

Journal of the Senate

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Friday, February 23, 2001—9:30 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Dave Kerr.

Invocation by Chaplain Fred S. Hollomon:

Heavenly Father,

Sometimes Your answers to our prayers come in surprising packages.

We pray for courage and You put us in dangerous situations.

We pray for patience and You give us a cantankerous neighbor.

We pray for love and You bring us a dependent.

We pray for humility and we lose an election.

We pray for wisdom and You give us tough choices.

We pray for happiness and You give us a challenge.

And sometimes when we pray You show us Your sense of humor:

One woman I know prayed for efficiency and You presented her with a set of twins.

We should know by now that You do not always answer our prayers in the way we expect, but continue to remind us, O God, that You know what You are doing!!

I pray in the Name of Christ,

AMEN

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

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

Commerce: **HB 2263.**

Education: **HB 2289.**

Natural Resources: **HB 2133, HB 2134, HB 2471; HCR 5009.**

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2120, HB 2127, HB 2224; HCR 5011.**

Judiciary: **HB 2075, HB 2083, HB 2154, HB 2176, HB 2207, HB 2328.**

Public Health and Welfare: **HB 2457.**

Ways and Means: **HB 2059.**

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

The President withdrew **SB 281** from the Committee on Ways and Means, and rereferred the bill to the Committee on Education.

The President withdrew **SB 76** from the Committee on Ways and Means, and rereferred the bill to the Committee on Judiciary.

The President withdrew **SB 146** from the Committee on Ways and Means, and rereferred the bill to the Committee on Commerce.

The President withdrew **SB 151** from the Committee on Ways and Means, and rereferred the bill to the Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance.

The President withdrew **SB 233** from the Committee on Ways and Means, and rereferred the bill to the Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

REFERRAL OF APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments made by the Governor and submitted to the senate for confirmation, were referred to Committees as indicated:

Member, Kansas Public Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees, Michael Braude, effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate to serve a four-year term ending January 15, 2005.

(Ways and Means)

Member, Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation Board of Trustees, Robert S. Krause, effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate to serve a four-year term ending January 15, 2005.

(Commerce)

Member, Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation Board of Trustees, John G. Voeller, effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate to serve a four-year term ending January 15, 2005.

(Commerce)

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1822—

A RESOLUTION in memory of Hazel Gomez.

WHEREAS, Hazel Gomez of Topeka died October 11, 2000, after giving nearly 60 years of community service to the Topeka Hispanic community; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Gomez was the 2000 Kansas LULAC Woman of the Year and was named Woman of the Year in 1987 by the Kansas Association of Hispanic Organizations. Hazel was the first chairperson for the LULAC Advisory Board for the Elderly. She served as a board member for Friendly Neighbors, Catholic Social Services, the National Hispanic Council on Aging, Volunteer Action, the Topeka Youth Center, and the Silver Haired Legislature. She was a founding member and past president of LULAC Council #11071, founding member and past president of La Colonia Housing Project, and Kansas LULAC Chairperson. Hazel was a member of Living the Dream, Inc. since its inception. As the LULAC Council President she supervised a grant from the state of Kansas that provided funds for the acquisition and renovation of the LULAC Senior Center in Topeka; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Gomez was fiesta queen for Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in July, 1943, and was a volunteer for the annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Mexican festival for 40 years. She was also a member of the Fiesta Belles of Topeka dance group; and

WHEREAS, Other community service by Hazel Gomez included service on the Advisory Board of Friendly Neighbors Meals; as a VITA volunteer; membership on the Church Women's United Board and the Topeka Youth Project Board; Vice-President of the Silver Haired Legislature; service on the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Service Board, the Martin Luther King—Living the Dream Committee, the Y.W.C.A. Nominating Committee for board members and the Planning Committee for the United Way; and

WHEREAS, A recipient of many awards, Hazel Gomez has been honored by the local and national LULAC organizations, the city of Topeka, and the state of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Gomez is survived by her husband of 56 years, Robert; four children, Virginia, William, Samuel and George; and nine grandchildren: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Hazel Gomez and commend her example of public service for all to emulate; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Mr. Robert Gomez, 3711 S.E. Oakwood Drive, Topeka, Kansas 66605.

On emergency motion of Senator Hensley **SR 1822** was adopted unanimously.

Family members present to honor Mrs. Gomez were her husband, Robert Gomez; daughter, Virginia Mendoza with her husband John and their family; her son, George with wife

Joanne and their family; her son, Bill and his family; her son Sam with his wife Melissa and their family; her brother, Augustine Gonzales with his wife, Dolores; her sister Frances Valdivia; and her niece Rosemary Hernandez with her husband. Friends from throughout the state were also present and recognized.

Senators Hensley, Kerr and Oleen introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1823—

A RESOLUTION supporting and encouraging Governor Joan Finney.

WHEREAS, Governor Joan Finney served as Governor of Kansas from 1991 to 1995; and

WHEREAS, Governor Joan Finney was the first, and to date, the only woman elected to the highest office in the state of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Governor Joan Finney served the people of Kansas as State Treasurer from 1975 to 1991; and

WHEREAS, Governor Joan Finney gave tirelessly and selflessly to the people of Kansas, dedicating her energy, optimism, openness and faith to serving the people of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Governor Joan Finney provided extraordinary service to the people of Kansas, trusting in their wisdom, sharing their aspirations, respecting their traditions and treating every person as a friend and knowing many of them on a first-name basis; and

WHEREAS, Governor Joan Finney has a proud legacy of leadership as Governor of Kansas, providing leadership on many major initiatives including the last major reforms of public school funding and the state's workers compensation laws; and

WHEREAS, Governor Joan Finney has been a steward of taxpayer dollars, having long been an advocate for tax justice for the hard working families of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Governor Joan Finney is now ill and dealing with the challenges of cancer: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: On behalf of the Senate and all the people of Kansas, we express our sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude to Governor Joan Finney for her many years of exceptional public service to the people of Kansas; and

Be it further resolved: We further express our gratitude to the Finney family, and especially to Spencer Finney, for their support of Governor Finney's service to the people of Kansas; and

Be it further resolved: We offer Governor Finney, truly one of Kansas' most adored native daughters, and the entire Finney family our heartfelt prayers and thoughts during her time of illness; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Governor Joan Finney and Spencer Finney, 4209 SW Emland Drive, Topeka, Kansas 66606.

On emergency motion of Senator Hensley **SR 1823** was adopted unanimously.

Senator Hensley introduced Governor Finney's daughter, Sally, who was a guest for the resolution honoring her mother.

On motion of Senator Praeger the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 27, 2001.

HELEN A. MORELAND, *Journal Clerk.*

PAT SAVILLE, *Secretary of Senate.*

