

Journal of the Senate

SIXTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Tuesday, January 22, 2008—2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Stephen Morris.
The roll was called with thirty-nine senators present.
Senator Emler was excused.

President Morris introduced as guest chaplain, Dr. Robert Meneilly, Pastor Emeritus, Village Presbyterian Church, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, who delivered the invocation:

Final and ultimate Governor of us all, attend our suppositions however unworthy we may be. We would offer up our fervent thanksgiving for this favorite space of state and nation. In spite of all of our shortcomings, we have been divinely favored and would turn our thanksgiving from mere words into good works. Move us and enable us to bring about Dr. King's vision of the real "promised land" to Kansas and from shore to shore. Give to every member of this governing body a bipartisan determination to do justice, love indiscriminately and walk humbly with the Sovereign One of us all. Give to every member of this distinguished body a deep sense of the sacredness of righteous legislation. Help each member, trusted by her or his constituency, think outside the political box to seek the highest welfare of all citizens alike. Inspire and move these elected public servants to work together across party lines and personal prejudices to seek and insure equal justice for every citizen alike.

Help us as private citizens to be every bit as concerned with our duties as we are with our rights. Help us who would be well governed to support our legislators when they are right and right them when they may be wrong.

O Divine Sovereign, bless this great state by enabling us citizens to be all that we should be . . . so help us, amen.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 452, An act concerning energy; relating to energy efficiency initiatives for certain state agencies and public schools, by Special Committee on Energy, Natural Resources and Environment.

SB 453, An act establishing the Kansas commission on rural policy, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 454, An act concerning governmental consolidation and reorganization; amending K.S.A. 12-3901, 12-3902, 12-3903, 12-3904 and 12-3909 and K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 19-205 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 455, An act concerning school districts; relating to school finance; relating to the high enrollment weighting and the low enrollment weighting; amending K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 72-6412 and 72-6442b and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Education.

SB 456, An act concerning the Kansas health policy authority; relating to the inspector general; amending K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 75-7427 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 457, An act concerning municipalities and taxing subdivisions; amending K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 79-2926, 79-2929a and 79-2930 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 458, An act enacting the Kansas illegal immigration relief act; amending K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 8-240, 8-1324, 79-32,120 and 79-32,138 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 76-731a, by Senators Palmer, Barnett, Huelskamp, Journey and Ostmeyer.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Judiciary: **SB 448, SB 449, SB 450.**

Natural Resources: **SB 447.**

Transportation: **SB 451.**

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

Senators Schodorf, Vratil and Lynn introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1803—

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the members of the 2008 Kansas Teacher of the Year Team.

WHEREAS, The Kansas State Department of Education sponsors the Kansas Teacher of the Year program which identifies, recognizes and utilizes representatives of excellent teaching in the elementary and secondary classrooms of the state. The mission of the program is to build and utilize a network of exemplary teachers who are leaders in the improvement of schools, student performance and the teaching profession; and

WHEREAS, Two teachers—one elementary and one secondary—in each of the state's four United States congressional districts were selected as finalists for recognition as Kansas Teacher of the Year, the Kansas Teacher of the Year being chosen from among the eight finalists. The Kansas Teacher of the Year is awarded The Hubbard Foundation Kansas Teacher of the Year Ambassadorship which enables the person selected to devote significant time during the second semester to activities to support the mission of the program. The 2008 Kansas Teacher of the Year and finalists were honored at an awards banquet on November 17, 2007. All members received a cash award as well as mementos of the event; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Teacher of the Year is nominated to represent Kansas in the National Teacher of the Year program, a project of the Council of Chief State School Officers presented by the ING Foundation; and

WHEREAS, The 2008 Kansas Teacher of the Year is Jeri Powers, De Soto USD 232, and the regional finalists are Anton F. Ahrens, Topeka USD 501; Karen Bristow, Augusta USD 402; Erin C. Capettini, Paola USD 368; Elaine S. Corder, Spring Hill USD 230; Linda I. Johnson, Morris County USD 417; Stacie Valdez, Wichita USD 259; and Shelbie Witte, Geary County USD 475: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend the members of the 2008 Kansas Teacher of the Year Team and wish Mrs. Powers success in the national competition; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate provide eight enrolled copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Education for forwarding to the members of the 2008 Kansas Teacher of the Year Team.

On emergency motion of Senator Schodorf **SR 1803** was adopted unanimously.

Senators paid tribute to the members off the 2008 Kansas Teacher of the Year Team, who were guests, and honored them with a standing ovation.

On motion of Senator D. Schmidt the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 23, 2008.

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

PAT SAVILLE, *Secretary of the Senate.*

