

Journal of the House

SEVENTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 11:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment with Speaker Merrick in the chair.

The roll was called with 120 members present.

Rep. Seiwert was excused on verified illness.

Rep. Estes was excused on legislative business.

Reps. Goico, Kiegerl and Wolfe Moore were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by guest chaplain, the Rev. Doyle Pryor, senior pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Topeka:

Heavenly Father,

I ask Your blessings today on the ladies and gentlemen who are tasked with the leadership of our great state. I pray that you would protect their families, their businesses and their own hearts during this session. Draw them close to Yourself. I know that leadership is ordained of You, so help them be worthy, and honor the high calling of service and ministry to their fellow man.

We know Your Word says that You can do exceeding abundantly more than we could ever ask or imagine; So give them great imaginations and ingenuity on behalf of this great state.

Heavenly Father we acknowledge that You are all-knowing and from everlasting to everlasting, You know everything in our past and in our future, so if we knew what you knew, we would want what you want. Help us to know you so well that we would want what you want. I pray that these men and women would legislate well, so that Kansas will be a better place to live, work and raise as family at the end of this session than it was in the beginning.

I thank you for the incredible example of leadership and sacrifice You provided on the cross, and it is in the matchless name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Wilson.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There being no objection, the following remarks of Rep. Billinger are spread upon the Journal:

It is my pleasure as a 2016 member of the Kansas House of Representatives to recognize Northwest Kansas Technical College for being selected as an Apple Distinguished School for 2015-2017. Congratulations on being recognized as an exemplary learning environment for innovation, leadership, and educational excellence.

The administration and faculty have shown that they demonstrate the Five Best Practices of an Apple Distinguished School: visionary leadership, innovative learning and teaching, ongoing professional training, compelling evidence of success, and a flexible learning environment.

Apple has engaged with educators for over thirty years to explore and enhance the experience of teaching and learning. Apple's education mission is to provide a learning environment that supports the way students live and how they will learn. We applaud Northwest Kansas Technical College for advancing this mission, ensuring that all students are prepared for future success in work and life.

In past years, Apple has given Northwest Kansas Technical College several different awards. Northwest Tech was the first two-year college to be awarded both the Apple Distinguished Program Award and the Apple Distinguished School Award. It was also the first two-year college in the United States to implement an iPad 1:1 program.

The Apple Distinguished Educator Program began in 1994 and it has grown into a worldwide community of over 2,000 visionary educators who are doing amazing things with Apple Technology. This year I am very proud to announce an individual award for an instructor at Northwest Tech. Adam Elliott, the Computer Graphics Teacher, has been named an Apple Distinguished Educator.

Adam is the first individual in the 2-year sector from the state of Kansas to receive the Distinguished Educator Award. Mr. Elliott is a Goodland, Kansas native and a 2009 graduate of Fort Hays State University.

Rep. Billinger introduced Dr. Ed Mills; Ron Kaus; Brad Bergsma; Apple Representative, Nathan Ray and Adam Elliott, Apple Distinguished Educator. He presented them with a framed House certificate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

HB 2484, AN ACT concerning charitable gaming; relating to disclosure of licensee information; amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 75-5133 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

HB 2485, AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to risk-based capital instructions; effective date; amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 40-2c01 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Insurance and Financial Institutions.

HB 2486, AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to capital improvements; creating the school district bond project review board; amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 75-2319 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Education.

HB 2487, AN ACT concerning legislators; relating to subsistence allowances; amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 46-137a and repealing the existing section, by Representative Trimmer.

HB 2488, AN ACT concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas public employees retirement system and systems thereunder; lump-sum death benefit; amending K.S.A. 74-4989 and K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 74-49,315 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Pensions and Benefits.

HB 2489, AN ACT concerning the Kansas public employees retirement system; relating to death and long-term disability benefits; employer payments to group insurance reserve fund; Kansas public employees retirement system act of 2015; accidental death benefit; annuity interest rate; amending K.S.A. 74-4916 and K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 74-4927 and 74-49,313 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Pensions and Benefits.

HB 2490, AN ACT concerning the plant pest and agriculture commodity certification act; relating to certain definitions; relating to plant pest containment; amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 2-2113, 2-2114, 2-2116 and 2-2117 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

HB 2491, AN ACT concerning water; relating to the water appropriation act; annual water use report; amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 82a-732 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

HB 2492, AN ACT concerning conservation; establishing the Kansas conservation reserve enhancement program, by Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

HB 2493, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to cities and counties, election requirements for certain budget increases; amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 79-2925b and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2494, AN ACT concerning taxation; repealing certain obsolete or expired sections; amending K.S.A. 79-5a03 and K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 74-2439 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 79-310a, 79-319, 79-319a, 79-322, 79-506, 79-1408 and 79-1472 and K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 79-1409 and 79-1494, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2495, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to classification of certain improvements, timeframe for appeals; amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 79-262 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2496, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to personal property sold or transferred before the tax has been paid; amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 79-2109 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2497, AN ACT concerning the department of revenue; relating to driver's license examiners, unclassified service; amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 75-2935 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2498, AN ACT concerning sales taxation; relating to the community improvement district sales tax administration fund; amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 12-6a31 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2499, AN ACT concerning sales tax authority; relating to the Sherwood improvement district; amending K.S.A. 19-2765 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Agriculture and Natural Resources: **HB 2479, HB 2480, HB 2481.**

Education Budget: **HB 2482, HB 2483.**

Health and Human Services: **HB 2471.**

Taxation: **HB 2472, HB 2474, HB 2475, HB 2476, HB 2477.**

Transportation: **HB 2470, HB 2473.**

Utilities and Telecommunications: **HB 2478.**

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

Speaker Merrick announced the withdrawal of **HB 2058** from Committee on Appropriations and referral to Committee on Health and Human Services.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

From Mike Michael, Director, State Employee Health Plan, Division of Health Care Finance, Kansas Department of Health and Environment; in compliance with K.S.A. 75-6509, Kansas State Employees Health Care Commission 2015 Annual Report.

The complete report is kept on file and open for inspection in the office of the Chief Clerk.

On motion of Rep. Vickrey, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, January 21, 2016.

BECKIE HENDRICKS, JENNY HAUGH, *Journal Clerks*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

