

Journal of the Senate

SIXTY-FOURTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Saturday, April 13, 2002—10:30 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Dave Kerr.
The roll was called with forty senators present.

Invocation by Chaplain Fred S. Hollomon:

Heavenly Father,
When working days get longer and sleeping nights get shorter
An enemy shows up as a guest.
FATIGUE is his name
And he takes careful aim
At all of us aching for rest.

He shortens our tempers and irritates our friends,
And causes our bodies to ache.
He makes us complain
And befuddles our brain;
As a result we make more mistakes.

Don't let him get the best of us, Lord
By turning our joy into sorrow.
Don't let us say
Something today
Which will come back to haunt us tomorrow.

I ask this in the name of Jesus,

AMEN

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Assessment and Taxation: **HB 2948, HB 3023, HB 3032.**

Education: **HB 3003.**

Judiciary: **HB 2907.**

Utilities: **Sub HB 3017.**

Ways and Means: **HB 3009.**

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

OFFICE OF THE STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN

April 12, 2002

Matthew Hickam, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, and in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-7306, submitted the 2001 Annual Report, containing data, findings and outcomes regarding the types of problems and complaints received from residents of long-term care facilities.

The President announced the above report is on file in the office of the Secretary of the Senate and is available for review at any time.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The House announces the appointment of Representative Nichols to replace Representative Shriver as a conferee on **SB 508**.

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO CONCUR OR NONCONCUR

Senator Donovan moved the Senate concur in house amendments to **SB 410**.

SB 410, An act relating to the division of vehicles; concerning certain records; amending K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 74-2012 and repealing the existing section.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40, Nays 0, Present and Passing 0, Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Adkins, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Brownlee, Brungardt, Clark, Corbin, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Feleciano, Gilstrap, Gooch, Goodwin, Haley, Harrington, Hensley, Huelkamp, Jackson, Jenkins, Jordan, Kerr, Lee, Lyon, Morris, O'Connor, Oleen, Praeger, Pugh, Salmans, Schmidt, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Tyson, Umbarger, Vratil, Wagle.

The Senate concurred.

Senator Brownlee moved the Senate concur in house amendments to **SB 565**.

SB 565, an act concerning the impact act; expanding the availability thereof; concerning Kansas investments in major projects; amending K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 74-50,106 and 74-50,107 and repealing the existing sections.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 39, Nays 1, Present and Passing 0, Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Adkins, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Brownlee, Brungardt, Clark, Corbin, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Feleciano, Gilstrap, Gooch, Goodwin, Haley, Harrington, Hensley, Huelkamp, Jackson, Jenkins, Jordan, Kerr, Lee, Lyon, Morris, Oleen, Praeger, Pugh, Salmans, Schmidt, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Tyson, Umbarger, Vratil, Wagle.

Nays: O'Connor.

The Senate concurred.

Senator Jackson moved the Senate concur in house amendments to **SCR 1624**.

SCR 1624, A concurrent resolution designating the former Union Pacific Railroad station in Topeka, which is being transformed into a Great Overland Station, as the state railroad museum of Kansas.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40, Nays 0, Present and Passing 0, Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Adkins, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Brownlee, Brungardt, Clark, Corbin, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Feleciano, Gilstrap, Gooch, Goodwin, Haley, Harrington, Hensley, Huelkamp, Jackson, Jenkins, Jordan, Kerr, Lee, Lyon, Morris, O'Connor, Oleen, Praeger, Pugh, Salmans, Schmidt, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Tyson, Umbarger, Vratil, Wagle.

The Senate concurred.

On motion of Senator Morris the Senate nonconcurred in the House amendments to **H Sub for SB 364** and requested a conference committee be appointed.

The President appointed Senators Morris, Jordan and Feleciano as a conference committee on the part of the Senate.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2469**, submits the following report:

The House accedes to all Senate amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill, as printed with Senate committee amendments, as follows:

On page 41, in line 38, before the semicolon by inserting “. Such written certification shall be approved by an order issued by the court”;

On page 44, in line 19, by striking “(b)(3)” and inserting “(f)”; in line 20, by striking “59-29b49” and inserting “59-29b46”;

On page 46, in line 28, by striking “(b)(3)” and inserting “(f)”; in line 29, by striking “59-29b49” and inserting “59-29b46”;

On page 53, in line 28, by striking “provide for the authority” and inserting “grant discretion to the trustee”;

On page 54, in line 17, after “ward” by inserting “has been”; in line 38, by striking “duly appointed” and inserting “personal”;

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

JOHN VRATIL
DAVID ADKINS
GRETA GOODWIN
Conferees on part of Senate

MICHAEL R. O'NEAL
WARD LOYD
JANICE L. PAULS
Conferees on part of House

Senator Vratil moved the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on **Sub HB 2469**.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 33, Nays 7, Present and Passing 0, Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Adkins, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Brownlee, Brungardt, Corbin, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Feleciano, Gilstrap, Goodwin, Harrington, Hensley, Jackson, Jenkins, Jordan, Kerr, Lee, Morris, O'Connor, Oleen, Praeger, Salmans, Schmidt, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Umbarger, Vratil, Wagle.

