

Journal of the House

SEVENTY-FIRST DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Friday, May 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment with Speaker pro tem Mast in the chair.

The roll was called with 114 members present.

Rep. Osterman was excused on verified illness.

Reps. Barker, Bridges, Bruchman, Gandhi, Goico, Hermanson, Lane, Montgomery, Powell and Todd were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Rep. Frownfelter was excused later in the day on excused absence by the Speaker.

Present later: Rep. Todd.

Prayer by Chaplain Brubaker:

Eternal God of hope, love and light,
again I come before You
asking for wisdom, patience, peace,
perseverance and understanding for our leaders.
Give them discernment that they might
examine their commitment to principle,
conviction, and commitment and to avoid
an inability to listen to one another
and work cooperatively to solve
the important issue of the day.
Give them the generosity of heart
and the courage of true leadership
to work toward a common solution
which might call for sacrifice on all sides.
And, with the long hours and lingering days,
help us all to keep our sense of humor
in order to remain objective and diligent.
In Your Name I pray, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Carpenter.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The Senate announced the appointment of Senators Tyson, Bruce and Holland to replace Senators King, Smith and Haley as members of the conference committee on **SB 63**.

The Senate announced the appointment of Senators King, Smith and Haley to replace Senators Love, Kerschen and Francisco as members of the conference committee on **HB 2049**.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was introduced and read by title:

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. **HR 6036**—

By Representatives DeGraaf, Powell, Barker, Becker, Bideau, Boldra, Bradford, Carpenter, Christmann, Claeys, Concannon, Couture-Lovelady, Dove, Edwards, Esau, Ewy, Garber, Gonzalez, Grosserode, Hedke, Highland, Hoffman, Howell, Huebert, Johnson, Jones, Kahrs, Lunn, Macheers, Mast, McPherson, Peck, Petty, Read, Rothlisberg, Ryckman Sr., Schroeder, Seiwert, Siegfried and Sutton

A RESOLUTION supporting the 200+ years of Judeo-Christian tradition and its open expression in the U.S. Military.

WHEREAS, American history demonstrates the importance of open and unrestricted religious expression in the military, beginning with General George Washington even before the American founding and then continuing unabated thereafter; and

WHEREAS, The historical and constitutional emphasis on securing the rights of conscience and religious expression are for all citizens and does not exclude those in the military; and

WHEREAS, There is a recent documented trend of increasing hostility from special interests towards religious expressions by military service members and of restrictions on military chaplains, especially toward those of the Judeo-Christian tradition; and

WHEREAS, The Judeo-Christian tradition has been, and continues to be, the majority religion in the U.S.A. and its military; and

WHEREAS, American history has had a two-century policy of friendliness to and acceptance of faith and religious expression in the military, including its direct support through a professional chaplaincy; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of government is to protect the inalienable rights of every individual, including those in the military; the rights of conscience and religious expression are among those rights which government has a fundamental duty to protect, rather than infringe upon: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we strongly support the 200+ years of Judeo-Christian tradition and its open expression in the U.S. Military; and

Be it further resolved: That the Kansas House of Representatives expects its U.S. Legislators to fully support and aggressively defend the rights of religious conscience and the free exercise of the Judeo-Christian tradition in the U.S. Military and support the professional chaplaincy; and

Be it further resolved: That the Kansas House of Representatives expects the Adjutant General of Kansas to fully support and aggressively defend the rights of religious conscience and the free exercise of the Judeo-Christian tradition in the Kansas National Guard and support the professional chaplaincy; and

Be it further resolved: That the Kansas House of Representatives expects civilian and military leaders of the U.S. Military to fully support and aggressively defend the rights

of religious conscience and the free exercise of the Judeo-Christian tradition in the U.S. Military and support the professional chaplaincy; and

Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the U.S. legislators representing Kansas, Adjutant General Tafanelli and Secretary of Defense, Chuck Hagel.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS

Having voted on the prevailing side, Rep. Schwab moved, pursuant to House Rule 2303, that the House reconsider its action in not adopting the conference committee report on **H Sub for SB 84** and the bill be returned to that order of business, Consideration of Conference Committee Reports (see House Journal, pages 1062-1083). The motion prevailed and the bill was returned to the original motion of Rep. Carlson under that order of business Consideration of Conference Committee Reports.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The conference committee report on **H Sub for SB 84** was reconsidered (see report on pages 1062-1083 of the House Journal). On the original motion of Rep. Carlson to adopt the conference committee report. Rep. Schwab offered a substitute motion to not adopt the conference committee report and a new conference committee be appointed. The motion prevailed.

Speaker pro tem Mast thereupon appointed Reps. Carlson, Schwab and Menghini as fifth conferees on the part of the House.

On motion of Rep. Vickrey, the House recessed until 2:00 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The House met pursuant to recess with Speaker pro tem Mast in the chair.

On motion of Rep. Vickrey, the House recessed until 4:30 p.m.

LATE AFTERNOON SESSION

The House met pursuant to recess with Speaker pro tem Mast in the chair.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

HB 2149, HB 2162; S Sub for HB 2199; HB 2249 approved on May 30, 2013.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference on **H Sub for SB 84** and has appointed Senators Tyson, Bruce and Holland as fifth conferees on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Rep. Vickrey, the House recessed until 5:15 p.m.

EARLY EVENING SESSION

The House met pursuant to recess with Speaker pro tem Mast in the chair.

On motion of Rep. Vickrey, the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 1, 2013.

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

CHARLENE SWANSON, *Journal Clerk.*

