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## Restore Sound Money in Kansas With SB 39 and SB 115

URGENT: Sound-money bill, SB 39 <u>passed</u> the state Senate by a <u>28-12 vote</u>. This important, pro-Constitution bill now heads to the House of Representatives for consideration. <u>Urge your state</u> <u>legislators to support and enact these important bill, along with SB 115.</u>

Members of the Kansas Legislature are seeking to enact legislation helping restore sound money and enforce the U.S. Constitution's monetary provisions.

Senate Bill No. 39 (<u>SB 39</u>), titled the Kansas Legal Tender Act, was introduced by the <u>Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs</u>. If enacted, it would <u>officially recognize</u> gold and silver coins as legal tender and eliminate capital-gains taxes on gold and silver — thus bringing Kansas closer to constitutional compliance and treating gold and silver as money. *On March 18, SB 39 was <u>passed</u> out of committee.* 

Meanwhile, Senate Bill No. 115 (<u>SB 115</u>), sponsored by the same committee, <u>would create</u> a billion depository and allow Kansas to hold gold and silver reserves.

These bills are great first steps toward enforcing the Constitution's monetary provisions. <u>Article I, Section 10</u>, of the U.S. Constitution plainly states that "No State shall...make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts." It's long overdue that states begin to enforce this provision once again.

Additionally, these bills are an <u>important step toward nullifying</u> the unconstitutional <u>Federal Reserve</u>, which has a monopoly on money, and also reducing Kansas' financial dependence on the federal government. It will also help Kansas avoid the federal government's planned "<u>Central Bank Digital Currencies</u>," which severely threaten privacy and individual freedom.

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Article VI of the U.S. Constitution obligates state officials to uphold the Constitution and nullify all laws not "made in Pursuance" of it. Officials at all levels of government must push back against the federal government's many unconstitutional laws and agencies, and robustly enforce the Constitution and only those laws "made in Pursuance thereof." SB 39 and SB 115 are excellent models for other states to follow.

Urge your state representative and senator to support SB 39 and SB 115, and to fully restore sound money in Kansas.