

Journal of the House

TWELFTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Wednesday, January 30, 2008, 11:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to recess with Speaker Neufeld in the chair.
The roll was called with 122 members present.
Reps. Donohoe, Johnson and Powell were excused on verified illness.

Prayer by guest chaplain, the Rev. Paul Meinsen, Capitol Ministries, Topeka, and guest of Rep. Neufeld:

Dear Father,

We give you much thanks for another day in which to be of service to You and to bring glory to Your Holy Name.

I pray this morning on behalf of these men and women before me asking You to grant them the wisdom they need to lead and serve the people of this state. Your servant, King Solomon, needed to know how to lead the kingdom You had given to him. And things have not changed in the past 3000 years.

All who are in authority over others, Father, still need wisdom from You to govern, lead and serve so great a people — I pray today then that You will give freely that which they need. Let them all know what is right, according to the Scripture You have given us. Let them have the fortitude to do that which is right and to do it with the right spirit of humility and grace.

May we all learn to fear You and You alone.

May we all set aside own personal agendas and honor for the good of those we are called to serve.

To the glory of Your name, Father, I pray in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Siegfried.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

HB 2705, An act regulating traffic; prohibiting the sending, reading or writing of text messages while operating a motor vehicle; amending K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 8-2118 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Transportation.

HB 2706, An act regulating traffic; concerning distracted driving; amending K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 8-2118 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Transportation.

HB 2707, An act relating to crimes and punishments; concerning theft of property; intent to deprive; amending K.S.A. 21-3702 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Transportation.

HB 2708, An act designating K-53 highway as the patriot guard highway, by Committee on Transportation.

HB 2709, An act regulating traffic; concerning micro utility trucks; relating to the regulation thereof; amending K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 8-126, 8-128, 8-135, 8-143, 8-1486, 8-1493 and 8-2118 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 8-15,105, by Committee on Transportation.

HB 2710, An act concerning income tax; establishing a deduction for health insurance premiums; amending K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 79-32,117 and repealing the existing section, by Representative Patton.

HB 2711, An act concerning the environment; relating to conservation and electric generation, transmission and efficiency and air emissions; amending K.S.A. 65-3008b, 65-3012 and 66-104d and K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 65-3005, 65-3008a and 66-1,184 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Energy and Utilities.

HB 2712, An act concerning rural housing; relating to creating the housing development grant program; exempting certain cities from certain requirements for rural housing incentive district financing; amending K.S.A. 12-5246 and K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 12-5242, 79-4803 and 79-4804 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

HB 2713, An act concerning property taxation; relating to assessment; amending K.S.A. 79-1439a and K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 79-412 and 79-1439 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2714, An act enacting the interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children, by Committee on Appropriations.

HB 2715, An act relating to the powers of the commissioner of insurance; amending K.S.A. 40-101 and 40-103 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Judiciary.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Elections and Governmental Organization: **HB 2697**.

Energy and Utilities: **HB 2698**.

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2703**.

Health and Human Services: **HB 2702**.

Insurance and Financial Institutions: **HB 2699**.

Judiciary: **HB 2700, HB 2701**.

Transportation: **HB 2704**.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OFFERED ON A PREVIOUS DAY

On motion of Rep. Palmer, **HR 6007**, A resolution congratulating and commending the Ellis family for providing opportunities through their foundation for many students to access a higher level of education, was adopted.

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

I am very happy and honored to introduce to you some of the Ellis family members that we have just heard about who are with us today. We have Danny Ellis who serves as President and his son Chris Ellis who serves as Executive Director of the Ellis Foundation. Danny and his wife Willa live in Fort Scott which is in my district and Chris lives in the Kansas City area.

The Ellis family has been very involved in our community and are known for their community service. They have been very successful business people and are always dedicated to helping others. They are gracious, giving, caring citizens of Kansas and are always willing to share their success in ways that will help make our world a better place.

A key word in their thoughts is THINK. It's the word that you can find on signs in nearly every office of the Ellis Foundation. They like to THINK BIG inside and outside the box and then act on those thoughts on how they can best fund educational scholarships for those with financial need and with those who know what they want to do.

They believe education is one of the most important, critical, and significant investments we can make in the future and they believe students must have access to the knowledge and skills they need to compete in a global economy.

They personally travel thousands of miles each year to personally interview every student. I'm proud we can honor them today with special recognition they so richly deserve. Their daughters legacy lives on! I'm really proud to call them my friends.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that at this time the members of the Kansas House of Representatives join me in congratulating, commending, honoring, and thanking the Ellis Foundation for their passionate efforts and giving hearts.

Rep. Palmer presented framed House certificates to both Danny and Chris Ellis.

On motion of Rep. Merrick, the House recessed until 11:45 a.m.

LATE MORNING SESSION

The House met pursuant to recess with Speaker Neufeld in the chair.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Energy and Utilities** recommends **SB 49** be passed.

Committee on **Transportation** recommends **HB 2622** be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

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 bills were introduced and read by title:

HB 2716, An act relating to deaf and hard of hearing children; making and concerning appropriations for the Kansas state school for the deaf for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009; authorizing certain transfers, capital improvement projects and fees, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing and authorizing certain receipts, disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing, by Representative Siegfried.

HB 2717, An act amending the uniform consumer credit code; relating to payday loans; amending K.S.A. 16a-2-404 and repealing the existing section, by Insurance and Financial Institutions.

HB 2718, An act concerning elections; authorizing the secretary of state to make certain loans to counties for election purposes using HAVA funds, by Committee on Elections and Governmental Organization.

REPORT ON ENROLLED RESOLUTIONS

HR 6007 reported correctly enrolled and properly signed on January 30, 2008.

On motion of Rep. Merrick, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, January 31, 2008.

CHARLENE SWANSON, *Journal Clerk*.

JANET E. JONES, *Chief Clerk*.

