

# Journal of the House

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY

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HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
TOPEKA, KS, Wednesday, February 18, 2004, 11:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment with Speaker Mays in the chair.  
The roll was called with 125 members present.

Prayer by Colonel Dan Paul, Command Chaplain, Fort Riley:

Dear Almighty and Gracious God,

As we are gathered here today, to open the Kansas House of Representatives, we pause to honor, to recognize and to pray for all of our men and women serving in our Armed Forces—and especially those who are standing in harm's way in this war on terrorism.

We are thankful for their professional dedication and their selfless sacrificial service to God, to our country, and to the people of Kansas.

We are also thankful for their loving families and caring friends who support them.

We acknowledge today, that because of their service and the sacrifices of earlier generations, we and the world enjoy the heritage of freedom that we celebrate and cherish here today.

And now, O Lord, we pray for You to bless each elected representative in this house. Grant them strength, courage and wisdom to make the right, although sometimes difficult, decisions for the people of Kansas.

We also pray today for the senators, Governor Sebelius, our military leaders, our judges and all of our elected and appointed officials.

And help each one of us, O Lord, always to be ready to protect freedom, establish justice, assist the helpless, defend the innocent, prevent tyranny and be instruments of bringing about Your peace here on earth.

We pray all of these things in Your most Holy and Precious Name.  
Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Krehbiel.

## CORRECTION OF REFERENCE

Speaker Mays announced **HB 2889** appearing on the Calendar under Reference of Bills and Concurrent Resolutions as being referred to Committee on Federal and State Affairs, should be corrected to be referred to Committee on Local Government.

## REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and were referred to committees as indicated:

Appropriations: **HB 2890**.

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2895**.

Taxation: **HB 2891, HB 2892, HB 2893, HB 2894**.

## CHANGE OF REFERENCE

Speaker Mays announced the withdrawal of **SB 191** from Committee on Appropriations and referral to Committee on Economic Development.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

On emergency motion of Rep. Tafanelli, **HR 6025**, by Reps. Tafanelli, Aurand, Ballard, Ballou, Barbieri-Lightner, Beggs, Bethell, Boyer, Brunk, Burgess, Burroughs, Campbell, Carlin, Carter, Compton, Cox, Craft, Crow, Dahl, Davis, DeCastro, Decker, Dillmore, Dreher, Edmonds, Faber, Faust-Goudeau, Feuerborn, Flaharty, Flora, Freeborn, Gatewood, Gilbert, Goering, Goico, Gordon, Grant, Hayzlett, Henderson, Henry, Hill, Holland, Holmes, Horst, Howell, Huebert, Huff, Humerickhouse, Huntington, Hutchins, Huy, Jack, D. Johnson, E. Johnson, Kassebaum, Kauffman, Kirk, Klein, Krehbiel, Kuether, Landwehr, Lane, Larkin, Light, Loganbill, Long, Long-Mast, Loyd, Mason, Mays, McCreary, McKinney, McLeland, Merrick, F. Miller, J. Miller, Minor, Jim Morrison, Judy Morrison, Myers, Neighbor, Neufeld, Newton, Novascone, O'Malley, O'Neal, Osborne, Ostmeyer, Owens, Patterson, Pauls, Phelps, Pottorff, Powell, Powers, Reardon, Rehorn, Reitz, Ruff, Sawyer, Schwab, Schwartz, Scoggins-Waite, B. Sharp, S. Sharp, Showalter, Shriver, Shultz, Siegfried, Sloan, Storm, Svaty, Swenson, Thimesch, Thull, Toelkes, Vickrey, Ward, Wilk, D. Williams, J. Williams, Wilson, Winn, Yoder and Yonally, as follows, was introduced and adopted:

**HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6025—**

A RESOLUTION honoring the men and women of Kansas serving in America's armed forces.

WHEREAS, Within this era of global uncertainty, there will ever be those who seek the imperilment of the free world; and

WHEREAS, Since the conception of this great nation, there have been those willing to sacrifice everything to stand in direct opposition to those who would destroy freedom and spread oppression and terrorism into the four corners of the globe; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of Kansans are serving in the United States armed forces throughout the world continuing to stand guard so that we may be free: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we express our support and gratitude for the men and women of Kansas serving in the United States armed forces who are on the front lines of protecting our nation both at home and abroad.

