

Journal of the House

SECOND DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 11:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment with Speaker Merrick in the chair.

The roll was called with 123 members present.

Rep. Peterson was excused on verified illness.

Rep. Christmann was excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by Chaplain Brubaker:

Yahweh, God,
Today, my prayer for this community of leaders,
is that you will bless them with good communication.
Help them to not talk at each other,
but with each other.
Help each one to be quick to hear,
slow to speak,
and slow to anger.
Help them realize that a
soft answer turns away wrath,
whereas a harsh word stirs up anger.
And remind them often that,
“*they* have two ears and one mouth
so that *they* can listen twice as much as *they* speak.”
I ask these things in Your Name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. McPherson.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

There being no objection, the following remarks of Rep. Hill are spread upon the Journal:

Today I am pleased to share exciting news from the Hill family. This morning at 5:03 in Los Angeles, our daughter-in-law and son, Alicia and Spencer, welcomed into the world their son, our grandson, Parker David Hill. Parker weighed 8 pounds 10 ounces, and was delivered after nearly 30 hours of labor.

Parker and parents are doing well. I thank all of you for the opportunity to share with my legislative family.

APPOINTMENTS

Speaker Merrick announced the appointment of Susan Kannarr as Chief Clerk and Hal Hudson as Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

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

Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget: **HB 2417, HB 2429.**

Children and Seniors: **HB 2418.**

Corrections and Juvenile Justice: **HB 2425, HB 2427.**

Elections: **HB 2428.**

Judiciary: **HB 2421, HB 2423, HB 2426.**

Local Government: **HB 2419, HB 2420.**

Rules and Journal: **HCR 5020, HR 6037.**

Taxation: **HB 2422.**

Transportation: **HB 2424.**

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

Speaker Merrick announced the withdrawal of **HB 2354, SB 45** from the Calendar under the heading General Orders and rereferral to Committee on Elections.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

January 9, 2014

Message to the Kansas House of Representatives:

Enclosed herewith is Executive Order No. 14-01 for your information

Executive Order No. 14-01 for Local Emergencies
Concerning Conditional and Temporary Relief from Motor Carrier
Rules and Regulations

SAM BROWNBACK
Governor

The above Executive Order is on file and open for inspection in the office of the Chief Clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

From Ryan A. Hoffman, Director, Conservation Division, Kansas Corporation Commission, in accordance with K.S.A. 55-192 and K.S.A. 55-193, Gas Well Status Report and Remediation Site Status Report, 2014.

From the Kansas State Department of Education, Special Report, pursuant to SB 155, State Aid for Career and Technical Education Programs/Courses.

The complete reports are kept on file and open for inspection in the office of the Chief Clerk.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Announcing adoption of **SR 1772**, a resolution relating to the organization of the 2014 Senate and selection of the following officers:

Susan Wagle, President,
 Jeff King, Vice President,
 Terry Bruce, Majority Leader,
 Anthony Hensley, Minority Leader,
 Corey Carnahan, Secretary,
 Charles (Nick) Nicolay, Sergeant-at-Arms

and awaits the pleasure of the House of Representatives.

Also, announcing adoption of **HCR 5021**, a concurrent resolution relating to a committee to wait upon the Governor and advise him the 2014 session of the Legislature is duly organized and ready to receive communication.

Also, announcing the appointment of Senators Lynn and Haley as Senate members of the committee to wait upon the Governor.

Also, announcing adoption of **HCR 5022**, a concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of the Senate and House of Representatives for the purpose of hearing a message from the Governor.

The Senate announces the appointment of Senators Peterson and Hawk to escort the Governor and Senators Emler and Francisco to escort the Lt. Governor. Also, Senators Smith and Petty to escort the Supreme Court.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On emergency motion of Rep. Kelley, **HR 6040**, by Reps. Kelley, Bradford, Meier and O'Brien, as follows, was introduced and adopted:

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. HR 6040—

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the members of the 2014 Kansas Teacher of the Year team.