Nays: Clark, Gooch, Haley, Huelskamp, Lyon, Pugh, Tyson.

The Conference Committee report was adopted.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2621**, submits the following report:

Your committee on conference agrees to disagree and recommends that a new conference committee be appointed;

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

STEPHEN R. MORRIS
DAVID ADKINS
PAUL FELECIANO, JR.
Conferees on part of Senate

KENNY A. WILK
LLOYD A. STONE
JOE SHRIVER
Conferees on part of House

On motion of Senator Morris, the Senate adopted the conference committee report on **HB 2621**, and requested a new conference committee be appointed.

The President appointed Senators Morris, Adkins and Feleciano as a second Conference Committee on the part of the Senate on **HB 2621**.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2675**, submits the following report:

The Senate recedes from all of its amendments to the bill;

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

LES DONOVAN
LARRY D. SALMANS
U.L. GOOCH
Conferees on part of Senate

GARY K. HAYZLETT
JENE VICKREY
MARGARET LONG
Conferees on part of House

Senator Donovan moved the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on **HB 2675**.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 39, Nays 1, Present and Passing 0, Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Adkins, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Brownlee, Brungardt, Clark, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Feleciano, Gilstrap, Gooch, Goodwin, Haley, Harrington, Hensley, Huelskamp, Jackson, Jenkins, Jordan, Kerr, Lee, Lyon, Morris, O'Connor, Oleen, Praeger, Pugh, Salmans, Schmidt, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Tyson, Umbarger, Vratil, Wagle.

Nays: Corbin.

The Conference Committee report was adopted.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2676**, submits the following report:

The House accedes to all Senate amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill, as printed with Senate Committee amendments, as follows:

In line 25, by striking "2004" and inserting "2003"; in line 28, by striking "2004" and inserting "2003"; also in line 28, by striking "2005" and inserting "2004"; in line 30, by striking "2004" and inserting "2003";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

KARIN BROWNLEE
NICK JORDAN
JIM BARONE
Conferees on part of Senate

AL LANE
JOE D. HUMERICKHOUSE
CANDY L. RUFF
Conferees on part of House

Senator Brownlee moved the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on **HB 2676**.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 39, Nays 1, Present and Passing 0, Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Adkins, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Brownlee, Brungardt, Clark, Corbin, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Feleciano, Gilstrap, Gooch, Goodwin, Haley, Harrington, Hensley, Huelskamp, Jackson, Jenkins, Jordan, Kerr, Lee, Lyon, Morris, O'Connor, Oleen, Praeger, Pugh, Salmans, Schmidt, Schodorf, Steineger, Teichman, Tyson, Umbarger, Vratil, Wagle.

Nays: Taddiken.

The Conference Committee report was adopted.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2703**, submits the following report:

The House accedes to all Senate amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill, as printed with Senate Committee amendments, as follows:

On page 5, by striking all in lines 7 through 16;
And by renumbering sections accordingly;

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

ROBERT TYSON
MARK TADDIKEN
JANIS K. LEE
Conferees on part of Senate

JOANN FREEBORN
DON MYERS
LAURA MCCLURE
Conferees on part of House

Senator Tyson moved the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on **HB 2703**.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 35, Nays 5, Present and Passing 0, Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Allen, Barnett, Barone, Brownlee, Brungardt, Clark, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Feleciano, Gilstrap, Gooch, Goodwin, Haley, Harrington, Hensley, Huelskamp, Jackson, Jenkins, Jordan, Kerr, Lee, Lyon, Morris, O'Connor, Pugh, Salmans, Schmidt, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Tyson, Umbarger, Wagle.

Nays: Adkins, Corbin, Oleen, Praeger, Vratil.

