

Journal of the Senate

FOURTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Thursday, January 15, 2004—2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Dave Kerr.
The roll was called with thirty-four senators present.
Senators Brownlee, Corbin, Downey, Jordan, Schmidt and Umbarger were excused.
Invocation by Chaplain Fred S. Hollomon:

Heavenly Father,

Your apostle Paul in his letter to the Romans said, “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” (Romans 12:2a)

It occurs to me that thermostats and thermometers illustrate the necessity of being transformed instead of being conformed.

Thermostats control the temperature;
Thermometers are controlled by the temperature.

A thermometer is one
Who has no real control;
He permits peer pressure
To shape him in their mold.

On the other hand the thermostat
Is completely in control;
He permits no peer group
To shape him in their mold.

The only One controlling him
Is the Creator of his soul
Who creates the thermostat
To resist the Godless mold.

Help us, Lord, to be the one
Who submits to Your control,
Permitting only You, O God,
To shape us in YOUR mold.

I pray in Jesus' name,

AMEN

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 309, An act relating to the state corporation commission; concerning certain penalties; amending K.S.A. 66-138 and 66-177 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Utilities.

SB 310, An act relating to public utilities; concerning the subsidization of nonregulated affiliates, by Committee on Utilities.

REMARKS BY SENATOR HALEY

Senator Haley rose on a point of personal privilege to deliver the following remarks:

Mr. President and Colleagues,

Today marks the 10th Anniversary of my being allowed by first; members of the Kansas House (along with then Rep. Mike Farmer) and now so graciously by each of you, of our Senate...to bring a special emphasis to the holiday of the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Today also, January 15, 2004 is Dr. King's 75th birthday.

No one has to remind any of us of his legacy of non-violent dispute resolution or of his striving for the civil rights for all regardless of creed or color. His legacy, Mr. President, is secured.

Today though "peace" is not necessarily "non-violent." The path to peace, ironically, is often littered by wars...and by rumors of wars. Too many nominees for the Nobel Peace Prize are, oxymoronically, committed to divisiveness and violence. And acts of "patriotism" today are often clouding traditional guarantees of hard fought for gains in civil rights.

Mr. President, we know Dr. King's legacy. Today, and for this Holiday over the next four days, I implore each of us to examine our *own* legacies. As Representative Barbara Ballard queried today in remarks made in our own Rotunda; what is *your* legacy? Are *you* the one to make a difference in this era; during *your* lifetime?

Our children and grandchildren are extremely wise, aren't they? Certainly they discern when we preach but do not practice what we preach. What say you, Mr. President, when the message of brotherhood and unity and non-violent dispute resolution is remembered by this man's life legacy; but not practiced today? What say you then, dear colleagues when our families and our neighbors, our kin and our clan take a holiday whose meaning grows increasingly hollow in our country and our world? Are you the one to make the difference in your District? I implore each of us, as members of this honorable Assembly to bring the true meaning back to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday holiday in our own time and in our own spaces. Thank You.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and executive reorganization orders were referred to Committees as indicated:

Agriculture: **ERO 32.**

Assessment and Taxation: **SB 307, SB 308.**

Commerce: **ERO 31.**

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Division of Personnel Services

January 15, 2004

In accordance with K.S.A. 75-3746, Jack Rickerson, Director, submitted the FY 2003 Annual Report.

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Ways and Means** recommends **SB 30, SB 62, SB 90, SB 230, SB 262, SB 282** be not passed.

REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS

SR 1801, SR 1802 reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Secretary of the Senate on January 15, 2004.

On motion of Senator Oleen the Senate adjourned until 9:30 a.m., Friday, January 16, 2004.

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

PAT SAVILLE, *Secretary of the Senate.*

