

# Journal of the Senate

## SECOND DAY

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SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS  
Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by Vice President Jeff Longbine.  
The roll was called with 40 senators present.  
Invocation by Reverend Cecil T. Washington:

Lord God, You are Holy! You are immeasurably above all Your creation. You are infinitely pure, holy and righteous. Yet, in Leviticus 11:44 and 1 Peter 1:15-17, You call us, in our finiteness, to be like You; to be like You in holiness, like You in purity and righteousness.

And Lord, we're not measuring up, we fall far short of the rightness that You desire. But, due to Your love for us, You continue to grant us your mercy and grace. And, in spite of our shortcomings, You bless us with the privilege to come into Your presence, through the avenue of prayer.

In your Name, we can come to You when we're weak, weary, worn out and messing up. And, You still choose to use us in establishing Your standards of justice and righteousness in our society.

So Lord, guide us with Your Holy Spirit. As we are moved to occupy and dwell in this blessed place of prayer, help us to be like You in our decisions.

Let mercy, grace and righteousness rain down from these sacred halls; that the people we serve may know that we've been in Your presence.

Thanks, once again, for the privilege of prayer. In the precious holiness of Your Name, Amen and Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Longbine.

Vice President Longbine introduced, Arturo Garcia, third-year law student at the University of Kansas, who will be serving as reading clerk for the 2018 Session. He also introduced two new staff members: Kay White, Desk Clerk and Dave Link, Sergeant at Arms staff.

### REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Agriculture and Natural Resources: **SB 263**.

Education: **SB 259**.

Ethics, Elections and Local Government: **SB 264**.

Federal and State Affairs: **SB 260**.

Judiciary: **SB 257, SB 261**.

Senate Select Committee on Education Finance: **SCR 1609**.

Transportation: **SB 256**.

Utilities: **SB 255**.

Ways and Means: **SB 258, SB 262**.

## MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

May 10, 2017

*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

*Member, Kansas Development Finance Authority, Suchitra Padmanabhan (U), Topeka, pursuant to the authority vested in me by K.S.A. 74-8903 et seq., and effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate, to serve a four year term to expire January 15 2021, to succeed herself.*

*Member, Racing and Gaming Commission, Brandon Jones (R), Topeka, pursuant to the authority vested in me by K.S.A. 74-8803 et seq., and effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate, to serve a four year term, to expire January 15, 2021, to succeed himself.*

*Member, State Banking Board, Kurt Knutson (R), Overland Park, pursuant to the authority vested in me by K.S.A. 74-3004 et seq. and effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate, to serve a three year term, to expire March 15, 2019, to succeed himself.*

*Member, Human Rights Commission, David Brant (R), Wichita, pursuant to the authority vested in me by K.S.A. 44-1003 et seq., and effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate, to serve a four year term, to expire January 15, 2021, to succeed himself.*

June 20, 2017

*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

*Member, State Board of Indigent Defense Services, Ronald Wurtz (U), Topeka, pursuant to the authority vested in me by K.S.A. 22-4519 et seq., and effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate, to serve a three year term, to expire January 15, 2020, to succeed himself.*

*Member, Human Rights Commission, Michael Kane (D), Kansas City, pursuant to the authority vested in me by K.S.A. 44-1003 et seq., and effective upon the date of*

confirmation by the Senate, to serve a four year term, to expire January 15, 2021, to succeed himself.

August 15, 2017

*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

*Member, Human Rights Commission*, Jonathon Westbrook (R), Kansas City, pursuant to the authority vested in me by K.S.A. 44-1003 et seq., and effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate, to serve a four year term, to expire January 15, 2019, to succeed Terry Crowder.

*Member, Kansas Development Finance Authority*, Chris Donnelly (R), Tonganoxie, pursuant to the authority vested in me by K.S.A. 74-8903 et seq., and effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate, to serve a four year term, to expire January 15, 2021, to succeed himself.

