

Journal of the Senate

FOURTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Thursday, January 14, 2016, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by Vice President King.

The roll was called with 40 senators present.

Vice President King introduced guest chaplain, Chris Halverson who previously served as Chaplain in the US Senate, who delivered the following invocation.

Before we pray, hear the Word of God according to the gospel of Luke. "Now Jesus, of Nazareth, put forth a parable saying, 'What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? 'It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and put in his garden; and it grew and became a great tree, and the birds of the air nested in its branches.'" Again, he said, "To what shall I liken the Kingdom of God? 'It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened.'" (Luke 13:18-21) Father in heaven, is it possible for someone who does not feel worthy of You, or does not even know for sure that You are real, to be wholly embraced by you? Your Word in scripture said that it is. So, I ask that it happen for anyone hearing this prayer to be given ears to hear. And can a group of people from different political points of view and different religious persuasions, come together to form a more perfect union? Your Scriptures declare, and history confirms, that indeed it can happen. So, I ask, by Your own promises that it come true for this legislative body. And with your divine assistance, is it possible for a larger group of people, bound within a certain state, to be governed by justice, righteousness, goodness, truth and love? And can such a miracle affect an entire nation? Your Word says that indeed it is possible. So I humbly ask You to accomplish such a wonder in the state of Kansas. May Kansas be known once again as a place where justice and righteousness come forth out of diversity. And, may it begin here. You have offered a measure of faith to each of us, even if as tiny as a mustard seed. And you have given a portion of truth and gifts of wisdom to all who would receive, even if as small as an ounce of leaven. So, heavenly Father, I ask by Your divine, providential care and abounding grace, that the kingdom hidden among us, be sown such as to raise up a mighty tree of liberty. And may Your kingdom, like leaven, give rise to the whole. I make this prayer in the name of Jesus, who spoke of such things and has proven such signs and wonders. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President King.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 324, AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to curriculum on winter celebrations, by Committee on Education.

SB 325, AN ACT concerning the revised Kansas code for care of children; relating to child in need of care files; prosecutor access; amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2211 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice.

SB 326, AN ACT concerning alcoholic beverages; relating to microbreweries; amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 41-308b and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 327, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to preliminary hearings; hearsay; amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 22-2902 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 328, AN ACT concerning the plant pest and agriculture commodity certification act; relating to certain definitions; relating to plant pest containment; amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 2-2113, 2-2114, 2-2116 and 2-2117 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 329, AN ACT concerning water; relating to multi-year flex accounts; amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 82a-708c and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 330, AN ACT concerning conservation; establishing the Kansas conservation reserve enhancement program, by Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 331, AN ACT concerning firearms; enacting the Kansas firearms industry nondiscrimination act, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Natural Resources: **SB 322**.

Education: **SB 323**.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

January 5, 2016

To the Senate of the State of Kansas:

Submitted herewith for confirmation by the Senate are appointments made by me as the Governor of the State of Kansas, pursuant to law.

Sam Brownback
Governor

Secretary, Department of Commerce, Antonio Soave (R), Overland Park, pursuant to the authority vested in me by K.S.A. 74-5002a et seq., and effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate, to serve at the pleasure of the governor, to succeed Pat George.

Secretary, Department of Administration, Sarah Shipman ®, Topeka, pursuant to the authority vested in me by K.S.A. 75-3702a et seq., and effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate, to serve at the pleasure of the governor, to succeed Jim Clark.

Member, State Board of Tax Appeals, James Cooper (U), Wichita, pursuant to the authority vested in me by K.S.A. 74-2433 and SB 231, and effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate, to serve a four year term, to expire January 15, 2020, to succeed himself.

Member, State Board of Tax Appeals, Devin Sprecker, (R), Lyndon, pursuant to the authority vested in me by K.S.A. 74-2433 and SB 231, and effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate, to serve a four year term, to expire January 15, 2020, to succeed himself.

Member, Employment Security Board of Review, Valerie Jacobs (R), Arkansas City, pursuant to the authority vested in me by K.S.A. 44-709(f) and SB 187, and effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate, to serve a four year term, to expire March 15, 2019, to succeed Wayne Michael.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

August 3, 2015

Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-99b04, I hereby appoint Mr. Patrick George to the Kansas Bioscience Authority.

Sincerely,
Susan Wagle
President, Kansas Senate

Vice President King announced the above report is on file in the office of the Secretary of the Senate and available for review at any time.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Announcing passage of **SB 278**.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Confirmation Oversight** begs leave to submit the following report:

The following appointments were referred to and considered by the committee and your committee recommends that the Senate approve and consent to such appointments:

By the Governor:

Kansas Board of Regents: K.S.A. 74-3202a

Dennis Mullin, to fill a term expiring on June 30, 2019

Kansas Board of Regents: K.S.A. 74-3202a

David Murfin, to fill a term expiring on June 30, 2019

Kansas Board of Regents: K.S.A. 74-3202a

Dr. Daniel Thomas, to fill a term expiring on June 30, 2019

Kansas Development Finance Authority: K.S.A. 74-8903

Chris Donnelly, to fill a term expiring on January 15, 2017

Kansas Lottery Commission: K.S.A. 74-8709

Catherine Moyer, to fill a term expiring on March 15, 2019

Kansas Lottery Commission: K.S.A. 74-8709

Alana Roethle, to fill a term expiring on March 15, 2019

Kansas Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees: K.S.A. 74-4905

Michael Rogers, to fill a term expiring on January 15, 2019
Executive Director, Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission: K.S.A. 74-8805

Donald Brownlee, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor
Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission: K.S.A. 74-8805

Jan Kessinger, to fill a term expiring on January 15, 2019
State Board of Tax Appeals: K.S.A. 74-2433

Devin Sprecker, to fill a term expiring on January 15, 2016
State Civil Service Board: K.S.A. 75-2929a

Raymond Melugin, to fill a term expiring on March 15, 2018

The Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **SB 320** be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

The Vice President withdrew **SB 65** from the Calendar under the heading of **General Orders**, and referred the bill to the Committee on **Federal and State Affairs**.

On motion of Senator Bruce, the Senate adjourned pro forma until 8:00 a.m., January 15, 2016.

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

