Journal of the Senate

FORTY-EIGHTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS Friday, March 16, 2007—8:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Stephen Morris.

The roll was called with thirty senators present.

Senators Barnett, Brungardt, Donovan, Gilstrap, Haley, Jordan, Journey, V. Schmidt, Wagle and Wilson were excused.

President Morris introduced as guest chaplain, Rev. Anton K. Jacobs, United Church of the Good Shepherd, Kansas City, Kansas, who delivered the invocation:

Heavenly Father,

Here in the heart of America and throughout the world, there are women and men of government giving this day of their lives in faithful response to your Sacred Presence. And these servants, in the congresses and senates and parliaments and assemblies of power and politics, are devoting their response to nudging the complicated affairs of humanity a little further along toward deeper community, wider freedom, greater justice, increased wellbeing. They bring their energy, their wisdom, their care, and their passion to this most responsible and impossible challenge. They seek answers not easy to find; they ask questions many don't want asked; they make decisions they know will have huge effects on others. And like people in other walks of life, they have to do this in full awareness that the opposition of others, their own limitations and shortcomings, as well as unforeseeable events can, often will, undermine their most well-intentioned efforts. On this day, as someone without that kind of responsibility, I would humbly ask, O God, in the words of a pastor and hymn writer [Harry Emerson Fosdick] some 77 years ago, grant them power, grant them courage for the facing of this hour. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

The following petition was presented, read and filed:

 $SP\ 3$, by Senator Jean Kurtis Schodorf: A petition in opposition to $HB\ 2359$ and objecting to the intrusion of state government in the right to purchase to bacco products, water pipes, and other smoking accessories, signed by Shawn Harrison, owner of Orionz Outer Limits in Wichita, and 4,000 others who affirmed that they acquired water pipes and other smoker's accessories for use with to bacco.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and resolution were referred to Committees as indicated:

Assessment and Taxation: **SB 383.** Committee of the Whole: **SCR 1611.**

Judiciary: HB 2530.

Natural Resources: HB 2526.

Ways and Means: HB 2491, HB 2535, HB 2539.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Announcing the House accedes to the request of the Senate for a conference on SB 249 and has appointed Representatives Faber, Knox and Svaty as conferees on the part of the House

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1842-

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the St. John High School boys basketball team.

WHEREAS, The St. John High School boys basketball team won the 2007 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 2A State Basketball Championship. The Tigers were crowned with the 2A State Title after defeating the Pittsburg-St. Mary's-Colgan Panthers 51 to 46 in Bramlage Coliseum on March 10; and

WHEREAS, After struggling early in the season with one win and three losses, the Tigers finished their season with a record of 21 wins and only five losses; and

WHEREAS, The members of this outstanding basketball team have received statewide recognition for their fine sportsmanship and athletic abilities. This excellent achievement was a result of efforts by team members: Jordan Bauer, Derek Burgan, Andy Fanshier, Jake Fanshier, Josh Hildebrand, Tyler Meyer, Lyal Miller, Nathan Miller, Ryan Minnis, Travis Neidig, Colorado Shields and Brent Staub. The head coach and athletic director was Clint Kinnamon; the assistant coach was Derek Sanders; and the team managers/trainers were Katie Moore, Jesse VanDoran and Kade Kinnamon; and

WHEREAS, The success of this team was due to its hard-nosed defense, excellent teamwork and determination to win. The school also had the enthusiastic support of the school's administrators, the faculty, the students, the players' families and many area residents: Now therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That the St. John High School basketball team and Coach Kinnamon be congratulated and commended for winning the 2007 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 2A State Basketball Championship; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate provide 20 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Ruth Teichman for presentation to the St. John High School boys basketball team members and coaches.

On emergency motion of Senator Teichman SR 1842 was adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on Ways and Means begs leave to submit the following report:

The following appointment was referred to and considered by the committee and your committee recommends that the Senate approve and consent to such appointment:

By the Governor:

Public Employee Relations Board: K.S.A. 75-4323

Sally O'Grady, term expires March 15, 2010

On motion of Senator D. Schmidt the Senate adjourned until 3:00~p.m., Monday, March $19,\,2007.$

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

PAT SAVILLE, Secretary of the Senate.