

Journal of the Senate

FOURTY-SECOND DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Thursday, March 14, 2002—2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Dave Kerr.

The roll was called with thirty-eight senators present.

Senators Harrington and Morris were excused.

Invocation by Chaplain Fred S. Hollomon:

Heavenly Father,

We're dealing with a shortfall

Beyond our comprehension.

Seven hundred million dollars

Has gotten our attention.

Someone opinionated

That what we have this session

Is even worse than what we had

During the great depression!

There doesn't see to be much doubt

That at the very best

People will be paying more

And people will be getting less.

And of course we've heard before

No one really cares

How much taxes must be raised

As long as it's not theirs!

And others really do not care

How much receipts are trimmed,

It really doesn't matter,

As long as it's not them!

In view of the magnitude, O God,

I think that I should mention

We really would appreciate

A divine intervention.

Help us find what we've not found,

Help us see what we've not seen.

Then we will know without a doubt

That You have intervened!!

I pray in the Name of Christ,

AMEN

GUESTS

Senator Barnett rose on a point of personal privilege to introduce his intern, Kristin Theohary, who has been elected Associated Student Government President at Emporia State University.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bill was introduced and read by title:

SB 647, An act concerning the Kansas higher education coordination act; relating to the financing of postsecondary educational institutions and the powers, duties and functions of the state board of regents; amending K.S.A. 77-415 and K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 71-620, 72-6503, 74-3201b, 74-3202c, 74-3202d, 74-3205a, 74-3205b, 74-3205c and 74-3205d and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Ways and Means.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Assessment and Taxation: **SB 645**.

Judiciary: **HB 2867**.

Transportation: **SB 646**.

Ways and Means: **SB 644; Sub HB 2488**.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1832—

A RESOLUTION recognizing the National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees.

WHEREAS, The development of our national system of railroads parallels in large part the development of our nation. For Kansas, the location of railway bridges over the Missouri River spurred the development of Kansas cities such as Atchison, Leavenworth and Kansas City. As the frontier raced across the Kansas prairie, the location of the railroad decided the success or failure of many early Kansas cities. Today in our largely agricultural state, the availability of easily accessible rail sites assures the success of our farm economy; and

WHEREAS, The National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees will hold its 33rd biennial convention in Kansas City on May 19, 20 and 21, 2002. This year's convention is sponsored by Unit 90 of Kansas City, Kansas, and Unit 95 of Kansas City, Missouri. It will be attended by 275 to 300 persons representing 148 local units of the organization; and

WHEREAS, The National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees (NARVRE) counts as one of its major achievements the passage of the Railway Improvement Act, which was signed into law in December of 2001. Major issues to be considered at this year's convention are inclusion of prescription drugs for individuals receiving medicare benefits and support of Amtrak. The organization believes in the statement: "You are important to NARVRE; make NARVRE important to you". Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That the Senate recognizes the importance of the railroad to our state's economy and welcomes the National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees to Kansas for their biennial convention; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Fred Miller, President, Unit 90, National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees, 3600 Victoria, Kansas City, Kansas 66106.

On emergency motion of Senator Steineger **SR 1823** was adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Transportation** recommends **HB 2663** be passed.

Committee on **Utilities** recommends **HB 2792** be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

On motion of Senator Oleen the Senate adjourned until 9:30 a.m., Friday, March 15, 2002.

HELEN A. MORELAND, *Journal Clerk*.

PAT SAVILLE, *Secretary of Senate*.

