

## KS Legislators Approve Budget, Wrap Up Session

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - Kansas legislators have sent a budget bill to Gov. Sam Brownback that increases spending for services for the disabled and gives a \$250 bonus to state employees.

The spending is included despite concerns about the state's ability to sustain it long term.

The House voted 70-54 late Friday on the bill. The Senate approved the same measure, 22-18, earlier in the day.

Most of the state's \$14.6 billion in spending was handled in budgets adopted last year, but legislators took action to fund the Department of Corrections, as well as other state agencies.

Opponents in the House complained about the bill spending more than \$200 million above the current year's budget and that the full House never had a chance previously to debate and amend the spending measure.

Kansas legislators have finished their business for the year and ended their shortest annual session in 40 years.

The House adjourned at 2:06 a.m. Saturday. The Senate followed at 2:13 a.m.

The only remaining scheduled business is a brief, formal adjournment ceremony May 30.

Lawmakers left the Statehouse after giving final approval to budget legislation. It was the 79th day of their session.

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