



Throughout our break I attended state conferences on Agriculture, Water, Mental & Behavioral Health; and community issue meetings on poverty, homelessness, Aggieville business, Chamber of Commerce and Military.

It's good to be back in the office in Topeka for next few weeks. You can reach me here on my phone 785 296-7657. During the summer breaks my trusted and extremely dedicated office assistant, Travis, passed away due to illness. I have a new assistant, Corinne, who is happy to take your calls, set up in-person appointments, and give me a message.

The first week of session has been eventful from working budgets, attending addresses such as the State of Judiciary and the State of State, and the beginning of committees. I am on the Veterans and Military committee meeting at 9:00am on Tuesdays and Thursday, Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget daily at 1:30pm, and Taxation daily at 3:30.

On Monday the 2026 session began at 2:00pm, at a press conference shortly after session adjourned House Democrats announced the 2026 affordability policy goals at press conference. The plan aims to provide Kansans with affordable healthcare, accessible education, housing and tax relief.

Floor discussion on HB 2204, declaring that the World Health Organization, United Nations, and the World Economic Forum have no power within the state of Kansas. Rep. Susan Ruiz (D 23) to amend the bill by replacing the World Health Organization, United Nations, and the World Economic Forum with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). We did not get to vote on the amendment due to being ruled not germane. On January 15 I voted no HB 2204, the bill was passed by Republicans.

On Thursday I had the pleasure of having the Flint Hills Regional Leadership Class (FHRLC) shadow me for the day.



Left to right: Melanie Highsmith, Michelle Horstmeier, Representative Carlin, Raquel Cinco, and Maci Murillo.

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I look forward to hearing from you and continuing to work together on the issues that matter most to our community.

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