

Journal of the Senate

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Monday, March 2, 2009—2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Stephen Morris.
The roll was called with thirty-eight senators present.
Senators D. Schmidt and Pyle were excused.
Invocation by Chaplain Fred S. Hollomon:

Heavenly Father,
From time to time I hear people being accused of “playing politics”.
I guess this has been going on since the first Congress and state legislatures.
Someone thinks he’s doing right,
Not resorting to any tricks.
But another says all he’s doing
Is “playing politics”.
One person admits that he might
Be acting like a maverick.
Another person begs to differ,
Saying he’s “playing politics”.
Another person is accused
Of doing things too quick,
But it’s enough to be accused
Of “playing politics”.
Lord, maybe most of us
Have gotten in our licks,
And could be accused of
“Playing politics.”
I wonder when the trumpet blows
And You return to take Your pick,
The rest will shake their heads and say,
“They’re still playing politics.”
I pray in the Name of Jesus Christ,
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 295, An act concerning blind and visually impaired persons; establishing the motor vehicle and safe mobility committee; powers and duties thereof, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 296. An act concerning state finance; establishing a process to evaluate and implement federal funding available for state agencies under the federal American economic recovery and reinvestment act of 2009, by Committee on Ways and Means.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bill and resolutions were referred to Committees as indicated:

Federal and State Affairs: **SR 1835.**

Judiciary: **SCR 1611.**

Ways and Means: **SB 294.**

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Announcing passage of **Sub HB 2014.**

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

Sub HB 2014 was thereupon introduced and read by title.

REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

The President referred **Sub HB 2014** to the Committee on **Utilities.**

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1840—

A Resolution congratulating and commending the Sterling High School debate team for sweeping the 2009 3-2-1A Two-Speaker Debate state tournament.

WHEREAS, On January 24, 2009, the Sterling High School debate team won first, second and third place in the 3-2-1A Two-Speaker State Championship; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Sterling High School debate team are Jesi Ball, Brianna Bennett, Anna Brashear, Eric Hostetler, Sam Leake, Breanna Muns, Daniel Skucius and Brett Smith; and

WHEREAS, The team was well-coached throughout the season by head coach Betsy Dutton and assistant coach Melissa Feil; and

WHEREAS, The team of Sam Leake and Jesi Ball captured first place with an 8-1 record, the team of Eric Hostetler and Daniel Skucius finished second with an 8-1 record and the team of Brett Smith and Anna Brashear earned third place with a 5-3 record; and

WHEREAS, Sterling's overwhelming success was made all the more impressive by the fact that Sam Leake was the only team member with 4 years of debate experience; and

WHEREAS, The efforts of the 2009 team bring great credit upon themselves and their families, coaches and school and are deserving of being applauded for their hard work and effort required to excel in this activity: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend the Sterling High School debate team for sweeping the 3-2-1A Two-Speaker Debate State Championship; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate provide 10 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Jay Scott Emler for presentation to the team.

On emergency motion of Senator Emler **SR1840** was adopted unanimously.

Representing the team were Sam Leake, Eric Hostetler, Daniel Skucius, Brett Smith, Anna Brashear and Head Coach Betsy Dutton. They were recognized with a standing ovation.

REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS

SR 1836, SR 1837, SR 1838, SR 1839 reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Secretary of the Senate on March 2, 2009.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Local Government** recommends **SB 253** be amended on page 4, after line 19, by inserting the following:

“New Sec. 2. No city or county may establish procedures regarding the adoption of special use or conditional use permits for mining operations subject to K.S.A. 49-601 et seq., and amendments thereto, which require the approval of more than a majority of all members of the governing body.”;

And by renumbering the remaining sections accordingly; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Transportation** recommends **SB 153** be passed.

On motion of Senator V. Schmidt the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2009.

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

PAT SAVILLE, *Secretary of the Senate.*

