Journal of the House

FIFTEENTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TOPEKA, KS, Monday, January 30, 2012, 11:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment with Speaker O'Neal in the chair.

The roll was called with 120 members present.

Reps. Dillmore, Mosier, Peterson, Schwartz and Trimmer were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by Chaplain Brubaker:

Father God,
In the words of Mother Theresa—
"People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered.
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten.

Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them anyway."

Whatever tasks these leaders face today,

help them to do it all as unto You.

In Your Son's Name, I pray, Amen.

(Mother Theresa – on wall of room)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Ryckman.

Kansas Trivia Question: For many years the two tallest buildings in the world were designed by native Kansans. Wamego-born Walter B. Chrysler's, Chrysler Building was the second tallest. What was the tallest which was co-designed by Lawrence resident Paul Starrett?

Answer: The Empire State Building

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

HB 2571, AN ACT designating limestone as the official state rock, by Representatives Carlin and Mosier.

HB 2572, AN ACT concerning the adjutant general; relating to the funding for disasters; KUSF; insurance fees and premium taxes; creating the disaster reimbursement fund; amending K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 66-2008 and 66-2010 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Appropriations.

HB 2573, AN ACT concerning health care; enacting the KanCare accountability act, by Representative Ward.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Agriculture and Natural Resources: HB 2563.

Corrections and Juvenile Justice: HB 2567, HB 2568.

Education Budget: HB 2566.

Health and Human Services: HB 2564.

Judiciary: HB 2562, HB 2569.

Taxation: HB 2570.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bill, appearing on the Calendar as "To Be Referred," was referred to committee as indicated:

Insurance: HB 2565.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

Speaker O'Neal announced the withdrawal of **HB 2559** from Committee on Education and referral to Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

January 26, 2012

Message to the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:

Enclosed herewith is Executive Order No. 12-01 for your information.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 12-01

Conditional and Temporary Relief from Motor Carrier Rules and Regulations

Sam Brownback
Governor

The above Executive Order is on file and open for inspection in the office of the Chief Clerk.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Aging and Long-term Care** recommends **HB 2471** be amended on page 2, in line 1, by striking "shall select one name from" and inserting "may consider"; in line 7, by striking "shall select one name from" and inserting "may consider"; in line 14, by striking "shall select one name from" and inserting "may consider"; by striking all in lines 22 and 23 and inserting "(D) no such members shall have had any published disciplinary action taken by the board of adult care administrators against such members."; in line 34, before "As" by inserting "On and after the effective date of this act,"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on Appropriations recommends HB 2298, HB 2410 be passed.

Upon unanimous consent, the House referred back to the regular order of business, Introduction of Bills and Concurrent Resolutions.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HB 2574, AN ACT concerning the Kansas highway patrol; allowing the superintendent to charge and collect fees for certain services, by Committee on Appropriations.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was introduced and read by title:

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. HR 6005-

By Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Commissioner of Forestry and the Kansas Forest Service, Kansas State University for providing 125 years of dedicated forestry services to the owners, managers and stewards of the state's forest, trees, natural resources and related industries.

WHEREAS, Kansas established the Commissioner of Forestry Office in 1887 to procure and manage land for forest tree nursery production and to develop public interest in forestry practices; and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of Forestry's successor office, the Kansas Forest Service, Kansas State University, has 16 decreed powers and duties; and

WHEREAS, Fulfillment of the Kansas Forest Service's decreed powers and duties provide an annual economic impact valued at over \$26 million; and

WHEREAS, The Agency's annual services include:

Forestry training to over 1000 forest and windbreak landowners, and timber harvesters; helping over 300 forest landowners professionally plant and manage in excess of 5,000 acres of timber:

protecting and reforesting stream corridors to slow sediment deposition in water supply reservoirs, improving water quality and quantity:

helping interested forest and ranchland landowners qualify for over \$100,000 of forestry and windbreak financial assistance through USDA conservation programs;

promoting the harvesting, marketing and utilization of wood products to Kansas landowners, timber harvesters, locally owned sawmills and other wood processing plants;

distributing over 350,000 tree seedlings to 2,400 property owners interested in residential energy savings, livestock protection and improved livestock feed efficiency, wind erosion control, wildlife habitat, Christmas trees, timber products and stream bank erosion control;

helping over 150 communities, home to 85% of the state's population, professionally manage their public tree resources through the local allocation of over \$16 million for tree planting, care and hazard tree removals;

creating jobs and improving the professional care of the state's community forest by training 40 persons with sufficient credentials to become certified arborists;

helping over 500 rural fire districts train volunteers and acquire excess military equipment, which provide wildfire protection services to over 500 rural communities and 46 million acres of land;

helping the Kansas Department of Agriculture survey and monitor forest insects and diseases and, where necessary, establish protection quarantines; and monitoring, in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service, the size, condition and health of the state's forests through the bi-decadal conduct of state wide forest inventory and analyses: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That the Kansas Forest Service, Kansas State University, is hereby commended for 125 years of visionary service and passionate dedication to the state's forest, tree, natural resources and related industries, as well as to the owners, managers and stewards of these resources and industries for the environmental, economic and social well-being of the state; and

Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President, Provost, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Associate Dean of Research, Associate Dean of Extension, Associate Dean of Academics and the Head of the Department of Horticulture, Forestry and Recreation Resources of Kansas State University and the Board of Regents.

On motion of Rep. Siegfreid, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 31, 2012.

CHARLENE SWANSON, Journal Clerk.

SUSAN W. KANNARR, Chief Clerk.