

Journal of the House

SIXTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Tuesday, January 21, 2014, 11:00 a.m.

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

The roll was called with 118 members present.

Reps. Perry, Peterson and Schwab were excused on verified illness.

Rep. Henry was excused on legislative business.

Reps. Estes, Kelley and Kleeb were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by Chaplain Brubaker:

Dear God,
Thank you for a new week –
for a new day to be used by You.
Be with these leaders as new bills are coming in.
Give them wisdom and discernment.
Help them as they make difficult decisions
to create a positive future.
Bless them with the grace that is needed
to work together to benefit our state.
Keep them in good health,
that they may faithfully fulfill the great responsibility
given them in their service.
Continue to be with Representative Peterson—
encourage him during this time and bring healing.
And for Rep. Kleeb, please bring comfort,
peace and consolation during this time of great
loss in the passing of his wife, Nancy.
For everything that is accomplished today,
may it be done for Your honor and glory.
This I pray in Your Name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Carlin.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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

I would like to recognize Northwest Kansas Technical College and their President,

Ed Mills, for receiving the Apple Distinguished School Award for 2013-2015.

The Apple Award is a prestigious award for innovation, leadership, and educational excellence. Northwest Kansas Technical College is the first two year college and the first college in Kansas to receive this award.

Dr. Mills began his presidency in 2009 and since that time the college has grown from 291 students to 626 students, an increase of 115%.

Every program at Northwest Tech emphasizes hands-on learning and real work experience in the field, supported by complete iPad integration in the classroom. Instructors work hard to help students connect mind, hand and heart, and the iPad Mobile Learning Initiative.

Rep. Cassidy introduced Dr. Mills and the others in attendance and presented them with a framed House certificate.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

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

The national holiday in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s honor is a time to reflect on his lifelong dedication to advancing racial tolerance and equality of opportunity for all people.

We all know that on Monday, January 20, 2014, we celebrated the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

You should know, that on Monday January 20, 2014, we celebrate the life and legacy of the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. I extend warm greetings to my African-American brothers and sisters and to all people of good will who follow Dr. King's example.

You should also know, that on April 4, 1968, Dr. King was taken from us, much too quickly and much too violently. Yet, the manner in which he left us is not what I wish to dwell on as we commemorate his life. Rather, I believe it is important to reflect on the lessons he left us, the lessons of his life and the lessons of his legacy.

Dr. Martin King's life was a life lived in service to others. His life was a life lived calling for an end to the injustice caused by racial inequality, the injustice caused by poverty, and the injustice caused by war. Despite his best efforts and unending dedication, he did not witness an end to these injustices in his lifetime.

Reverend Doctor King's legacy to us is this: that in our time and in our day, right here and now, we are called to end the injustice of racial inequality, the injustice of poverty, and the injustice of all war. We are the heirs of Dr. King's legacy. We must not falter in our efforts.

I want you to know of a sermon Dr. King delivered, just two short months before his untimely passing, at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia on February 4, 1968:

"And so Jesus gave us a new norm of greatness. If you want to be important—wonderful. If you want to be recognized—wonderful. If you want to be great—wonderful. But recognize that he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. That's a new definition of greatness. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don't have to know Einstein's theory of

relativity to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love. And you can be that servant."

As we celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his message of service and a more peaceful world, let us continue to imitate him in our deeds and in our actions. Let us be the servant that Dr. King so eloquently described.

– Thanks to Senator Rev. Ruben Diaz, District 32, Bronx County, New York

Dr. King talked about a drum major for justice. Let each one of us be a Drum Major for Justice in our community and in our state. I wish God's blessings on each and every one of you, my sisters and brothers.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

HB 2461, AN ACT concerning the national defense authorization act for fiscal year 2012; relating to governmental entity actions pursuant thereto, by Representative Edwards.

HB 2462, AN ACT concerning the Kansas family law code; relating to establishment and modification of child support; custody, residency and parenting time; amending K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 20-1204a, 23-2904, 23-3001, 23-3002, 23-3004, 23-3005, 23-3103, 23-3104, 23-3106, 23-3114, 23-3201, 23-3202, 23-3203, 23-3206, 23-3207, 23-3208, 23-3209, 23-3210, 23-3214, 23-3218, 23-3219 and 23-3401 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 23-3111, 23-3112, 23-3113, 23-3118, 23-3119, 23-3120, 23-3121, 23-3122, 23-3220, 23-3221 and 23-3302, by Committee on Children and Seniors.

HB 2463, AN ACT concerning terrorism and illegal use of weapons of mass destruction; relating to civil liability for acts of terrorism; furtherance of terrorism; asset seizure and forfeiture; amending K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 21-5423 and 60-4104 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 60-4104b, by Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice.

HB 2464, AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to deductions, privilege tax; certain depreciable property; amending K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 79-32,143a and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2465, AN ACT concerning electricity; relating to generation; renewable energy facility; 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.

HB 2466, AN ACT concerning administrative rules and regulations; relating to service of order or notice; amending K.S.A. 77-502, 77-545, 77-546, 77-548 and 77-613 and K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 77-519, 77-521 and 77-531 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Judiciary.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

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

Education Budget: **HB 2454**.

Energy and Environment: **HB 2457**, **HB 2458**.

Federal and State Affairs: **HCR 5023**.

Taxation: **HB 2455, HB 2456**.

Transportation: **HB 2459**.

Utilities and Telecommunications: **HB 2460**.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

Speaker Merrick announced the withdrawal of **HB 2436** from Committee on Health and Human Services and referral to Committee on Vision 2020.

Also, the withdrawal of **SB 147** from the Calendar under the heading General Orders and rereferral to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

On motion of Rep. Vickrey, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 22, 2014.

CHARLENE SWANSON, *Journal Clerk*.

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk*.