Rep. Tafanelli introduced Dennis Hardy, Commander General, Fort Riley; John Montgomery, Chairman, Military Affairs; and Captain Rhett Thompson, who were welcomed by the members of the House.

Also, Reps. Crow, Ruff and Wilk recognized and welcomed approximately 40 International Officers and their wives from the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, who were in attendance today.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Rep. Mason recognized members of the Butler County Community College football team who won the National Junior College Athletic Association championship. He also introduced and presented head coach Troy Morrell with certificates.

**FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

**Sub. HB 2143**, An act concerning license plates for motor vehicles; relating to the regulation of distinctive license plates; personalized license plates; amending K.S.A. 8-1,141 and 8-1,142 and K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 8-132 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 8-1,149, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 122; Nays 3; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 0.

Yeas: Aurand, Ballard, Ballou, Barbieri-Lightner, Beggs, Bethell, Boyer, Brunk, Burgess, Burroughs, Campbell, Carlin, Compton, Cox, Craft, Crow, Dahl, Davis, DeCastro, Decker, Dillmore, Dreher, Edmonds, Faber, Faust-Goudeau, Feuerborn, Flaharty, Flora, Freeborn, Gatewood, Gilbert, Goering, Goico, Grant, Hayzlett, Henderson, Henry, Hill, Holland, Holmes, Horst, Huebert, Huff, Humerickhouse, Huntington, Hutchins, Huy, Jack, D. Johnson, E. Johnson, Kassebaum, Kauffman, Kirk, Klein, Krehbiel, Kuether, Landwehr, Lane, Larkin, Light, Loganbill, M. Long, Long-Mast, Loyd, Mason, Mays, McCreary,

McKinney, McLeland, Merrick, F. Miller, J. Miller, Minor, Jim Morrison, Judy Morrison, Myers, Neighbor, Neufeld, Newton, Novascone, O'Malley, O'Neal, Osborne, Ostmeyer, Owens, Patterson, Pauls, Phelps, Pottorff, Powell, Powers, Reardon, Rehorn, Reitz, Ruff, Sawyer, Schwab, Schwartz, Scoggins-Waite, B. Sharp, S. Sharp, Showalter, Shriver, Shultz, Siegfried, Sloan, Storm, Svaty, Swenson, Tafanelli, Thimesch, Thull, Toelkes, Vickrey, Ward, Wilk, D. Williams, J. Williams, Wilson, Winn, Yoder, Yonally.

Nays: Carter, Gordon, Howell.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: None.

The substitute bill passed, as amended.

**HB 2477**, An act concerning crimes and punishment; relating to stalking; amending K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 21-3438 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 125; Nays 0; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 0.

Yeas: Aurand, Ballard, Ballou, Barbieri-Lightner, Beggs, Bethell, Boyer, Brunk, Burgess, Burroughs, Campbell, Carlin, Carter, Compton, Cox, Craft, Crow, Dahl, Davis, DeCastro, Decker, Dillmore, Dreher, Edmonds, Faber, Faust-Goudeau, Feuerborn, Flaharty, Flora, Freeborn, Gatewood, Gilbert, Goering, Goico, Gordon, Grant, Hayzlett, Henderson, Henry, Hill, Holland, Holmes, Horst, Howell, Huebert, Huff, Humerickhouse, Huntington, Hutchins, Huy, Jack, D. Johnson, E. Johnson, Kassebaum, Kauffman, Kirk, Klein, Krehbiel, Kuether, Landwehr, Lane, Larkin, Light, Loganbill, M. Long, Long-Mast, Loyd, Mason, Mays, McCreary, McKinney, McLeland, Merrick, F. Miller, J. Miller, Minor, Jim Morrison, Judy Morrison, Myers, Neighbor, Neufeld, Newton, Novascone, O'Malley, O'Neal, Osborne, Ostmeyer, Owens, Patterson, Pauls, Phelps, Pottorff, Powell, Powers, Reardon, Rehorn, Reitz, Ruff, Sawyer, Schwab, Schwartz, Scoggins-Waite, B. Sharp, S. Sharp, Showalter, Shriver, Shultz, Siegfried, Sloan, Storm, Svaty, Swenson, Tafanelli, Thimesch, Thull, Toelkes, Vickrey, Ward, Wilk, D. Williams, J. Williams, Wilson, Winn, Yoder, Yonally.

Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: None.

The bill passed, as amended.

**HB 2525**, An act concerning crimes and punishment; relating to criminal use of explosives; amending K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 21-3731 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 125; Nays 0; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 0.

Yeas: Aurand, Ballard, Ballou, Barbieri-Lightner, Beggs, Bethell, Boyer, Brunk, Burgess, Burroughs, Campbell, Carlin, Carter, Compton, Cox, Craft, Crow, Dahl, Davis, DeCastro, Decker, Dillmore, Dreher, Edmonds, Faber, Faust-Goudeau, Feuerborn, Flaharty, Flora, Freeborn, Gatewood, Gilbert, Goering, Goico, Gordon, Grant, Hayzlett, Henderson, Henry, Hill, Holland, Holmes, Horst, Howell, Huebert, Huff, Humerickhouse, Huntington, Hutchins, Huy, Jack, D. Johnson, E. Johnson, Kassebaum, Kauffman, Kirk, Klein, Krehbiel, Kuether, Landwehr, Lane, Larkin, Light, Loganbill, M. Long, Long-Mast, Loyd, Mason, Mays, McCreary, McKinney, McLeland, Merrick, F. Miller, J. Miller, Minor, Jim Morrison, Judy Morrison, Myers, Neighbor, Neufeld, Newton, Novascone, O'Malley, O'Neal, Osborne, Ostmeyer, Owens, Patterson, Pauls, Phelps, Pottorff, Powell, Powers, Reardon, Rehorn, Reitz, Ruff, Sawyer, Schwab, Schwartz, Scoggins-Waite, B. Sharp, S. Sharp, Showalter, Shriver, Shultz, Siegfried, Sloan, Storm, Svaty, Swenson, Tafanelli, Thimesch, Thull, Toelkes, Vickrey, Ward, Wilk, D. Williams, J. Williams, Wilson, Winn, Yoder, Yonally.

Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: None.

The bill passed.

**HB 2581**, An act relating to the reporting of abuse of certain adults; amending K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 39-1432 and 39-1436 and repealing the existing sections, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 116; Nays 9; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 0.

Yeas: Aurand, Ballard, Ballou, Barbieri-Lightner, Beggs, Bethell, Boyer, Brunk, Burgess, Burroughs, Campbell, Carlin, Compton, Cox, Craft, Crow, Dahl, Davis, DeCastro, Decker, Dillmore, Dreher, Edmonds, Faber, Faust-Goudeau, Feuerborn, Flaharty, Flora, Freeborn, Gatewood, Gilbert, Goering, Gordon, Grant, Hayzlett, Henderson, Henry, Hill, Holland, Holmes, Horst, Howell, Huff, Humerickhouse, Huntington, Hutchins, Huy, Jack, D. Johnson, E. Johnson, Kassebaum, Kirk, Klein, Krehbiel, Kuether, Landwehr, Lane, Larkin, Light, Loganbill, M. Long, Long-Mast, Loyd, Mason, Mays, McKinney, McLeland, Merrick, F. Miller, J. Miller, Minor, Jim Morrison, Judy Morrison, Myers, Neighbor, Neufeld, Newton, Novascone, O'Malley, O'Neal, Owens, Patterson, Pauls, Phelps, Pottorff, Powell, Reardon, Rehorn, Reitz, Ruff, Sawyer, Schwab, Schwartz, Scoggins-Waite, B. Sharp, S. Sharp, Showalter, Shriver, Shultz, Sloan, Storm, Svaty, Swenson, Tafanelli, Thimesch, Thull, Toelkes, Vickrey, Ward, Wilk, D. Williams, J. Williams, Wilson, Winn, Yoder, Yonally.

Nays: Carter, Goico, Huebert, Kauffman, McCreary, Osborne, Ostmeyer, Powers, Siegfried.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: None.

The bill passed, as amended.

**HB 2603**, An act concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; amending K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 21-4711 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 125; Nays 0; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 0.

