

Journal of the House

TWELFTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Wednesday, January 24, 2018, 11:00 a.m.

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

The roll was called with 123 members present.

Rep. Weber was excused on verified illness.

Rep. Schwab was excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by Chaplain Brubaker:

Our Gracious Heavenly Father,
thank You for this day
and the blessings it will bring to us.
Please guide the minds, thoughts,
hearts and desires of our leaders.
Breathe into them a new spirit,
the gift of attentive hearts and open minds.
Through the various diversity of ideas,
guide them in determining what is best for our state.
In their endeavors to bring unity,
help their discussions be mutually respectful
and absent of prejudice.
This I pray in Your Son's Name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Sawyer

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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

I would like to recognize a few members of the Cherokee County Sheriff's department and local fire departments today for their acts of selflessness and bravery exhibited during the rescue of a person from a vehicle in a very dangerous situation.

The headlines read "Rescue Personnel Pull Man From Overturned Vehicle Submerged in Creek"

Just after 7:00 pm. on Thursday, January 11, 2018, emergency personnel were dispatched to the area of Southwest 90th and Clem Road, where a passerby saw the tail lights of an overturned 2002 Nissan SUV, submerged in a creek.

Cherokee County Sheriff's Deputies Noble Dobkins and Matt Hatfield arrived on

scene along with Lola Township Fire Department Lieutenant Jack Getman.

Upon their arrival, they heard the driver and sole occupant screaming for help as he was trapped inside the vehicle, which now had water inside of it.

Deputy Hatfield attempted to get to the driver, but was unable to reach him in the waist deep water.

Deputy Dobkins then spotted a cable, which had been strung across the creek as part of a fence. The cable was near the vehicle, so he began to walk on it and was able to get on top of the overturned SUV. The doors, however, were locked, so they were still unable to reach the driver.

Firefighters from Lola Township and the Columbus Fire Department began arriving at that time and one of them retrieved a tow rope. Deputy Hatfield took the rope and connected it to a tow rope Deputy Dobkins had. Deputy Hatfield then used his patrol vehicle to pull the SUV on its side. Once on its side, emergency personnel were able to break one of the windows, allowing the driver to be pulled from the vehicle.

In order to get Woods back to the street, a ladder was extended to the vehicle and the driver was placed on a backboard so rescue personnel could pass him along until he was back to the roadway.

Woods was then transported to Mercy Maude Norton Hospital in Columbus, before being transported to Mercy in Joplin to be treated for his injuries and low core body temperature.

I wholeheartedly agree with the Sheriff when he said "There is no question, considering the frigid temperatures on Thursday night, this crash could have ended in a much more tragic way. I'm proud of the quick thinking and courageous acts demonstrated by law enforcement and Firefighters at the scene, which no doubt resulted in the saving of the driver's life." concluded Sheriff Groves.

Standing with me are Sheriff Dave Groves, his deputies Noble Dobkins and Matt Hatfield. I also want to recognize Firemen Jack Getman and Kale Kitterman for their efforts in the rescue. Please join me in congratulating these men for a job well done.

Rep. Houser presented framed House certificates to his guests.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

HB 2531, AN ACT concerning roads and highways; designating a portion of various Kansas and United States highways for members of the Kansas highway patrol killed in the line of duty; amending K.S.A. 68-1024, 68-1027, 68-1044 and 68-1054 and K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 68-1029, 68-1058, 68-10,114 and 68-10,119 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Transportation.

HB 2532, AN ACT concerning the Kansas roofing contractor registration act; relating to the exemption for commercial property owners; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 50-6,129 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development.

HB 2533, AN ACT concerning gaming; relating to the Kansas expanded lottery act; relating to sports gambling, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

HB 2534, AN ACT regulating traffic; concerning racing on highways; exhibition of speed or acceleration, definition; amending K.S.A. 8-1565 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice.

HB 2535, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating

to speedy trial; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 22-3402 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice.

HB 2536, AN ACT concerning electricity; relating to service rights of retail electric suppliers; relating to termination of a retail electric supplier's service rights; amending K.S.A. 66-1,176 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications.

HB 2537, AN ACT concerning redevelopment authorities in certain counties; amending K.S.A. 19-4904 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2538, AN ACT concerning elections; amending K.S.A. 25-1120 and K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 25-1122, 25-1123, 25-2309, 25-2311, 25-2316c and 65-2418 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 25-2358, by Representatives Parker and Good.

HB 2539, AN ACT concerning certain statewide elected officials; amending K.S.A. 25-101a and repealing the existing section, by Representative B. Carpenter.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Children and Seniors: **HB 2530**.

Commerce, Labor and Economic Development: **HB 2526**.

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2519**, **HB 2525**.

Judiciary: **HB 2520**, **HB 2521**, **HB 2522**, **HB 2523**, **HB 2524**, **HB 2529**.

Taxation: **HB 2527**.

Water and Environment: **HB 2528**.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE

Speaker Ryckman announced the withdrawal of **HB 2517** from the Committee on Appropriations and referral to the Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

From Alexandra Blasi, Executive Secretary, Kansas Board of Pharmacy; pursuant to K.S.A. 65-4102(b), Report on Substances Proposed for Scheduling, Rescheduling or Deletion.

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** recommends **HB 2437** be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

On motion of Rep. Hineman, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, January 25, 2018.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks*.

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk*.