

# Journal of the Senate

## THIRD DAY

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SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS  
Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by Vice President Rick Wilborn.

The roll was called with 38 senators present.

Senators Claeys and Estes were excused.

Invocation by Reverend Cecil T. Washington:

A Smile; Antidote for the Deadly Disease of Discord

Matthew 10:1, Matthew 18:19-20, Luke 11:17

Heavenly Father, Your unfailing Word assures us, that You will bless any state of affairs, where togetherness exists; where the unity is based on a common devotion to the principles of Your Word [Matthew 18:19-20]. So, when elements invade us, that are foreign to our wellbeing; When the enemy of unity looks for ways to occupy, give us one of Your tested and proven injections of love for one another. Remind us to be kind, and to try seeing things through the eyes of others. As You used the Apostles, in Matthew 10:1, to heal diseases, use us in healing the deadly diseases of discord. The diseases that divide us; the disease of pride; of unforgiveness; and of every other negative that would tempt us and diminish our success. [Luke 11:17] On this very day, by Your Holy Spirit, cleanse from us any attitude, that would hinder our attitude. Since Your created each of us and no one is more significant than another. Help us to put a smile on someone's face, and give them a thumbs up! In the words of song writer, Kirk Franklin, You even look better when you smile. Lord, in the Name of Jesus, I thank you for the day, You put a smile in my heart that in a wonderful way, showed up on my face, Amen and Amen!

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Wilborn.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

**SB 23**, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to buildings and improvements destroyed or substantially destroyed by natural disaster; amending K.S.A. 79-1613 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

**SB 24**, AN ACT concerning municipalities; prohibiting any requirements that impact a customer's use of energy; relating to public utilities; creating the Kansas energy choice act, by Committee on Utilities.

**SB 25**, AN ACT concerning the regulation of traffic; prohibiting the use of a mobile

telephone while operating in a school zone or in a road construction zone or by individuals under 18 years of age; amending K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-2118 and repealing the existing section; also repealing K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-2118c, by Committee on Transportation.

**SB 26**, AN ACT concerning roads and highways; designating a portion of K-7 as the Senator Bud Burke Memorial Highway, by Committee on Transportation.

**SB 27**, AN ACT concerning health and environment; relating to the Kansas storage tank act; increasing the limit of certain liability amounts; reimbursements; extending the existence of the underground fund, aboveground fund, UST redevelopment fund and the UST redevelopment fund compensation advisory board; amending K.S.A. 65-34,105, 65-34,118, 65-34,119, 65-34,120, 65-34,123, 65-34,128, 65-34,134 and 65-34,139 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

#### **REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Assessment and Taxation: **SB 21**.

Financial Institutions: **SB 15**.

Judiciary: **SCR 1602**.

Transparency and Ethics: **SB 17**.

Transportation: **SB 18, SB 19, SB 20**.

Ways and Means: **SB 16**.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS**

The following report was submitted to the Senate and is on file with the Secretary of the Senate:

Kansas Employment First Oversight Commission annual report.

#### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Committee on **Assessment and Taxation** recommends **SB 13** be amended on page 2, in line 1, by striking “associated with” and inserting “of printing and postage”; in line 5, by striking “associated with” and inserting “of printing and postage for”; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **SB 14** be passed.

On motion of Senator Suellentrop, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Thursday, January 14, 2021.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks*.

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate*.

