

# Journal of the Senate

FIFTY-EIGHTH DAY

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SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS  
Friday, April 5, 2002—9:30 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Dave Kerr.  
The roll was called with thirty-three senators present.  
Senators Barnett, Brungardt, Downey, Harrington, Oleen, Schodorf and Wagle were excused.

Invocation by Chaplain Fred S. Hollomon:

Heavenly Father,

How can we possibly represent a district with such diverse constituents?

We have drop outs and PhD's.

We have two parent families and single parents.

We have childless couples and grandparents raising grandchildren.

We have singles living with parents and singles living together.

We have gang members and boy scouts.

We have people of all religions, races, nationalities, and of all shapes and sizes.

We have people who know us personally and people who've never heard of us.

We have people who like us and people who call us crooks.

We have lots of people who think we are in Washington.

I could go on and on, Lord, but You get the point. How can I help meet the needs of so many different kinds of people? Come to think of it, I recall that the one thing You said they all need is love.

So my prayer is: Help me to try to love them all as much as I can.

I pray in the Name of Your Son Whom You gave to us because You love us, (John 3:16)

AMEN

## PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

The following petition was presented, read and filed:

**SP 4**, by Senator Lana Oleen: A petition supporting the Children's Initiatives Fund and against the passing of **HB 2593**, **HB 2944** and **HB 2922**, signed by Nathalie Staats, Smart Start, NWKS and 9 others serving children's organizations in 12 different counties in North-west Kansas.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bill was introduced and read by title:

**SB 658**, An act concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas public employees retirement system and systems thereunder; death and disability benefits; employer contributions; amending K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 74-4927 and 74-4927f and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Ways and Means.

**REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Education: **SB 657**.

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2797**, **HB 2819**, **HB 3000**.

Utilities: **HB 2635**, **HB 3031**.

Ways and Means: **SB 656**.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS****KANSAS PAROLE BOARD**

Marilyn Scafe, Chair, Kansas Parole Board, pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 22-3710, submitted the Annual Report of the Kansas Parole Board for Fiscal Year 2001.

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO CONCUR OR NONCONCUR**

On motion of Senator Morris the Senate nonconcurred in the House amendments to **SCR 1614** and requested a conference committee be appointed.

The President appointed Senators Morris, Adkins and Feleciano as a conference committee on the part of the Senate.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS**

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1834—

A RESOLUTION urging observer status for Taiwan at the May 2002  
World Health Assembly meeting.

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization will convene its annual World Health Assembly in May 2002 in Geneva, Switzerland. Although the People's Republic of China has constantly blocked Taiwan from participation in world activities, the Senate of the State of Kansas urges the granting of observer status for Taiwan at this meeting; and

WHEREAS, Good health is important to every citizen of the world, and access to the highest standards of health information and services is necessary to improve the public health; and

WHEREAS, Direct and unobstructed participation in international health cooperation forums and programs is beneficial for all parts of the world, especially with today's greater potential for the cross-border spread of various infectious diseases such as the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), tuberculosis and malaria; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan's population of 23,500,000 people is larger than that of ¾ of the member states already in the World Health Organization. Taiwan's achievements in the field of health are substantial, including one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia, maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those of western countries, the eradication of such infectious diseases as cholera, smallpox and the plague, and the first to eradicate polio and provide children with hepatitis B vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, In recent years Taiwan has expressed a willingness to provide financial and technical assistance to aid health activities supported by the World Health Organization. In response to a severe earthquake which struck El Salvador in 2001, the Taiwanese government sent two rescue teams, consisting of 90 individuals specializing in firefighting, medicine and civil engineering. The Taiwanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs also donated \$200,000 in relief aid to the El Salvadoran Government; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan's experience in dealing successfully with important health issues at home can be of benefit not only regionally but also globally; and

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush has acknowledged the valuable participation of Taiwan in international organizations; in addition, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, Tommy Thompson, has recognized Taiwan's worldwide contribution by providing emergency assistance; therefore Taiwan should be invited to participate in an

appropriate and meaningful way in the next World Health Assembly meeting which takes place in Geneva, Switzerland, on May 14, 2002: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the Senate of the State of Kansas urges the World Health Organization to permit observer status to Taiwan at the May 14, 2002, meeting of the World Health Assembly at Geneva, Switzerland; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to George W. Bush, President of the United States; Colin Powell, Secretary of State; Tommy Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Bill Graves, Governor of the State of Kansas and Elizabeth Chu, Director General, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Kansas City, 3100 Broadway, Suite 800, Kansas City, Missouri 64111.

On emergency motion of Senator Praeger **SR 1834** was adopted unanimously.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1835—

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Jetmore High School football team.

WHEREAS, The Jetmore High School football team won the 2001 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 1A State Football Championship with a thrilling 35-30 victory over Little River High School in the state championship game; and

WHEREAS, The Jetmore High School “Longhorns” football team finished the season with a record of 12 wins and one loss; and

WHEREAS, The Jetmore High School football team was coached by head coach Kevin Ayers and assistant coaches Chad Cohoon and Russell Hunt; and

WHEREAS, The members of this outstanding football team have received statewide recognition for their fine sportsmanship and athletic abilities; and

WHEREAS, The success of this team is due to excellent teamwork, strong competitive spirit and determination to win plus the enthusiastic support of the school’s administrators, the faculty, the students, the players’ parents and many area citizens; and

WHEREAS, Each member of this team, the coaching staff, the school administrators, the faculty, the students and every citizen of this proud community who supported and encouraged the team’s success should be recognized and acclaimed for this honor: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the Jetmore High School football team and Coaches Ayers, Cohoon and Hunt be congratulated and commended for winning the 2001 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 1A State Football Championship in Kansas; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Bonita Deiter, Superintendent, Jetmore High School, U.S.D. 227, P. O. Box 100, Jetmore, Kansas 67854

On emergency motion of Senator Salmans **SR 1835** was adopted unanimously.

#### VETO SUSTAINED

Announcing a veto from the Governor on **Sub SB 379**, An act concerning state senate districts; providing for the reapportionment thereof; repealing K.S.A. 4-4,201 through 4-4,243, was received and read on March 5, 2002.

There being no action on **Sub SB 379**, the veto was sustained.

On motion of Senator Donovan the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Monday, April 8, 2002.

HELEN A. MORELAND, *Journal Clerk.*

PAT SAVILLE, *Secretary of Senate.*

