

Journal of the House

FORTY-SEVENTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Thursday, March 20, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to recess with Speaker pro tem Dahl in the chair.
The roll was called with 122 members present.
Reps. Ballard, Light and Neufeld were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by guest chaplain, the Rev. Clint W. Decker, President and Evangelist, Great Awakening, Inc., Clay Center, and guest of Rep. Swanson:

My Father in heaven. How wonderful you are. You are more wonderful than a sunrise, fields of golden wheat and rolling hills of green pastures. The Scriptures speak of you saying, "The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty." Lord, you reign over Kansas, over your wonderful and beautiful creation. And the greatest and most treasured of all your creation in us — mankind. You made us male and female and established the family. It is this family I pray for today. I pray for the marriages in this chamber that they may be strong, healthy and happy marriages. I pray against the enemies of marital happiness. May each spouse seek to serve one another. May each forgive one another, and may each be faithful to one another. I pray for the Representatives whose families are facing difficult times. May they seek your council in the hard decisions that must be made. May they find comfort in your Word in the face of sickness or death. May they seek you for peace in the midst of conflict. May they entrust the unknown future into your hands. And greatest of all, may each one discover the true and lasting foundation for life and family — Jesus Christ. Father in heaven, may your undeserved mercy be poured out upon the marriages and families across Kansas and upon the homes of these Representatives.

In the name of Jesus, the King of Kings, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Sawyer.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Appropriations: **HB 2974, HB 2976, HB 2977, HB 2979.**

Elections and Governmental Organization: **HB 2978.**

Health and Human Services: **HB 2975.**

Taxation: **HB 2980.**

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Announcing passage of **SB 4; Sub. SB 409; SB 541, SB 590, SB 597, SB 629, SB 638, SB 647, SB 650.**

Announcing passage of **HB 2659, HB 2695, HB 2702, HB 2708, HB 2735, HB 2781, HB 2824.**

Announcing passage of **HB 2641**, as amended; **HB 2657**, as amended.

The Senate adopts conference committee report on **Sub. SB 89.**

Also, announcing passage of **Sub. SB 485; Sub. SB 535; SB 670.**

Announcing passage of **HB 2686**.

Announcing passage of **HB 2001**, as amended by **S. Sub. for HB 2001; HB 2860**, as amended by **S. Sub. for HB 2860**.

Announcing adoption of **SCR 1624**.

The Senate nonconcur in House amendments to **H. Sub. for SB 389**, requests a conference and has appointed Senators Brungardt, Reitz and Gilstrap as conferees on the part of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate bills and concurrent resolution were thereupon introduced and read by title:

SB 4; Sub. SB 409; Sub. SB 485; Sub. SB 535; SB 541, SB 590, SB 597, SB 629, SB 638, SB 647, SB 650, SB 670; SCR 1624.

CONSENT CALENDAR

No objection was made to **Sub. SB 209; SB 443, SB 450, SB 472, SB 523** appearing on the Consent Calendar for the first day.

FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HB 2936 - An act making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, June 30, 2009, and June 30, 2010, for state agencies; authorizing certain transfers, capital improvement projects and fees, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 87; Nays 35; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.

Yeas: Aurand, Beamer, Bethell, Bowers, Brunk, Burgess, Burroughs, Carlin, Carlson, Colloton, Colyer, Craft, Crow, Crum, Dahl, Faber, Faust-Goudeau, Feuerborn, Flora, Fund, Garcia, Gatewood, George, Goico, Gordon, Grange, Grant, Hawk, Hayzlett, Henry, Hill, C. Holmes, M. Holmes, Horst, Humerickhouse, Huntington, Johnson, Kelsey, Kuether, Lane, Loganbill, Long, Lukert, Mast, Masterson, McLachlan, McLeland, Merrick, Metsker, Jim Morrison, Judy Morrison, Moxley, Myers, O'Neal, Olson, Otto, Owens, Peck, Phelps, Pottorff, Powell, Powers, Proehl, Quigley, Rhoades, Roth, Sawyer, Schroeder, Schwartz, Shultz, Siegfried, Sloan, Spalding, Swanson, Swenson, Tafanelli, Vickrey, Ward, Watkins, Wetta, Whitham, Wilk, Williams, B. Wolf, K. Wolf, Worley, Yoder.

