

Journal of the Senate

TWENTY-THIRD DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Monday, February 17, 2014, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Susan Wagle.

The roll was called with thirty-eight senators present.

Senators Hawk and Shultz were excused.

The President introduced the guest chaplain, Pastor Christina Fowler, Olive Branch Chapel, Russell, Kansas.

Invocation by Pastor Christina Fowler:

God of creation, we thank You for every gift You have bestowed upon us. We acknowledge that every good and perfect gift we have been given comes from You. We thank You for this state and this nation, and all the freedoms and privileges You have given us to enjoy.

Thank You for this legislative body which works so diligently and tirelessly on behalf of the people of Kansas. Bring unity and oneness to this group, and grant them wisdom so every decision they make aligns with Your will. Grant clarity when confusion tries to invade. Grant knowledge where ignorance begins to overpower. Lord, I ask that You would pour out Your peace and blessings upon each one here today. Thank You for their willingness to serve the people of Kansas. Amen

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Susan Wagle.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 405, AN ACT concerning purchasing products and services of nonprofit entities for blind and disabled persons; relating to the state use law committee; amending K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 75-3317, 75-3321 and 75-3322c and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 406, AN ACT concerning criminal procedure; relating to telecommunications; mobile communications devices identification system, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 407, AN ACT concerning criminal procedure; relating to telecommunications; mobile communications devices identification system, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 408, AN ACT concerning electricity; related to retail sales of electric generation; creating the Kansas electricity competition and choice act; amending K.S.A. 17-4654,

66-101a and 66-117 and K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 45-221 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 12-897, 66-1,170, 66-1,171, 66-1,173, 66-1,175 and 66-1,176 and K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 66-1,174, by Committee on Ways and Means.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committee as indicated:

Judiciary: **SB 403, SB 404.**

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Announcing passage of **HB 2422, HB 2464, HB 2470, HB 2544.**

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HB 2422, HB 2464, HB 2470, HB 2544 were thereupon introduced and read by title.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

Senators Hawk and Bowers introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1785—

A RESOLUTION recognizing Kansas 4-H and its
Citizenship in Action leadership conference.

WHEREAS, 4-H is a unique organization that teaches youth to learn by doing and to lead by example, and is committed to providing a positive experience for as many young people as possible; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is administered by K-State Research and Extension in cooperation with local Extension governing units, and exists to prepare Kansas youth for school, work and life; and

WHEREAS, There are 16,951 young people, ranging in ages from five to 19, participating in Kansas 4-H, school enrichment, special interest, individual study and mentoring in every county of the state of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Kansas 4-H members participate in diverse activities involving citizenship and civic engagement, communication and expressive arts, family and consumer sciences, environmental education and earth sciences, healthy lifestyle education, personal development, leadership, plant science, animal science and technology; and

WHEREAS, Participation in 4-H provides young people with hands-on real life opportunities to learn skills, gain knowledge and make contributions in areas such as agriculture, environmental education, technology, community service and current youth issues, all while having fun; and

WHEREAS, 4-H members are more likely to contribute to their communities, pursue a career in science, engineering or computer technology and exercise and be physically active; and

WHEREAS, There will be approximately 300 youth in attendance at Kansas 4-H's Citizenship in Action, a leadership conference where 4-H members will learn about the legislative process. Citizenship in Action has a planning committee comprised of nine

4-H members: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we recognize Kansas 4-H and its Citizenship in Action leadership conference for engaging Kansas youth in the legislative process; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Sarah Keatley.

On emergency motion of Senator Bowers **SR 1785** was adopted unanimously.

Guests introduced were, Audrey Diehm, Thomas Fink, Natalie McCracken, Ashlee Schneider and Sarah Keatley, Sponsor.

Senators rose for a standing ovation.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1786—

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the 2014 Kansas Cable Telecommunications Horizon Award Program educators.

