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**SENATE JUDICIARY LEADER DETAILS COMMITTEE PROGRESS AS
LEGISLATIVE SESSION PROCEEDS AFTER TURNAROUND**

TOPEKA, KS – Senator Rick Wilborn (R – McPherson), Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, is pleased with the committee’s progress and looks forward to working additional bills as they are referred.

Wednesday, March 4 marks the 33rd day of legislative business, and the Senate Judiciary Committee has made tremendous progress during that time frame. According to the committee action index, Senators on the committee have heard 22 bills and referred 19 to the full Senate for consideration. Presently, nearly 30 bills sit on the Senate floor that have been heard by the Judiciary Committee, including bills from the 2019 legislative session.

Those bills cover a multitude of issues important to Kansans, including **SB 420**, which penalizes individuals who photograph or record others in a state of undress without their consent; **SB 215**, which increases the penalty for domestic battery and protects children who witness domestic battery; **SB 293**, which correctly places certain authorities back into the oversight of the Attorney General; **SB 331**, which protects the privacy of department of corrections employees; **SB 355**, which protects victims of certain sex offenses from re-victimization through psychiatric or psychological exams; and two bills, **SB 371** and **SB 373**, which protect or provide assistance to human trafficking victims.

Additionally, the committee held a full-day hearing on **SCR 1613**, the Value Them Both Amendment to the Kansas Constitution.

“I am extremely proud of the work this committee has done during the first half of the legislative session,” Senator Wilborn said. “The bills we have sent to the full Senate will go a long way to protect vulnerable Kansans while maintaining the judicial integrity of this state.”

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