

Journal of the House

SIXTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Tuesday, January 18, 2005, 11:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment with Speaker Mays in the chair.
The roll was called with 122 members present.
Reps. Beggs and M. Miller were excused on verified illness.
Rep. Shultz was excused on legislative business.

APPOINTMENT

Speaker Mays announced the appointment of the Rev. Michael Chamberlain, pastor, First United Methodist Church, Topeka, as permanent chaplain for the 2005 session of the Legislature.

Prayer by Chaplain Chamberlain:

O God of Isaiah and Jeremiah, of Amos and Hosea, of Malachi and Zechariah. God of all the prophets, we praise your name this day and turn our hearts and our lives to you.

You, O God, are just and righteous and in your presence there is no darkness. You call for justice to flow like a river and for righteousness and fear of the Lord to rule all creation. Thank you, Lord, for the prophets that you have sent among us. Thank you for their faithfulness to your call when the world around them rebelled at your message. Thank you for their willingness to depart from the easy and the popular path to walk in righteousness with you and to show us the way.

Thank you, O God, for the prophets you send into our lives. Today we confess that we do not like to hear them any better than their ancestors. We confess that we still rebel against their messages and your love for our own selfish purposes. Your prophets still die.

Keep sending those who speak out for your kingdom, O God, and do not forsake us. Unplug our ears, unburden our hearts and loose our tongues that we too might be instruments of your grace and peace, doing your work on earth as it is done in heaven. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. D. Johnson.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and concurrent resolution were introduced and read by title:

HB 2063, An act concerning residency determinations at state educational institutions; concerning appeals from decisions relating thereto, by Committee on Higher Education.

HB 2064, An act relating to state university faculty and staff; providing for certain state agency work experiences, by Committee on Higher Education.

HB 2065, An act relating to postsecondary educational institutions; establishing the business workforce training advisory group; authorizing certain fees, by Committee on Higher Education.

HB 2066, An act relating to postsecondary educational institutions; providing for a website of certain information regarding postsecondary educational institutions, by Committee on Higher Education.

HB 2067, An act relating to postsecondary educational institutions; providing for the state board of regents to develop certain performance indicators, by Committee on Higher Education.

HB 2068, An act relating to community and technical colleges; providing for county commissioners to pay certain operating costs of satellite campuses of community or technical colleges, by Committee on Higher Education.

HB 2069, An act relating to postsecondary educational institutions; providing for the designation of service territories of community colleges and technical colleges by the state board of regents, by Committee on Higher Education.

HB 2070, An act concerning postsecondary educational institutions; providing for the assessment of non-main campus classes versus main campus classes, by Committee on Higher Education.

HB 2071, An act concerning the investment of public moneys; amending K.S.A. 12-1675 and 72-8804 and repealing the existing sections, by Representative O'Neal.

HB 2072, An act relating to United States military personnel; concerning tuition and fee waivers; amending K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 75-4364 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Higher Education.

HB 2073, An act concerning property taxation; relating to unpaid real property taxes; judgment and enforcement thereof pursuant to code of civil procedure, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2074, An act relating to motor vehicles; providing for distinctive license plates for United States armed forces reserve; amending K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 8-1,141 and 8-1,147 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

HB 2075, An act concerning death and disability benefits for certain public employees; relating to plan design and contributions; amending K.S.A. 74-4932 and 74-4952 and K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 74-4902 and 74-4927 and repealing the existing sections, by Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits.

HB 2076, An act enacting Miki's law; requiring registration of offenders convicted of certain felonies; prescribing penalties for certain violations; amending K.S.A. 12-16,123 and K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 22-3717, 45-221 and 75-5291 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 45-221g and 45-221h, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 5004—

By Representatives F. Miller, Dahl, Faber, Freeborn, Goico, Huy, E. Johnson, McCreary, McLeland, Merrick, Judy Morrison, Myers, Peck, Powers and Siegfried

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging Congress to modify the provisions of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to simplify the procedure for removal of voters from voter registration lists.

WHEREAS, The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 imposed national standards upon the states regarding creation and maintenance of lists of registered voters; and

WHEREAS, The required notification procedure could be simplified to require the state or local election official only to provide to the public a general notice stating that if a voter has not voted in the two preceding elections for federal office, such voter must vote in the next general election for federal office or else such voter's name will be deleted from the voter registration list; and

WHEREAS, The national standards create an onerous, costly and time consuming notification procedure which must be followed before a voter's name may be deleted from a voter registration list; and

WHEREAS, The current standards and procedures for removal of a voter's name from a voter registration list could be simplified for state and local election officials by allowing a voter's name to be removed, without notification, for failure to vote in, at most, three consecutive general elections for federal office: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein: That the Legislature strongly urges the Congress of the United States to amend the appropriate sections of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to allow state and

local election officials to replace the current onerous, costly and time consuming notification procedure with a simpler procedure only requiring that the state or local election official provide to the public two general publication notices in a minimum size of 10 point stating that if a voter has not voted in the two preceding elections for federal office, such voter must vote in the next general election for federal office or else such voter's name will be deleted from the voter registration list. The first notification must be issued two weeks before the date of such election and the second notification must be issued one week before the date of such election; and

Be it further resolved: That the Legislature strongly urges the Congress of the United States to amend the appropriate sections of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to allow state and local election officials to remove a voter's name from a voter registration list for failure to vote in, at most, three consecutive general elections for federal office in lieu of following the currently required notification procedure; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State is directed to send enrolled copies of this resolution to each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation and the President of the United States.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

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

Corrections and Juvenile Justice: **HB 2061**, **HB 2062**.

Taxation: **HB 2060**.

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The following concurrent resolution, appearing on the Calendar as "To Be Referred," was referred to committee as indicated:

Federal and State Affairs: **SCR 1601**.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Governmental Organization and Elections** recommends **HB 2007** be passed.

REPORT ON ENROLLED RESOLUTIONS

HCR 5002, **HCR 5003** reported correctly enrolled and properly signed on January 14, 2005.

Also, **HR 6005**, **HR 6006** reported correctly enrolled and properly signed on January 18, 2005.

On motion of Rep. Aurand, the House adjourned until 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 19, 2005.

CHARLENE SWANSON, *Journal Clerk*.

JANET E. JONES, *Chief Clerk*.

