

Journal of the Senate

FIFTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Friday, January 12, 2001—9:30 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Dave Kerr.
The roll was called with thirty-five senators present.
Senators Brownlee, Corbin, Downey, Steineger and Wagle were excused.
Invocation by Chaplain Fred S. Hollomon:

Heavenly Father,

On Monday we will observe the birthday anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr., a Baptist preacher who had a dream that one day all people would be judged by the content of their character and not the color of their skin.

I grew up in the south before desegregation. We had separate toilets, separate water fountains, separate restaurants, separate motels, separate parts of the bus, separate schools, separate churches, separate everything.

A black man could cut a white man's hair, but could not shake a white man's hand.

A black woman could raise a white woman's children, but she could not enter a white woman's front door.

And no black person could ever eat at the same table as a white person.

The only thing we really shared, O God, was the same Lord, and we couldn't even do that together. And, ironically, Lord, it was You who spent much of your time with the segregated when You walked this earth; tax collectors, Samaritans, prostitutes, lepers, and Gentiles.

And it was You, Lord, Who gave us the Golden Rule which established the principle for human relations: "Do to others what you would have them do to you." Matthew 7:12

I thank You for Who You are and what You have done and I pray in Your Name,

AMEN

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 28, An act concerning election campaign finance; prohibiting contributions in elections for the office of insurance commissioner from certain entities; and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof, by Committee on Elections and Local Government.

SB 29, An act relating to Kansas insurance coverage for children; concerning the six month waiting period; amending K.S.A. 38-2001 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance.

SB 30, An act concerning wills, trusts and other instruments; relating to invalidity of certain provisions, exceptions; amending K.S.A. 59-605 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 31, An act concerning the SRS transition oversight committee; redesignating such committee as the SRS oversight committee; amending K.S.A. 46-2701 and 75-4375 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Ways and Means (By request of SRS Transition Oversight Committee).

SB 32. An act concerning certain state agencies; relating to the Kansas governmental operations accountability law; amending K.S.A. 32-801, 74-2613, 74-5002f, 75-3702a, 75-4503, 75-5001, 75-5101, 75-5203, 75-5301, 75-5601, 75-5701 and 75-5903 and K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 2-1904 and 74-560 and repealing the existing sections, by Legislative Post Audit Committee.

SB 33. An act concerning law enforcement; relating to allocation and uses of certain forfeited property proceeds and certain tax assessment and penalty collection proceeds; prescribing accounting and reporting requirements; amending K.S.A. 79-5211 and K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 60-4117 and repealing the existing sections, by Legislative Post Audit Committee.

SB 34. An act concerning the Kansas lottery; relating to audits thereof; amending K.S.A. 74-8706 and K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 74-8707 and repealing the existing sections, by Joint Committee on Legislative Post Audit.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Assessment and Taxation: **SB 23.**

Education: **SB 24, SB 25.**

Federal and State Affairs: **SB 22.**

Judiciary: **SB 26, SB 27.**

Transportation: **SB 21.**

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

The President withdrew **SB 14** from the Committee on Federal and State Affairs, and referred the bill to the Committee on Judiciary.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Haley addressed the Senate commemorating the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. State and National Holiday.

Thank you, Mr. President and Senator Hensley.

It is fitting that my first address as a Kansas State Senator would be an earnest appeal to each of you and to our colleagues that we might bring to this great State and our collective constituencies greater depth to the underlying spirit of the State and National Holiday named for the birth of the late Martin Luther King, Jr.

Too often do we rush past holidays without genuine reflection of their true meanings. I rise this morning, with respect and admiration for this post and for each of our colleagues, to ask that this practice *not* be so of this particular Holiday; to enjoin each of us to be stewards of the self evident truth that all men, and women, are created equal in God's sight.

In the House for six years, it was my assertion that the philosophy of Dr. King (which we celebrate on Monday, January 15th; his 71st birthday), belongs not to my culture or to your culture; not to your religion or to my religion; not to my creed or yours; not to your political party or to mine. . . no, please understand that the values of non violent dispute resolution and equal justice under the law and impartial access to liberty are, indeed, *American* values.

They belong to us all. We, as Senators of a State born into the Union based on this premise of human equality and we, as just men and just women, can make it our duty to share this spirit of the King Holiday. My father George, a former Kansas Senator and classmate of Dr. King's at Morehouse College, used to quote a relevant passage which goes something like "The brotherhood of (human-kind) presupposes that all of us should live together in peace and in tranquillity with one another. For how can any of us claim to love God, whom we have not seen, but hate our neighbor whom we have seen. . .?"

It should be incumbent on each of us to explain to our families and to our communities that Martin Luther King Jr., the man, is not the reason for the Holiday that bears his name; but the reason for this Holiday was his life's mission. This Senate individually can do great deeds and no deed is greater than to urge our people to walk together in harmony; to study war no more.

Bring light to the vision. Have a safe Holiday; reverent and reflective.

On motion of Senator Oleen the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 16, 2001.

HELEN A. MORELAND, *Journal Clerk*.

PAT SAVILLE, *Secretary of Senate*.

