

Journal of the Senate

THIRD DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Wednesday, January 14, 2009—2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Stephen Morris.
The roll was called with thirty-nine senators present.
Senator Wysong was excused.
Invocation by Chaplain Fred S. Hollomon:

Heavenly Father,
We are here today to honor
Someone to whom honor is due:
You have blessed her, Lord, with talent:
A lady whom we know as Sue.
On the legislative staff in eighty-five
Is where she made her debut;
Rendering outstanding service,
This lady whom we know as Sue.
She was promoted in nineteen ninety-six
To Chief of Staff and we knew
She would continue to excel,
This lady whom we know as Sue.
As Chief of Staff for three presidents,
She did what few people could do:
She adapted to each president's style,
This lady whom we know as Sue.
And now she is retiring
She's earned some rest, it's true.
We pray You'll continue to bless her, Lord,
This lady whom we know as Sue.
I pray this prayer in Jesus' Name,
AMEN

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Stephen Morris.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 24, An act repealing the Kansas insurance score act; repealing K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 40-5101, 40-5102, 40-5103, 40-5104, 40-5105, 40-5106, 40-5107, 40-5108, 40-5109, 40-5110, 40-5111, 40-5112, 40-5113 and 40-5114, by Senators Faust-Goudeau, Kelsey and Masterson.

SB 25, An act concerning crimes and punishments; relating to smoking; amending K.S.A. 21-3105, 21-4009, 21-4010, 21-4011, 21-4012 and 65-530 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 21-4016 and 21-4017, by Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

SB 26, An act concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to drug offenses; possession of a firearm; sentencing; amending K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 21-4705 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 27, An act concerning paternity; amending K.S.A. 38-1114 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 28, An act concerning traffic; relating to the transportation of controlled substances; amending K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 8-1599 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 29, An act concerning the state board of technical professions; relating to licensure; amending K.S.A. 74-7003, 74-7009, 74-7013, 74-7018, 74-7021, 74-7022, 74-7023, 74-7025, 74-7026, 74-7029, 74-7031, 74-7034, 74-7036 and 74-7041 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 74-7043, 74-7044 and 74-7045, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committee as indicated:

Ways and Means: **SB 20**, **SB 21**, **SB 22**, **SB 23**.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

Senators Morris, Abrams, Apple, Barnett, Brownlee, Bruce, Brungardt, Colyer, Donovan, Emler, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Haley, Hensley, Holland, Huelskamp, Kelly, Kelsey, Kultala, Lee, Lynn, Marshall, Masterson, McGinn, Ostmeyer, Owens, Petersen, Pilcher-Cook, Pyle, Reitz, D. Schmidt, V. Schmidt, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Umbarger, Vratil, Wagle, and Wysong introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1804—

A RESOLUTION congratulating and thanking Sue Krische.

WHEREAS, Sue Krische has provided the Kansas Legislature with years of service, including her unprecedented tenure as Chief of Staff to three Senate Presidents over the course of 12 years; and

WHEREAS, Sue Krische was born in Topeka, Kansas. She attended Catholic schools and graduated from Hayden High School prior to attending St. Mary's College in Leavenworth, Kansas for two years before graduating with a bachelor's degree in English from Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Sue Krische married Larry Krische in 1965, and they lovingly welcomed and raised their three sons: John and his younger twin brothers Matt and Dan. As their sons were growing up, the family followed Larry in his employment with Santa Fe to Chicago, Illinois and San Bernardino, California before ultimately coming back to Topeka in 1971; and

WHEREAS, When her sons were older and in school, Sue Krische began her work for the Kansas Legislature in 1985, serving as a session secretary for Rep. Bill Bunten and as Committee Secretary for House Appropriations under Rep. Bunten from 1987 to 1991 before becoming Administrative Assistant on House Appropriations for Rep. George Teagarden in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Sue Krische made the leap to the Senate in 1993, serving as session secretary to Senate Vice President and chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee Jerry Moran before later that year moving up the back steps and becoming the full-time Executive Secretary to Senate President Bud Burke; and

