

Journal of the Senate

FOURTEENTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Friday, January 27, 2012, 8:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Stephen Morris.
The roll was called with thirty-four senators present.
Senators Brungardt, Haley, King, Love, Masterson and Petersen were excused.
Invocation by Chaplain Fred S. Hollomon:

Heavenly Father,

On Kansas Day we thank You, Lord,
For the wonders of our State
Which we continue to enjoy
And which make our Kansas great.

The first time I saw Flint Hills
I knew that I was hooked.
If heaven has a golf course,
This must be how it looks!

Blazing sunsets and waving wheat
Mesmerize our senses;
Farms and ranches provide our food,
Now and before the fences.

While Texas boasts it is the West,
Nothing can be seen
To match the flavor of
Dodge City and Abilene.

From Liberal to Leavenworth,
From Galena to St. Francis,
We who love this state, can pray
Thank You, Lord, for Kansas!

I pray in the Name of Jesus Christ. AMEN

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Stephen Morris.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Reitz rose on a Point of Personal Privilege to ask everyone to stand and join him in singing “Home on the Range” in observance of Kansas Day.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and resolution were referred to Committees as indicated:

Assessment and Taxation: **SB 339**.

Commerce: **SB 352**.

Education: **SB 350**.

Federal and State Affairs: **SB 340, SB 345**.

Financial Institutions and Insurance: **SB 349**.

Local Government: **SB 341, SB 346, SB 347, SB 348; HB 2412**.

Reapportionment: **SB 344**.

Transportation: **SB 342, SB 343; SR 1806**.

Utilities: **HB 2436**.

Ways and Means: **SB 351, SB 353**.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

The President withdrew **Sub HB 2069** from the Committee on **Ways and Means**, and rereferred the bill to the Committee on **Judiciary**.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

January 25, 2012

In compliance with KSA 75-6509, Mike Michael, Director, State Employee Health Benefit Plans, submitted a report containing the Kansas State Employees Health Care Commission 2011 Annual Report.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Announcing the following bill was stricken from the calendar: **House Substitute for SB 34**.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

Senator Ostmeyer introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:
SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1807—

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Western Plains High School journalism team on winning the 2011 class 1A Kansas Scholastic Press Association state competition.

WHEREAS, On May 7, 2011, the annual Kansas scholastic press association state

journalism write-off and carry-in contest was held on the University of Kansas campus in Lawrence; and

WHEREAS, Five students from Western Plains High School competed in the competition, including: Beth Lutters, Dakota Foos, Bryanda Martinez, Kate Hagans and Ashley Stull. The students were guided to victory by journalism adviser, Todd Vogts; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Foos took first place in feature writing and Ms. Hagans took second in newspaper design and honorable mention in the editorial cartoon category; and

WHEREAS, In addition to winning the state competition, the Western Plains High School newspaper, *Cat Tracks* was named the best student newspaper in class 1A and was awarded the KSPA All-Kansas News Publication plaque; and

WHEREAS, This was the first year for Western Plains High School to have a journalism program and given its tremendous success, the future is bright for not only the journalism program, but its students as well: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend the Western Plains High School journalism team on winning the 2011 class 1A Kansas Scholastic Press Association state competition.

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Todd Vogts, 100 School Street, Ransom, KS 67572.

On emergency motion of Senator Ostmeyer **SR 1807** was adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** recommends **SB 275** be passed.

Committee on **Public Health and Welfare** recommends **SB 290** be amended on page 1, in line 29, by striking "to the";

On page 7, in line 30, by striking "(1)" and inserting "(i)"; in line 32, by striking "(2)" and inserting "(ii)"; in line 37, by striking "(3)" and inserting "(iii)";

On page 8, in line 2, by striking "(1)" and inserting "(i)"; in line 4, by striking "(2)" and inserting "(ii)"; in line 6, by striking "(3)" and inserting "(iii)"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Ways and Means** recommends **SB 258** be amended on page 1, in line 13, following the period by inserting "Nothing in this section shall allow an employee of a state university to provide advice or recommendations which would directly effect such employee's financial benefit."; and the bill be passed as amended.

On motion of Senator Emler, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m, Monday, January 30, 2012.

HELEN MORELAND, ROSE MARIE GLATT, SHIRLEY LAMOTT, *Journal Clerks.*

PAT SAVILLE, *Secretary of the Senate.*