Yeas: Aurand, Ballard, Ballou, Barbieri-Lightner, Beggs, Bethell, Boyer, Brunk, Burgess, Burroughs, Campbell, Carlin, Carter, Compton, Cox, Craft, Crow, Dahl, Davis, DeCastro, Decker, Dillmore, Dreher, Edmonds, Faber, Faust-Goudeau, Feuerborn, Flaharty, Flora, Freeborn, Gatewood, Gilbert, Goering, Goico, Gordon, Grant, Hayzlett, Henderson, Henry, Hill, Holland, Holmes, Horst, Howell, Huebert, Huff, Humerickhouse, Huntington, Hutchins, Huy, Jack, D. Johnson, E. Johnson, Kassebaum, Kauffman, Kirk, Klein, Krehbiel, Kuether, Landwehr, Lane, Larkin, Light, Loganbill, M. Long, Long-Mast, Loyd, Mason, Mays, McCreary, McKinney, McLeland, Merrick, F. Miller, J. Miller, Minor, Jim Morrison, Judy Morrison, Myers, Neighbor, Neufeld, Newton, Novascone, O'Malley, O'Neal, Osborne, Ostmeyer, Owens, Patterson, Pauls, Phelps, Pottorff, Powell, Powers, Reardon, Rehorn, Reitz, Ruff, Sawyer, Schwab, Schwartz, Scoggins-Waite, B. Sharp, S. Sharp, Showalter, Shriver, Shultz, Siegfried, Sloan, Storm, Svaty, Swenson, Tafanelli, Thimesch, Thull, Toelkes, Vickrey, Ward, Wilk, D. Williams, J. Williams, Wilson, Winn, Yoder, Yonally.

Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: None.

The bill passed.

**HB 2616**, An act concerning criminal procedure; relating to indigent defense services; amending K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 22-4507 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 68; Nays 57; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 0.

Yeas: Aurand, Ballard, Ballou, Barbieri-Lightner, Bethell, Boyer, Campbell, Carlin, Craft, Crow, Davis, Decker, Dillmore, Faust-Goudeau, Flaharty, Flora, Gilbert, Goering, Grant, Henderson, Henry, Hill, Holland, Holmes, Huntington, Jack, D. Johnson, Kassebaum, Kauffman, Kirk, Klein, Kuether, Larkin, Light, Loganbill, M. Long, Loyd, McKinney, J. Miller, Jim Morrison, Neighbor, Newton, Novascone, O'Malley, O'Neal, Owens, Patterson, Pauls, Pottorff, Reardon, Rehorn, Reitz, Ruff, Sawyer, Scoggins-Waite, S. Sharp, Sloan, Storm, Svaty, Swenson, Thull, Vickrey, Ward, J. Williams, Wilson, Winn, Yoder, Yonally.

Nays: Beggs, Brunk, Burgess, Burroughs, Carter, Compton, Cox, Dahl, DeCastro, Dreher, Edmonds, Faber, Feuerborn, Freeborn, Gatewood, Goico, Gordon, Hayzlett, Horst, Howell, Huebert, Huff, Humerickhouse, Hutchins, Huy, E. Johnson, Krehbiel, Landwehr, Lane, Long-Mast, Mason, Mays, McCreary, McLeland, Merrick, F. Miller,

Minor, Judy Morrison, Myers, Neufeld, Osborne, Ostmeyer, Phelps, Powell, Powers, Schwab, Schwartz, B. Sharp, Showalter, Shriver, Shultz, Siegfried, Tafanelli, Thimesch, Toelkes, Wilk, D. Williams.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: None.

The bill passed.

EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE

MR. SPEAKER: How can we justify a \$30 an hour increase for lawyers with a fiscal note of \$4 million when we don't have the funds to give teachers a salary increase?

Until we can find a \$4 million surplus in the budget for teachers, I vote no on **HB 2616**.—  
BONNIE HUY, MARIO GOICO, RALPH OSTMEYER, STEVEN BRUNK, SCOTT SCHWAB, STEVE HUEBERT, JUDY MORRISON

MR. SPEAKER: All those who like paying a lawyer any money, any time, please raise your hand.