WHEREAS, The Kansas state department of education sponsors the Kansas Teacher of the Year program which identifies, recognizes and utilizes representatives of excellent teaching in the elementary and secondary classrooms of the state. The mission of the program is to build and utilize a network of exemplary teachers who are leaders in the improvement of schools, student performance and the teaching profession; and

WHEREAS, Two teachers – one elementary and one secondary – in each of the state's four United States congressional districts were selected as finalists for recognition as Kansas Teacher of the Year; the Kansas Teacher of the Year being chosen from among the eight finalists. The Kansas Teacher of the Year is awarded the Hubbard Foundation Kansas Teacher of the Year Ambassadorship which enables the person selected to devote significant time during the second semester to activities to support the mission of the program. The 2014 Kansas Teacher of the Year and finalists were honored at an awards banquet on November 23, 2013. All members received a cash award as well as mementos of the events; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Teacher of the Year is nominated to represent Kansas in the National Teacher of the Year program, a project of the Council of Chief State School Officers sponsored by Target in partnership with the ING Foundation, the University of

Phoenix and People to People Ambassador Programs; and

WHEREAS, The 2014 Kansas Teacher of the Year is Jeff Baxter, Leavenworth USD 453, and the regional finalists are Jennifer M. Bailey, Valley Center USD 262; Marney Hay, Maize USD 266; Brandi Leggett, De Soto USD 232; Mary Lonker, Wamego USD 320; Jenny M. Nash, Paola USD 368; Katie Perez, Hutchinson USD 308; and Jennifer R. Smith, Blue Valley USD 229: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend the members of the 2014 Kansas Teacher of the Year team and wish Mr. Baxter success in the national competition; and

Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send eight enrolled copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Education for forwarding to the members of the 2014 Kansas Teacher of the Year team.

There being no object, the following remarks of Reps. Kelley, Bradford, Meier and O'Brien are spread upon the Journal:

Remarks of Rep. Kelley:

Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction, and skillful execution - it is the wise choice of many alternatives.
---William A. Foster

We're privileged to have with us today a group of exceptional teachers who have achieved the honor of State and Regional Teachers of the Year.

They are confident...confident in their skills and abilities. They have compassion for their students. They have an understanding way about them, and they understand the demands and pressures on their students. They are patient, and dedicated to excellence.

They have an unwavering support for their students - for them, there are no lost causes. They have immense pride in their students. These qualities come from a fierce passion for their work, which is almost always their life's mission.

We know the most important ingredient in student achievement is an education filled with quality teachers. Each of us remembers those teachers who made a mark on our lives, and helped shape our worlds. For the rest of your lives, long after you no longer are actively teaching, you will have students who speak of what you meant to them and the indelible prints you left upon their lives.

I would like to again recognize this fine group of teachers: 2014 Kansas Teacher of the Year, Jeff Baxter, and 2014 Kansas Regional Teachers of the Year, Jennifer Bailey, Marney Hay, Brandi Leggett, Mary Lonker, Jenny Nash, Katie Perez, and Jennifer Smith.

Please join me in showing our gratitude for each of them with a heartfelt round of applause.

Remarks of Rep. Bradford:

I am delighted to speak to this resolution to honor the achievements of Mr. Baxter and all the runners-up. This resolution is significant for Leavenworth because last year, we had a teacher selected as a runner up for Teacher of the Year...and this year Teacher of the Year by Mr. Baxter. This resolution attests to the quality of teachers in the Leavenworth School system. I am proud to have Leavenworth as part of my districts.

Remarks of Rep. O'Brien:

It is an honor to be standing here to support this resolution honoring the teacher of the year for the state of Kansas, Jeff Baxter. Mr. Baxter teaches science at Leavenworth High School. I know Mr. Baxter will represent the state of Kansas very well. I am sure his students are grateful for his decision to become a teacher.

Remarks of Rep. Meier:

As a Leavenworth High School Pioneer myself with fond memories of my favorite teachers throughout the years, it makes me very proud to stand here with our top Kansas teachers this year. I thank them for their hard work and sacrifice and for making the choice to serve on the front lines for our children. Our children and their education are our number one priority, and these teachers are the ones who put in the long hours, their talents, and their very hearts and souls to ensure our bright future.

Good luck to Mr. Baxter in his national competition. I know you will represent our Leavenworth and Kansas Pioneer spirit to the Nation well; and you will prevail!

On motion of Rep. Vickrey, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 15, 2014.

CHARLENE SWANSON, *Journal Clerk.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

