 is a 'Blessed Bill' in the Senate Ways and Means Committee so it is still in play.
2. Your legislators will be off for the so called 'Turn Around', so contact them. Hopefully a little fear will change some votes if the idea of a COLA comes back from the Senate.
3. The reason I am letting you know about this information is because your legislator(s) will be back on break, Friday through Tuesday. Please let them know of your feelings.
4. A few days ago, our COLA Bill became dead in committee because the Chairperson of the House Committee on Financial Institutions and Pensions, Chairman Jim Kelly, refused to bring it to a vote. (Because this was a carry-over bill, if not passed out favorably, it is dead from this avenue.) This was the bill which contained the 3%, 2%, 1% offering.
5. Yesterday, it was defeated basically across party lines on the floor of the Kansas House. The defeat was led by Representative Kelly.
6. Next, Rep. Frownfelter attempted to amend a bill by adding a flat 1% COLA to it. The attempt was made to add this to a sports gaming bill. Both the COLA amendment and the gaming bill were defeated.
7. Next, Rep. Benson attempted to amend HB2503 by adding a 3% COLA to it. Incidentally, the Governor's HB2503 was reduced. A payment for KPERS of some \$268,412,000 Million was left in, but the re-am removed.
8. You will find a record of the vote on both issues attached.
9. You will note that this defeat once again fell mostly along party lines. Representative Jim Kelly led the opposition, and you will note that Representative Johnson voted against both.
10. Attached you will find a list of who voted for and against each bill. The vote was largely along party lines, however, there were a few Republicans who voted for the amendments.
11. Your Representatives will not be in session, and likely back home through March 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is essential that you contact them regarding the need for a COLA!!!
12. In the attachments the Frowmfelter amendment referred to above is listed first by Yeas and Nays, followed by the Benson amendment.
13. Do not hesitate to call if you have questions!!