

Journal of the Senate

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Tuesday, March 4, 2008—2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Stephen Morris.
The roll was called with thirty-four senators present.
Senators Betts, Huelskamp, Jordan, Ostmeyer, Palmer and Pyle were excused.
Invocation by Chaplain Fred S. Hollomon:

Heavenly Father,
It has been said that . . .
“March comes in like a lion,
And goes out like a lamb.”
But since March is also “turnaround,”
The lion turned into a lamb!

But as it was expected
The lion did reappear;
I suppose it simply shows
That lions persevere.

But I want to invite You, Lord,
To please make Your appearance;
Because there are important items
Which need Your help for clearance.

Health care and immigration
Will receive attention;
While the coal-fired power plant
Will probably cause some tension.

I know that You already know
How it all will end.
I just pray that when it’s over,
We will all be friends!

I pray in the Name of Jesus Christ,
AMEN

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Stephen Morris.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and resolution were introduced and read by title:

SB 667, An act designating wheat as the official crop of Kansas, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 668, An act concerning the Kansas technology enterprise corporation; establishing the Kansas broadband initiative and the rural broadband grants program; making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 669. An act concerning school districts; relating to virtual schools; amending K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 72-6407 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 1620—

By Senator Morris

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION requesting the Capitol Area Plaza Authority to develop a master plan for improving appearance and security of areas surrounding the Capitol.

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas is committed to the restoration and preservation of the Capitol and is spending a great deal of time and money to accomplish that end; and

WHEREAS, The restored Capitol will be a beautiful and stately reflection of the State and the affection and esteem of the citizens who own it; and

WHEREAS, It is important that the area surrounding the Capitol be a setting which is both fitting aesthetically and safe and secure for the State's citizens and guests who are visiting the Capitol: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein: That the Legislature requests the Capitol Area Plaza Authority, pursuant to the authority of subsection (c) of K.S.A. 75-2240a, and amendments thereto, and in cooperation with the City of Topeka, to develop a master plan for improving the appearance and security of the Capitol area and surrounding neighborhoods; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State is directed to send an enrolled copy of this resolution to each of the following: The Capitol Area Plaza Authority, c/o Department of Administration, 1000 S.W. Jackson, Suite 500, Topeka, KS 66612; Bill Bunten, Mayor, City of Topeka, City Hall, Room 352, 215 SE 7th Street, Topeka, KS 66603-3914; Topeka City Council, City Hall, Room 255, 215 SE 7th Street, Topeka, KS 66603-3914; and Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., City Manager, City of Topeka, City Hall, Room 355, 215 SE 7th Street, Topeka, KS 66603-3914.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Assessment and Taxation: **SB 665.**

Ways and Means: **SB 666.**

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Announcing passage of **Substitute HB 2018; HB 2188, HB 2308, HB 2408; Substitute HB 2618; HB 2620; Substitute HB 2625; HB 2634, HB 2657, HB 2675, HB 2686, HB 2697, HB 2702, HB 2732, HB 2734, HB 2746, HB 2780, HB 2783, HB 2802, HB 2805, HB 2825; Substitute HB 2826; HB 2845, HB 2847, HB 2850, HB 2860, HB 2897, HB 2905, HB 2923.**

Also, passage of **SB 196**, as amended.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

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REPORT ON ENGROSSED BILLS

SB 399, SB 415, SB 443, SB 469, SB 474, SB 498, SB 527, SB 545, SB 555, SB 560, SB 562, SB 563, SB 565, SB 570, SB 580, SB 586, SB 588, SB 615 reported correctly engrossed February 29, 2008.

On motion of Senator D. Schmidt the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 5, 2008.

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

PAT SAVILLE, *Secretary of the Senate.*

