

Journal of the Senate

SIXTY-SIXTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Friday, May 15, 2015, 8:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by Senator Ty Masterson.

The roll was called with 23 senators present.

Senators Faust-Goudeau, Fitzgerald, Haley, Hawk, Hensley, Holland, King, LaTurner, Longbine, Love, Lynn, McGinn, Melcher, O'Donnell, Olson, Wagle and Wolf were excused.

Invocation by Reverend Cecil T. Washington:

Heavenly Father,

We're in a spot here; where certain decisions have to be made. In the 1800s one Ambrose Bierce, gave his tongue in cheek definition of what it means to "decide." It's "to succumb to the preponderance of one set of influences over another set." He then gave this example of a leaf. "A leaf was driven from a tree, 'I mean to fall to earth,' said he. The west wind, rising, made him veer. 'Eastward,' said he, 'I now shall steer.' The east wind rose with greater force. Said he: 'Twas wise to change my course.'" Lord, help us to increase our connectedness to You that more and more our decisions will be firm and resolute...not wishy washy...not as it's mentioned in Ephesians 4:14...like that immature leaf, tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. You said that the principles of Your Word would stand forever. So, Lord help us to avoid duplicity and truly be grounded in the strength of Your Word. And Lord, as we journey to our various destinations for the weekend, place hedges of protection around the vehicles. Take us and bring us safely. Bless our loved ones and bless us with times of rest. Let our testimony of praise be like David's, in Psalm 23, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever." In the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senator Ty Masterson.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Federal and State Affairs: **SB 306, SB 307.**

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL

May 11, 2015

Public and Government Affairs Recruiting, submitted the Kansas Highway Patrol's

2014 Annual Report.

KANSAS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

May 14, 2015

Executive Director, Ruth Glover, submitted the Kansas Human Rights Commission Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2014.

The Chair announced that these reports are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Senate and are available for review at any time.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

Senator Ostmeyer introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:
SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1749—

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Hays High School
for winning the 4A state championship at the Kansas
Scholastic Press Association state journalism contest.

WHEREAS, Hays High School was named the class 4A state champion at the Kansas Scholastic Press Association state journalism contest on May 2, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Hays High School had 21 students competing in the state journalism contest with 40 qualifying entries; and

WHEREAS, The competitors consisted of: Jasmine Lawson, who took first in infographics and second in yearbook layout; Sylina Zhang, who took first in editorial writing and third in multimedia storytelling; Morgan Klaus, who took first in yearbook sports writing and received an honorable mention in student-life photography; Kirsten Prindle, who took first in cutline writing and received an honorable mention in yearbook copy writing; Cheyenne Schwab, who took second in academic photo; Sierra Eichman, who took second in online photo gallery; Kara Brooks, who took third in multimedia storytelling; Chelsey Augustine, who took third in cutline writing; Kylie Brown, who took third in yearbook sports writing; Tiana Lawson, who received an honorable mention in academic photo; Amanda Dinkel, who received an honorable mention in online photo gallery; Brianna Mathias, who received an honorable mention in feature writing; Sarah Rooney, Nikki Vuong, Rachael Arthur, Raina Basso, Hannah Baxter, Thea Ferland, Brenden Koenigsman, Gage Phillips and Taylor Deboer; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the state championship, Hays High School was awarded All-Kansas, the Kansas Scholastic Press Association's top award, for last year's yearbook and this year's newspaper; and

WHEREAS, The teacher and adviser of the journalism program at Hays High School is Bill Gasper, whose dedication and passion for teaching is vital to the numerous accomplishments of the Hays High School journalism program: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend Hays High School for winning the class 4A state championship at the Kansas Scholastic Press Association state journalism contest. This is a great accomplishment for Hays High School and the journalism team; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send two enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Ostmeyer.

On emergency motion of Senator Ostmeyer **SR 1749** was adopted unanimously.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1750—

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending St. Francis Community High School for winning the 1A state championship at the Kansas Scholastic Press Association state journalism contest.

WHEREAS, St. Francis Community High School was named the class 1A state champion at the Kansas Scholastic Press Association state journalism contest on May 2, 2015; and

WHEREAS, St. Francis Community High School had 24 students competing in the state journalism contest; and

WHEREAS, The competitors consisted of: Mariah Beikman, who took first place in yearbook copy writing; Reagan Beims, who took first place in headline writing and design; McKenzie Taylor, who took second place in advertising; Journey Lee, who took third place in yearbook theme and graphics; Kayla Reed, who took third place in yearbook theme and graphics; Jylian Laten, who took third place in newspaper page design; Erik Nelson, who received an honorable mention in yearbook theme and graphics; Jude Faulkender, who received an honorable mention in academics photography; Michaela Ford, who received an honorable mention in online photo gallery; Wade Jones, who received an honorable mention in sports photography; Clay De Waal, Emily Elfers, Lane Hobrock, Kylie Sherlock, Sydney Sundstrom, Hannah Wolf, Jenna Confer, Hanna Bracelin, Coy De Waal, Jake Faulkender, Jesica Pacheco, Janeth Perez-Medina, Madison Tice and Matthisen Witzel; and

WHEREAS, The teacher and adviser of the journalism program is Brenda Day, whose dedication and passion for teaching is vital to the accomplishments of the St. Francis Community High School journalism program: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend St. Francis Community High School for winning the class 1A state championship at the Kansas Scholastic Press Association state journalism contest. This is a great accomplishment for St. Francis Community High School and the journalism team; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send two enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Ostmeyer.

On emergency motion of Senator Ostmeyer **SR 1750** was adopted unanimously.

REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS

SB 14, SB 52, SB 105, SB 189, SB 276, SB 290 reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Governor on May 15, 2015.

TRIBUTES

The Committee on **Organization, Calendar and Rules** authorizes the following tributes for the week of May 11 through May 15, 2015:

Senator Bowers: congratulating Marc Nicols on receiving the Hemphill Award;

Senator Faust-Goudeau: honoring Bishop Joseph Cisro Gilkey, Sr. for his service to the Wichita Community;

Senator Francisco: commending KanREN for its leadership on education and economic development issues;

Senator McGinn: thanking Rita Hamman on her outstanding service to the Kansas Senate;

Senator O'Donnell: congratulating William J. "Bill" Warren on his 45th Anniversary of Movie Theatre Excellence;

Senator Ostmeyer: congratulating Sharon Springs-Wallace County on the 2015 Class 1A Division II Boys Basketball State Championship; congratulating St. Francis Community High School on winning the 1A State Championship at the state journalism contest;

Senator Petersen: congratulating James Starr on receiving the Driver of the Year Award; and

Senator Schmidt: congratulating Sharon Miller on her retirement; congratulating Phil Hamilton on his retirement; and congratulating Dan Brooks on his retirement.

On motion of Senator Bruce, the Senate adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 18, 2015.

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

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