Nays: Brown, Davis, Dillmore, Donohoe, Flaharty, Frownfelter, Goyle, Henderson, Hodge, Holland, Huebert, Kelley, Kiegerl, King, Kinzer, Knox, Landwehr, Mah, McCray-Miller, McKinney, Menghini, Neighbor, Palmer, Patton, Pauls, Peterson, Rardin, Ruff, Ruiz, Storm, Svaty, Tietze, Treaster, Trimmer, Winn.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Ballard, Light, Neufeld.

The bill passed, as amended.

HB 2946 - An act making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, June 30, 2009, June 30, 2010, June 30, 2011, June 30, 2012, and June 30, 2013, for state agencies; authorizing certain transfers, capital improvement projects and fees, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing; amending K.S.A. 20-3002 and K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 2-223, 55-193, 75-6702, 79-2959, 79-2964, 79-3425i and 79-4801 and repealing the existing sections, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 69; Nays 53; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.

Yeas: Aurand, Beamer, Bethell, Bowers, Brown, Brunk, Burgess, Carlson, Colloton, Colyer, Craft, Crum, Faber, Fund, George, Goico, Gordon, Grange, Hayzlett, Hill, Hodge, C. Holmes, M. Holmes, Horst, Huebert, Humerickhouse, Huntington, Johnson, Kelley, Kelsey, Kiegerl, King, Kinzer, Mast, Masterson, McLeland, Merrick, Metsker, Jim Morrison, Judy Morrison, Moxley, Myers, O'Neal, Olson, Owens, Pottorff, Powell, Powers, Proehl,

Quigley, Rhoades, Roth, Schroeder, Schwartz, Shultz, Siegfried, Sloan, Spalding, Swanson, Swenson, Tafanelli, Vickrey, Watkins, Whitham, Wilk, B. Wolf, K. Wolf, Worley, Yoder.

Nays: Burroughs, Carlin, Crow, Dahl, Davis, Dillmore, Donohoe, Faust-Goudeau, Feuerborn, Flaharty, Flora, Frownfelter, Garcia, Gatewood, Goyle, Grant, Hawk, Henderson, Henry, Holland, Knox, Kuether, Landwehr, Lane, Loganbill, Long, Lukert, Mah, McCray-Miller, McKinney, McLachlan, Menghini, Neighbor, Otto, Palmer, Patton, Pauls, Peck, Peterson, Phelps, Rardin, Ruff, Ruiz, Sawyer, Storm, Svaty, Tietze, Treaster, Trimmer, Ward, Wetta, Williams, Winn.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Ballard, Light, Neufeld.

The bill passed, as amended.

EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE

MR. SPEAKER: I vote no on **HB 2946**. While we added a few helpful amendments, there are still many gaping holes in the budget. The Early Childhood Block Grant money stripped from this budget would benefit existing school district and community-based initiatives while emphasizing quality and accountability. Early headstart, PreKindergarten, Parents as Teachers and other early childhood initiatives provide a foundation for our children to succeed in school and later in the workforce. Providing our children with the opportunity to succeed is an investment we cannot ignore. Our children should be a priority that we address today not an afterthought to be addressed at some later date.—SUE STORM, CINDY NEIGHBOR, JUDITH LOGANBILL, GERALDINE FLAHARTY, ANN E. MAH

MR. SPEAKER: Researchers have found that implementing voluntary, high-quality early childhood education programs actually will save the state money. Investment focused on this crucial period in brain development is vital to school success. Economic calculations indicate that for every \$1 invested today in high-quality early childhood education produces a savings of at least \$7 in increased tax revenues and lowered social and criminal costs. Education experts concur that when investing in education, early childhood programs yield the highest return. **HB 2946** does nothing to advance these important programs in Kansas.

