# Journal of the Senate

## THIRTY-SIXTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS Wednesday, March 5, 2008—2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Stephen Morris. The roll was called with thirty-seven senators present. Senators McGinn, Ostmeyer and Pyle were excused. Invocation by Chaplain Fred S. Hollomon:

Heavenly Father,

It is a pity how so many people have such inadequate ways of viewing You. Such as  $\dots$ 

An imaginary being dreamed up by ignorant people.

An emergency room to depend on only in time of dire need.

A product of superstition.

At best a reference for idle talk.

At worst a favorite swear word.

An object of crude humor.

A scapegoat for natural disasters.

What a pity for people to view You with such ignorant assessments when they could have a vibrant, living, joyful, personal relationship with their Creator, Lord, and Savior . . . through a simple surrender of their wills to Yours.

And what wisdom and power You can supply in our efforts to benefit the people of Kansas.

I pray in the Name of Jesus Christ,

AMEN

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Stephen Morris.

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 670, An act establishing the joint committee on the 2010 comprehensive transportation plan, by Committee on Ways and Means.

**SB 671**, An act concerning mistreatment and abuse of certain persons; amending K.S.A. 21-3437 and K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 39-1401 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Ways and Means.

## REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

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

Agriculture: SB 667; Sub HB 2625; HB 2860, HB 2897.

Assessment and Taxation: Sub HB 2018.

Commerce: HB 2847.

Education: SB 669; HB 2734.

Elections and Local Government: HB 2308, HB 2408, HB 2697.

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2746**, **HB 2802**, **HB 2905**, **HB 2923**. Financial Institutions & Insurance: **HB 2675**, **HB 2686**, **HB 2783**.

Health Care Strategies: HB 2620

Judiciary: HB 2188; Sub HB 2618; HB 2732, HB 2780, HB 2825; Sub HB 2826, HB 2845, HB 2850.

Natural Resources: HB 2657.

Public Health and Welfare: HB 2702.

Utilities: HB 2634, HB 2805.

Ways and Means: SB 668; SCR 1620.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Announcing the House adopts the Conference Committee Report to agree to disagree on **House Substitute for SB 327** and has appointed Representatives C. Holmes, Olson and Kuether as second conferees on the part of the House.

#### CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on House amendments to **SB 327**, submits the following report:

Your committee on conference agrees to disagree and recommends that a new conference committee be appointed;

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

CARL DEAN HOLMES
ROBERT OLSON
Conferees on part of House

JAY SCOTT EMLER PAT APPLE JANIS K. LEE

Conferees on part of Senate

On motion of Senator Emler, the Senate adopted the conference committee report on **House Sub for SB 327**, and requested a new conference committee be appointed.

The President appointed Senators Elmer, Apple and Lee as a second Conference Committee on the part of the Senate on **House Sub for SB 327**.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** recommends  $\bf SB~554$  be amended on page 1, in line 18, by striking "2009" and inserting "2010"; following line 20, by inserting:

"(c) Except for the costs associated with the preparation and submission of the plans under subsections (a) and (b), no public funds shall be used to pay the costs of creating and installing the mural developed under this section."; and the bill be passed as amended.

On motion of Senator D. Schmidt the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Thursday, March 6, 2008

HELEN MORELAND, CHARLENE BAILEY, PAT MATZEK, *Journal Clerks*. PAT SAVILLE, *Secretary of the Senate*.