

Journal of the Senate

SEVENTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by Vice President Jeff Longbine.

The roll was called with 39 senators present.

Senator Estes was excused.

Invocation by Reverend Cecil T. Washington:

Heavenly Father, In Genesis 1:14-18, You created a huge light...the sun, to govern the day and a lesser light...the moon, to govern the night. Lord, that secondary light has no light of its own. In illuminating the dark for us, it is really using the true source of light...that of the Sun. What a picture You've given us, showing how You want to use us in reflecting Your light into all that we do in these halls. Keep us focusing on You that the light of Your Spirit and the light of Your Word may permeate our discussions and decisions. When the brilliance of work accomplished in these halls is considered, remind us to deflect praise and expressions of gratefulness to You. Remind us that we have no light of our own. Keep our faces turned ever toward You. In Jesus Name, Amen and Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Longbine.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Tyson rose on a Point of Personal Privilege to recognize David Adam LaRoche, a former professional baseball first baseman, who played 12 seasons in Major League Baseball. He is the son of pitcher Dave LaRoche and the brother of third baseman Andy LaRoche. Adam is a 1998 graduate of Fort Scott High School. He was named an All-American in baseball as a senior in high school. His uncle, Dave Regan, was his high school head coach. He played for his father at Fort Scott Community College in 1999 before transferring to Seminole Community College in Seminole, Oklahoma, in 2000, where he was an All-American and the MVP of the Junior College World Series. Adam and his wife Jennifer have a daughter, Montana, and a son, Drake. His hobbies include fishing, hunting, and golf. He is also one of the co-owners of Outdoor Networks hunting show *Buck Commander*. Adam is a devout Christian who helped the Washington Nationals promote "Faith Day" at Nationals Park.

The senate honored Adam and his wife with a standing ovation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 34, AN ACT concerning setoff against debtors of the state, municipalities and

foreign states; relating to expansion of foreign states eligible for setoff agreements; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-6202 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

SB 35, AN ACT regulating traffic; allowing transit buses to operate on certain right shoulders; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-5091 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Transportation.

SB 36, AN ACT concerning the state corporation commission; relating to motor carriers, definitions, registration; amending K.S.A. 66-125 and K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 8-135, 8-2703, 16-121, 66-1,108, 66-1,108b, 66-1,109 and 66-1,139 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Transportation.

SB 37, AN ACT concerning elections; dealing with voting procedures; amending K.S.A. 25-601 and K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 25-210, 25-414, 25-2309, 25-2352 and 25-3002 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government.

SB 38, AN ACT establishing the KanCare bridge to a healthy Kansas program, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 39, AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to permitted use of tax information; tax liens upon personal property; warrants; time for returns and payment of tax; liability for persons responsible for collection of sales or compensating tax; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-5133, 79-3234, 79-3235, 79-3235a, 79-3607, 79-3617, 79-3643 and 79-41a03 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 79-3235b, by Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Ethics, Elections and Local Government: **SB 31**.

Public Health and Welfare: **SB 32, SB 33**.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

Senator Doll introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1705—

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Coach Jeff Sims
on a successful gridiron campaign during the 2016 season
and for receiving multiple national coach of the year honors.

WHEREAS, Coach Sims was hired to be the head football coach at Garden City Community College on November 20, 2014, and led the team to a 3-8 season in his first year at the helm in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Coach Sims helped lead a team with a 3-8 season from the year prior, to a perfect 10-0 regular season record. As a result, the team was invited to play in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National Championship in football, which the Broncbusters subsequently won to finish the season with an 11-0 record. This marks the first time in school history the team has finished the season with an unblemished record. The team earned its first Jayhawk Conference title since 2001 and the first football national championship in school history; and

WHEREAS, Coach Sims became the first Jayhawk Conference head coach to be named the NJCAA Coach of the Year and was also the recipient of the 2016 American Community College Football Coaches Association Coach of the Year award, which is given to the top community college football coach in the country, regardless of which junior college organization the coach belongs to; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Coach Sims has focused not just on winning football games, but on developing grounded young men. This objective is encompassed in his philosophy of "graduate, scholarship and championship." Through this motto and by the way he lives his life, Coach Sims exemplifies what it means to be a leader of young men; and

WHEREAS, The love, support and encouragement of his wife, Lecia, and their three children, Dylan, Jake and Samantha, have helped Coach Sims every step of the way: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend Coach Sims on a successful season and wish him the best of luck in the future; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send three enrolled copies of this resolution to Coach Sims.

Special remarks from Senator Doll: As in many aspects, when one has spent a significant time in a profession, one develops idiosyncrasies and understanding of that profession. The coaching world is no exception. Unless one has family or friend's kids on a team a coach or former coach will more than likely see the game in an analytical way versus who may win or lose on the scoreboard. Most watch to see if the team is growing, what kind of character they possess and if a team is disciplined. When Coach Sims took over at Garden City Community College (GCCC), the program was a mess. Watching before his arrival, I could not see any of those virtues. Again, attending games once Coach Sims took over, my soul was made lighter watching as with each game I saw improvement in those areas. I saw a man taking a program that was lacking in most areas and build it up from the ground. The process took time. At the beginning, during his first year, the results were not evident on his win and loss record, but one could see he was building it on a solid foundation. After each game, I would walk away more impressed. Sometimes the team did not necessarily play better but he was teaching not only football but life lessons. Though I had not met Coach Sims at that time, I sent him several postcards expressing my support. Last spring I finally got the opportunity to meet Coach Sims. He is an impressive individual. Late this summer he called on an issue and we met several times in his office, reinforcing my positive opinion of his coaching abilities. Each time I left I was more impressed knowing the athletes that he coached would leave his program better men. This season it all came together. GCCC won its first National Football Championship. With a championship so many accolades come with the successes. Coach Sims won not one but two "Coach of the Year" honors, National Junior College Association and the American Community College Football Association "Coach of the Year", that includes all the junior colleges in the country. This is the first time a Kansas junior college coach has won the award simultaneously. I hope you will join me in honoring Coach Sims and the Garden City BroncoBusters on their National Championship.

On emergency motion of Senator Doll **SR 1705** was adopted unanimously.

The senate honored Coach Sims, the coaching staff and students of Garden City Community College with a standing ovation.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

January 9, 2017

Acting Secretary of the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, Timothy E. Keck, submitted the Transitional and Conditional Release of Persons Committed to the Sexual Predator Treatment Program report.

January 10, 2017

Chair, Jon A. Roberts, submitted the 2016 Annual Report of the Central Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact.

January 12, 2017

Director, Kirk D. Thompson, submitted the 2016 State Forfeiture Fund 2016 Annual Report of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

The Vice President announced these reports are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Senate and available for review at any time.

REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS

SCR 1601, SR 1704 reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Secretary of the Senate on January 18, 2017.

On motion of Senator Denning, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Thursday, January 19, 2017.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks.*

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