With this noted, I vote no on **HB 2946**.—EBER PHELPS, MARTI CROW, ED TRIMMER, DELIA GARCIA

MR. SPEAKER: While the House cut taxes for large corporations a week ago, we are putting off decisions on vital services for our children, our senior citizens and efforts to improve public safety. I believe the priorities of the House do not meet the priorities of the people who have sent us here if we think nothing of cutting taxes for the most wealthy while at the same time saying that we have to wait to see if we have enough money to support children, seniors and public safety. This is not a responsible way to serve the people of Kansas. I vote no on **HB 2946**.—JULIE MENGhini

MR. SPEAKER: A week ago we found the money to fund a significant tax cut for Kansas corporations. While I supported that tax cut, I am disappointed that this week we cannot come up with money necessary to assist our most vulnerable seniors, support educational services for our children, or to keep our communities safe. The budget we pass is an expression of the values we hold. The budget falls well short of the expectations that the people of Kansas have for us. I vote no on **HB 2946**.—MELODY MCCRAY-MILER, LOUIS E. RUIZ, STEVE LUKERT, L. CANDY RUFF, NILE DILLMORE, HAROLD LANE, BRODERICK HENDERSON, VALDENIA WINN

HB 2947 - An act making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, June 30, 2009, June 30, 2010, and June 30, 2011, for state agencies; authorizing certain transfers, capital improvement projects and fees, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 71; Nays 51; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.

Yeas: Aurand, Beamer, Bethell, Bowers, Brown, Brunk, Burgess, Carlson, Colloton, Co-lyer, Craft, Crum, Faber, Fund, George, Goico, Gordon, Grange, Hayzlett, Hill, Hodge, C.

Holmes, M. Holmes, Horst, Huebert, Humerickhouse, Huntington, Johnson, Kelley, Kelsey, Kiegerl, King, Kinzer, Lane, Mast, Masterson, McLeland, Merrick, Metsker, Jim Morrison, Judy Morrison, Moxley, Myers, O'Neal, Olson, Owens, Peck, Pottorff, Powell, Powers, Proehl, Quigley, Rhoades, Roth, Schroeder, Schwartz, Shultz, Siegfried, Sloan, Spalding, Swanson, Swenson, Tafanelli, Vickrey, Watkins, Whitham, Wilk, B. Wolf, K. Wolf, Worley, Yoder.

Nays: Burroughs, Carlin, Crow, Dahl, Davis, Dillmore, Donohoe, Faust-Goudeau, Feuerborn, Flaharty, Flora, Frownfelter, Garcia, Gatewood, Goyle, Grant, Hawk, Henderson, Henry, Holland, Knox, Kuether, Landwehr, Loganbill, Long, Lukert, Mah, McCray-Miller, McKinney, McLachlan, Menghini, Neighbor, Otto, Palmer, Patton, Pauls, Peterson, Phelps, Rardin, Ruff, Ruiz, Sawyer, Storm, Svaty, Tietze, Treaster, Trimmer, Ward, Wetta, Williams, Winn.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Ballard, Light, Neufeld.

The bill passed, as amended.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Recommended that **HB 2968** be passed.

On motion of Rep. Frownfelter to amend **SB 461**, Rep. Kiegerl requested a ruling on the amendment being germane to the bill. The Rules Chair ruled the amendment germane. The question then reverted back to the motion of Rep. Frownfelter to amend. Roll call was demanded on motion of Rep. O'Neal to rerefer the bill to Committee on Commerce and Labor.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 63; Nays 58; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 4.

Yeas: Aurand, Beamer, Bethell, Bowers, Brown, Brunk, Carlson, Colyer, Craft, Crum, Dahl, Faber, George, Goico, Gordon, Grange, Hayzlett, Hodge, C. Holmes, M. Holmes, Huebert, Humerickhouse, Huntington, Johnson, Kelley, Kelsey, Kiegerl, King, Kinzer, Knox, Landwehr, Mast, Masterson, McLeland, Merrick, Metsker, Jim Morrison, Judy Morrison, Moxley, Myers, O'Neal, Olson, Patton, Peck, Powell, Proehl, Quigley, Rhoades, Roth, Schroeder, Schwartz, Siegfried, Spalding, Swanson, Tafanelli, Vickrey, Watkins, Whitham, Wilk, B. Wolf, K. Wolf, Worley, Yoder.

