Journal of the Senate

FIFTY-THIRD DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS Friday, March 23, 2007—8:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Stephen Morris.

The roll was called with thirty-two senators present.

Senators Barnett, Brungardt, Donovan, Gilstrap, Haley, Palmer, Vratil and Wilson were excused.

Invocation by Chaplain Fred S. Hollomon:

Heavenly Father,

One of the most astonishing and challenging statements Jesus ever made is found in His Sermon on the Mount: "Be perfect, therefore, as your Heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew 5:48)

How can we be perfect, Lord, Especially like You? It seems the most impossible thing Anyone could do!

But as I once more studied What "perfect" means in Greek, The original New Testament language Showed me what I came to seek.

Becoming perfect means we try To become "complete"... Which varies with the person, And the goals we seek to meet.

We are blessed with different talents, And a different I.Q. Some have different spiritual gifts From what some others do.

In the biblical parable of the talents (Matthew 5:14-30) There were different goals to meet. Only those who used their gifts

Were considered made "complete".

Help us be complete, O God, As well as we know how, And be as much like You As our abilities will allow!

I pray in the Name of Jesus,

AMEN

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

The following petition was presented, read and filed:

SP 4, by Senator Dwayne Umbarger: A petition in support of **HB 2185** from 48 students at Kansas State University and members of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, and if, after graduation, the students move to another state, would like to be able to "come home" for further education and be eligible for in-state tuition.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Assessment and Taxation: SB 386, SB 390; HB 2519.

Federal and State Affairs: SB 389.

Ways and Means: SB 387, SB 388; HB 2237, HB 2423.

REFERRAL OF APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments made by the Governor and submitted to the senate for confirmation, were referred to Committees as indicated:

By the Governor:

Employment Security Board of Review, Member

Harry Helser effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate to serve a term of 4 years.

(Commerce)

Kansas Health Policy Authority, Member

Arneatha Martin, effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate to serve a term of 4 years.

(Ways and Means)

REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS

Sub SB 82; SB 121, SB 162, SB 285, SB 326 reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Governor on March 23, 2007.

SCR 1609 reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Secretary of State on March 23, 2007.

On motion of Senator D. Schmidt the Senate adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Monday, March 26, 2007.

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

PAT SAVILLE, Secretary of the Senate.