WHEREAS, Upon Senator Dick Bond's ascent to the office of Senate President in 1997, he tapped Sue Krische to serve as his Chief of Staff. Sue Krische continued in her role as Chief of Staff when Senate President Dave Kerr assumed the office in 2001 and when Senate President Stephen R. Morris did so in 2005. Sue Krische's intelligence, loyalty and discretion were the hallmarks of her service to all three Senate Presidents during her 12 years as Chief of Staff; and

WHEREAS, Sue Krische's 12-year tenure as the senior staff to the Senate President is unprecedented. Her appointment and reappointment to this key role significantly altered the scope and definition of the position; and

WHEREAS, Sue Krische has been a tremendous asset to the Kansas Legislature throughout her years of service which have been marked by her well known unflappable calm, low-profile approach, unfailing attention to detail and iron determination. Sue Krische's dedicated service to each Senate President has left an indelible mark on the office of Chief of Staff and her integrity and fairness will long be standards by which other "chiefs" will be measured: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and thank Sue Krische for the years of devoted service she gave to the State of Kansas and for the legacy of excellence she leaves after her many years as Chief of Staff to the office of Senate President; and

Be it further resolved: That we express heartfelt gratitude to Sue Krische for her tireless efforts on behalf of the Kansas Legislature and to wish for her a happy, healthy and eventful retirement. We also thank her family: husband Larry Krische, their eldest son John, his wife Lisa and their baby boy Ben; their twin sons Matt and Dan, with Dan's wife Amanda, their twin daughters Ellen and Julia and baby boy Sam. May you all enjoy many good times together in the years to come.

On emergency motion of Senator Morris **SR 1804** was adopted unanimously.

REMARKS BY SENATOR MORRIS

The Congressional Medal of Honor is the highest award for *valor in action* which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States. It is generally presented by the President, in the *name* of Congress.

If the Kansas Legislature had such an honor, it most certainly would be bestowed upon Sue Krische. For valor in action.

I am not the only Senate President to benefit from having Sue Krische as a "wing man". Not only did Sue serve as Chief of Staff for an *unprecedented three consecutive Senate Presidents*, but she was the executive secretary for a fourth Senate President, a committee secretary for a Senate Vice President and served as a committee secretary and administrative assistant to two House Appropriations Chairmen.

I believe some of these distinguished former legislative leaders are here in the chamber today for this special recognition for Sue. To former Senate Presidents Bud Burke, Dick Bond and Dave Kerr, to former Senate Vice President, now *Congressman* Jerry Moran, and to former House Appropriations Chairmen Bill Bunten and George Teagarden, let's give a nice round of applause.

Back to you, Sue. It is hard to put into words how much I appreciate all you did for me for the past four years. It is hard to know how to thank you for all you have done through your many years of service to the Senate and to the Legislature. I was thinking back last night, and I cannot begin to count the number of primary campaigns, general election campaigns, the sheer number of candidates—both those who were elected and those who were not. The amount of money you helped raise. The events you helped coordinate. The votes you helped round up and count. The late night phone calls. The early morning meetings. The travel. The good times. The hard times. The times when the Kansas Senate seemed like the only thing in the world that mattered — and the times when the Kansas Senate seemed insignificant compared to life outside the dome.

Through all the good and bad, you remained the consummate professional. When everything else seemed uncertain, your loyalty, credibility and discretion were steadfast. You never sought the limelight, never expected the credit. Your quiet but effective style kept our staff together, and left us Presidents to focus on our jobs.

Thank you, Sue, for your wisdom and your expertise. Thank you for your willingness to do whatever the job required.

You have been an advisor, a confidante and a friend. I will miss you on my staff, but I look forward to remaining friends. I wish you the very best always, and I know the entire Senate joins me in saying farewell, good luck and God Bless.

President Morris introduced members of Sue's family: her husband, Larry Krishe; her twin sons, Matt and Dan with Dan's wife Amanda and their children, twin girls Julia and Ellen, and son Sam and Sue's brother-in-law, Father Vince Krische. Her oldest son, John with his wife Lisa and their son Ben were unable to attend.

In closing President Morris asked the family to take good care of Sue and thanked them for sharing her all these years.

Senators Hensley, Reitz and Vratil also paid tribute to Sue.

On motion of Senator D. Schmidt the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Thursday, January 15, 2009.

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

PAT SAVILLE, *Secretary of the Senate.*