Nays: Burgess, Burroughs, Carlin, Colloton, Crow, Davis, Dillmore, Faust-Goudeau, Feuerborn, Flaharty, Flora, Frownfelter, Fund, Garcia, Gatewood, Goyle, Grant, Hawk, Henderson, Henry, Hill, Holland, Horst, Kuether, Lane, Loganbill, Long, Lukert, Mah, McCray-Miller, McKinney, McLachlan, Menghini, Neighbor, Otto, Owens, Palmer, Pauls, Peterson, Phelps, Pottorff, Powers, Rardin, Ruff, Ruiz, Sawyer, Shultz, Sloan, Storm, Svaty, Swenson, Tietze, Treaster, Trimmer, Ward, Wetta, Williams, Winn.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Ballard, Donohoe, Light, Neufeld.

The motion of Rep. O'Neal prevailed and **SB 461** be rereferred to Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Committee report to **HB 2811** be adopted; and the bill be passed as amended.

Roll call was demanded on motion of Rep. Merrick to pass over **SB 612** and that it retain a place on the calendar.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 73; Nays 45; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 7.

Yeas: Aurand, Beamer, Bethell, Bowers, Brown, Brunk, Burgess, Carlson, Colloton, Colyer, Craft, Crum, Dahl, Donohoe, Faber, Fund, George, Goico, Gordon, Grange, Hayzlett, Hill, Hodge, C. Holmes, M. Holmes, Horst, Huebert, Humerickhouse, Huntington, Johnson, Kelley, Kelsey, Kiegerl, King, Kinzer, Knox, Landwehr, Mast, Masterson, McLeland, Merrick, Metsker, Jim Morrison, Judy Morrison, Moxley, Myers, O'Neal, Olson, Owens,

Patton, Peck, Pottorff, Powell, Powers, Proehl, Quigley, Rhoades, Roth, Schroeder, Schwartz, Shultz, Siegfried, Sloan, Spalding, Swanson, Tafanelli, Vickrey, Watkins, Whitham, B. Wolf, K. Wolf, Worley, Yoder.

Nays: Burroughs, Carlin, Crow, Davis, Faust-Goudeau, Feuerborn, Flaharty, Flora, Frownfelter, Garcia, Gatewood, Goyle, Grant, Hawk, Henderson, Henry, Holland, Kuether, Loganbill, Long, Lukert, Mah, McCray-Miller, McKinney, McLachlan, Menghini, Neighbor, Otto, Palmer, Pauls, Phelps, Rardin, Ruff, Ruiz, Sawyer, Storm, Svaty, Swenson, Tietze, Treaster, Trimmer, Ward, Wetta, Williams, Winn.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Ballard, Dillmore, Lane, Light, Neufeld, Peterson, Wilk.

The motion of Rep. Merrick prevailed and **SB 612** be passed over and retain a place on the calendar.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Appropriations** recommends **HB 2744**, **HB 2974** be passed.

Committee on **Elections and Governmental Organization** recommends **SB 519** be amended on page 1, in line 28, after "thereto" by inserting "; or because a "Forwarding Order Expired" or "Moved No Forwarding Address" notice was received from the post office"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Elections and Governmental Organization** recommends **SB 562** be amended on page 1, in line 16, before "Section" by inserting "New"; in line 17, after "administrator" by inserting "or operator"; also in line 17, by striking "nursing"; in line 18, by striking "facility, assisted living facility" and inserting "adult care home"; also in line 18, before "care" by inserting "long term"; in line 21, after "administrator" by inserting "or operator"; in line 22, after "administrator" by inserting "or operator"; in line 23, after the period by inserting "The provisions of this section shall not apply to mail ballot elections conducted pursuant to K.S.A. 25-431 et seq., and amendments thereto.";

On page 2, following line 25, by inserting:

"(f) The county election officer shall ensure that polling places established under this act are clearly posted as such during the hours voting is allowed.";

Also on page 2, in line 26, by striking "(f)" and inserting "(g)"; in line 27, by striking "Assisted living facility" and inserting "Adult care home"; by striking all in lines 36 through 39 and inserting the following:

"Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 25-2430 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2430. (a) Electioneering is knowingly attempting to persuade or influence eligible voters to vote for or against a particular candidate, party or question submitted. Electioneering includes wearing, exhibiting or distributing labels, signs, posters, stickers or other materials that clearly identify a candidate in the election or clearly indicate support or opposition to a question submitted election within any polling place on election day or advance voting site during the time period allowed by law for casting a ballot by advance voting or within a radius of 250 feet from the entrance thereof. Electioneering shall not include bumper stickers affixed to a motor vehicle that is used to transport voters to a polling place or to an advance voting site for the purpose of voting.

