

Journal of the Senate

SEVENTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Wednesday, January 22, 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 O'Connor was excused.

Invocation by Chaplain Fred S. Hollomon:

Heavenly Father,

In his second letter to the Corinthians the apostle Paul tells how Satan had tormented him with a thorn in his flesh, and how he had pled with You, Lord, to remove it. But You refused to remove it because the weakness caused by the thorn was an occasion for Your strength to be made manifest in him.

This is a lesson for all of us: Adversity can be turned into an asset. I like to think of it as turning thorns into spurs.

Like the apostle Paul, O God,
We all are plagued with thorns;
But we are prone to focus
On how our flesh is torn.

But You have shown us, Lord,
When adversity occurs,
We can take our thorns
And turn them into spurs.

A thorn beneath a saddle
Can cause a horse to buck;
But when the thorn becomes a spur
He can almost catch a truck.

Help us, Lord, to make our thorns
Become encouragers
By taking all our little thorns
And turning them into spurs.

I pray in the Name of Christ.

AMEN

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 40, An act concerning fire protection; relating to the powers and duties of certain municipalities; amending K.S.A. 19-3612a and repealing the existing section, by Senator Gilstrap.

SB 41, An act concerning fire safety and prevention; relating to construction standards of school buildings; amending K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 31-150 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 42, An act concerning fire safety and prevention; concerning the powers and duties of the state fire marshal; amending K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 31-133a and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 43, An act concerning the department of wildlife and parks; relating to service fees; amending K.S.A. 32-989 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Elections and Local Government.

SB 44, An act relating to hospitals; providing for transfer of hospital assets under certain circumstances to a foundation created under this act; providing for the creation of such foundations and the appointment of a board of directors therefor; placing certain limitations and prohibitions on such foundations and associated persons; and defining certain terms, by Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

SB 45, An act concerning crimes, criminal procedure and punishment; relating to aid to indigent defendants; application fee; amending K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 22-4529 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 46, An act concerning the Kansas pet animal act; relating to seizure and impoundment of animals, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 47, An act concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas public employees retirement system and systems thereunder; death and disability benefits; amending K.S.A. 74-4927 and 74-4927f and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 48, An act concerning tobacco; relating to the master settlement agreement; appeal bonds in certain litigation, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 49, An act establishing a state employee fiscal bonus program; authorizing certain bonus payments for officers and employees of certain state agencies; prescribing guidelines and powers, duties and functions for the state finance council, by Senator Bunten.

SB 50, An act concerning state employee compensation and benefits; establishing a state employee voluntary leave purchase program; prescribing certain powers and duties for the secretary of administration and the director of accounts and reports, by Senator Bunten.

SB 51, An act concerning public utilities; relating to certain employee compensation; prohibiting inclusion in rates, by Senators Bunten and Clark.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Federal and State Affairs: **SB 32**, **SB 33**.

Education: **SB 39**.

Judiciary: **SB 31**, **SB 34**, **SB 35**, **SB 36**, **SB 37**, **SB 38**.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The President referred **SB 44** to the Committee of the Whole.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

The President withdrew **SB 31** from the Committee on Judiciary, and referred the bill to the Committee on Agriculture.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Senator Oleen, the Senate resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, for consideration of bills on the calendar under the heading of General Orders with Senator Brownlee in the chair.

On motion of Senator Brownlee the following report was adopted:

Recommended **SB 4**, **SB 6** be passed.

On motion of Senator Oleen the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Thursday, January 23, 2003.

HELEN A. MORELAND, *Journal Clerk*.

PAT SAVILLE, *Secretary of Senate*.