The Conference Committee report was adopted.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2729**, submits the following report:

The House accedes to all Senate amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill, as printed with Senate Committee amendments, as follows:

On page 8, in line 34, by striking "employer's" and inserting "employers";

On page 10, in line 16, by striking "disclose" and inserting "disclosure"; in line 34, by striking "1" and inserting "4";

On page 11, by striking all after line 18;

By striking all on page 12;

On page 13, by striking all before line 39;

By renumbering the remaining sections accordingly

On page 15, in line 41, by striking "affords" and inserting "afford";

On page 17, in line 2, by striking "and 44-510i";

In the title, on page 1, in line 12, by striking "and 44-510i";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

KARIN BROWNLEE
NICK JORDAN
JIM BARONE
Conferees on part of Senate

AL LANE
JOE D. HUMERICKHOUSE
CANDY L. RUFF
Conferees on part of House

Senator Brownlee moved the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on **HB 2729**.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40, Nays 0, Present and Passing 0, Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Adkins, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Brownlee, Brungardt, Clark, Corbin, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Feleciano, Gilstrap, Gooch, Goodwin, Haley, Harrington, Hensley, Huelskamp, Jackson, Jenkins, Jordan, Kerr, Lee, Lyon, Morris, O'Connor, Oleen, Praeger, Pugh,

Salmans, Schmidt, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Tyson, Umbarger, Vratil, Wagle.

The Conference Committee report was adopted.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS

In accordance with Senate Rule 56, the following appointments, submitted by the Governor to the senate for confirmation, were considered.

Senator Oleen moved the following appointments be confirmed as recommended by the Standing Senate Committees:

By the Governor:

On the appointment to the:

State Historical Society, Executive Director:

Mary R. Allman, serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40, Nays 0, Present and Passing 0, Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Adkins, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Brownlee, Brungardt, Clark, Corbin, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Feleciano, Gilstrap, Gooch, Goodwin, Haley, Harrington, Hensley, Huel-skamp, Jackson, Jenkins, Jordan, Kerr, Lee, Lyon, Morris, O'Connor, Oleen, Praeger, Pugh, Salmans, Schmidt, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Tyson, Umbarger, Vratil, Wagle.

The appointment was confirmed.

On the appointment to the:

University of Kansas Hospital Authority:

Eric T. Jager, term expires March 15, 2005.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40, Nays 0, Present and Passing 0, Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Adkins, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Brownlee, Brungardt, Clark, Corbin, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Feleciano, Gilstrap, Gooch, Goodwin, Haley, Harrington, Hensley, Huel-skamp, Jackson, Jenkins, Jordan, Kerr, Lee, Lyon, Morris, O'Connor, Oleen, Praeger, Pugh, Salmans, Schmidt, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Tyson, Umbarger, Vratil, Wagle.

The appointment was confirmed.

On the appointment to the:

University of Kansas Hospital Authority:

Charles T. Sunderland, term expires March 15, 2005.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40, Nays 0, Present and Passing 0, Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Adkins, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Brownlee, Brungardt, Clark, Corbin, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Feleciano, Gilstrap, Gooch, Goodwin, Haley, Harrington, Hensley, Huel-skamp, Jackson, Jenkins, Jordan, Kerr, Lee, Lyon, Morris, O'Connor, Oleen, Praeger, Pugh, Salmans, Schmidt, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Tyson, Umbarger, Vratil, Wagle.

The appointment was confirmed.

FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HB 2586. An act relating to taxation; allowing credits for payments to certain port authorities, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40, Nays 0, Present and Passing 0, Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Adkins, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Brownlee, Brungardt, Clark, Corbin, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Feleciano, Gilstrap, Gooch, Goodwin, Haley, Harrington, Hensley, Huel-skamp, Jackson, Jenkins, Jordan, Kerr, Lee, Lyon, Morris, O'Connor, Oleen, Praeger, Pugh, Salmans, Schmidt, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Tyson, Umbarger, Vratil, Wagle.

The bill passed, as amended.

HB 2747, An act relating to port authorities; amending K.S.A. 12-3402 and 12-3420 and repealing the existing sections, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40, Nays 0, Present and Passing 0, Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Adkins, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Brownlee, Brungardt, Clark, Corbin, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Feleciano, Gilstrap, Gooch, Goodwin, Haley, Harrington, Hensley, Huelskamp, Jackson, Jenkins, Jordan, Kerr, Lee, Lyon, Morris, O'Connor, Oleen, Praeger, Pugh, Salmans, Schmidt, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Tyson, Umbarger, Vratil, Wagle.

The bill passed.

