

Journal of the Senate

THIRD DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Wednesday, January 15, 2003—2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Dave Kerr.
The roll was called with thirty-nine senators present.
Senator Corbin was excused.

Invocation by Chaplain Fred S. Hollomon:

Heavenly Father,

I remember how my Grandfather used to “saucer” his coffee. When the coffee was too hot, he would pour some of it from the cup into the saucer, shake it around and then drink from the saucer.

I read a prayer last summer by an unknown author who combined “saucing” with that verse in the 23rd Psalm which says, “My cup runneth over” or “My cup overflows”, depending on which version you are reading. I am borrowing this idea for this prayer which seems to me a good thing to remember as we face a difficult session:

I'm not a wealthy person,
Nor a famous movie star;
And I rarely have the pleasure
Of eating caviar.

Sometimes the harvest has been lean,
But I've reaped more than I've sowed;
So I'm drinking from my saucer
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

I've won no beauty contest,
Nor a Pulitzer Prize;
And I hardly stand a chance
Of being canonized.

But You're always there to help me
Bear my heavy load;
So I'm drinking from my saucer
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

In many ways I'm not as good
As others seem to be;
But the fact of the matter is, O God,
That doesn't bother me.

I even count my blessings
When my balance has zeroed;
And I'm drinking from my saucer
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

For as long as You are with me, Lord,
 As I walk life's bumpy road;
 I'm drinking from my saucer
 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

I pray in the Name of Christ,

AMEN

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Judiciary: **SB 14, SB 15, SB 16.**

Ways and Means: **SB 12, SB 13.**

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 17, An act concerning district courts; relating to clerks and nonjudicial personnel; amending K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 20-343 and 20-345 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 18, An act concerning civil procedure; relating to executions; issuance; amending K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 60-2401 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 19, An act concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the retirement system for judges; mandatory retirement; amending K.S.A. 20-2608 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 20, An act concerning drivers' licenses; relating to contents thereof; amending K.S.A. 8-243 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 21, An act concerning the judicial branch of state government; relating to the nomination and selection of justices and judges; amending K.S.A. 20-119, 20-120, 20-122, 20-123, 20-124, 20-125, 20-126, 20-129, 20-133, 20-138, 20-2904, 20-2905, 20-2906, 20-2909, 20-2914 and 20-3004 and K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 20-2915 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 22, An act concerning school districts; relating to the capital outlay fund; amending K.S.A. 72-8801 and 72-8804 and repealing the existing sections, by Senator Bunten.

SB 23, An act concerning distinctive license plates; providing for the expiration of certain plates, by Senator Emler.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1803—

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Farmers Insurance Group.

WHEREAS, Farmers Insurance Group was founded in 1928 by Thomas E. Leavey and John C. Tyler; and

WHEREAS, Farmers Insurance Group agents and employees have provided continually for the insurance needs of Kansans since 1930; and

WHEREAS, Farmers Insurance Group operates with an agency force of 270 professional agents serving Kansans; and

WHEREAS, Farmers Insurance Group has over 1400 dedicated employees in Kansas making it one of the largest insurance employers in the state; and

WHEREAS, Farmers Insurance Group continues to grow and prosper while remaining committed to its founders' spirit of service to our nation and its communities; and

WHEREAS, the officers and employees of Farmers Insurance Group have been committed to making insurance protection available to the citizens of Kansas for the past 75 years: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend the Farmers Insurance Group upon its 75th anniversary of dedicated service to the citizens of Kansas; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Lee E. Wright, Governmental Affairs Representative, Farmers Insurance Group, 10850 Lowell Avenue, Overland Park, KS 66210.

On emergency motion of Senator Vratil **SR 1803** was adopted unanimously.

The President announced the Senate would recess until 6:30 p.m., for the purpose of a joint meeting with the House of Representatives to hear the State of State Address by Governor Sebelius.

On motion of Senator Oleen the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Thursday, January 16, 2003.

HELEN A. MORELAND, *Journal Clerk.*

PAT SAVILLE, *Secretary of Senate.*

