

Journal of the Senate

THIRTY-THIRD DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Wednesday, March 5, 2014, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Susan Wagle.
The roll was called with thirty-nine senators present.
Senator Powell was excused.
Invocation by Father Don Davidson:

Dear Lord, help us not to snicker too loudly if we see someone with a smudge on their forehead. The ashes are a symbol for many Christians this day of their mortality, and their total dependence upon your grace and tolerance with us your imperfect human creations. Bless those, dear Lord, who take time to be introspective on this very special day. In your gracious name we pray. Amen

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Susan Wagle.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Bruce rose on a Point of Personal Privilege to recognize and welcome members of the China Christian Council to the Kansas Statehouse. The China Christian Council is made up of leaders of church-sponsored senior care organizations and pastors of congregations that oversee senior care organizations. They have been called upon by the Chinese government to provide counsel to advance standards of care and develop the senior care workforce in China. They will be attending the World Mennonite Health Assembly in Kansas City later this week.

Members in attendance were Long Hui, Sun Renfu, Zheng Xiaogui, and Zheng Siyuan. They were accompanied by Ron Yoder, Director of International Relations for the Mennonite Health Services Alliance and his wife Shirley, Kevin Reimer, CEO of Pleasant View Home in Inman and James Kraybel, CEO of Bluestem Communities in Harvey County.

The senators honored the group with a standing ovation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 426, AN ACT concerning highways; requiring placement and maintenance of traffic control devices at the junction of United States highway 281 and United States highway 50 in Stafford, Kansas, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SCR 1620—A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION approving the creation of a port authority in Stafford County, Kansas, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Assessment and Taxation: **HB 2417**.

Commerce: **HB 2576**.

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2580, HB 2595**.

Judiciary: **HB 2433, HB 2445, HB 2489, HB 2568, HB 2612, HB 2651, HB 2655, HB 2684**.

Public Health and Welfare: **HB 2552**.

Senate Select Committee on KPERS: **HB 2596**.

Utilities: **HB 2480, HB 2482, HB 2487**.

Ways and Means: **HB 2545**.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

The President withdrew **SB 380, SB 392** from the Committee on **Ways and Means**, and rereferred the bill to the Committee on **Agriculture**.

The President withdrew **SB 292, SB 405** from the Committee on **Ways and Means**, and rereferred the bill to the Committee on **Commerce**.

The President withdrew **SB 388** from the Committee on **Ways and Means**, and referred the bill to the Committee on **Financial Institutions and Insurance**.

The President withdrew **SB 190, SB 259, SB 334, SB 335** from the Committee on **Ways and Means**, and rereferred the bill to the Committee on **Judiciary**.

The President withdrew **SB 301** from the Committee on **Ways and Means**, and rereferred the bill to the Committee on **Transportation**.

The President withdrew **SB 369** from the Committee on **Education**, and rereferred the bill to the Committee on **Ways and Means**.

An objection having been made to **HB 2599** appearing on the Consent Calendar, the President directed the bill be removed and placed on the calendar under the heading of **General Orders**.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Announcing passage of **Sub HB 2424, Sub HB 2430, Sub HB 2442, Sub HB 2451; HB 2509, HB 2510, HB 2515, HB 2537, HB 2538, HB 2555, HB 2566, HB 2588, HB 2597, HB 2609, HB 2611, HB 2613, HB 2616; Sub HB 2633; HB 2648, HB 2669, HB 2673, HB 2693, HB 2715, HB 2724, HB 2727, HB 2728**.

Announcing adoption of **HCR 5029**.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

Sub HB 2424, Sub HB 2430, Sub HB 2442, Sub HB 2451; HB 2509, HB 2510, HB 2515, HB 2537, HB 2538, HB 2555, HB 2566, HB 2588, HB 2597, HB 2609, HB 2611, HB 2613, HB 2616; Sub HB 2633; HB 2648, HB 2669, HB 2673, HB 2693, HB 2715, HB 2724, HB 2727, HB 2728; HCR 5029 were thereupon introduced and read by title.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1792—

A RESOLUTION designating March 2014 as Social Work Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, There are over 7,000 licensed baccalaureate, master and clinical social workers practicing in nearly all 105 counties in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Eight schools of social work are training hundreds of new social workers every year: Bethel University, Fort Hays State University, Newman University, the University of Kansas, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, Washburn University and Wichita State University; and

WHEREAS, The primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society; and

WHEREAS, Social workers know that poverty and trauma can create lifelong social and economic disadvantages; and

WHEREAS, Social workers know that discrimination of any kind limits human potential and must be eliminated; and

WHEREAS, Social workers stand up for individuals and support diverse families in every community; and

WHEREAS, Social workers help people in every stage of life function better in their environments, improve their relationships with others and solve personal and family problems; and

WHEREAS, All children have the right to safe environments and quality education; and

WHEREAS, Dignity and caregiving for older adults help define a nation's character; and

WHEREAS, Veterans and their families need community support to ensure successful transitions after service; and

WHEREAS, Access to mental health treatment, substance abuse services and health care saves millions of lives; and

WHEREAS, Social workers are agents of change who put the ideals of citizenship into action every day; and

WHEREAS, Social workers believe in shared prosperity and opportunity for everyone: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: In recognition of the numerous contributions made by the social workers of Kansas, the Senate of the State of Kansas designates March 2014 as Social Work Awareness Month and calls upon all citizens to join with the Kansas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers in celebration and support of the Social Work profession; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Sky Westerlund, Executive Director of the Kansas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

On emergency motion of Senator Hawk **SR 1792** was adopted unanimously.

Guests present were Sky Westerlund, Executive Director of the Kansas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Cano Agosto, Courtney Fields, Corey Lynn

Gier, Jessica Trombly, Abbie Kendall, Katelyn Melgren, RayeAnn Underwood, Kyle Tomlinson and Carol Mezo.

Senators rose for a standing ovation.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Financial Institutions and Insurance** recommends **HB 2514** be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

On motion of Senator Bruce, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Thursday, March 6, 2014.

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

