

Journal of the Senate

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by Vice President Jeff Longbine.
The roll was called with 38 senators present.
Senators Hensley and Schmidt were excused.
Invocation by Reverend Cecil T. Washington:

Gracious Lord and loving God of all mercies, some of us are worried today. And we have many motivations for our worry. Some are work related. They're over decisions, we need to make or decisions others are making. And the worrying can become so intense that it can negatively impact what we're trying to do. Some worries pertain to personal issues. Maybe they're related to our health or they're connected to what's happening in the life of a loved one. Sometimes Lord, we can worry over the fact that we are worrying about something we know we shouldn't be worrying about.

You told us, in Matthew 6:25, 31 and 34 not to worry about anything.

Yet, Lord, You have given each of us significant responsibilities and You want us to be concerned about them. But help us to keep our concerns from turning into worry. When we are concerned, we only look at carrying our responsibility. When we worry, we're taking on the heaviness of responsibilities You haven't given us.

You said, in Matthew:6, that as long as we seek to put You first and concern ourselves with Your agenda, that You would take care of ours. If we make Your business our business, You would make our business Your business. And afterward, when we look back over our business, we'll see that You handled it much better than we could have.

So, Lord, please increase our little bit of faith. Help us to stop worrying about whatever we worry about. Remind us that Your hands are bigger, stronger and more compassionate than ours. Keep us mindful that as our Creator, Provider and Sustainer, You are much more concerned about the things that concern us.

Since frustration is trying to do something we haven't been given the power to do, help us to release to You...to give over to You all our causes of worry.

Thank You for looking beyond our faulty, sometimes failing, fumbling faith, in order to meet us at our point of need.

I come to You, in the Precious Name of Jesus, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Longbine.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senators Holland and Fitzgerald rose on a Point of Personal Privilege to introduce

Southern Leadership Development and Leadership Leavenworth-Lansing members seated in the gallery.

The senators honored the guests with a standing ovation.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Faust-Goudeau rose on a Point of Personal Privilege to recognize International Women's Day activities being held across the country today. Originally, it was International Working Women's Day in recognition of the importance of women to their families, their communities, their cities, their states and their nations. We salute all women today because all women are working women serving in every facet of our lives.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bill was introduced and read by title:

SB 225, AN ACT concerning certain crimes; relating to charitable poker tournaments; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-6403 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Assessment and Taxation: **SB 222, SB 223, SB 224.**

Public Health and Welfare: **SB 218, SB 219, SB 220, SB 221.**

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

Senator McGinn introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1719—

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 2017 as Brain Injury Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, There are 2.5 million Americans who sustain traumatic brain injuries every year; and

WHEREAS, Traumatic brain injuries are a contributing factor in one-third of all injury-related deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, These injuries are largely the result of falls, motor vehicle accidents, assaults, sports-related injuries or occupational injuries; and

WHEREAS, More than 5.3 million Americans are living with disabilities related to a traumatic brain injury; and

WHEREAS, Research, treatment and support help reduce the recovery time for people who have suffered a traumatic brain injury; and

WHEREAS, Family members, friends and members of their communities can play a central role in enhancing the lives of citizens living with a traumatic brain injury; and

WHEREAS, The Brain Injury Association of Kansas and Greater Kansas City offers education and support to families and individuals with traumatic brain injuries by assisting in community integration and helping individuals to live as independently as their injuries allow: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we recognize March 2017 as

Brain Injury Awareness Month to promote public awareness on the extent, causes, consequences, treatment and prevention of traumatic brain injuries, and to remind people with brain injuries and their families that they are not alone; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Cari Anne Cashon, the Brain Injury Association of Kansas and Greater Kansas City and Senator McGinn.

On emergency motion of Senator McGinn **SR 1719** was adopted unanimously.

Guests introduced were Tim Keck and Cari Anne Cashon. The senate honored the guests with a standing ovation.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** recommends **SB 85** be amended by substituting a new bill to be designated as "Substitute for SENATE BILL NO. 85," as follows:

"Substitute for SENATE BILL NO. 85

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

"AN ACT concerning healthcare; relating to withholding cardio-pulmonary resuscitation from unemancipated minors; information requirements; refusal of consent, exceptions; dispute resolution.";

And the substitute bill be passed.

Committee on **Transportation** recommends **HB 2076** be amended on page 2, in line 21, after "and" by inserting "after"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Also, **HB 2096** be amended on page 1, following line 26, by inserting:

"(e) The secretary of transportation and persons designated by the board of county commissioners of Johnson and Wyandotte counties shall report to the legislature on or before March 1, in 2018, 2019 and 2020, concerning the implementation and operation of the program authorized by this section."; and the bill be passed as amended.

REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS

SCR 1606 reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Secretary of State on March 8, 2017.

On motion of Senator Denning, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Thursday, March 9, 2017.

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COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

