

Journal of the House

FIFTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Friday, January 17, 2014, 8:00 a.m.

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

The roll was called with 106 members present.

Reps. Bridges, Kuether and Peterson were excused on verified illness.

Reps. Brunk, Henry, Johnson, Peck, Shultz and Suellentrop were excused on legislative business.

Reps. Bruchman, Huebert, Hutton, Kahrs, Kleeb, Menghini, Rhoades, Ruiz, Sawyer and Schwab were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by Chaplain Brubaker:

Dear Lord,
This week I have been praying for these leaders
the ability to build community,
create purposeful communication,
work cooperatively,
and develop cohesiveness.
May this be the very foundation
upon which this legislative session is built.
As the leaders finish up their work today
and head home for a long holiday weekend,
I pray a reminder from Dr. Martin Luther King,
“whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.
I can never be what I ought to be
until you are what you ought to be.
This is the interrelated structure of reality.”
Help each person be that which You have purposed for them to be.
I pray this in Your Name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Alford.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

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

HB 2454, AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to the transportation of non-resident pupils; amending K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 72-1046b and repealing the existing section, by Representative Highland.

HB 2455, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to exemptions; certain utility systems and appurtenances located on military installations; amending K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 79-201a and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2456, AN ACT concerning property taxation; defining commercial and industrial machinery and equipment, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2457, AN ACT concerning utilities; relating to electric transmission, by Committee on Energy and Environment.

HB 2458, AN ACT concerning utilities; relating to net metering; amending K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 66-1264, 66-1265 and 66-1266 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Energy and Environment.

HB 2459, AN ACT designating a portion of K-7 highway as the SGT David Enzbrenner memorial highway, by Committee on Transportation.

HB 2460, AN ACT concerning electricity; sale of renewable energy; public utility, definitions, exceptions; amending K.S.A. 66-1,170 and K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 66-104 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Energy and Environment.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. **HCR 5023**—

By Committee on Health and Human Services

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION designating January 20-26, 2014, as "Women's Reproductive Health Awareness Week."

WHEREAS, Women comprise more than half of the population of the United States of America, and are solely responsible for childbearing; and

WHEREAS, Women who plan their pregnancies are more likely to seek prenatal care, improving their own health and the health of their children; and

WHEREAS, The United States of America has one of the highest rates of maternal mortality among all developed nations; and

WHEREAS, Family planning services improve health care outcomes and wellness for women and families, and access to family planning is directly linked to declines in maternal and infant mortality rates. Women who do not receive prenatal care are three to four times more likely to die after a live birth than are women who have received even minimal prenatal care; and

WHEREAS, Contraception enables women to better prevent unintended pregnancies and plan for pregnancy when they do want to have a child; and

WHEREAS, Nearly half of all unintended pregnancies end in abortion and abortion rates in the United States of America increase during times when contraception is less accessible to low income women; and

WHEREAS, The United States of America has one of the highest rates of unintended pregnancy among the world's developed nations; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the primary purpose of allowing women to plan and prepare for pregnancy, other health benefits of contraception include reduced risk of endometrial and ovarian cancers, ectopic pregnancy, iron deficiency anemia related to heavy menstruation, osteoporosis and ovarian cysts; and

WHEREAS, Racial and ethnic health disparities are particularly pronounced in reproductive health, including disparities in rates of contraception usage, unintended pregnancies, maternal mortality and sexually transmitted infections. These disparities reveal significant barriers to access to sexual health care, including contraception,

medical care and medically accurate sexuality education; and

WHEREAS, A majority of American voters believe that matters related to women's reproductive rights are personal issues that should be decided by women with their families, health care providers or clergy members: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein: That we designate January 20-26, 2014, as "Women's Reproductive Health Awareness Week." We recognize the importance of encouraging public awareness, conversation and support for reproductive health nationwide.

Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Governor Sam Brownback and Representative Bollier.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Agriculture and Natural Resources: **HB 2439**.

Appropriations: **HB 2438**.

Children and Seniors: **HB 2450**.

Commerce, Labor and Economic Development: **HB 2440**.

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2437, HB 2453**.

Financial Institutions: **HB 2433**.

Health and Human Services: **HB 2434, HB 2435, HB 2436**.

Judiciary: **HB 2432, HB 2442, HB 2443, HB 2444, HB 2445, HB 2446, HB 2447, HB 2448, HB 2449**.

Transportation: **HB 2451, HB 2452**.

Utilities and Telecommunications: **HB 2441**.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

Speaker Merrick announced the withdrawal of **HB 2429** from Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget and referral to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Also, the withdrawal of **SB 7; Sub SB 36; SB 203; H Sub for SB 226** from the Calendar under the heading General Orders and referral to Committee on Calendar and Printing.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Your Committee on **Calendar and Printing** recommends on requests for resolutions and certificates that

Request No. 1, by Representative Cassidy, congratulating Northwest Kansas Technical College on receiving the Apple Distinguished Program Award;

Request No. 2, by Representative Gonzalez, commending Austin Paul Coughlin for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout;

Request No. 3, by Representative Gonzalez, commending Cody Koch for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout;

Request No. 4, by Representative Peck, congratulating Reba Jesseph on celebrating her 80th birthday;

Request No. 5, by Representative O'Brien, congratulating Joseph and Kathleen Davis on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary;

Request No. 6, by Representative O'Brien, congratulating John and Betty Grasso on celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary;

be approved and the Chief Clerk of the House be directed to order the printing of said certificates and order drafting of said resolutions.

On motion of Rep. Vickrey, the committee report was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Vickrey, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

CHARLENE SWANSON, *Journal Clerk*.

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk*.

