

Journal of the Senate

THIRD DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Wednesday, January 16, 2008—2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Stephen Morris.
The roll was called with thirty-eight senators present.
Senators Emler and Taddiken were excused.
Invocation by Chaplain Fred S. Hollomon:

Heavenly Father,

Last November I drove through Coffeyville.
Empty houses lined the street,
Damaged beyond repair.
Flood waters taking a heavy toll;
Nobody living there.

Greensburg almost annihilated;
A tornado leveled the town.
Businesses and homes
No longer could be found.

Western Kansas suffered from
A devastating drought.
Farmers and cattlemen
Saw scalded crops throughout.

Ice storms toppled power lines
Leaving homes with no heat.
Trees were heavily damaged,
Many lying in the street.

But in response to such destruction
When people are in need,
You motivate friends and strangers
With astounding speed.

So thank You, Lord, for calling out
Hundreds of helping hands,
Willing friends and strangers
From throughout our Kansas land.

I pray this in the Name of Jesus Christ,

AMEN

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 425. An act concerning certain municipalities; relating to the investment of public moneys; amending K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 12-1677b and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Education.

SB 426. An act concerning school districts; relating to enrollment; amending K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 72-6407 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Education.

SB 427. An act concerning criminal procedure; relating to the statute of limitations for certain sex offenses; amending K.S.A. 21-3106 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 428. An act concerning certain elections; relating to the voting procedure at district convention elections; amending K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 25-3902, 25-3902a, 25-3904 and 25-3904a and repealing the existing sections, by Senator Vratil.

SB 429. An act concerning firefighters; pertaining to the crime of battery on a firefighter; amending K.S.A. 21-3413 and 21-3415 and repealing the existing sections, by Senator D. Schmidt.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Education: **SB 420, SB 421.**

Judiciary: **SB 418, SB 419, SB 422, SB 423, SB 424.**

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

The President withdrew **SB 379** from the calendar under the heading of General Orders, and rereferred the bill to the Committee on Judiciary.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

January 7, 2008

Kent E. Olson, Director, Division of Accounts and Reports, submitted a CD containing the 54th Annual Financial Report of the State of Kansas for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. This Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is also available on line at <http://da.ks.gov/ar/finrept>.

KANSAS ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Tod M. Bunting, Major General, Kansas National Guard, The Adjutant General, submitted the Adjutant General's Department 2007 Annual Report.

The President announced the above reports are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Senate and are available for review at any time.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

Senator McGinn introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1802—

A RESOLUTION proclaiming January 16, 2008, as Kidney Awareness Day.

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas recognizes that healthy citizens are essential for strong communities to thrive; and

WHEREAS, Chronic kidney disease is a major public health problem with increasing prevalence, poor outcomes, long waits for kidney transplants and high costs; and

WHEREAS, One in nine American adults has chronic kidney disease and over 2,325 Kansans receive life sustaining dialysis treatment; and

WHEREAS, Early detection can help prevent the progression of kidney disease toward kidney failure and the earlier kidney disease is detected, the better the chances of slowing or stopping its progression and avoiding long hospital stays and dialysis; and

WHEREAS, As the costs of health care continue to grow, early and accurate diagnosis of kidney disease is a critical component of efforts to reduce the negative clinical and economic impact on individuals and on the State of Kansas: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we proclaim January 16, 2008, as Kidney Awareness Day in the State of Kansas.

On emergency motion of Senator McGinn **SR 1802** was adopted unanimously.

Guests introduced were Randy Williams, National Director; Penny Wood and Patrick Buss, both kidney transplant recipients; Wendy Schrag and Stan Langhofer.

REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS

SR 1801 reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Secretary of the Senate on January 16, 2008.

SCR 1615 reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Secretary of State on January 16, 2008.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Ways and Means** recommends **HB 2491** be passed.

Also, **HB 2587** be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

On motion of Senator D. Schmidt the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Thursday, January 17, 2008.

HELEN MORELAND, CHARLENE BAILEY, PAT MATZEK, *Journal Clerks*.

PAT SAVILLE, *Secretary of the Senate*.

