Journal of the Senate

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber, Topeka, Kansas Monday, March 1, 2010—2:30 p.m.

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

Heavenly Father,

Today our hearts go out to the people of Chile whose nation was blasted by an unusually powerful earthquake. Hundreds were killed, thousands of houses destroyed or damaged, and nations as far away as 15,000 miles were shaken.

We are thankful, O God, for nations, including ours, which have offered help of all kinds.

This world, which You obviously created, was specifically designed for human life, since only a very slight variation in the components which make up the universe would make it impossible for life to exist.

Those of us who had to depend on the position of the stars and planets to discover the location of our ships and planes during World War II, were impressed with the dependability of the heavenly bodies.

But we are also reminded during natural disasters that none of us, have assurance of the next day. So we especially thank you, Lord, for providing a way to an assurance of a resurrection, and an eternal home with You.

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 560, An act concerning insurance; relating to privilege fees for health maintenance organizations; amending K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 40-3213 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 561, An act concerning cities; relating to rehabilitation of abandoned houses; amending K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 12-1750, 12-1756a and 12-1756g and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Ways and Means.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

The President withdrew SB 559 from the Committee on Ways and Means, and referred the bill to the Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

The President withdrew **HB 2540** from the Committee on **Commerce**, and referred the bill to the Committee on **Financial Institutions and Insurance**.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

SB 357 approved on March 1, 2010.

February 24, 2010

To the Senate of the State of Kansas:

Submitted herewith for confirmation by the Senate is an appointment made by me as the Governor of the State of Kansas, pursuant to law.

Mark Parkinson

Governor

Commissioner, State Corporation Commission, Ward E. Loyd, pursuant to the authority vested in me by KSA 74-601, effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate, to serve a term of four years.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

KPERS

February 26, 2010

A report to the Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits regarding KPERS Long-Term Funding Status was submitted by KPERS.

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The House nonconcurs in Senate amendments to **Senate Substitute for HB 2476**, requests a conference and has appointed Representatives Kinzer, Whitham and Pauls as conferees on the part of the House.

Announcing passage of Substitute for HB 2538.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

 $Substitute\ for\ HB\ 2538\ {\rm was\ thereupon\ introduced\ and\ read\ by\ title.}$

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on ${\bf Transportation}$ recommends ${\bf SB}~{\bf 544}$ be passed.

On motion of Senator D. Schmidt the Senate adjourned until $2:30~\mathrm{p.m.}$, Tuesday, March $2,\,2010.$

HELEN MORELAND, ROSE MARIE GLATT, SHIRLEY LAMOTT, Journal Clerks. PAT SAVILLE, Secretary of the Senate.