

# Journal of the Senate

TWENTY-NINTH DAY

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SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS  
Friday, February 16, 2018, 8:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order pro forma by Senator Vicki Schmidt.

## POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

The following remarks were offered by Senator David Haley on February 15, 2018.

LIFT every voice and sing until Earth and Heaven ring  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise High as the listening skies  
Let it resound; loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has brought us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.

STONY the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,  
Come to the place for which our father sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears have been watered.  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered.  
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

GOD of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
Thou Who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou Who hast by Thy might, led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet, stray from the places our God where we met Thee.  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world we forget Thee.  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.

(LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING “The Negro National Anthem”: James Weldon Johnson)

Today, during Black History Month (the shortest month of the calendar) we recognize and honor the contributions of African-Americans; especially those from or

living in Kansas ("Afri-Kansans," as I like to refer to us!) before the Kansas Senate. The words of the Negro National anthem resonate in the minds and the hearts and the resolve of advocates, many in the Chamber and in the lobby yet now, who believe that we have come a long way towards achievement; liberty and freedom.

So grateful today for the blessings of those who have gone before us, we have "a ways yet to go."

Joining us today in the Chamber are two distinguished colleagues; both of whom served the Senate and Kansas well representing from the 29th Senate District in Wichita. Senator U.L. "Rip" GOOCH, now almost 95, was the last Senator to serve in the Kansas Senate who actively served our country in World War II. Senator Donald BETTS, now 39 and one of the youngest Kansans elected to the Senate, is a successful businessman, completing his law degree in Australia where he lives with his wife, Tania, and children.

Today we recognize them and the other eight (8) Afri-Kansans who served in the Kansas Senate since our Statehood in 1861. Often against the backdrop of stark, disparate treatment, they represented not only Black Kansans but often many Kansans weathered by social and economic strife regardless of color.

A gentle colleague asked me yesterday "Why do you feel like we need to recognize Black history? Aren't we ALL Americans, David, regardless of color.?" I tried to explain to her that indeed we ARE all Americans. But the stark reality was, and remains, that too often the innovativeness, the courage, the accomplishments..or the credit is never accorded TO Black Americans especially after overcoming social stigma and barriers or, often, theft by a co-opting majority of OUR ideas and advocacies.

So today during this Black Legislative Advocacy day of action during this Black History Month, we recognize and thank the efforts of so so many people; many whose names may have been known and so so many whose names and efforts were lost to the struggles that any other would not have had to have endured. We magnify and glorify that Afri-Kansans are an integral contributing part of our Great State and that in joining the need for balance and respect and American freedoms and liberties to which every American should be heir...we SHALL march on; UNTIL that victory, is indeed won!

## REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Ethics, Elections and Local Government: **HB 2505, HB 2506.**

Federal and State Affairs: **SB 421; HB 2476.**

Senate Select Committee on Education Finance: **SB 422, SB 423.**

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** recommends **SB 260** be amended on page 2, in line 24, by striking "bidders" and inserting "firms"; also in line 24, by striking "invitations for bid" and inserting "requests for proposals"; in line 29, by striking "invitations for bid" and inserting "requests for proposals"; also in line 29, by striking "bids" and inserting "proposals"; in line 31, by striking "an invitation for bid" and inserting "a request for proposals"; in line 32, by striking "bidders" and inserting "firm"; in line 33, by striking "invitation" and inserting "request for proposals"; in line 36, by striking "bids" and inserting "proposals"; in line 37, by striking "invitations" and

inserting "requests for proposals";

On page 3, in line 23, before the comma by inserting "or 75-37,102 or K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 75-37,130 through 75-37,135";

On page 7, in line 7, by striking "bidders" and inserting "firms"; also in line 7, by striking "invitations for bid" and inserting "requests for proposals"; in line 11, by striking "invitations for bid" and inserting "requests for proposals"; also in line 11, by striking "bids" and inserting "proposals"; in line 13, by striking "an"; in line 14, by striking all before the first "to" and inserting "a request for proposals"; also in line 14, by striking "bidders" and inserting "firm"; in line 16, by striking "invitation" and inserting "request for proposals"; in line 18, by striking "bids" and inserting "proposals"; in line 19, by striking "invitations" and inserting "request for proposals";

On page 8, in line 7, before the comma by inserting "or 75-37,102 or K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 75-37,130 through 75-37,135"; and the bill be passed as amended.

#### **REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS**

**SR 1769, SR 1770** reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Secretary of the Senate on February 16, 2018.

#### **TRIBUTES**

The Committee on **Organization, Calendar and Rules** authorizes the following tributes for the week of February 12-16, 2018:

Senator Bowers: congratulating Don Musil on being named the 2017 Kansas Veterinarian of the Year, congratulating Susie Haver on receiving the 2017 Marian D. Cook Legacy Award;

Senator Fitzgerald: congratulating Leah Wiegers on receiving the Top Youth Volunteer in Kansas Prudential Spirit of Community Award;

Senator Haley: recognizing Cheryl Pilate and Midwest Innocence Project on their work to exonerate the wrongfully convicted;

Senator McGinn: congratulating Michaelia Ferguson on winning first place at the student photo contest;

Senator Skubal: commending Julia Luetje on her innovative spirit and service to the State of Kansas;

Senator Faust-Goudeau and Senator Haley: remembering the life of Michael P. Haynes; and

Senator Tyson and Senator Hilderbrand: congratulating Joe Grisolano on his election as president of the National Association of County Collectors, Treasurers, and Finance Officers.

On motion of Senator Denning, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Monday, February 19, 2018.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks.*

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

