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present Kansas law.

Sullivan, despite being the youngest House member, is taking his office the same way he took his campaign — seriously.

"I worried about that (his age) a little at first, but not that much. After I started campaigning, I realized it didn't make that much difference," Sullivan said Monday, an hour after he was sworn in as one of 125 House members.

The main reason he ran for office, he said, was that he "simply enjoyed politics." He has studied political science at Washburn University here and at Wichita State University, but declined to say whether he plans to make a career of politics.

"I just want to do the best I can right now," he said.

Another young representative is Jayne Aylward, R-Salina, who is 21. Last November, she won the House seat previously held by now-Gov. John Carlin.

Miss Aylward, who has been helping her father around his farm since graduating from Kansas State University in animal science, got the idea to seek public office while talking with her father, who she said has always been active in local politics.

"We were talking one day, and I realized that no one had filed for the office, and that planted the seed in my mind," she said, talking in her new legislative office she had just located on the first floor of the Statehouse.

She said she was concerned about running for the House seat, because she is both young and a woman. But she said she talked to a number of former representatives about it.

"They said as long as you are going into it with a level head and are willing to work, you won't have a lot of trouble. And I am showing people that I am serious, and I am willing to work," she said.

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only about the other
guy in story