

Journal of the House

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Monday, March 11, 2019, 11:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment with Speaker Ryckman in the chair.

The roll was called with 118 members present.

Reps. Concannon, Johnson and Neighbor were excused on verified illness.

Reps. Ballard, Carmichael and S. Ruiz were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by guest chaplain, Gaylen Chandler, Stake President, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Valley Center, and guest of Rep. Owens:

Our Father in Heaven,

We thank Thee this day for the bounteous blessings that have been poured out upon us. We are thankful for the opportunity to live in a country in which we are able to worship Thee and pursue our own happiness according to the dictates of our own consciences. We thank Thee for our homes and families and our association with other good people. We are thankful for our responsibility to participate in the government of this people.

We pray that we may be guided by Thy Holy Spirit as we consider difficult issues. We pray that decisions will be made that preserve our individual rights and freedoms while helping those among us who are in need of our help.

We pray that a spirit of cooperation and conciliation will prevail in the discussions of this day. We pray that decisions will be made that will bless the lives of those that we have been called to serve, for we know that when we are in the service of our fellow beings, we are only in the service of our God.

For this we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Bergquist.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There being no objection, the following remarks of Rep. Holscher are spread upon the Journal:

Fellow Legislators and others in attendance today; we are so fortunate to have a very special guest with us. She is known as a grandmother, a diva and businessperson. She is also a Holocaust survivor.

Sonia Warshawski was born in Poland prior to the start of WWII. In 1942, as a teenager, she and her family were forced by the Germans into the ghetto where she worked as a slave labourer. She was separated from most of her family; she never saw her father or brother again and later watched her mother walk to the gas chambers. Sonia managed to survive three death camps and survived the death march out of Auschwitz. Finally in 1945, liberation came for those being held in the camps. However, it wasn't going to be an easy day for Sonia as she was shot in the chest. Despite spending her teenage years imprisoned - often beaten, starved and abused, and then shot - she made it. Sonia and her sister were the only members of her family to survive the Holocaust.

After the war, Sonia was in a displaced persons camp where she met her husband, John. The two came to Kansas City in 1948 and owned a tailor shop. Even their shop has a story of survival; it was the last business open in what was the Metcalf South Shopping Center which went out of business and was razed. Fortunately, Sonia was able to relocate and still operates the business to this day.

Of her experiences from the Holocaust Sonia has said "I'll never hate. If I hate, I destroy myself." She has taken that message to schools, prisons and numerous other events. She has provided inspiration to countless individuals across the country. In 2016, the movie Big Sonia was released which tells her story and teaches valuable life lessons. Today we will have a special showing of the 45-minute version of the movie at 1:30 in the auditorium on the ground level - everyone is invited to attend this free event. You won't want to miss her story.

For the work she has done in fighting discrimination and sharing her message of healing, today we honor Sonia Warshawski. Joining her here today are her daughter and son-in-law.

We thank you for your tireless efforts in educating others and we are so honored to have you and your family join us here in the Capitol.

Rep. Holscher presented Sonia Warshawski with a framed House certificate in honor of her many accomplishments.

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There being no objection, the following remarks of Rep. Owens are spread upon the Journal:

Since our state's inception, Kansas has been known as a land of opportunity. Companies such as Coleman, Cessna, Pizza Hut, Excel Hustler Mowers & Agco (formerly Hesston Manufacturing) are examples of large employers that were started here in Kansas by a person with an idea! These companies have made Kansas their home and organizations like Youth Entrepreneurs are helping to educate the future business builders of Kansas.

Founded in 1991 in Wichita, KS, Youth Entrepreneurs is a nonprofit organization that equips middle and high school students with the entrepreneurial skills, values and vision to pursue their dreams. YE's activity based curriculum started as an eight week program, but shortly evolved into a year long accredited course that has enabled more than 30,000 alumni across the nation to overcome barriers and seize opportunities for the betterment of themselves and others.

Youth Entrepreneurs currently operates in 13 states, some of which include Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Illinois, Arizona and California.

The 2017-2018 School year consisted of 3,487 Students (a 62% increase over the previous year) and 182 Educators in 126 Schools.

The following representatives are with me today:

Jessica Stice, Manager Stakeholder Relations (South Central KS)

Jeremiah Adair, Manager Stakeholder Relations (North Kansas)

Tory Chamber, Manager Stakeholder Relations (South East Kansas)

Brent Hogan, Manager Stakeholder Relations (North East Kansas)

I would encourage each of you to stop by their booth on the 2nd floor of the Rotunda today and learn more about how they can make an impact in your community!

Please join me in celebrating entrepreneurship in Kansas and the Youth Entrepreneur program!

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There being no objection, the following remarks of Rep. Pittman are spread upon the Journal:

I'm here to honor this the second "Theatre in Our Schools Advocacy Day," where theatre students from across our great state come together to advocate on the benefits of theatre education in our junior high and high schools. So often we take the time to honor our football clubs, our basketball teams, our scholars – we are taking the time today to honor our nearly 3,000 students engaged in theatre across our state.

Many will not realize it, but theatre is alive and well in Kansas. We have had three of the eleven spots for the International Thespian Festival -- one from the all state troupe, one from Garden City and one from Hutchinson.

Two of the six student officers of the International Thespians are Kansas students. Mr. David Hastings, director of theatre from Olathe South, was elected to the National Educational Theatre Association's Board of Directors. Also, our Kansas Thespian teachers have been selected to serve on developing national theatre curriculum and advocacy leadership pilots.

Today we have 14 schools represented including: Leavenworth, Olathe North, Olathe South, Ft. Scott, Goddard, Andover, Wichita, Topeka, Hayden High, Salina and Garden City.

Theatre teaches those skills so prevalent in modern society – how to present oneself, how to understand an audience, and how to work as a team but also be the star...skills that translate beyond theatre, beyond social media and into skills Kansas employers are looking for.

Following the Governors' proclamation, they have been visiting legislators today and will be performing at 12:40 in the central rotunda. Please join me in honoring our Kansas Thespians.

Rep. Pittman introduced theatre representatives from across Kansas: Anna Hastings, Emily Martin, Audrey Burgoun, Mesa Jones, Ann Stegman, Faith Lopez and Spencer Angel. Rep. Pittman also introduced the following students from the state steering committee: Thomas Yambo Rioz, Katharina Mueller Crain and Michele Denney.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

HB 2392, AN ACT concerning children and minors; relating to mandatory reporting of suspected child abuse and neglect; investigation procedures; amending K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 38-2223 and 38-2226 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

HB 2393, AN ACT concerning setoff against debtors; relating to support debt; amending K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 75-6202, 75-6204 and 75-6217 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Appropriations.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** recommends **SCR 1606** be adopted.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

Speaker Ryckman announced the appointment of Rep. Xu to replace Rep. Ballard on Committee on Appropriations on March 12, 2019.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Finney to replace Rep. Ballard on Committee on Transportation on March 12, 2019.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Amyx to replace Rep. Pittman on Committee on Transportation on March 12, 2019.

On motion of Rep. Hawkins, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

