

Journal of the Senate

FOURTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Thursday, January 16, 2003—2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by Senator Derek Schmidt.
The roll was called with thirty-six senators present.
Senators Corbin, Feleciano, Gilstrap and Kerr were excused.

Invocation by Chaplain Fred S. Hollomon:

Heavenly Father,

If it were not for lawyers, politicians, preachers, psychiatrists, and undertakers, there would be very few jokes.

Most of these professions recognize they will always be the object of humor and accept it, if not good naturedly, at least in stride. However, as one who has served as an administrative assistant for three years, and as Senate Chaplain for 22 years, I continue to be amazed at the unfair treatment politicians put up with. Most of the criticism I have been listening to for a quarter of a century is not said in a joking way. It is at best casual, at worst, bitter.

I come to You today, O God, on behalf of decent men and women who once again during the next 86 days will be subject to name-calling, slander, and incredible generalizations. Some legislators will be blamed for the failure of bills which they voted for. Some will be blamed for the passage of bills which they voted against.

And once more I expect some people who might have a good word to say about Hitler will tell me personally that "politicians are all crooks." This generalizing says more about the critics than those they are criticizing.

One big difference between politicians and their critics is that the critics are watched by few people, whereas politicians are watched by almost everybody.

They and their families live in the proverbial fish bowl. Most of them have developed a tough skin scarred by verbal assaults. Unfortunately it is their families who are hurt the most.

I have said many times, Lord, if we prayed for our legislators as much as we criticize them, we would be better off, they would be better off, and Kansas would be better off.

They are only human, O God, they make mistakes and they expect to be held accountable for them. But I ask you to somehow convict those who treat them unfairly, and bless those who pray for them and treat them as they would like to be treated.

I pray in Jesus' Name,

AMEN

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Education: **SB 22.**

Judiciary: **SB 17, SB 18, SB 19, SB 20, SB 21.**

Transportation: **SB 23.**

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 24, An act designating English as the official state language, by Senator Emler (By request).

SB 25, An act concerning sport shooting ranges; relating to the regulation thereof; amending K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 58-3222, 58-3223 and 58-3224 and repealing the existing sections, by Senator Emler.

SB 26, An act concerning insurance; relating to risk-based capital requirements; amending K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 40-2c01 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance.

SB 27, An act relating to driving under the influence; creating requirements for alcohol and drug safety action education programs; amending K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 8-1567 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 28, An act concerning professional corporations; amending K.S.A. 17-2709, 17-2711, 17-2712, 17-2713, 17-2714, 17-2716, 17-2717, 17-2719, 65-1425 and 65-1522 and K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 17-2707, 17-2708, 17-2710, 17-2718 and 17-7668 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 29, An act concerning business entities; amending K.S.A. 17-6102, 17-6201, 17-6202, 17-6301, 17-6302, 17-6305, 17-6402, 17-6407, 17-6408, 17-6410, 17-6412, 17-6417, 17-6418, 17-6420, 17-6422, 17-6423, 17-6424, 17-6425, 17-6426, 17-6501, 17-6503, 17-6504, 17-6505, 17-6506, 17-6507, 17-6508, 17-6509, 17-6510, 17-6511, 17-6512, 17-6513, 17-6514, 17-6517, 17-6518, 17-6519, 17-6520, 17-6604, 17-6801, 17-6805a, 17-6808, 17-6810, 17-6811, 17-6902, 17-6903, 17-6904, 17-6905, 17-6906, 17-6907, 17-6908, 17-6909, 17-6910, 17-6911, 17-7003, 17-7103, 17-7104, 17-7202, 17-7303, 17-7304, 17-7501, 17-7510, 17-7512 and 17-7514 and K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 17-6002, 17-6003, 17-6205, 17-6206, 17-6401, 17-6502, 17-6605, 17-6701, 17-6702, 17-6703, 17-6704, 17-6705, 17-6706, 17-6707, 17-6712, 17-6804, 17-7001, 17-7301, 17-7302, 17-7306, 17-7503, 17-7504, 17-7505, 17-7506, 17-7507 and 17-7508 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 17-7513 and K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 17-7502, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 30, An act making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, for the state bank commissioner, Kansas board of barbering, Kansas state board of cosmetology, state department of credit unions, board of nursing, board of examiners in optometry, state board of pharmacy, office of the securities commissioner of Kansas, lieutenant governor, insurance department, state board of indigents' defense services, department of administration, Kansas public employees retirement system, state board of tax appeals, department of revenue, Kansas racing and gaming commission, department of commerce and housing, Kansas technology enterprise corporation, Kansas commission on veterans affairs, department of health and environment, department on aging, department of social and rehabilitation services, department of education, Kansas state historical society, Emporia state university, Wichita state university, state board of regents, department of corrections, juvenile justice authority, adjutant general, Kansas highway patrol, Kansas department of agriculture, state fair board, state conservation commission, Kansas water office and department of transportation; authorizing certain transfers and capital improvement projects, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts and disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing; amending K.S.A. 2-223 and K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 79-2959, 79-2964 and 79-3425i and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Ways and Means.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

KANSAS LIBRARY
Network Board

January 14, 2003

Eric Hansen, Executive Director, submitted the Kansas Library Network Board 2002 Annual Report as required by K.S.A. 75-2581.

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

REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS

SR 1801, SR 1802 reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Secretary of the Senate on January 15, 2003.

SCR 1602 reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Secretary of State on January 16, 2003.

On motion of Senator Oleen the Senate adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 17, 2003.

PAT SAVILLE, *Secretary of Senate.*

HELEN A. MORELAND, *Journal Clerk.*

