

Journal of the House

SIXTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Tuesday, January 22, 2008, 11:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment with Speaker Neufeld in the chair.
The roll was called with 118 members present.
Reps. Johnson and Sawyer were excused on verified illness.
Rep. Schwartz was excused on legislative business.
Reps. Aurand, Davis, Faust-Goudeau and Worley were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by guest chaplain, the Rev. Jerry Schmid, pastor, Wanamaker Woods Church of the Nazarene, Topeka, and guest of Rep. Neufeld:

Almighty and most merciful God, I humbly bring before you today Governor Kathleen Sebelius, the men and women of the House of Representatives, their staff and all government officials. Dear God grant them the wisdom of your counsel that with honesty and integrity they may diligently pursue the common good of all mankind. Lead them in righteousness encompassed with mercy and love as they faithfully administer the duties of office and serve you. God bless each of them and their families with life, dignity and the power of your protection as they endeavor to bring about prosperity and justice for all Kansans. God, I now place them in your loving care as you lead them on their journey.
In God's name I pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Owens.

SPECIAL REMARKS

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

In April it will be 40 years since the death of Dr. Martin Luther King. If he had lived, he would be 79 years old and that is not old by today's standards.

Dr. Martin Luther King had a short time to do his work on earth. He fought for equality and opportunity for all people. I was asked this weekend — what does Martin Luther King holiday mean to me, especially since it's a black holiday. It is not a black holiday but a holiday for all people. Dr. Martin Luther King worked to make life better for everyone, not just black people. For me, the holiday is a special time to reflect on the life and work of a man who gave his life because he was dedicated to change. I also give thanks to God for giving us a Martin Luther King. He made it possible for us to have equality and opportunity. I would like to read the following poem by Michael Josephson:

WHAT WILL MATTER?

Ready or not, some day it will all come to an end.
There will be no more sunrises, no minutes,
hours or days.
All the things you collected, whether treasured
or forgotten

will pass to someone else.
 Your wealth, fame and temporal power will
 shrivel to irrelevance.
 It will not matter what you owned or what you
 were owed.
 Your grudges, resentments, frustrations
 and jealousies will finally disappear.
 So too, your hopes, ambitions, plans and to-do
 lists will expire.
 The wins and losses that once seemed so
 important will fade away.
 It won't matter where you came from
 or what side of the tracks you lived on
 at the end.
 It won't matter whether you were
 beautiful or brilliant.
 Even your gender and skin color will be irrelevant.
 So what will matter?
 How will the value of your days be measured?
 What will matter is not what you bought
 but what you built,
 not what you got, but what you gave.
 What will matter is not your success
 but your significance.
 What will matter is not what your learned
 but what you taught.
 What will matter is every act of integrity,
 compassion, courage, or sacrifice
 that enriched, empowered or encouraged others
 to emulate your example.
 What will matter is not your competence
 but your character.
 What will matter is not how many people you knew,
 but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone.
 What will matter is not your memories,
 but the memories that live in those who loved you.
 What will matter is how long you will be remembered,
 by whom and for what.
 Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident.
 It's not matter of circumstance, but of choice.
 Choose to live a life that matters.

Dr. King lived a life that mattered. We should all try to make life better for others. Dr. Martin Luther King gave us this opportunity and it is our responsibility to live a life that matters.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

HB 2648, An act concerning cities and appointments by mayors; amending K.S.A. 13-518, 13-527, 13-1347, 14-201, 14-695, 15-201, 15-204 and 17-4757 and K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 12-1222 and 12-5711 and repealing the existing sections, by Representative O'Neal.

HB 2649, An act concerning counties; relating to initiative and referendum, by Committee on Elections and Governmental Organization.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

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

Government Efficiency and Technology: **HB 2645**, **HB 2647**.

Transportation: **HB 2646**.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGE

Speaker Neufeld announced the appointment of Rep. Davis as a member of the Committee on Transportation and Public Safety Budget to replace Rep. Svaty.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS

On motion of Rep. Merrick, pursuant to House Rule 2306, the following bills were withdrawn from the calendar under the heading General Orders and referred to committees as indicated:

Appropriations: **HB 2558**.

Health and Human Services: **HB 2224**.

Also, the following bills were withdrawn from the calendar under the heading General Orders and rereferred to committees as indicated:

Appropriations: **HB 2077, HB 2547, HB 2594**.

Commerce and Labor: **HB 2456**.

Energy and Utilities: **HB 2576; SB 327**.

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2588; Sub. SB 152**.

Taxation: **Sub. HB 2430; HB 2549; SB 347**.

Upon unanimous consent, the House referred back to the regular order of business, Introduction of Bills and Concurrent Resolutions.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bill was thereupon introduced and read by title:

HB 2650, An act concerning controlled substances; relating to salvia divinorum; amending K.S.A. 65-4105 and repealing the existing section, by Representative Mast.

On motion of Rep. Merrick, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 23, 2008.

JANET E. JONES, *Chief Clerk*.

CHARLENE SWANSON, *Journal Clerk*.