(b) As used in this section, "advance voting site" means the central county election office or satellite advance voting sites designated as such pursuant to subsection (c) of K.S.A. 25-1122, and amendments thereto, *and adult care homes and hospital based care units at the time of an election participating in the voting procedures prescribed in section 1.*

(c) Electioneering is a class C misdemeanor.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 25-2430 is hereby repealed.";

And by renumbering the remaining section accordingly;

In the title, in line 13, after "facilities" by inserting "; amending K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 25-2430 and repealing the existing section"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **SB 379** be amended by substituting a new bill to be designated as "HOUSE Substitute for SENATE BILL No. 379," as follows:

“HOUSE Substitute for SENATE BILL No. 379
By Committee on Judiciary

“AN ACT concerning contracts; relating to indemnification provisions and additional insured parties; amending K.S.A. 16-121 and repealing the existing section.”; and the substitute bill be passed.

(H. Sub. for SB 379 was thereupon introduced and read by title.)

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Your Committee on **Calendar and Printing** recommends on requests for resolutions and certificates that

Request No. 111, by Representative Judy Morrison, congratulating Kyle James Whitaker on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout;

Request No. 112, by Representative Ruiz, honoring Sgt. Benjamin Joseph Birnbaum on his bravery, courage and heroism while saving the life of a fallen Marine in Iraq;

Request No. 113, by Representative Goyle, congratulating Michelle Dillard on being named the Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year;

Request No. 114, by Representative McKinney, commending The American Legion Riders Post #69 on being named The 2007 Community Service Organization of the Year;

Request No. 115, by Representative Grange, congratulating Eldon Schwemmer on his 85th birthday and Cleta Ralston on her 90th birthday;

Request No. 116, by Representative Rardin, commending Garrett Owen, Bobbie Morrie, Drake Smith, Matt Chipman and Anna Torchia on serving as pages in the Kansas State House of Representatives;

Request No. 117, by Representative Hayzlett, congratulating Warren D. and Kay Elliott on their 50th wedding anniversary;

be approved and the Chief Clerk of the House be directed to order the printing of said certificates and order drafting of said resolutions.

On motion of Rep. Merrick, the committee report was adopted.

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 and concurrent resolution were thereupon introduced and read by title:

HB 2981, An act concerning elections; concerning presentation of photographic identification at time of voting; amending K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 25-1122, 25-1123, 25-2908 and 25-3002 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Appropriations.

HB 2982, An act concerning drainage and levees; relating to excavation by drainage districts; amending K.S.A. 24-132 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 5039

By Committee on Education

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION concerning teacher preparation programs and teacher licensure; urging the State Board of Education, the State Board of Regents and institutions of higher education to collaborate in the review of current alternative teacher preparation programs to determine if any changes should be made to such programs in order to alleviate the shortage of teachers which exists in the state.

WHEREAS, There was a shortage of 477 teachers in Kansas school districts at the beginning of school year 2007-2008; and

WHEREAS, The shortage of teachers in all teaching disciplines in the rural areas of the state and the shortage of teachers in the teaching disciplines of mathematics, science and special education on a state-wide basis is at a critical level; and

WHEREAS, The shortage of teachers is expected to grow worse as more teachers become eligible for retirement and the number of persons entering the field of education does not keep pace with the numbers of teachers who retire or leave the field of education each year; and

WHEREAS, A large number of graduates of Kansas teacher preparation programs leave the state for higher paying teaching positions in states other than Kansas or take higher paying positions in fields outside the field of education; and

WHEREAS, Many people who are making mid-career changes or who are retiring may consider teaching as a second career or a post-retirement position, but the cost and time involved in the completion of the traditional teacher preparation program which is necessary for teacher licensure can be prohibitive and discourages such people from choosing teaching as a second career; and

