

Journal of the House

THIRTY-NINTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Monday, March 5, 2007, 11:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment with Speaker Neufeld in the chair.
The roll was called with 122 members present.
Rep. Judy Morrison was excused on legislative business.
Reps. Faust-Goudeau and Grange were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.
Prayer by Chaplain Brubaker:

Our Heavenly Father, as we start a new week of business away from home, I pray for the families of each of our representatives. Please be with each and everyone represented by those serving our great state. Be with the spouses who may have to do double-duty in domestic responsibilities. Thank you for their willingness to take up the extra charge at home in order for the spouse to be here working for a greater Kansas. Be with each of the kids of our representatives. Help them in school today...or on the job...or at play. Lord, we realize that sometimes it is hard for them to not have mom or dad around in difficult moments of the day. Encourage their hearts. Watch over them and protect them. And be with those here as they have moments of wishing they could be at home with family. Thank you for their spirit of servanthood and for the sacrifices being made. In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Crum.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There being no objection, the following remarks of Rep. Svaty are spread upon the journal:

This morning we have the privilege of having the Citizenship Award winners from the General Federation of Women's Clubs with us. These young women have written winning essays and have been selected from throughout the state. We also have the State President, Ruth Hermon, of Olathe.

The winners are: Emily Braden, Lawrence Free State High School; Emily Folks, Lawrence Free State High School; Megan Reed of Prairie View High School in LaCygne; Kristi Dixon of Sedgwick High School in Wichita; and Aubrey Ptacek, Wilson High School. Their essay topic this year was "Should the legal age to purchase tobacco and alcohol be the same age as to enter military service?"

Let us congratulate them for their essays and their work.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

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

Commerce and Labor: **HB 2561, HB 2563.**

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2564; HCR 5020.**

Veterans, Military and Homeland Security: **HB 2562.**

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was introduced and read by title:

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6011—

By Committee on Energy and Utilities

A RESOLUTION urging the United States Department of Energy to double the current capacity of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve by using storage sites existing and created within the State of Kansas.

WHEREAS, President Bush in his State of the Union speech of January 23, 2007, outlined a number of energy policy initiatives and recommended doubling the current capacity of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) from 691 million barrels of oil to 1.5 billion barrels by the year 2027; and

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas is not now a part of the SPR and is unlikely to participate in the benefits of the present SPR because of the SPR's present location in the Gulf Coast of the States of Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Kansas has an active refinery capability which is being supplied by nearby domestic oil production and crude oil storage at Cushing, Oklahoma, and there are current plans to construct a 36-inch heavy crude oil pipeline from Canada, which can participate in serving existing refineries in Kansas, Oklahoma and Northern Texas; and

WHEREAS, The hurricane draw down of crude oil in the SPR increased the nation's vulnerability to economic and national security and foreign policy interruptions. A Reserve emergency occurred after Hurricane Katrina which devastated oil production, terminals, pipelines and refineries; and

WHEREAS, Locating the President's expansion of the SPR in the upper midwestern states, including Kansas with its dependence on domestic production and existing and expanding refinery capacity, leads to the conclusion that the SPR should be expanded into the State of Kansas where its centrally located facilities and supply capabilities can furnish crude oil to existing industry and make an important contribution to the nation's homeland security: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That the United States Department of Energy is strongly urged to designate key areas of the State of Kansas as eligible storage sites for petroleum crude oil to enlarge the capacity of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; and

Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to send enrolled copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Energy, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation and the Governor of the State of Kansas.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Objection was made to **HB 2475** appearing on the Consent Calendar; the bill was placed on the calendar under the heading of General Orders.

No objection was made to **SB 62, SB 63, SB 108, SB 191, SB 192; SCR 1604** appearing on the Consent Calendar for the first day.

No objection was made to **SB 51, SB 53, SB 57** appearing on the Consent Calendar for the second day.

On motion of Rep. Merrick, the House resolved into Committee of the Whole, with Rep. Watkins in the chair.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Rep. Watkins, Committee of the Whole report, as follows, was adopted:

Recommended that committee report to **SB 75** be adopted; and the bill be passed as amended.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was introduced and read by title:

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6012—

By Representatives Loganbill and Garcia

A RESOLUTION encouraging participation in the Early Detection Works Program.

WHEREAS, Tuesday, March 6, 2007, is Early Detection Works Day in Kansas. This designation is designed to raise awareness regarding the importance of early detection and prompt treatment of breast and cervical cancer in the state of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Pink is the color traditionally associated with breast and cervical cancer, and Susan G. Komen for the Cure is encouraging everyone to wear some pink item of clothing on Tuesday, March 6, 2007, in support of all women and men who have experienced breast or cervical cancer in their lives; and

WHEREAS, 1,200 Kansas women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, and another 400 Kansas women will die from breast cancer this year; and

WHEREAS, The greatest risk for breast cancer is being female and getting older, and each woman needs to be her own best advocate by engaging in early detection practices, such as having a yearly mammogram after the age of 40, regardless of her ability to pay, having a yearly clinical breast exam by a medical professional, regardless of her ability to pay, and performing a breast self-examination each month; and

WHEREAS, 100 Kansas women will be diagnosed with cervical cancer this year, and another 34 Kansas women will die from cervical cancer this year; and

WHEREAS, The Early Detection Works Program served more than 7,300 Kansas women in 2006 by providing breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services. These services are made available through federal and state funds, with state funds providing services to over 900 women; and

WHEREAS, The Early Detection Works Program is committed to providing services to all women that come to them: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we support the efforts of the Early Detection Works Program in its efforts to provide breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services to all women who meet the guidelines for these important services, and continue to support the Early Detection Works Program with our continued and increased financial support; and

Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Janet Neff, Cancer Control Program Director, KDHE, and Teresa Carter, Mid-Kansas Affiliate President, Wichita, Kansas.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

TO: Janet Jones
 FROM: Speaker Melvin Neufeld
 DATE: March 5, 2007
 RE: Reappointment of Committee Assignments

Representative Ted Powers is reassigned to his committee appointments as follows:

Replaces Rep. Vickrey — Committee on Education
 Replaces Rep. Merrick — Committee on Federal and State Affairs
 Replaces Rep. Dahl — Committee on Elections and Governmental Organization

MELVIN NEUFELD
Speaker of the House

REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS

HB 2152 reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the governor on March 5, 2007.

On motion of Rep. Merrick, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 6, 2007.

CHARLENE SWANSON, *Journal Clerk.*

JANET E. JONES, *Chief Clerk.*

