

Journal of the Senate

NINETEENTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Friday, February 6, 2015, 8:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by Vice President Jeff King.

The roll was called with 26 senators present.

Senators Abrams, Arpke, Baumgardner, Faust-Goudeau, Haley, Holland, Longbine, Lynn, Masterson, Melcher, O'Donnell, Olson, Pettey and Wolf were excused.

Invocation by Father Don Davidson:

For some, dear Lord, it is curly and for others long and straight... for a few it is crafted with great artistry and for others it is more of a fantasy. Some have bad days while others have no days without the despair of watching changes from black or brown or red or blonde to a mixture of more than 50 shades of gray. Hats provide comfort, shelter, padding or invisibility... medicine and sickness cause havoc and obscurity. Maturity is not always insurance that cowlicks and oddities will play nicely together, and sprays, gels and all kinds of assistance seldom mask the reality of multi-year existence. The wind may take away what was here today, so help us Lord, to know that beyond the primping, combing and all matter of extension there is no match to the inside of a person, for there in lies the substance without need of pretension. Thank you Lord. Amen

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Jeff King.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 167, AN ACT concerning workers compensation; amending K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 44-510d and 44-510e and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Commerce.

SB 168, AN ACT concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas public employees retirement system and systems thereunder; revenue bonds to finance a portion of unfunded actuarial liability of KPERS; requirements and procedures, by None.

SB 169, AN ACT naming the channel catfish the state fish, by Committee on Agriculture.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Commerce: **SB 154**.

Education: **HB 2008**.

Ethics and Elections: **SB 163; SCR 1602.**
 Federal and State Affairs: **SB 166.**
 Financial Institutions and Insurance: **SB 155; HB 2064.**
 Judiciary: **SB 157, SB 158, SB 159, SB 160, SB 165; HB 2048.**
 Local Government: **HB 2003.**
 Natural Resources: **SB 156.**
 Transportation: **SB 164.**
 Ways and Means: **SB 161, SB 162.**

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
 February 2, 2015

Deputy Secretary for Public Affairs, Dan Lara, submitted the 2014 STAR Bonds Annual Report.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
 February 4, 2015

State LTC Ombudsman, Barbara J. Hickert, submitted the Long-Term Ombudsman Annual Report for State Fiscal Year 2014.

Vice President King announced the above reports are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Senate and are available for review at any time.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

Senators Kelly, Hensley, Love and Schmidt introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1708—

A RESOLUTION commemorating the 150th Anniversary
 of Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas.

WHEREAS, Washburn University was established by the General Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Kansas on February 6, 1865, as Lincoln College to promote the dissemination of knowledge and the advancement of virtue and religion; and

WHEREAS, Washburn University afforded to all classes, without distinction of color or gender, the advantages of a liberal education to fit them for positions of responsibility and usefulness; and

WHEREAS, Classes began on January 3, 1866, with 22 men, including one African-American, and 16 women students; and

WHEREAS, In acknowledgment of a generous gift by Ichabod Washburn of Worcester, Massachusetts, the trustees renamed the school in his honor on November 19, 1868; and

WHEREAS, The University moved to its present location in 1874 with the

construction of Rice Hall on 160 acres southwest of town; and

WHEREAS, The Law School began in 1903 and continues to prepare high quality attorneys; and

WHEREAS, Topeka voters approved a property tax to support Washburn University in 1941; and

WHEREAS, Washburn University rose from the debris of a devastating tornado on June 8, 1966; and

WHEREAS, The Schools of Business, Nursing, and Applied Studies were added in 1973, 1974 and 1983, respectively; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, the Legislature authorized conversion from a property tax to a sales tax; and

WHEREAS, Campus was transformed to offer residential experiences with the opening of the Living Learning Center in 2000 and Washburn Villages in 2004; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, Kaw Area Technical School affiliated with the University to become the Washburn Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, Washburn University students hail from all 50 states and 40 countries; and

WHEREAS, Washburn University's athletics program began with baseball in 1879, followed by football in 1891. In 1905, Washburn University's football team played the first game where the forward pass was thrown; and

WHEREAS, Washburn University basketball was first played by women in 1901 and men in 1906. National championships were won in 1925, 1987 and 2005; and lecular biology with his 1971 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Graduate Earl Sutherland was recognized as a giant in the field of mo

WHEREAS, More than 42,000 alumni are proud to call Washburn University their alma mater; whose graduates include clergy, heads of state, leaders of industry, great humanitarians, gifted scientists and attorneys, whose work has improved the quality of life for people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Shawnee county benefits from more Washburn graduates than any other university graduates; and

WHEREAS, Washburn University's commitment to education has emphasized teaching and learning and working in partnership with various communities to prepare global citizens: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we commend and celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Washburn University at Topeka. Washburn University provides students of Kansas with incredible educational opportunities, and we urge all Kansans to celebrate its success.

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send 25 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Kelly.

On emergency motion of Senator Kelly **SR 1708** was adopted unanimously.

The following guests were introduced: Dr. Jerry Farley, President, Pam Trusdale, Bill Sneed, Blanche Parks, Juli Ann Mazachek, Dan Hutchins, Cynthia Heath, Julie Olson, Denise Ottinger, Cynthia Hornberger, Amanda Hughes, Cassandra White, Randi McAfee, Blake Porter, Damian Barron, Natasha Martinez and Malcom Mikkelsen.

The Senate honored the guests with a standing ovation.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **SB 74** be amended on page 2, in line 7, by striking "On and after July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2020,"; by striking all in lines 23 through 36; and the bill be passed as amended.

TRIBUTES

The Committee on **Organization, Calendar and Rules** authorizes the following tributes for the week of February 2-6, 2015:

Senator Faust-Goudeau: recognizing the Grant Chapel A.M.E. Church for hosting the 2015 Founder's Day Celebration;

Senator Kerschen: congratulating Micayla Gutierrez on winning first place in the "If I were mayor, I would..." essay contest; and

Senator Love: congratulating Jeri Trisler on her retirement and service to the Ford County Treasurer's Office.

On motion of Senator Bruce, the Senate adjourned until 1:30 p.m., Monday, February 9, 2015.

ROSE MARIE GLATT, CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks*.
COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate*.

