

Journal of the Senate

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Tuesday, March 3, 2009—2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Stephen Morris.
The roll was called with forty senators present.
President Morris introduced as guest chaplain, Rev. Tommy Scott, Sr., pastor, Community Church, Topeka, Kansas, who delivered the invocation:

Our Heavenly Father we thank You that You have urged us to come boldly to the throne of grace, that we might obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

As we come to You I pray that we might find each of these things, grace, mercy and help.

We know we need mercy, for in many ways we have all failed before You and for that we ask mercy and forgiveness.

We need grace, for we need Your undeserved favor today.

We need Your help in time of need, for our state and our nation face critical issues and Your help is needed.

I pray for these good men and women assembled here today, for I know they have come here with the earnest desire to serve the people of this state.

I am honored to pray for them and to ask You to bless them and give them the wisdom and courage needed to make wise and sometimes difficult decisions in our behalf.

And so I pray, Father bless them with wisdom, strength and peace today and every day.

In Jesus Name, amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Stephen Morris.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 297, An act concerning governmental ethics; eliminating the filing requirement for certain faculty of state education institutions; amending K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 46-247 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 298, An act concerning oil and gas; relating to the state corporation commission regulation of certain wells; amending K.S.A. 55-165 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Ways and Means.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Transportation: **SB 295**.

Ways and Means: **SB 296**.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Announcing passage of **HB 2121**.
Also, passage of **SB 14**.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HB 2121 was thereupon introduced and read by title.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1841—

A RESOLUTION recognizing and congratulating the Ursuline Sisters of Kansas for their 113 years of faith and service.

WHEREAS, The Ursuline order was originally founded by the Roman Catholic Church at Brescia, Italy in the year 1535, primarily for the education of girls and the care of the sick and needy; and

WHEREAS, In 1895 the Ursuline Sisters began their ministry in Miami County, Kansas and have since become an unparalleled charitable and educational force in the City of Paola and eastern Kansas; and

WHEREAS, From 1896 through 1995 the Ursuline Sisters have educated more than 50,000 students in the Ursuline Academy, St. Patrick's School, and Holy Trinity School; and

WHEREAS, In 1941 the Ursuline Sisters opened Camp Ursuline, offering hundreds of boys and girls the opportunity for summer learning, outdoor fun, sports and recreation; and

WHEREAS, In 1966 the Ursuline Sisters donated 5 acres of land and \$25,000 to build a nursing home in Paola that today is known as Medicalodge; and

WHEREAS, In 1969 the Ursuline Sisters donated 34 acres of land and \$50,000 as well as their time, expertise, and spiritual guidance to begin the ministry of Lakemary Center, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, In 1972 the Ursuline Sisters organized the first Senior Center in Paola; and

WHEREAS, In 1977 the Ursuline Sisters organized and guided the Foster Grandparents Program; and

WHEREAS, In 1985 the Ursuline Sisters sold the Ursuline Auditorium, now home of the Paola Community Center, to the City of Paola for \$1.00; and

WHEREAS, The Ursuline Sisters have established a beautiful and enduring tradition of public service, education and faith that has enriched the communities of eastern Kansas for over 113 years; and

WHEREAS, The Ursuline Sisters seek to continue this tradition in Kansas as well as in their new home in Mount Saint Joseph, Kentucky: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we do hereby recognize and humbly thank the Ursuline Sisters of Kansas for their 113 years of devoted service; and

Be it further resolved: That seven copies of this resolution be furnished to the Ursuline Sisters of Kansas.

On emergency motion of Senator Apple **SR 1841** was adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Commerce** recommends **SB 108** be passed.

Committee on **Local Government** recommends **SB 257** be amended on page 2, in line 16, by striking "For the purpose"; by striking all in lines 17 and 18; in line 19, by striking "considered to constitute the proposed district."; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Transportation** recommends **HB 2147**, as amended by House Committee, be passed.

Also, **HB 2045** be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

Committee on **Utilities** recommends **Substitute for HB 2014**, as amended by House Committee of the Whole, be amended by substituting a new bill to be designated as "SENATE Substitute for Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2014," as follows:

“SENATE Substitute for Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2014
By Committee on Utilities

“AN ACT concerning energy; relating to conservation and electric generation, transmission and efficiency and air emissions; amending K.S.A. 19-101a, 65-3012 and 66-104d and K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 65-3005, 65-3008a and 66-1,184 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 19-101m.”;
and the substitute bill be passed.

On motion of Senator D. Schmidt the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 4, 2009.

HELEN MORELAND, ROSE MARIE GLATT, SHIRLEY LAMOTT, *Journal Clerks.*
PAT SAVILLE, *Secretary of the Senate.*

