

Journal of the Senate

FOURTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Thursday, January 12, 2023, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Ty Masterson.
The roll was called with 37 senators present.
Senators Claeys and Gossage were excused.
Invocation by Doug Henkle:

Our Father in Heaven, thank You for the privilege of coming before Your throne this afternoon as we seek Your direction for the blessing upon the deliberations of the Kansas Senate.

I pray that You would cause a bond of common purpose to unite this body and that You would bring about reconciliation and healing to any relationships that are not as You would have them be. Cause us to speak truth in love.

I ask that You give each member a positive attitude, that You would fill this chamber with Your spirit of hope in anticipation of what You will do in and through this body for Your glory and the betterment of all Kansans in this 2023 legislative session.

I pray for President Masterson, Vice President Wilborn, Majority Leader Alley and Minority Leader Sykes. Give them Your divine insight and direction as they lead this chamber.

I lift up the committee chairs and ranking minorities to You today as their work has begun for this session. Give them clarity of mind and Godly wisdom as they lead their committees. As hearings are held, I pray for each conferee offering testimony before each committee. I ask that their testimony would be clear, concise and accurate and that it would lead to sound decisions that would honor You and bless all Kansans.

Father, I thank You for the hope we have in You. Fill the Kansas Senate with Your peace and Your wisdom. In Jesus' name I pray!

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Masterson.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Haley rose on a Point of Personal Privilege to deliver the following remarks: Twenty-nine years ago this week, as a freshman member of the Kansas House of Representatives, I was first privileged to evoke this annual plea and exhortation that we, members of the Kansas Legislature, truly witness and support the federal and state holiday recognizing the birth, and lifetime advocacies, of the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. I was nervous that day (my first public address as an elected legislator, you know) but I was emboldened by the preceding commentary on the biography of Dr. King brought by my new colleague who was greatly respected in the Chamber, the

Honorable Mike Farmer of Wichita. Now Mike, the Chair of the House Republican Campaign Committee among other things, and I didn't see eye-to-eye on too many issues at all! To say the least, he was hard core ultra conservative way before ultra-conservatism was cool!. But we were of one united spirit on this belief and remained committed until his untimely passing, from leukemia, in 2007. And we would offer this solid appeal together annually until I left to join the Senate in 2000. (Distributed our last House Journal from January 14,1999.) May God continue to bless your memory, Representative Mike Farmer of Kansas. Full disclosure, my father George W. Haley, who, as the first Black Kansan elected to the Kansas Senate and served in this Chamber in the socially-turbulent 1960's, I ever strove to emulate, was a classmate and friend to Martin Luther King Jr as I would be to his son, Martin Luther King III at our alma mater Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. My father, Senator George Haley, and Marty's father, Dr. Martin Luther King resonated with the spirit of unity and brotherhood for all people in this America. Dad, though an attorney also, often said in his various remarks, something like: "The brotherhood of humankind presupposes that all of us should live together in this world in peace and in tranquility of purpose with one another. For how can any of us claim to love God, whom we have not seen, but hate our neighbor whom we have seen?" 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 various resolutions and echo passages of prayers from throughout the ages 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." Indeed, the moral arc of the Universe bends towards Justice. And I submit, gentle colleagues, that Justice in a truly great, diverse State must somehow encompass inclusion and, ultimately, acceptance. So, Mister President; so elected member leaders ... members of the Kansas Senate, all, today once again I implore each of US, not just as pillars from within our individual Senate districts but uniting all within 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 often diminishing but societally civil 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, Mister 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.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Faust-Goudeau rose on a Point of Personal Privilege in remembrance of the January 16, 1965 Piatt Street Plane crash in Wichita, Kansas.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 31, AN ACT concerning municipal universities; relating to the membership of the Washburn university board of regents; reapportioning the districts of certain members thereof; amending K.S.A. 13-13a04 and 13-13a05 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Education.

SB 32, AN ACT concerning education; relating to the Kansas state high school activities association and the system for classification of high schools; authorizing the classification system to be based on student attendance and other factors; amending K.S.A. 72-7114 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Education.

SB 33, AN ACT concerning income taxation; relating to Kansas adjusted gross income; eliminating the income limitation to receive the subtraction modification exempting social security benefits; amending K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 79-32,117 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Assessment and Taxation: **SB 29**, **SB 30**.

Financial Institutions and Insurance: **SB 23**, **SB 24**, **SB 25**, **SB 26**, **SB 27**, **SB 28**.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

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

Division of the Budget 2022 Annual Report for rules and regulations. (January 9, 2023)

REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS

SCR 1601 reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Secretary of State on January 12, 2023.

On motion of Senator Alley, the Senate adjourned pro forma until 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 13, 2023.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks*.

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate*.

