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STATERS UNION

A WEEK THAT
Changed
MY LIFE

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STOP RIGHT THERE!

PATROLMEN LOOK TO ENFORCE NEW LAWS

BY DEREK BRYANT
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Running in the hallway.
Slamming doors. Being on the
wrong floor. All will now give
you a penalty.

A bill was brought to the floor of
the House and Senate by the highway
patrolmen which would allow the
highway patrolmen of Boys State to
issue fines to Staters who commit
crimes as a sort of ticket.

If a Stater was found guilty of a
crime, he would first be notified of his
infraction and then would be asked
to give his Stater ID to the patrolman.
Each day, at the end of the evening,
the ID number of any Staters who
committed crimes would be delivered
to the bank where a fee would be taken
out of the Stater's personal account.
Not only would patrolmen have
jurisdiction in their own county but
also in the entire state.

Fineable offences, including door



STATER Patrolmen-in-training practice traffic stops. Photo Credit Julian Kincaid

slamming, littering and running in the
halls, would each be a five dollar fine.
However if a Stater is bankrupt these
crimes would result in jail time. Other
crimes such as trespassing would result
in jail time as decided by the county's
jury, and crimes such as the stealing
of private property would result in jail
time and whatever else the patrolman
deems necessary punishment.

County laws would also be able to
be enforced by highway patrolmen.

In terms of a jail, there are a few
options. The first would be county jails
which would be an empty room on
each floor; the second option would
be regional jails in the sense that there
would be one jail in each building. Jail
time would be taken out of free time
and would not interfere with normal
operations. While this may seem like
a huge change Staters can rest easy for
now because the bill must still pass
through both the House and Senate.

WHY SO NOT SERIOUS?

BY KODI W. REED
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As the second day of Kansas Boys
State concludes, there is an issue
that has been brought to my attention.
Some Staters among us seem to have
forgotten why we are at Boys State. In
just under two days of Boys State we

have seen a majority of the State legal-
ize or talk about legalizing marijuana.
Over half are claiming that they are
doing it solely based on revenue, but
they seem to be forgetting to consider
exactly how marijuana is generating
revenue.

None have been able to provide
production or vending methods that
would benefit the citizens and not

just the city's economy. There has
also been conversation about legal-
izing prostitution but thankfully it
was quickly shut down and was only
passed in one city. That same city was
also the only one to legalize psychedel-
ics. When questioned, the mayor of the
city in question wasn't able to list the
effects of psychedelics.

(More online at ksbstate.org/news.)

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*This session, many
events will be live
streamed, including
the debate and the
talent show!*

House Discusses, Dismisses Transformative Agro-Bill



THE House of Representatives talks legislation late into the night. Photo Credit Ian B-W

BY LUKE STEINLE
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A House bill that could have revolutionized meat production was recently voted down in the KSBS House of Representatives. Representative Payton Harmons proposed a bill which would increase the funding of cellular agriculture research. The funding would have been used to begin creating mass quantities meat from STEM cells in a bioreactor as part of a three year plan. Representative Harmon explained that not only would this new type of meat production cut greenhouse gas emissions drastically, but it would also cut back on the overuse of antibiotics contributing to antibiotic resistant bacteria and

create a new industry to help economic growth. Harmon’s plan would have used tax revenue from the commercialized production of marijuana; however, it would not legalize marijuana by itself. This was concerning to some representatives, as the bill was dependant on the passage of another. Harmon said that by funding research of cellular agriculture, STEM cells could be used to produce eggs, milk, fish, poultry, beef and other types of meat. Many representatives, especially from more rural, agricultural counties were concerned about the bill’s effect on blue collar ranchers. Largely for that reason, the bill was voted down.

Upcoming Legislation

BY GUTHRIE TURNER
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All sorts of propositions are in the air as members of the Boys State Senate discuss bills that they believe will make Kansas a better place for its residents. The Nationalist side has introduced the Smart Trading Act, potentially enforcing taxes on stocks. They also have ambitions to mandate subsurface drip irrigation on Kansas farms. The Federalists were busy as well. There was a suggestion on a 30% flat tax on smoking tobacco, along with deliberation over the legalization of marijuana.

Ideas are also being taken into account dealing with education and energy issues. For example, one Stater proposed a bill for new colleges that incorporate precise training and mandatory majors such as liberal arts, engineering, agriculture, etc. Another Stater intends to increase tax rebates on certain alternative energy sources, and, by 2025, have 40% of the state’s energy consist of alternative energy. With all of this still being decided, the final verdict will really come down to the judgment of the House of Representatives.

Simulation Glitch Changes Plans Everywhere

BY MATT GOECKEL
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A glitch in the simulation system caused many counties and cities to believe they had a very different balance than was in their account. Monday morning, Staters were informed of the change, which in some cases was tens of thousands of dollars. Many cities and counties began planning operations on Sunday, and suffered a setback because of the sudden change, Forcing them to have to re-start the planning process again on Monday. Marshall County was one of the many who were informed Monday morning of the glitch that had misled them to believe they had \$40,300 instead of \$300. The glitch, which also affected the town of Mantee in Marshall County, changed the county’s future plans. “We were going to have

a police academy and hire more officers, but now we have to settle for one,” Commissioner Travis said. Other plans for Marshall County included a large fire station and a jail. They are now working on more affordable projects including education, wind energy, and a local super-market. The Marshall County commission has found good in the situation, however. The town of Mantee also had a large sum of money, leading to an imbalance in county power. The cities of Lane and Kyle were being ignored due to low balances, and were forced to take out large bonds to keep up with Mantee. “We were spending all our time with that town [Mantee] because they had the money,” Commissioner Travis said. “It’s a lot more balanced now.”

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