*Member, Kansas Public Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees*, James Cusser ®, Mission Hills, pursuant to the authority vested in me by K.S.A. 74-4905 et seq/. And effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate, to serve a four year term, to expire January 15, 2019, to succeed Christ Long.

August 30, 2017

*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

*Member, Public Employee Relations Board*, David M Billingsley (R), Topeka, pursuant to the authority vested in me by K.S.A. 75-4323, and effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate, to serve a four year term, to expire March 15, 2021, to succeed Mark McGivern.

*Member, State Civil Service Board*, Allen Schmidt (D), Topeka, pursuant to the authority vested in me by K.S.A. 75-2929a et seq, and effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate, to serve a four year term, to expire March 15, 2021, to succeed himself.

*Member, State Board of Regents*, Daniel Bangerter (U), Dodge City, pursuant to the authority vested in me by K.S.A. 74-3202a et seq., and effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate, to serve a four year term, to expire June 30, 2021, to succeed himself.

*Member, State Board of Regents*, Ann Brandau-Murguia (D), Kansas City, pursuant to the authority vested in me by K.S.A. 74-3202a et seq., and effective upon the date of

confirmation by the Senate, to serve a four year term, to expire June 30, 2021, to succeed herself.

*Member, State Board of Regents*, Helen Van Etten (R), Topeka, pursuant to the authority vested in me by K.S.A. 74-3202a et seq., and effective upon the date of confirmation by the senate, to serve a four year term, to expire June 30, 2021, to succeed herself.

*Member, State Banking Board*, Leonard Wolfe (R), Frankfort, pursuant to the authority vested in me by K.S.A. 74-3004 et seq. And effective upon the date of confirmation by the senate, to serve a three year term, to expire March 15, 2020, to succeed Thomas Pitner.

*Member, State Banking Board*, Irvin Michell (U), Russell, pursuant to the authority vested in me by K.S.A. 74-3004 et seq., and effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate, to serve a three year term, to expire March 15, 2020, to succeed Jeffery Whitham.

May 11, 2017

*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

*Member, Kansas Development Finance Authority*, C. Scott Anderson (R), Topeka, pursuant to the authority vested in me by K.S.A. 74-8903 et seq., and effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate, to serve a four year term, to expire January 15, 2021, to succeed James Cusser.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MADAM PRESIDENT:

Your 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:

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

C. Scott Anderson, to fill a term expiring on January 15, 2021

Chris Donnelly, to fill a term expiring on January 15, 2021

Suchitra Padmanabhan, to fill a term expiring on January 15, 2021

*Member, Kansas Human Rights Commission*: K.S.A. 44-1003

David Brant, to fill a term expiring on January 15, 2021

Michael Kane, to fill a term expiring on January 15, 2021

Jonathon Westbrook, to fill a term expiring on January 15, 2019

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

James Cusser, to fill a term expiring on January 15, 2019

*Member, Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission: K.S.A. 74-8803*

Brandon Jones, to fill a term expiring on January 15, 2021

*Member, Public Employee Relations Board: K.S.A. 75-4323*

David Billingsley, to fill a term expiring on March 15, 2021

*Member, State Banking Board: K.S.A. 74-3004*

Kurt Knutson, to fill a term expiring on March 15, 2019

Irvin Mitchell, to fill a term expiring on March 15, 2020

Leonard Wolfe, to fill a term expiring on March 15, 2020

*Member, State Board of Indigent Defense Services: K.S.A. 22-4519*

Ronald Wurtz, to fill a term expiring on January 15, 2020

*Member, State Board of Regents: K.S.A. 74-3202a*

Daniel Bangerter, to fill a term expiring on June 30, 2021

Ann Brandau-Murguia, to fill a term expiring on June 30, 2021

Helen Van Etten, to fill a term expiring on June 30, 2021

*Member, State Civil Services Board: K.S.A. 75-2929a*

Allen Schmidt, to fill a term expiring on March 15, 2021

On motion of Senator Denning, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks.*

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

