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TWENTY NINTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS Friday, February 17, 2006—9:30 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Stephen Morris.

The roll was called with thirty-five senators present.

Senators Barnett, Brungardt, Emler, O'Connor and V. Schmidt were excused.

In honor of Military Appreciation Day at the Capitol, President Morris introduced as guest chaplain, Army Captain William Lovell, who is an active duty U.S. Army chaplain serving at Fort Leavenworth. Chaplain Lovell, who has served in Iraq, is a Kansas native and currently resides in Olathe with his wife and two daughters. He was accompanied by his wife, Alison; sister, Lesli Lawler; niece, Olivia Lawler; Jeffrey Crawley and Tisha Johnson.

Heavenly Father,

 \boldsymbol{I} invite you to pray in the manner of your tradition as \boldsymbol{I} pray in the manner of mine:

Heavenly Father,

It is with thanksgiving for the blessings of liberty and peace that I stand before You and this great assembly today. I implore your wisdom, compassion and blessing to be poured in the hearts of these leaders as they make decisions and debate issues that will affect future generations of Kansans.

Today, as we pause to remember the service of our veterans, I ask of You two things:

I ask that You would comfort the families of our veterans who have died in service to our country. I also ask that You would heal the unspoken, unseen wounds of our living veterans and their families. May we honor the scars they bear, body and soul, as symbols of love for America and its people.

And now God, unto You who are eternal and almighty, able to do exceedingly above all that we could ask or think, I commit this Senate into your hands. Amen.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Assessment and Taxation: SB 572; HB 2681. Elections and Local Government: HB 2676.

Judiciary: SCR 1622.
Transportation: HB 2708.

Utilities: HB 2703.

Ways and Means: SB 569, SB 570, SB 571.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Elections and Local Government** recommends **SB 499** be passed. Also, **SB 498** be amended on page 2, in line 9, after "journeyman" by inserting "or residential"; and the bill be passed as amended.

On motion of Senator D. Schmidt the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Monday, February 20, 2006.

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