Journal of the House

ELEVENTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TOPEKA, KS, Tuesday, January 24, 2006, 11:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment with Speaker Mays in the chair.

The roll was called with 122 members present.

Rep. Kirk was excused on verified illness.

Reps. Schwab and Yonally were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by guest chaplain, the Rev. Sheila Lawson, pastor, United Methodist Church, Perry:

O Gracious God, you have given us the gift of life and a beautiful, wonderful world in which to live. Enhance our senses to enable us to enjoy your creation. No matter what season of the year, even in the midst of winter, your creation takes our breath away. Sharpen our vision to see the world as you would have it to be and inspire us to work with you to make it even better.

O Lord, the greatest gift one can give another is to really listen. Give us new ears to hear so that we may understand the person speaking as well as what is said. And then help us to use our voices to discuss what we have learned and to speak for those who have no voice.

Give us patience as we seek first to understand and prompt us always to give each other the benefit of the doubt when conflict arises. Help us to reach out to one another in reconciliation and harmony as we seek the truth. Bless us and grant us wisdom as we navigate through the complicated issues that impact this state and the people who live in it.

Last of all Lord, we thank you for this great state with its diversity of land, weather, natural resources and people and pray that you pour your blessings upon it. We can't think of a better place to live, love and grow. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. F. Miller.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

HB 2690, An act concerning the Kansas automobile injury reparations act; pertaining to suspension of drivers' license for nonpayment of damages; amending K.S.A. 40-3104 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Insurance.

HB 2691, An act concerning insurance; pertaining to HIPAA compliance; amending K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 40-2258 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Insurance.

HB 2692, An act concerning insurance; pertaining to risk-based capital requirements; amending K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 40-2c01 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Insurance

HB 2693, An act concerning certain insurance contracts; pertaining to continuation of certain group policies; amending K.S.A. 40-3209 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Insurance.

HB 2694, An act concerning residency determinations at state educational institutions; concerning appeals from decisions relating thereto, by Committee on Higher Education.

HB 2695, An act concerning the Kansas comprehensive grant program; relating to persons eligible for grants thereunder; amending K.S.A. 74-32,120 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Higher Education.

HB 2696, An act concerning workers compensation; relating to administrative law judges; amending K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 44-551 and 75-5708 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Commerce and Labor.

HB 2697, An act amending the railroad leasing act; concerning application of act; amending K.S.A. 66-537 and repealing the existing section, by Representative Jim Morrison.

HB 2698, An act concerning sales taxation; relating to retailers' sales tax in Sherman county; amending K.S.A. 12-195b and K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 12-187 and 12-189 and repealing the existing sections, by Representative Jim Morrison.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Appropriations: **HB 2688**. Education: **HB 2684**.

Taxation: **HB 2685**, **HB 2689**. Transportation: **HB 2687**.

Select Committee on School Finance: HB 2686.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on Higher Education recommends HB 2575 be passed.

Committee on **Higher Education** recommends **HB 2572** be amended on page 4, in line 38, before the semicolon by inserting ". Such representatives shall be comprised of persons who reside or work in Kansas"; and the bill be passed as amended.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

Speaker Mays announced the withdrawal of **HB 2579** from Committee on Commerce and Labor and referral to Committee on Insurance.

On motion of Rep. Aurand, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 25, 2006.

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