

Journal of the Senate

FIFTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Friday, January 16, 2009—8:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by Vice President John Vratil.
The roll was called with thirty senators present.
Senators Barnett, Brownlee, Bruce, Brungardt, Colyer, Haley, Masterson, Morris, Pyle and Wagle were excused.

Invocation by Chaplain Fred S. Hollomon:

Heavenly Father,

His name was Martin Luther King, Jr.

He was born and lived in a land of racial prejudice.

I know, because I lived there too.

He followed his father into the gospel ministry.

Like the rest of us, he was not perfect.

But he had a dream.

I believe that dream came from You, O God.

His roots as a Baptist preacher served him well.

He knew it was not Your will for one race to ostracize another.

What made him different was his weapon.

He did not come with a gun.

He refused to resort to violence

His weapon was passive resistance.

And to the surprise of his opposition he won.

The war was not won, but a strategic battle prevailed.

Today, people of all colors drink from the same fountain.

Today, people of all colors use the same rest rooms.

Today, people of all colors eat at the same restaurants

Today, people of all colors sit together on buses.

Today, people of all colors sit together in church.

No, prejudice has not been obliterated.

But the dream of one black Baptist preacher is slowly coming true.

The old song, "We Shall Overcome" marches on.

And I believe if Martin Luther King, Jr. was alive today, he would join me in proclaiming, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, among people with whom He is pleased."

I pray this in the name of Jesus Christ.

AMEN

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President John Vratil.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 44, An act concerning civil actions and civil penalties; relating to the submission of false or fraudulent claims to or the performance of fraudulent acts upon the state or a political subdivision thereof, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 45, An act concerning the Kansas power of attorney act; amending K.S.A. 58-652, 58-656 and 58-657 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Judiciary.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Commerce: **SB 35, SB 36.**

Education: **SB 40, SB 41.**

Ethics and Elections: **SB 38, SB 42, SB 43**

Financial Institutions & Insurance: **SB 39.**

Judiciary: **SB 34.**

Public Health and Welfare: **SB 31, SB 32, SB 33.**

Transportation: **SB 37.**

Ways and Means: **SB 30.**

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

TREASURER'S OFFICE
STATE OF KANSAS

January 15, 2009

As required by KSA 75-650, Dennis McKinney, State Treasurer, submitted a report assessing the three year pilot period for the Kansas Investments Developing Scholars Matching Grant Program.

The Vice President announced the above report is on file in the office of the Secretary of the Senate and is available for review at any time.

On motion of Senator D. Schmidt the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 20, 2009.

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

PAT SAVILLE, *Secretary of the Senate.*

