

# Journal of the Senate

SIXTH DAY

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SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS  
Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Susan Wagle.

## OATH OF OFFICE

I, Laura Kelly, Governor of the State of Kansas, hereby appoint and commission Mike Thompson as The State Senator, Senate District 10 and authorize this appointee to discharge the duties of this office upon fulfilling all legal requirements.

Signed this 14th day of January 2020

LAURA KELLY  
*Governor*

SCOTT SCHWAB  
*Secretary of State*

State of Kansas  
County of Shawnee}SS.

I do solemnly swear, or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of

State Senator  
So help me God  
Mike Thompson

Subscribed and Sworn to, or Affirmed, before me this 21st day of January A.D. 2020.

MARLA LUCKERT  
*Chief Justice of the Supreme Court*

The roll was called with 40 senators present  
President Wagle introduced guest Pastor, Dave DePue, Kansas Capitol Commission, to deliver the invocation:

Almighty God! This august body gathers today, bidding farewell to the distinguished Senator from Shawnee, Mary Pilcher-Cook and welcoming our newest member, the Honorable Michael Thompson. We are reminded that our lives are caught up like a river rather than as groups of islands. We work together for a season, rather short or long! Time is irreversible, impressions are long lasting. Archived documents last for

generations. The Book of Revelation, Chapters 2 and 3 reveal the letters Christ sent to the leadership and members of 7 churches, all typical of cultures over the centuries. The message to those in leadership is especially profound today! Some of those were commended, others received condemnation! There were stark warnings, even threats! Each letter had exhortations and a promise! Two thousand years of history continues to reveal the startling accuracy of these prophecies. Lord, help us to be civil to the ones sharing our space and our time! Help us to establish a legacy of compassion, brotherly love and stewardship of the peoples' trust. Give us a place of high honor in the history of this great state and this proud nation. Let us keep our focus on eternity rather than on the moment or the issue before us on any given day. Bless us Lord, especially with Your promise! This I pray in Jesus' Name. Amen!

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Wagle.

### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

**SB 280**, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to hospitals; requiring a hospital to notify certain governmental entities of closure, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

**SB 281**, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; enacting the healthcare price disclosure act; relating to healthcare services; facilities; prices; public disclosure thereof, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

**SB 282**, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to providers; healthcare providers and insurance providers; charge estimates and disclosures; enacting the patient's right-to-know act, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

**SB 283**, AN ACT concerning gaming; relating to the Kansas expanded lottery act; Kansas lottery and Kansas racing and gaming commission, rules and regulations; authorizing sports wagering; creating the sports wagering receipts fund, executive director of the Kansas lottery; white collar crime fund, governor; amending K.S.A. 46-2301, 74-8702, 74-8710, 74-8711, 74-8716, 74-8718, 74-8733, 74-8734, 74-8751, 74-8752, 74-8757, 74-8758, 74-8760, 74-8772 and 79-4806 and K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 21-6403, 21-6507 and 21-6508 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

**SB 284**, AN ACT concerning accessible parking; relating to permanent placards issued to school districts and interlocal cooperatives; amending K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 8-1,125 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Education.

### **INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS**

Senators Wagle, Denning and Hensley introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1747—

A RESOLUTION relating to assignment of seats of the Senate.

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: The members of the 2020 regular session shall occupy the same seats assigned pursuant to 2019 Senate Resolution No. 1702 with the following exception: Thompson 35.

On emergency motion of Senator Denning **SR 1747** was adopted unanimously.

Senator Faust-Goudeau introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:  
SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1748—

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Roy'Ale Foundation  
for its work to provide mentoring and tutoring services for youth  
in the Wichita community in honor of Roy'Ale Spencer.

WHEREAS, To honor the memory of her late son, Geneva (Sunny) Smith created the Roy'Ale Foundation to help ensure a safe and bright future for Wichita youth; and

WHEREAS, The foundation's mission is to provide opportunities for youth in an educational setting, using their skills and abilities to become self-sufficient while obtaining their goals; and

WHEREAS, January 21, 2020, marks the one-year anniversary of Roy'Ale Spencer's death; and

WHEREAS, Roy'Ale Spencer's life was cut short at the age of nine when he was accidentally shot with a gun stored in a broken lockbox during a play date at a friend's house; and

WHEREAS, Roy'Ale Spencer was an active, ambitious and loving young man who loved to cheer on his older brother, MarQuay, during football games and spend time with his mother and grandmother; and

WHEREAS, The Roy'Ale Foundation was established to provide the community a welcoming and safe place for local youth to grow; and

WHEREAS, The foundation aims to provide mentoring and role models in an educational setting where each child can strive to reach their dreams, visions and goals; and

WHEREAS, To achieve these goals, the foundation provides services to the community including gun safety classes, GED preparation, K-12 tutoring, resume-building and quiet study areas with wi-fi; and

WHEREAS, The memory of Roy'Ale Spencer will continue to bring awareness and serve as the inspiration for youth empowerment through the Roy'Ale Foundation; Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we recognize the Roy'Ale Foundation for its work to provide mentoring and tutoring services for youth in the Wichita community in honor of Roy'Ale Spencer; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Faust-Goudeau, Geneva (Sunny) Smith, Chelle Reed, MarQuay Smith and Carolyn Stewart.

On emergency motion of Senator Faust-Goudeau **SR 1748** was adopted unanimously.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Enclosed herewith is Executive Directive 20-511 for your information. (January 16, 2020)

The President announced this document is on file in the office of the Secretary of the Senate and available for review at any time.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS**

The following report was submitted to the Senate and is on file with the Secretary of the Senate:

Kansas Board of Regents: Annual Report on exceptions to the minimum admission standards at state universities. (January 16, 2020)

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Senator Haley rose on a point on personal privilege on Thursday, January 16, 2020, and submitted the following comments:

Madame President; Gentle Colleagues of the Kansas Senate: Too often, so often, in our country the true meaning of a holiday is lost; the Spirit of a celebration succumbs to being just another day “off” from work or school or other daily routine. Indeed, with perhaps the exception of our Independence Day (July the 4th) many holidays have taken on a new, non-related meaning such as how many gifts are exchanged or how much one can eat or nothing to do with the original Spirit. Today, I join the Governor’s Resolution and echo passages of our Chaplain’s prayer from yesterday imploring us all to “have a more loving and compassionate society, with less hate and prejudice” and focus on what Dr. King said “Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable. And every step towards the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering and struggle. It calls for the tireless, passionate concern of dedicated individuals.” So, Madame President; so elected member leaders ... members of the Kansas Senate, all, today once again I implore each of you as a pillar from within your individual district but united as our Kansas communities to use the true meaning of this holiday as not just a day “off” but a day to live out the true meaning of an inspirational and decidedly unique American Holiday. As I have urged so often before from this seat of the MLK Holiday, often to unhearing ears or too hardened, non-receptive hearts, this concept, this ever-growing reality, this tapestry of a strong, diverse Country is not the sole province of my political party or of yours. This celebration, this Spirit doesn’t belong to my religion or to your religion, to my community or to yours. It isn’t creed, or racial or economically based. No, Madame President. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday belongs to us ALL. To the beauty of the “stir-fry” blend when combined produces our unique (though yet still somewhat dysfunctional, like any, family), AMERICAN culture! Please have a safe, reverent and evocative, King Holiday.

On motion of Senator Denning, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 22, 2020.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks.*

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

