

Journal of the Senate

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Monday, March 5, 2018, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Susan Wagle.

The roll was called with 40 senators present.

President Wagle introduced Mohamed M. Odah, who delivered the invocation:

In the name of God, the beneficent, the merciful. The one who created us and made us into nations and tribes so that we may know one another. Today we gather united as your respectful servants, seeking your guidance and your blessings. We pray to the one who created Adam and saved Noah, who spoke to Moses and sent us Jesus and brought forth Mohammad as a mercy to mankind. Unite us into a community that will manifest your power and benevolence. Gather us in love and help us to lead our lives in the way that is most pleasing to you. We pray that you guide our trusted representatives to act in accordance with what is best for our community, our state and our nation. We thank you for the blessings of liberty and the honor to be citizens of a great nation. Grant them the wisdom to recognize good and the courage to stand by it and to recognize evil and the courage to stand against it. Dear God, you have said that the true worshippers are those who walk on this earth gently and when they are wronged they respond with peace. Make us from amongst those who pursue justice with patience and who answer with peace. Purify our hearts and fill them with love and compassion for one another. And help us to stand against all forms of oppression. Our God, shower this world with your mercy and let wisdom prevail. Do not abandon us or leave us as orphans in the storm. Make this world a better place for all. We pray to the one God of all prophets and messengers and all of humanity. In your most holiest names we pray, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Wagle.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Bollier rose on a Point of Personal Privilege to speak in recognition of the 3rd annual Muslim Advocacy Day and submitted the following comments: Over 100 Muslims, Christians, Jews, Unitarians and others have come here today to meet with legislators and to attest that Muslim Kansans are a valued and valuable part of our state and our communities. We welcome to the Senate chamber representatives of two groups: the Kansas Chapter of the Council on Islamic-American Relations, or CAIR (pronounced "CARE") and Kansas Interfaith Action. This past weekend I attended a memorial service for a constituent, Graham Porter, who lived to be nearly 101. In his late 90's he published a book, and I would like to quote an excerpt now, reflecting the wisdom Graham garnered over his many years of life: On a recent trip to the Rocky

Mountains...it was almost as if I could hear God saying...Look, my friend. All you see represents my cathedral, my church, and my temple, in which I play no favorites as to an individual's color, faith, or creed. Whether you are Christian, Muslim, or Jewish, or whatever, if you sincerely strive to treat others – all others – as you wish to be treated in return, then I am a part of you, and you are a part of me...If we all will but share that belief, together we could change the world to one of never ending, joyful, and glorious peace.” While Muslim Advocacy Days is being celebrated today throughout the country, in Kansas we designed it as an interfaith event. We stand together in love and support of our Muslim brothers and sisters, and strongly oppose any efforts to target or vilify them. As Kansans, we can sum up our beliefs in two phrases: We are all equal in God's eyes, and we all have the right to equal protection under the law. Freedom of religion is sacred to our democracy. Today we celebrate that freedom and our commitment to love one another.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bill was introduced and read by title:

SB 436, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to the Kansas medical assistance program; providing coverage for tobacco cessation treatments, by Committee on Ways and Means.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

The President withdrew **SB 425**, **HB 2551** from the Committee on **Judiciary**, and referred the bills to the Committee on **Federal and State Affairs**.

The President withdrew **HB 2524** from the Committee on **Judiciary**, and referred the bill to the Committee on **Utilities**.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

March 1, 2018

Executive Order No. 18-09 was submitted.

SB 256, **Sub SB 323** approved on March 05, 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Announcing passage of **Sub HB 2332**, **Sub HB 2359**.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

Sub HB 2332, **Sub HB 2359** were thereupon introduced and read by title.

On motion of Senator Denning, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks*.

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate*.