HB 2878, An act concerning certain municipalities; relating to the governing bodies thereof; relating to the powers and duties thereof; amending K.S.A. 12-1922, 12-1926, 12-1927 and 12-1928 and K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 19-2765 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 12-1935, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40, Nays 0, Present and Passing 0, Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Adkins, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Brownlee, Brungardt, Clark, Corbin, Donovan, Downey, Emler, Feleciano, Gilstrap, Gooch, Goodwin, Haley, Harrington, Hensley, Huelskamp, Jackson, Jenkins, Jordan, Kerr, Lee, Lyon, Morris, O'Connor, Oleen, Praeger, Pugh, Salmans, Schmidt, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Tyson, Umbarger, Vratil, Wagle.

The bill passed, as amended.

S Sub for Sub HB 3012, An act concerning congressional districts; providing for the redistricting thereof; repealing K.S.A. 4-128, 4-133 and 4-135, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 21, Nays 19, Present and Passing 0, Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Brownlee, Brungardt, Clark, Corbin, Donovan, Emler, Harrington, Huelskamp, Jackson, Jenkins, Jordan, Kerr, Lyon, O'Connor, Oleen, Praeger, Pugh, Salmans, Schodorf, Tyson, Wagle.

Nays: Adkins, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Downey, Feleciano, Gilstrap, Gooch, Goodwin, Haley, Hensley, Lee, Morris, Schmidt, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Umbarger, Vratil.

The bill passed, as amended.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE

MR. PRESIDENT: I vote no on **S Sub for Sub HB 3012** as amended by the Senate Committee of the Whole. I believe this map unnecessarily divides an important community of interest comprised of the counties of southeast Kansas. Southeast Kansas is an important region of our state with unique cultural, economic and political characteristics. We should not do harm to that community and its citizens by placing parts of it within each of the four Kansas congressional districts. Southeast Kansas deserves better.—DAVID ADKINS

MR. PRESIDENT: As a Democrat, not a Republican, I completely concur with and wholeheartedly endorse the remarks of the Senator from Montgomery.—JIM BARONE

MR. PRESIDENT: The congressional district map embodied in **S Sub for Sub HB 3012** meets all the constitutional requirements needed for a legal redistricting map. The three constitutional requirements are contiguity, compactness, and a low population deviation. The contiguity requirement is easily met in this map. The compactness of the districts in **S Sub for Sub HB 3012** is very similar to the compactness of the current congressional districts, which was reviewed by a federal court ten years ago. The population deviation in **S Sub for Sub HB 3012** is the lowest population deviation ever proposed for a congressional map of Kansas. Recent federal court rulings make it a necessity to go to the extra step of reaching nearly absolute zero population deviation from district to district. **S Sub for Sub HB 3012** thus meets all the necessary constitutional requirements of redistricting.—TIM HUELSKAMP

PROTEST

MR. PRESIDENT, I hereby exercise my right under Article 2, Section 10, of the Kansas Constitution to protest Senate Substitute for Substitute for House Bill 3012. This bill is the Senate's attempt to fulfill its decennial obligation under the United States Constitution to adjust the boundaries of congressional districts to ensure every citizen's vote is afforded equal protection under the law.

The bill as recommended by the Senate Reapportionment Committee met that obligation. Unfortunately, the substitute amendment that was initially rejected and then narrowly adopted by the Senate Committee of the Whole does not.

The new map now proposed in this bill meets neither the requirements of the Constitution, nor the requirements of our redistricting guidelines, nor the requirements of good public policy or common sense. On its face, this map is a grotesque gerrymander that only a political operative could love. Indeed, the map's proponents stated during Senate floor debate that this map does satisfy the interests of two of the four current members of the Kansas congressional delegation and the interests of the Republican party hierarchy in Washington, D.C. I am a Republican. But my passion for our citizens exceeds my passion for my party. This map ignores the interests of the people of Kansas and is contrary to our state Constitution's declaration in Article 1, Section 2, that "[a]ll political power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority, and are instituted for their equal protection and benefit."

This map needlessly divides voting precincts. This map needlessly moves from one district to another far more counties and citizens than necessary. But, most importantly, this map completely disregards strong and obvious communities of interest for the purpose of diluting the voting strength of certain Kansas citizens because of their political beliefs, their relative lack of political power to defend their interests, and their economic status.

The worst, though not the only, example of this complete disregard is in Southeast Kansas. During the year-long work of the Senate Reapportionment Committee and the House Committee on Redistricting, numerous Kansans testified that Southeast Kansas, which comprises at least the nine counties from Woodson County east and from Woodson County south and which sometimes is described to include other nearby counties, is a unique area of the state with strong common interests. An advocacy organization for the rights of disabled citizens testified that having Southeast Kansas in a single congressional district was important to protect the rights of their clients. The regional economic-development organization for Southeast Kansas testified that keeping the nine counties together was important to permit strengthening the region's economy. At least four newspapers and numerous citizens and citizen organizations in the region have expressed sentiment similar to that published by The Iola Register on February 20, 2002. That editorial stated succinctly that the concepts embodied in this map "have ripped SEK (Southeast Kansas) into four parts and tossed each fragment into a separate congressional district, stripping our region of any influence in Washington for the next 10 years."

