

Journal of the Senate

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Friday, March 7, 2003—9:30 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Dave Kerr.
The roll was called with thirty-five senators present.
Senators Adkins, Barnett, Brungardt, Lyon and Schodorf were excused.
Invocation by Chaplain Fred S. Hollomon:

Heavenly Father,

Your word says that “a cheerful heart is good medicine”. And research has shown that laughter lengthens life. So I am assuming it’s O.K. to have some fun once in a while even while praying.

Something I read the other day gave me an idea for a way for us in the Senate to have a little fun. It went something like this: “If lawyers can be disbarred, and clergymen be defrocked, doesn’t it follow that electricians can be delighted, cowboys deranged, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?”

So I got to thinking about some of our Senate committees:

How about Transportation being derailed;
Utilities defused;
Ways and Means demeaned;
Elections and Local Government devoted;
Financial Institutions and Insurance disfigured;
and Judiciary disrobed.

In addition why can’t reports be deported and all committees dismembered?

Depending on Your sense of humor, Lord, I pray in Christ’s Name,

AMEN

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Assessment and Taxation: **SB 255**.

Federal and State Affairs: **SB 254**.

Judiciary: **SB 256**.

Ways and Means: **SB 253**.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

The President withdrew **HB 2254** from the Committee on Public Health and Welfare, and referred the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1825—

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Kandy Trotnic.

WHEREAS, Kandy Trotnic, of Parsons and a student at Labette County High School, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2003 Prudential Spirit of Community Award and an engraved bronze medallion; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities. More than 24,000 high school and middle school students participated in this year's program which is now in its eighth year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Trotnic earned this award by giving generously of her time and energy to help Cory Smith, who has Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria, or PNH, a rare blood disease known to affect only three children in the world. She participated in a benefit concert held for Cory by the CARES 4 Cory organization in its endeavor to raise funds to enable Cory to receive a bone marrow transplant. She raised \$100 for Cory to have some spending money by encouraging students at school to donate spare change. As student body president she collected over 400 letters which she forwarded to the Oprah Winfrey show hoping to have Cory appear on her television show. Additionally she has spent two years with Youth Friends Corp, an organization designed to tutor young students, and four years as a worker at the annual Kansas Kids Fitness Day; and

WHEREAS, The success of the state of Kansas, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Ms. Trotnic who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend Ms. Trotnic as a recipient of a Prudential Spirit of Community Award, recognize her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership and community spirit, and extend best wishes for her continued success and happiness; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Kandy Trotnic and one to her parents, Rick and Vickie Trotnic, both at 5305 Main Street, Parsons, KS 67357, a copy to her grandparents, John and Joan Harris, 2720 Pine Street, Parsons, KS 67357, a copy to Greg Cartwright, Principal, Labette County High School, 601 S. High School Street, Altamont, KS 67330-0407 for presentation to Ms. Trotnic plus a copy to Senator Umbarger.

On emergency motion of Senator Umbarger **SR 1825** was adopted unanimously.

President Kerr and members of the senate welcomed and congratulated Kandy on her exemplary volunteer community service. Accompanying Kandy were her parents, Rick and Vickie Trotnic; sisters, Kelsey and Karla; grandparents, Joan and John Harris; principal, Greg Cartwright and Representative Jeff Jack.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

Senators Jordan, Adkins, Allen, Brownlee, O'Connor and Vratil introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1826—

A RESOLUTION in memory of Sheriff John Foster.

WHEREAS, John Foster, the Sheriff of Johnson County, died March 6; and

WHEREAS, John Foster, 67, was a lifelong resident of Johnson County and Kansas. He attended elementary school at Hickory Grove Grade School in Mission and graduated from Shawnee Mission Rural High School, now Shawnee Mission North. He graduated from Wichita State University, where he received both bachelor and master level degrees; and

WHEREAS, John Foster served the people of Johnson County and Kansas in law enforcement for nearly 50 years. He joined the Johnson County Sheriff's Patrol in 1956, serving four years, before becoming the Assistant Police Chief for the City of Fairway for a period of 11 years. He assumed the position of Police Chief for the City of Lenexa, where he served

20 years, and retired from that position in 1991. After a very brief retirement, he was appointed Undersheriff by Sheriff Fred Allenbrand; and

WHEREAS, John Foster was elected Sheriff of Johnson County in November of 2000, with oversight of and responsibility for one of the largest law enforcement agencies in the state of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, John Foster was a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, a life member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Chiefs and Sheriffs Association and served as President of that Association on two different occasions. He was a member of the Kansas Association of Police Chiefs, the Johnson County Chiefs and Sheriffs Association, the Kansas Sheriffs Association and the Kansas Peace Officers Association. Furthermore, John Foster graduated from the FBI National Academy; and

WHEREAS, John Foster served as an adjunct instructor at Johnson County Community College and at Wichita State University's undergraduate and graduate schools; and

WHEREAS, John Foster married Karen M. Foster. They have five children, four daughters and a son, and four granddaughters; and

WHEREAS, John Foster consistently showed great integrity in serving the people of Kansas and ensuring their safety: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we express our condolences to the family of John Foster and express our appreciation for the public service he gave to his city, county and state; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Mrs. John Foster, 125 N. Cherry, Olathe, KS 66061.

On emergency motion of Senator Jordan **SR 1826** was adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Natural Resources** recommends **HB 2196**, as amended by House Committee, be passed.

On motion of Senator Oleen the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Monday, March 10, 2003.

HELEN MORELAND, CAROL PARRETT, BRENDA KLING, *Journal Clerks.*

PAT SAVILLE, *Secretary of the Senate.*

