

Journal of the Senate

FOURTEENTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Friday, January 26, 2007—8:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Stephen Morris.
The roll was called with twenty-nine senators present.
Senators Allen, Barnett, Brungardt, Donovan, Gilstrap, Haley, Huelskamp, Kelly, Palmer,
Pine and Taddiken were excused.

Invocation by Chaplain Fred S. Hollomon:

Heavenly Father,
As the session moves along
It's for sure that we will find
Controversial issues
Will be on our mind.
Most of them I have decided
And put my mind at rest.
But there are always one or two
I'm not sure which way is best.
The way some bills are written
I don't like either side.
Sometimes I'd like to flip a coin
And let heads or tails decide.
But I was taught a better way
Many years ago.
My mother or my church revealed
When to say yes or no.
"When in doubt get on your knees
And pray and pray and pray."
I may be mixing church and state,
But there is no better way.
I pray in the Name of Jesus,
AMEN

GUESTS

Senator D. Schmidt rose on a point of personal privilege to introduce Burdette Mentzer and his wife Marie; daughter Kay Thummel and her granddaughter Asia Larsen; grandson Jonas and his wife Dana and their daughter Ashtyn Mentzer.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and resolution were introduced and read by title:

SB 203, An act concerning criminal procedure; relating to appearance bonds; amending K.S.A. 22-2803 and K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 22-2802 and 22-2807 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 204, An act concerning persons required to register pursuant to the Kansas offender registration act; relating to certain requirements; amending K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 22-4902, 22-4903, 22-4904, 22-4905, 22-4906, 22-4907 and 22-4909 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Judiciary.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 1605—

By Senator Betts

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing the President and Congress in opposition to the escalation of the country's involvement in Iraq.

WHEREAS, The President has proposed an escalation in the number of U.S. troops deployed in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, U.S. involvement in Iraq has resulted in the deaths of more than 3,000 U.S. soldiers and the wounding and disabling of more than 22,000 U.S. military personnel to date; and

WHEREAS, This proposed escalation will further extend National Guard tours in Iraq, that the costs to the states of the call-up of National Guard members for deployment in Iraq have been significant, as reckoned in lost lives, combat injuries and psychic trauma, disruption of family life, financial hardship for individuals, families and businesses, interruption of careers and damage to the fabric of civic life in our communities; and

WHEREAS, The American troops have valiantly upheld their duty in Iraq under dire circumstances; and

WHEREAS, More than \$357 billion has been appropriated by Congress to fund military operations and reconstruction in Iraq to date, money that could fund desperately needed education, health care, housing, nutrition and other social services in our communities in the United States or humanitarian assistance abroad; and

WHEREAS, Previous budgets that have prioritized Iraq have led to cuts in critical block grants for states and have increased the federal debt, which compounded by interest payments, will likely lead to even larger cuts in funding for critical needs in the States; and

WHEREAS, Polls show that the vast majority of Americans do not support increasing the number of troops in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Most military experts oppose escalation in Iraq and press reports indicate that even the Joint Chiefs of Staff have opposed such a strategy; and

WHEREAS, Legal experts on all sides have determined that Congress has not only broad authority, but a long tradition of limiting escalation or forcing redeployment of troops through the Constitutionally-designated power of the purse.

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein: That the Kansas legislature memorializes the President and the United States Congress that in a period when the Iraq Study Group, leading military and diplomatic officials and allies around the world are calling for a reduction in troops and withdrawal of the U.S. from Iraq, the United States government should not escalate its involvement in Iraq or increase troop levels; and

Be it further resolved: That, at a minimum, the President should obtain explicit approval from Congress if he wants to send more American troops to Iraq; and

Be it further resolved: That the Congress should pass legislation prohibiting the President from spending taxpayer dollars on an escalation in Iraq unless he first seeks Congressional approval; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, President of the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each member of the Kansas legislative delegation.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Assessment and Taxation: **SB 172, SB 198, SB 199, SB 200.**

Education: **SB 173.**

Elections and Local Government: **SB 195, SB 196.**

Federal and State Affairs: **SB 185, SB 187, SB 194.**

Financial Institutions & Insurance: **SB 175, SB 197.**

Judiciary: **SB 182, SB 183, SB 184.**

Natural Resources: **SB 188, SB 189, SB 190, SB 191, SB 192.**

Public Health and Welfare: **SB 176, SB 177, SB 178, SB 179, SB 181, SB 201, SB 202.**

Transportation: **SB 174, SB 186.**

Ways and Means: **SB 180, SB 193.**

REFERRAL OF APPOINTMENTS

The following appointment made by the Governor and submitted to the senate for confirmation, was referred to Committee as indicated:

State Banking Commissioner:

John Thomas Thull, effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate to serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

(Financial Institutions and Insurance)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Education** recommends **SB 69** be amended on page 3, by striking all in lines 4 through 6;

On page 4, in line 12, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

On motion of Senator D. Schmidt the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Monday, January 29, 2007.

HELEN MORELAND, CAROL PARRETT, BRENDA KLING, *Journal Clerks.*

PAT SAVILLE, *Secretary of the Senate.*