WHEREAS, The State Board of Education and several institutions of higher education have made significant efforts to increase the availability of alternative teacher preparation and licensure programs, such programs are not readily accessible to many persons desiring to enter such programs; and

WHEREAS, One of the greatest factors affecting a student's success in the classroom is teacher preparation; and

WHEREAS, Institutions of higher education currently are in the best position to develop alternative teacher preparation programs: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein: That the State Board of Regents is directed to encourage institutions of higher education to develop alternative methods for providing teacher preparation which are more flexible than current methods including, but not limited to, internet-based programs, off-campus programs and weekend programs and to make suggestions which would reduce the cost of alternative teacher preparation programs; and

Be it further resolved: That the State Board of Regents is directed to encourage institutions of higher education to develop alternative teacher preparation programs specifically directed to meet the needs of students and teachers in urban schools; and

Be it further resolved: That the State Board of Regents is directed to encourage institutions of higher education to develop an alternative teacher preparation program that addresses the individual professional or pedagogical needs of a teacher candidate and under which a person could become licensed on an accelerated-basis; and

Be it further resolved: That the State Board of Regents is directed to investigate the use of master teachers in school districts or personnel at service centers to provide teacher preparation programs in the school districts; and

Be it further resolved: That the State Board of Regents, in collaboration with the State Board of Education, shall examine policies which establish geographic service areas for institutions of higher education and take steps to modify such policies that prevent the provision of alternative teacher preparation programs outside the geographic service area of an institution providing any such program; and

Be it further resolved: That the State Board of Regents, in cooperation with the State Board of Education, should review and advertise scholarship programs available to students in teacher preparation programs in the hard-to-fill teaching disciplines of mathematics, science and special education; and

Be it further resolved: That the State Board of Regents and institutions of higher education which offer teacher preparation programs, in collaboration with the State Board of Education and local school districts, are directed to review current teacher preparation programs to determine if any changes should be made to such programs in order to alleviate the teacher shortage which exists in the state; and

Be it further resolved: That the State Board of Education is encouraged to continue to identify and adopt measures to provide highly qualified teachers for Kansas classrooms through the use of alternative teacher licensure programs; and

Be it further resolved: That the State Board of Education is directed to identify financial incentives to attract persons to the field of education; and

Be it further resolved: That the State Board of Education, in collaboration with the State Board of Regents and institutions of higher education which offer teacher preparation pro-

grams, should promote the profession of teaching in Kansas and should actively recruit persons to enter into the teaching profession especially in the hard-to-fill teaching disciplines of mathematics, science and special education and in the under-served geographic areas of the state; and

Be it further resolved: That the State Board of Education should review the recruitment and retention initiatives of the Teaching Commission in Kansas and develop an action plan and a time line for the development of specific strategies to implement the initiatives; and

Be it further resolved: That the state Board of Education is directed to monitor and evaluate the implementation of rules and regulations adopted by the State Board in August of 2007 as well as rules and regulations which will be adopted in 2008 which remove barriers to the licensure of persons as teachers and to determine if further regulatory changes are needed to enhance access to licensure of persons as teachers; and

Be it further resolved: That the State Board of Education and the State Board of Regents shall submit a report of the activities of such boards and institutions of higher education which offer teacher preparation programs in relation to this resolution and shall submit such report to the legislature on or before December 31, 2008; and

Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Chairperson of the State Board of Education and the Chairperson of the State Board of Regents; and

Be it further resolved: That the Chairperson of the State Board of Regents shall transmit copies of the resolutions to the deans of education at all public and private institutions of higher education which provide teacher education programs.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

HB 2071, HB 2578 approved on March 20, 2008.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS

On motion of Rep. Merrick, the House acceded to the request of the Senate for a conference on **H. Sub. for SB 389**.

Speaker pro tem Dahl thereupon appointed Reps. Siegfried, Huebert and Peterson as conferees on the part of the House.

On motion of Rep. Merrick, the House adjourned pro forma until 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 21, 2008.

JANET E. JONES, *Chief Clerk*.

CHARLENE SWANSON, *Journal Clerk*.

