

# Journal of the Senate

FORTY-SEVENTH DAY

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SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS  
Monday, March 19, 2018, 2:30 p.m.

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

Heavenly Father, by Your grace, we're back. A major interest grabber, over the weekend has been the NCAA basketball competitions, along with the upsets that occurred. Some who they thought would be winners lost. And some who were supposed to lose wound up celebrating a win.

In using that analogy, Lord, we can't afford the upset of losing the Game of Life.

In the Scriptures, You've given us Your Divine Playbook. And even though there'll be disappointments or upsets along the way, You're coaching us on how to win. In 2 Timothy 3:14-17, You tell us that sticking to what we learn from the Playbook will keep us from the ultimate loss and give us wisdom for the ultimate win.

Lord, according to verse 16, Your directives are useful for teaching us what's right, pointing out our errors when we go wrong, helping us to make the proper corrections after we've gone wrong and then training us to develop a "Life Game" that has Your approval.

So Lord, whatever position we're in, whether on the floor or on the bench, whether moving toward the goal or defending against those who oppose us, remind us to stick to Your Playbook. But most of all, we need You to be actively coaching us in every move we make.

I come to You today as just another member on the team, looking forward to the day when everybody under Your coaching will join in celebration of a glorious win. Thank You Lord for hearing this petition. In Jesus' Name, I pray. Amen

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Wagle.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bill was introduced and read by title:

**SB 449**, AN ACT concerning savings programs; relating to beneficiaries of ABLE accounts, transfers, qualified higher education expenses; income taxation, deduction for contributions; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 75-655 and 79-32,117 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

**REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The following bill was referred to Committee as indicated:

Commerce: **SB 448**.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS**

Senators Pettey, Alley, Baumgardner, Berger, Billinger, Bollier, Bowers, Denning, Doll, Estes, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Givens, Goddard, Haley, Hardy, Hawk, Hensley, Holland, Kelly, Kerschen, Longbine, Lynn, Masterson, McGinn, Petersen, Rogers, V. Schmidt, Skubal, Suellentrop, Sykes, Taylor, Tyson, Wagle and Wilborn introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1778—

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 19 as  
Kansas Celebrating Women in Public Office Day.

WHEREAS, The month of March is Women's History Month and celebrates the significant contributions women of all races, ethnicities and backgrounds have made to the world; and

WHEREAS, Women play a critical role in the vitality and diversity of our communities and are essential to ensuring Kansas is well-represented; and

WHEREAS, While the 20<sup>th</sup> century was a pivotal time of growth for women entering politics, women remain underrepresented in male-dominated fields, and thus, providing opportunities to support women in public office is imperative; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing women in public office will bring awareness to the fundamental necessity of their work and will inspire other women to serve their communities: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we recognize March 19 as Kansas Celebrating Women in Public Office Day and call upon the people of Kansas to unite as we support the success of women in public office; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send 16 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Pettey.

On emergency motion of Senator Pettey **SR 1778** was adopted unanimously.

The senate honored the women with a standing ovation.

**CHANGE OF REFERENCE**

The President withdrew **SB 259**, **SB 357** from the Committee on **Education**, and referred the bills to the Committee on **Federal and State Affairs**.

**MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE**

Announcing passage of **HB 2489**, **HB 2749**, **HB 2755**; **SB 275**, **SB 369**.

The House accedes to the request of the Senate for a conference on **SB 335** and has appointed Representatives Kelly, Powell and Finney as conferees on the part of the House.

Announcing passage of **HB 2755**; **SB 275**, **SB 369**.

Announcing passage of **SB 275**, as amended.

**INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

**HB 2489, HB 2749, HB 2755** were thereupon introduced and read by title.

**CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO CONCUR AND NONCONCUR**

On motion of Senator Longbine the Senate nonconcurring in the House amendments to **SB 275** and requested a conference committee be appointed.

The President appointed Senators Longbine, Billinger and Rogers as a conference committee on the part of the Senate.

**REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

President Wagle referred **SB 449** to the Committee on **Assessment and Taxation**.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Committee on **Public Health and Welfare** recommends **HB 2501** be passed.

Also, **HB 2600**, as amended by House committee, be amended by substituting a new bill to be designated as "Senate Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 2600," as follows:

"Senate Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 2600

By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

"AN ACT concerning the department of health and environment; relating to powers, duties and functions thereof; providing for the assessment of fees for noncontiguous sites under the nuclear energy development and radiation control act; directing the secretary of health and environment to study and investigate maternal deaths in the state of Kansas; access to records; confidentiality; amending K.S.A. 48-1606 and K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 65-177 and repealing the existing sections.";

And the substitute bill be passed.

**HB 2590**, as amended by House Committee, be amended on page 6, in line 43, after "services" by inserting "agencies";

On page 9, in line 28, by striking the second "and" and inserting a comma; also in line 28, after "reported" by inserting "and resolutions to complaints"; and the bill be passed as amended.

On motion of Senator Denning, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks*.

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate*.