Southeast Kansas is the poorest region in the state. My home county of Montgomery ranked 91st of our 105 counties in per capita income in 1999, and Montgomery County can be aptly described as the "rich kid in the neighborhood." Its poorer neighbors include Labette, Cherokee, Neosho, Wilson, Woodson, Greenwood, Elk, Bourbon and Chautauqua counties. In light of the important role of federal programs and funds in combating poverty and promoting economic progress, effective federal representation is vital to the Southeast Kansas region. The citizens in these counties wish to work together to improve their economic condition and to alleviate many of the social ills that can accompany poverty. These citizens are entitled to pursue a betterment of their condition; that is one of their "inalienable natural rights" guaranteed by Article 1, Section 1, of the Kansas Constitution. But the proposed map denies that right to these citizens by dividing the 10 counties mentioned in this paragraph into three separate congressional districts and thereby diluting the voice of the region's citizens in each of those districts to the point of ineffectiveness.

The citizens of Southeast Kansas, who have only three senators in our 40-member senate, lacked the political power to defend their rights in the legislative process. The history of

America is the history of finding balance between the will of the majority and the rights of the minority. I am hopeful that this flawed map will not survive the legislative process. But if it does, I am hopeful a court of competent jurisdiction will fulfill its duty to protect the constitutional rights of the minority against the tyranny of the majority and will find this map in violation of the constitutional rights of Kansas citizens.

Therefore, I protest this legislation and vote no.—DEREK SCHMIDT

Senators Barone and Umbarger request the record to show they concur with the “Protest” offered by Senator Schmidt on **S Sub for Sub HB 3012**.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1847—

A RESOLUTION concerning the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. memorial highway.

WHEREAS, The Kansas Legislature, in section 1 of chapter 278 of the 1982 Session Laws of Kansas, authorized interstate highway I-470 from the east Topeka interchange of the Kansas turnpike to its intersection with interstate highway I-70 west of Topeka to be designated as “the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. memorial highway.” Markers have been placed along the highway right-of-way to properly indicate this designation, and such designation is so known and appreciated by many residents of the Topeka community; and

WHEREAS, The 20th anniversary of the designation of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial highway is being celebrated in Topeka on Sunday, April 28, on the south steps of the Kansas Statehouse. The event is sponsored by the Black History Month Observance Founders Commission and the Kansas Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Anniversary Commission. Activities include an I-470 parade and motorcade, a proclamation, resolution, remarks, keynote address, church services, poetry reading and drill team exhibitions; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Coretta Scott King sends the following message to the people of Kansas: On behalf of the King family and the board of directors and trustees of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, let me extend to all of the people of Kansas my warmest greetings and most heartfelt congratulations on the 20th anniversary of the official dedication of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Highway. It is deeply gratifying that people of good will of all races remember and honor his life and work for justice and social decency. Your naming this highway after Martin Luther King Jr. serves as a reminder to the entire nation that his dream of a beloved community is alive and well in the heartland of America. By carefully choosing which heroes and heroines to honor, a society begins to shape its history and its destiny. In this spirit, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Highway brings us one step closer to fulfilling the American dream of brotherhood, peace and prosperity for all of our people; and

WHEREAS, Earlier related activities were, as sponsored by the Black History Month Founder’s Commission on March 20 at the Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library, an American Women History Month Celebration and the 150th Anniversary Celebration of Uncle Tom’s Cabin; and, as sponsored by the Bias Busters of Kansas and the Kansas Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Committee on April 4 at the Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library, the second annual Kansas Inclusion Day: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we recognize the efforts of these civic organizations in maintaining the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King and in furthering his vision of the future of our nation; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate provide five enrolled copies of this resolution to Angela Waters, 1422 Western, Topeka, Kansas 66604.

On emergency motion of Senator Hensley **SR 1847** was adopted unanimously.

REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS

SB 624 reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Governor on April 12, 2002.

SR 1836, SR 1839, SR 1840, SR 1841, SR 1842, SR 1844, SR 1845, SR 1846 reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Secretary of State on April 13, 2002.

On motion of Senator Oleen the Senate adjourned until 10:00 a.m., May 1, 2002.

HELEN A. MORELAND, *Journal Clerk*.

PAT SAVILLE, *Secretary of Senate*.