WHEREAS, Thirty-two beginning educators from across the state have been named as Kansas Cable Telecommunications Horizon Award Program educators; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Cable Telecommunications Horizon Award Program, sponsored by the Kansas State Department of Education and the Kansas Cable Telecommunications Association, identifies and recognizes representatives of excellent teaching in the elementary and secondary classrooms of the state. The mission of the Kansas Cable Telecommunications Horizon Award Program is to recognize exemplary first-year teachers who perform in a way that distinguishes them as outstanding; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Cable Telecommunications Horizon Award Program, currently in its 12th year, allows all school districts in the state an opportunity to nominate one elementary and one secondary teacher for the award. To be eligible for the Kansas Cable Telecommunications Horizon Award Program, teachers must have successfully completed their first year of teaching and have performed in such a way as to distinguish themselves as outstanding. The Kansas Cable Telecommunications Horizon Award Program is a regional competition with four regions corresponding to the state's United States congressional districts. Four elementary and four secondary classroom teachers may be selected for the award from each district; and

WHEREAS, This year's recipients are: Region 1: Megan Berry, Abilene High School, Abilene USD 435; Katrina Goscha, McPherson High School, McPherson USD 418; Valerie Harris, Central Elementary School, Goodland USD 352; Allison MacGill, Northview Elementary School, Manhattan-Ogden USD 383; Robyn Myers, Roosevelt Elementary School, McPherson USD 418; Sarah Samuelson, Comanche Middle School, Dodge City USD 443; Trisha Spears, Central Elementary School, Wamego USD 320; Anna Voth, Salina High School Central, Salina USD 305; and

Region 2: Hillary Armstrong, Washburn Rural Middle School, Auburn Washburn USD 437; Christina Black, LaCygne Elementary School, Prairie View USD 362; Clark Boatright, Robinson Middle School, Topeka USD 501; Katie Chenoweth, Basehor Elementary School, Basehor-Linwood USD 458; Kerby Cornett, Eugene Field Elementary School, Ottawa USD 290; Matt Kleopfer, Iola High School, Iola USD 257; Noah Musser, Eudora High School, Eudora USD 491; Alex Toepfer, Washburn Rural High School, Auburn Washburn USD 437; and

Region 3: Brittany Gonsler, Turner Elementary School, Turner USD 202; Colby Heckathorne, Starside Elementary School, De Soto USD 232; Lauren Knoepfler, Regency Place Elementary School, Olathe USD 233; Adam Lundine, Blue Valley Northwest High School, Blue Valley USD 229; Kassy Miller, Louisburg Middle School, Louisburg USD 416; Jenny Prater, F. L. Schlagle High School, Kansas City USD 500; Hilary Riggle, Indian Trail Middle School, Olathe USD 233; Alix Lea Santa Maria, Stanley Elementary School, Blue Valley USD 229; and

Region 4: Kaitlyn Jilka, Lincoln Elementary School, Augusta USD 402; Amanda Leighton, Valley Center High School, Valley Center USD 262; Kevin Roulhac, Maize High School, Maize USD 266; Kristina Sims, Maize Central Elementary School, Maize USD 266; Roxana Smith, Andover Central Middle School, Andover USD 385; Elizabeth Wall, Lowell Elementary School, Winfield USD 465; Nathan Whitman, Burrton High School, Burrton USD 369; Renicia Yoder, Northridge Elementary School, Newton USD 373: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend the 2014 Kansas Cable Telecommunications Horizon Award Program educators for outstanding performance in their chosen career; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send 32 enrolled copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Education for forwarding to each educator so honored plus one copy to the Commissioner of Education.

On emergency motion of Senator Abrams **SR 1786** was adopted unanimously.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1787—

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Kansas recipient
of the 2013 Milken Family Foundation Educator Award.

WHEREAS, Bradley LeDuc, art teacher at Washburn Rural High School, Auburn Washburn USD 437, has been selected as the Kansas recipient of the 2013 Milken Family Foundation Educator Award. He will receive an unrestricted award of \$25,000 plus recognition by his community, school and peers; and

WHEREAS, The Milken Educator Awards program was established by the Milken Family Foundation in 1985 and the first awards were presented in 1987; and

WHEREAS, The Milken Family Foundation Educator Awards program provides public recognition and financial awards to elementary and secondary school teachers, principals and other educational professionals who are furthering excellence in education. By honoring outstanding educators, the program strives to attract, retain and motivate talented people to the challenge and adventure of teaching; and

WHEREAS, The Milken Educator Awards are announced each fall at surprise notifications held in all-school assemblies. Foundation representatives and the chief state school officer make the announcements. Bradley LeDuc was one of about 40 educators around the country recognized with the award this year. By publicizing these awards, our communities are reminded of the crucial, positive impact of educators. Furthermore, it is hoped these awards will attract the attention of those who might consider teaching as a rewarding career choice: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and

commend Bradley LeDuc upon his selection as the Kansas recipient of the 2013 Milken Family Foundation Educator Award; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of Education for forwarding to the 2013 Milken Educator.

