

Journal of the Senate

FORTY-THIRD DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Friday, March 17, 2017, 8:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by Vice President Jeff Longbine.
The roll was called with 35 senators present.
Senators LaTurner, Masterson, Olson, Pyle and Wagle were excused.
Invocation by Reverend Cecil T. Washington:

Thank You, Lord, for bringing us through another week. Many are wearing green or shamrocks today, in honor of Saint Patrick's Day. Please grace all the celebrations with Your protection.

In addition, Lord, many are caught up in March Madness. Please, likewise, grace all involved with Your protection.

Also, Lord, give protection and traveling grace to all the members of this legislative family.

Finally, help everyone under this dome, to get revitalized over this weekend, and help them to know that their work is appreciated.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Longbine.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

To commemorate Saint Patrick's Day, Vice President Longbine introduced former Senator Richard Gannon who played traditional Celtic music on the bagpipes. Senator Gannon served in the Senate from 1977 to 1988.

The Senate honored Senator Gannon with a standing ovation.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Senate Select Committee on Education Finance: **SB 233**.

Ways and Means: **SB 232**.

REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS

SR 1726, **SR 1727** reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Secretary of the Senate on March 17, 2017.

TRIBUTES

The Committee on Organization, Calendar and Rules authorizes the following tributes for the week of March 13 through 17, 2017.

Senator Bowers: congratulating John O. Farmer III on receiving the Russell Area Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award, congratulating Brett Erkenbrack on being inducted into the NJCAA Women's Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame Inductee, congratulating Andrea Kraus on receiving the Russell Area Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award, congratulating on being named the Russell Area Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year, congratulating Albert Lin on being named the Russell Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year, congratulating Nathan Ottens on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, congratulating Nicholas Ottens on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout;

Senator Hardy: celebrating Nora Shaffer's 105th birthday;

Senator Rogers: remember the life of M.S. "Mitch" Mitchell; and

Senator Schmidt: congratulating Harold Facklam on being named the 2017 Assisted Living Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award.

On motion of Senator Denning, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Monday, March 20, 2017.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks.*

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

