

Journal of the Senate

FOURTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Thursday, January 17, 2002—8:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Dave Kerr.

The roll was called with thirty-two senators present.

Senators Adkins, Gilstrap, Haley, Harrington, O'Connor, Pugh, Taddiken, and Tyson were excused.

President Kerr introduced as guest chaplain Senator Dwayne Umbarger, who delivered the invocation:

Dear God,

In the words of Thomas Paine, "These are the times that try men's souls." The acts of terrorism that have struck our homeland remind us that, though we are a strong and proud nation, even we are not immune to the devastation of criminal actions.

Terrorism is the preferred weapon of weak and evil men. As Edmund Burke reminded us, in order for evil to succeed, it's only necessary that good men do nothing. Americans have demonstrated once again that doing nothing is not America's policy. We have met the challenge and with your help, Father, we shall overcome.

We pray for your guidance, your blessings and your grace to shine upon our nation. We look to you for the strength and courage to stand in defense of the principles of democracy and the representative form of government, a free enterprise system and freedom of worship; things that have made our country great.

These enduring principles insure future generations to defend liberty - not a gift from government, but a blessing from you our Creator.

We are reminded of our promise in 2 Chronicles, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Today, the lamp of individual conscience burns bright in America. This is the real task before us: to reassert our commitment as a nation to a law higher than our own, to renew our spiritual strength.

Help us to understand that only by building a wall of such spiritual resolve can we, as a free people, hope to protect our own heritage and make it someday the birthright of all men.

With faith in you, God, how can we not believe in the greatness of America? How can we not do what is right and needed to preserve this last, best hope of man on earth? You are the solid rock upon which this Christian nation has built a firm foundation.

We ask you to continue to bless America as we re-affirm our faith in you.

In the name of your precious son, and our Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 396, An act concerning the director of accounts and reports; authorizing the processing and payment of certain claims from the secretary of corrections, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 397, An act concerning telecommunications providers; relating to the use of public rights-of-way; amending K.S.A. 12-2001 and 17-1902 and repealing the existing sections, by Joint Committee on Economic Development.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Agriculture: **SB 395**.

Education: **SB 393, SB 394**.

Financial Institutions & Insurance: **SB 388, SB 389, SB 390**.

Judiciary: **SB 391, SB 392**.

REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS

SR 1801 reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Secretary of the Senate on January 16, 2002.

On motion of Senator Oleen the Senate adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 18, 2002.

Pursuant to adjournment members of the Senate met at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas, to discuss higher education research proposals regarding investments in life sciences, food safety and security, and aviation research.

HELEN A. MORELAND, *Journal Clerk*.

PAT SAVILLE, *Secretary of Senate*.