On emergency motion of Senator Abrams **SR 1787** was adopted unanimously.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1788—

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the
2013 Kansas National Board Certified Teachers.

WHEREAS, Twenty-six of Kansas' finest educators have satisfied the highest professional qualifications of the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards to be designated as National Board Certified Teachers. They will be recognized as such at a program on February 20, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The 2013 Kansas National Board Certified Teachers are: Susan Bloom, Washington Elementary School, Olathe USD 233; Gregory Bonsignore, all K-5 elementary schools, Lawrence USD 497; Jennifer Dugan, Oxford Middle School, Blue Valley USD 229; Vanessa Fernandez-Loffredo, Overland Trail Middle School, Blue Valley USD 229; Leanne Geanes, Stilwell Elementary School, Blue Valley USD 229; Charles Golden, Blue Valley Northwest High School, Blue Valley USD 229; Natalie Johnson-Berry, Blue Valley North High School, Blue Valley USD 229; Inshin Kim, Topeka High School, Topeka USD 501; Stephanie Liberman, Silver City Elementary School, Kansas City USD 500; Kelli Miller, Harry Street Elementary School, Wichita USD 259; Sara Mochel, Arbor Creek Elementary School, Olathe USD 233; Lisa Nocita, Prairie Star Middle School, Blue Valley USD 229; Sara Ott, Marshall Middle School, Wichita USD 259; Matthew Peterie, Olathe Northwest High School, Olathe USD 233; Crystal Rankin, Westwood Elementary School, Geary County USD 475; Kim Rehagen, Overland Trail Middle School, Blue Valley USD 229; Jennifer Robinson, Oxford Middle School, Blue Valley USD 229; Dr. Lucas Shivers, Manhattan High School-East, Manhattan-Ogden USD 383; Kimberly Urenda, Blue Valley West High School, Blue Valley USD 229; Tara Walrod, Sunrise Point Elementary School, Blue Valley USD 229; Amy Washington, Wolf Creek Elementary School, Spring Hill USD 230; Randi Weller, Clay Center Community Middle School, Clay USD 379; Helen Windhorst, Emerson Elementary School, Kansas City USD 500; Kelly Wouthtiwongprecha, Pleasant Ridge Middle School, Blue Valley USD 229; Cynthia Younger, Blue Valley North High School, Blue Valley USD 229; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certification, a voluntary process established by the National

Board of Professional Teaching Standards, is a symbol of professional teaching excellence. It is achieved through a performance-based assessment process that measures a teacher's practice against high and rigorous advanced standards to demonstrate accomplished practice. Through a series of assessments, teachers demonstrate their subject matter knowledge, provide evidence that they know how to teach their subjects to students most effectively and demonstrate their ability to manage and measure student learning; and

WHEREAS, The National Board of Professional Teaching Standards is an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan and nongovernmental organization. Its mission is to advance the quality of teaching and learning by: Maintaining high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do; providing a national voluntary system certifying teachers who meet these standards; and advocating related education reforms to integrate National Board Certification in American education and to capitalize on the expertise of National Board Certified Teachers: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend each of these outstanding educators who have attained the status of National Board Certified Teachers; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send 26 enrolled copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Education for forwarding to each of the teachers so honored plus a copy to the Commissioner of Education.

On emergency motion of Senator Abrams **SR 1788** was adopted unanimously.

REPORT ON ENGROSSED BILLS

SB 255, SB 270 reported correctly engrossed February 14, 2014.

On motion of Senator Bruce, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

ROSE MARIE GLATT, CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks*.
COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate*.

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