

# Journal of the Senate

FIFTY-SIXTH DAY

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SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS  
Friday, May 1, 2015, 8:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Susan Wagle.

The roll was called with 27 senators present.

Senators Denning, Donovan, Holmes, King, LaTurner, Longbine, Love, Masterson, Melcher, O'Donnell, Pettey, Smith and Wolf were excused.

Invocation by Reverend Cecil T. Washington:

Heavenly Father,

The men and women of this Senate are strong, gifted and influential but we desire that You even increase their influence. Give them an even stronger influence today...that the power of right and righteousness would permeate this body for the good of the state and the good of the country. When we see the growing turmoil and disruption across this nation, we're grateful for how You've kept Your hand on Kansas. But Lord, we need You to bless us even more. There's an environment...an atmosphere that You've promised to bless. You said in Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 that two are better than one and a cord of three strands is not easily broken. So Lord, please stimulate an environment of unity in this body that the "together power" of synergy will be manifest. Let each man and woman in this body begin to experience, in fresh, new and exciting ways, the synergistic power of being united; a power that could only come from You as they come together and strive for harmony (Ephesians 4:3). As their strengths, gifts and abilities come together in support of one another, may their power of influence increase and abound. In retrospect, let the citizens of this state, one day declare "what a blessing it was to have had them serve." Thank You Lord, for hearing our prayer. In the Name of Jesus. Amen

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Susan Wagle.

## **POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

President Wagle introduced Senator Phil Nicholas, President of the Wyoming Senate, and his wife Karen. They are visiting the Statehouse in advance of a renovation of the Wyoming Capitol.

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

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Assessment and Taxation: **SB 302**.

Ways and Means: **SB 301**.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS**

Senator Francisco introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1738—

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending 50 years of accreditation for the University of Kansas' graduate programs in speech, language and hearing.

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas is committed to the quality of its institutions of higher education and the academic programs in which students learn and evolve to support the needs of its citizens and community; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 40 million Americans have some type of communication disorder, costing the United States approximately \$154 to \$186 billion annually in lost work productivity, special education and medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, Each day audiologists and speech-language pathologists diagnose, treat and prevent speech, language and hearing disorders, thereby helping citizens lead full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, For more than five decades, the academic accreditation program, which was launched by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and is currently administered by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA), has supported and strengthened entry-level graduate education in audiology and speech-language pathology by establishing and renewing standards, engaging in peer review and supporting continuous quality improvement of the programs it accredits; and

WHEREAS, The University of Kansas was one of the first universities to recognize the value of accreditation for its graduate programs as part of its role in preparing professionals to meet the needs of the state and the global community. The University's graduate education programs in audiology and in speech-language pathology have been continuously accredited since May 1965: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend 50 years of accreditation for the University of Kansas' graduate programs in speech, language and hearing; and

*Be it further resolved:* That we salute the University of Kansas and the dedicated audiologists and speech-language pathologists who are alumni of the master's program in speech-language pathology, the master's program in audiology and the clinical doctoral program in audiology for their commitment to bringing better speech, language and hearing to individuals affected by communication disorders; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send 10 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Francisco.

On emergency motion of Senator Francisco **SR 1738** was adopted unanimously.

Guests introduced were: Dr. Holly Storkel, Dr. John Ferraro, Dr. Richard Schiefelbusch, Dr. Jane Wegner, Dr. Susan Jackson, Kris Pedersen, Betty Bunce, Severena Popejoy and Kelsey McCoy.

The Senate honored the guests with a standing ovation.

**TRIBUTES**

The Committee on Organization, Calendar and Rules authorizes the following tributes for the week of April 29 through May 1, 2015:

Senator Faust-Goudeau: commending Woman to Woman Ministries on its service to Wichita and the State of Kansas; congratulating and commending New Jerusalem Baptist Church and Pastor T.L. Wade on their service to Wichita and the State of Kansas;

Senator Kelly: congratulating Richard and Cheryl Carlson on their 50th Wedding Anniversary; and

Senator Ostmeyer: congratulating the Hoxie Lady Indians on winning the 2015 Class 1A State championship.

On motion of Senator Bruce, the Senate adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 4, 2015.

ROSE MARIE GLATT, CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks*.  
COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate*.