All those who like explaining to the public or a constituent why felony charges against a defendant have been dismissed because we could not provide them a lawyer, as guaranteed by the U.S. and Kansas Bill of Rights, please raise your hand.

If we don't vote yes on this bill, the last question will be the only choice judges will have. I vote yes on **HB 2616**, to uphold our constitution (as my oath requires), and to ensure public safety.—WARD LOYD

**HB 2633**, An act relating to motor vehicles; concerning impoundment of motor vehicles; amending K.S.A. 8-1102 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 116; Nays 9; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 0.

Yeas: Aurand, Ballard, Barbieri-Lightner, Beggs, Bethell, Boyer, Brunk, Burgess, Burroughs, Carlin, Carter, Compton, Cox, Craft, Crow, Dahl, Davis, DeCastro, Decker, Dreher, Edmonds, Faber, Faust-Goudeau, Feuerborn, Flaharty, Freeborn, Gatewood, Gilbert, Goering, Goico, Gordon, Grant, Hayzlett, Henderson, Henry, Hill, Holland, Holmes, Horst, Howell, Huebert, Huff, Humerickhouse, Huntington, Hutchins, Huy, Jack, D. Johnson, E. Johnson, Kassebaum, Kauffman, Kirk, Krehbiel, Kuether, Landwehr, Lane, Larkin, Light, Loganbill, M. Long, Long-Mast, Loyd, Mason, Mays, McCreary, McKinney, McLeland, Merrick, F. Miller, J. Miller, Minor, Jim Morrison, Judy Morrison, Myers, Neighbor, Neufeld, Newton, Novascone, O'Malley, O'Neal, Osborne, Ostmeyer, Owens, Patterson, Pauls, Phelps, Pottorff, Powell, Reardon, Reitz, Ruff, Sawyer, Schwab, Schwartz, Scoggins-Waite, B. Sharp, S. Sharp, Showalter, Shriver, Shultz, Siegfried, Sloan, Storm, Svaty, Swenson, Tafanelli, Thimesch, Thull, Toelkes, Vickrey, Wilk, D. Williams, J. Williams, Wilson, Yoder, Yonally.

Nays: Ballou, Campbell, Dillmore, Flora, Klein, Powers, Rehorn, Ward, Winn.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: None.

The bill passed, as amended.

**HB 2685**, An act relating to payday loans; concerning the regulation thereof; amending K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 16a-2-404 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 121; Nays 4; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 0.

Yeas: Aurand, Ballard, Ballou, Barbieri-Lightner, Beggs, Bethell, Boyer, Brunk, Burgess, Burroughs, Campbell, Carlin, Compton, Cox, Craft, Crow, Dahl, Davis, DeCastro, Decker, Dillmore, Dreher, Edmonds, Faber, Faust-Goudeau, Feuerborn, Flaharty, Flora, Freeborn, Gatewood, Gilbert, Goering, Goico, Gordon, Grant, Hayzlett, Henderson, Henry, Hill, Holland, Holmes, Horst, Howell, Huebert, Huff, Humerickhouse, Huntington, Hutchins, Huy, Jack, D. Johnson, E. Johnson, Kassebaum, Kauffman, Kirk, Klein, Krehbiel, Kuether, Landwehr, Lane, Larkin, Light, Loganbill, M. Long, Loyd, Mason, Mays, McCreary, McKinney, Merrick, F. Miller, J. Miller, Minor, Jim Morrison, Judy Morrison, Myers, Neighbor, Neufeld, Newton, Novascone, O'Malley, O'Neal, Osborne, Ostmeyer, Owens,

Patterson, Pauls, Phelps, Pottorff, Powell, Reardon, Rehorn, Reitz, Ruff, Sawyer, Schwab, Schwartz, Scoggins-Waite, B. Sharp, S. Sharp, Showalter, Shriver, Shultz, Siegfried, Sloan, Storm, Svaty, Swenson, Tafanelli, Thimesch, Thull, Toelkes, Vickrey, Ward, Wilk, D. Williams, J. Williams, Wilson, Winn, Yoder, Yonally.

Nays: Carter, Long-Mast, McLeland, Powers.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: None.

The bill passed, as amended.

On motion of Rep. Aurand, the House went into Committee of the Whole, with Rep. Landwehr in the chair.

