

# Journal of the House

## SIXTH DAY

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HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
TOPEKA, KS, Tuesday, January 16, 2001, 11:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment with Speaker Glasscock in the chair.  
The roll was called with 120 members present.

Reps. Alldritt, Horst, O'Neal, Pottorff and Sloan were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Speaker Glasscock announced the Rev. Canon Helen C. Svoboda-Barber, Grace Episcopal Cathedral, Topeka, will serve as Chaplain of the House for the 2001 session.

Prayer by Chaplain Svoboda-Barber:

A moment of silence was observed for the state trooper who was shot in Pratt.  
We pray that he may survive and continue his work.

Holy and Gracious God

    bless us this day

    in the remembrance of Martin Luther King.

    May we, like him, have the courage

    to stand up for what is right.

    May we, like him, have compassion

    for the least of those in our society.

    And may we, like him, have the voice and the power

    to move ourselves and others to action

    for justice, for peace, and to do what is right.

We ask these things in Your name. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Wilk.

### SPECIAL REMARKS

In observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, Rep. Ballard addressed a few remarks to the members of the House followed by the "I Have A Dream" speech presented by Reps. Ballard, Benlon, Bethell and McKinney which, with no objection, is hereby spread upon the Journal:

#### **I Have a Dream**

I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slaveowners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day the state of Alabama, whose governor's lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, will be transformed into a situation

where little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plains, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning, "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring."

And if America is to be a great nation this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania!

Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado!

Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California!

But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia!

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee!

Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and concurrent resolution were introduced and read by title:

**HB 2040.** An act concerning real estate owned by state agencies; relating to surplus real estate; amending K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 75-6609 and repealing the existing section, by Legislative Post Audit Committee.

**HB 2041.** An act concerning the secretary of health and environment; concerning proof of inoculations by pupils; requiring hepatitis B inoculations, by Committee on Appropriations.

**HB 2042.** An act concerning hunting; amending K.S.A. 32-920 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Environment.

**HB 2043.** An act relating to property taxation; exempting property therefrom used in the dispensing of E-85 motor vehicle fuel, by Committee on Environment.

**HB 2044.** An act concerning the multipurpose small lakes program; amending K.S.A. 82a-1602 and 82a-1603 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Environment.

**HB 2045.** An act relating to railroads; concerning railroad crossings; amending K.S.A. 66-227 and 66-229 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Transportation.

#### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 5006—

By Representatives Garner, Aday, Alldritt, Aurand, Ballard, Ballou, Barnes, Beggs, Benlon, Bethell, Boston, Burroughs, Campbell, Compton, Cook, Cox, Crow, Dahl, DeCastro, Dillmore, DiVita, Dreher, Edmonds, Faber, Feuerborn, Findley, Flaharty, Flora, Freeborn, Gatewood, Gilbert, Glasscock, Gordon, Grant, Hayzlett, Henderson, Henry, Hermes, Holmes, Horst, Howell, Huebert, Huff, Humerickhouse, Hutchins, Huy, Johnson, Kauffman, Kirk, Klein, Kline, Krehbiel, Kuether, Landwehr, Lane, Larkin, Levinson, Light, Lightner, Lloyd, Loganbill, M. Long, P. Long, Loyd, Mason, Mayans, Mays, McClure, McCreary, Morrison, Myers, Neufeld, Newton, Nichols, Novascone, O'Brien, O'Neal, Osborne, Ostmeyer, Palmer, Patterson, Pauls, E. Peterson, J. Peterson,

Phelps, Pottorff, L. Powell, T. Powell, Powers, Pyle, Ray, Reardon, Rehorn, Ruff, Schwartz, Sharp, Showalter, Shriver, Shultz, Sloan, Spangler, Stone, Storm, Swenson, Tafanelli, Tanner, Thimesch, Toelkes, Tomlinson, Toplikar, Vickrey, Weber, Wells, Welshimer, Wilk, D. Williams, J. Williams, Wilson and Winn

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION in memory of Richard Aldrich.

WHEREAS, Richard Aldrich, 61, a longtime Wichita union leader, died Friday, December 22, 2000, as the result of an automobile accident; and

WHEREAS, At the time of his death Richard Aldrich was the President and Directing Business Representative of the Machinists Union, District Lodge 70. He was a labor leader for over 40 years and was widely known as the working man's friend. At an early age he joined the union while working at Cessna. He served as a member of the negotiating committee and as a steward. He served on the Executive Board for Local 774, was a delegate to District 70, and served on the Executive Board for District 70; and

WHEREAS, Richard Aldrich was elected as Business Representative of District 70 in 1976 and Directing Business Representative in 1980. He served as a delegate several times to the Annual Aerospace Conference and as a delegate to the Machinists Constitutional Convention. In 1986 he was elected President of the Federation of Labor; in 1989 he became the National AFL-CIO organizer. He returned to the Federation of Labor in 1992 when he was elected Business Representative. He was elected President of the Wichita Federation of Labor in 1997 and to his final position in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Richard Aldrich was a longtime activist in the Democratic Party. He served as Precinct Committeeman and was a delegate to the State Committee and the 1982 Democratic National Convention; and

WHEREAS, Richard Aldrich is survived by his wife, Jacqueline, a son, Jimmie, and two daughters, Tammy and Belinda: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein:* That we extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Richard Aldrich; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State be directed to send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Mrs. Richard Aldrich, % Judy Pierce, IAM District 70, 3830 S. Meridian, Wichita, KS 67217.

#### REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and resolutions were referred to committees as indicated:

Transportation: **HB 2039.**

#### INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was introduced and read by title:

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6005—

By Representatives Findley, Ballard, Tafanelli, Tanner and Sloan

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Dr. Karen Swisher.

WHEREAS, Dr. Karen Swisher will be inaugurated as President of Haskell Indian Nations University at an official inaugural ceremony which will occur at 10:00 a.m. on February 2, 2001, on the Haskell campus in Lawrence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Swisher is the first woman to hold this position, and since its inception in 1884, will be the 25th person to serve as the chief administrator of the organization and the fourth person to hold the position of President; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Swisher was born and reared in North Dakota on the Standing Rock Sioux reservation. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education and Master of Science degree in elementary school administration from Northern State University, Aberdeen, South Dakota. She holds a doctorate in educational administration from the University of North Dakota. Dr. Swisher has higher education experience at Huron College in South Dakota, the University of Utah and Arizona State University. In March 1998, she received the Native American Educator of the Year from the Kansas Association for Native American Education and was named National Indian Educator of the Year by the Nation Indian Education Association in 1997. Memberships in various organizations

include being on the Board of Directors of the Urban Indian Education Research Center, Board of Trustees for the American Indian College Fund and the National Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Receptions in her honor will continue throughout the week of January 29, 2001. A traditional honor powwow, open to the public, is to be held the evening of February 2, 2001, to conclude the activities of the week: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Dr. Karen Swisher upon her installation as President of Haskell Indian Nations University; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Dr. Karen Swisher, in care of Dr. Reeze L. Hanson, Haskell Indian Nations University, 155 Indian Avenue, Lawrence, KS 66046.

On motion of Rep. Weber, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 17, 2001.

CHARLENE SWANSON, *Journal Clerk.*

JANET E. JONES, *Chief Clerk.*

