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FANTASY SPORTS II—The House Federal and State Affairs Committee continues debate on House Bill 2371, which would officially exclude fantasy sports from the crime of gambling in Kansas. By Alyssa Scott.

RENEWABLE ENERGY II — Continuing debate on Senate Bill 293, which would amend current law to create a termination date for the Renewable Energy Standards Act. The bill would also delete all references to net renewable generation capacity for calendar years 2016 through 2020. By Tomas Hoppough.

AUTOCYCLE CLASSIFICATION -- HB 2044 would create a class of vehicles called "autocycles." Operation in KS requires a motorcycle license, so proponents would like autocycles to have their own class because they say the motorcycle test is useless for autocycle operation. By Kelsie Jennings

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KPERS DIVESTMENT — House Bill 2287 would require the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System to encourage certain multinational corporations tied to KPERS mutual funds to divest from the Islamic Republic of Iran’s oil industry. If the companies failed to divest within 3 months, KPERS would divest itself. By Austin Fisher

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EMAILS REMAIN PRIVATE -- Transparency advocates react to last week’s Senate vote to keep lawmakers’ private emails used to conduct government business exempted from public records in the Kansas Open Records Act. By Austin Fisher

March 24, 2015, Budget

FAMILY FARMERS DAY — Members of farming organizations such as the Kansas Rural Center and Farmers Union gathered to dissuade legislators from considering SB 178, which would tax agricultural land, and SB 264, which would remove sales tax exemption on agricultural equipment. The bills will be presented on the floor today and tomorrow but decided upon after the session returns. By Amelia Arvesen.

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POWDERED ALCOHOL BAN HB 2208- A bill to ban the sale and serving of powdered alcohol passed the House on a voice vote of 67-53 Wednesday morning. By Alyssa Scott.