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Rep. Landwehr, Committee of the Whole report, as follows, was adopted:

Recommended that **HB 2621**, **HB 2669**, **HB 2670** be passed.

**HB 2590** be passed over and retain a place on the calendar.

Committee report to **HB 2652** be adopted; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee report recommending a substitute bill to **Sub. HB 2558** be adopted; and the substitute bill be passed.

Committee report to **HB 2601** be adopted; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee report recommending a substitute bill to **Sub. HB 2516** be adopted; and the substitute bill be passed.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** recommends **HCR 5033** be amended on page 1, in line 20, before "The" by inserting "(a)"; in line 25, by striking the quotation mark; after line 25, by inserting:

"(b) No relationship other than a marriage between one man and one woman shall be recognized by the state as being entitled to the benefits of marriage."";

Also on page 1, in line 32, before the period, by inserting ", and that no relationship other than a marriage between one man and one woman shall be recognized by the state as being entitled to the benefits of marriage"; in line 33, by striking all after "proposition"; in line 34, by striking all before the period and inserting "will not amend the Kansas constitution in the manner described above"; and the concurrent resolution be adopted as amended.

Committee on **Health and Human Services** recommends **HB 2350** be passed.

Committee on **Higher Education** recommends **HB 2509** be passed.

Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **SB 324** be passed.

Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **HB 2655** be amended on page 2, in line 2, by striking all after "sion"; in line 3, by striking "thereby" and inserting "made by nonresponse when the party to whom the admissions were sent shows good cause for failure to respond and shows evidence that the admission is not true"; in line 5, before "Any" by inserting "In the event such withdrawal or amendment is made by the party to whom the admissions were sent at trial, the party who obtained the admissions shall be allowed a continuance of the trial setting"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Local Government** recommends **HB 2600**, **HB 2605** be passed.

Committee on **Transportation** recommends **HB 2695** be passed.

Committee on **Transportation** recommends **HB 2709** be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

Committee on **Utilities** recommends **SCR 1616** be adopted.

Upon unanimous consent, the House referred back to the regular order of business, Introduction of Bills and Concurrent Resolutions.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and concurrent resolution were thereupon introduced and read by title:

**HB 2896.** An act concerning counties; relating to bonded debt limitations; amending K.S.A. 10-306 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Appropriations (By request).

**HB 2897.** An act concerning property taxation; relating to public utilities; exemptions; amending K.S.A. 79-201f and K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 79-5a01 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Taxation.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 5039—

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION naming October 15 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day.

WHEREAS, According to a 1996 study by the Centers of Disease Control, 16% of over 6,000,000 pregnancies ended in either a miscarriage or stillbirth, which is almost 1,000,000 perinatal losses; and

WHEREAS, Of those over six million pregnancies, 62%, or 3,720,000, ended in live births, and 26,784 of those births ended in deaths of infants 11 months and younger; and

WHEREAS, The above statistics do not reflect the 22% of infants that are lost to abortions; and

WHEREAS, The availability of information and support is of the utmost importance to the families who suffer from pregnancy and infant loss to better help them cope; and

WHEREAS, A public that is informed and educated about pregnancy and infant loss can better learn how to respond with compassion to affected families; and

WHEREAS, Professionals who come in contact with families who have suffered pregnancy or infant loss, such as physicians, clergy, emergency medical technicians, funeral directors, police officers, public health nurses and employers, can better serve families if they have special training and better knowledge of pregnancy and infant loss; and

WHEREAS, If a Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day is created to recognize the grief of the families and to remember all of the pregnancies and infants lost will help to heal and comfort the families in a time of pain and heartache, and give the families hope for the future: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein:* That October 15, 2004, and October 15 of subsequent years, be named as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day to recognize the grief of the families and to remember all of the pregnancies and infants lost, to help to heal and comfort the families in a time of pain and heartache and to give the families hope for the future.

#### REPORT ON ENGROSSED BILLS

**Sub. HB 2143; HB 2477, HB 2581, HB 2633, HB 2685** reported correctly engrossed February 17, 2004.

On motion of Rep. Aurand, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 19, 2004.

CHARLENE SWANSON, *Journal Clerk.*

JANET E. JONES, *Chief Clerk.*

