

Journal of the House

FIFTEENTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Monday, February 3, 2014, 11:00 a.m.

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

The roll was called with 116 members present.

Rep. Anthimides, Peterson and Schroeder were excused on verified illness.

Reps. Christmann, Concannon, Goico, Hill, Read and Sloop were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by Chaplain Brubaker:

Lord in Heaven,
With the genesis of a new work week,
help us to begin it by being thankful
that You are mindful of each of us and
attentive to all our needs.
Guide our steps throughout this week.
Give us strength and courage to face the decisions
that are to be made.
Use us as instruments of Your peace,
and may we be a blessing to others.
Help our actions to be just and merciful,
our words to be humble and uplifting.
When we are confused, guide us.
When we are weary, energize us.
I ask that You help us have a good productive week
that will bring honor and glory to You.
In Your Son's Name I pray, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Clayton.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

HB 2560, AN ACT concerning the minimum wage; amending K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 44-1203 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development.

HB 2561, AN ACT concerning the board of pharmacy; relating to licensure of pharmacists and registration of pharmacist interns; amending K.S.A. 65-1632 and 65-

1644 and K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 65-1643, 65-1645 and 65-1663 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 2562, AN ACT concerning crimes, criminal procedure and punishment; relating to release of incompetent defendants, by Committee on Judiciary.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and resolutions were referred to committees as indicated:

Agriculture and Natural Resources: **HB 2547, HB 2548, HB 2549, HB 2550, HB 2551.**

Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget: **HB 2545.**

Appropriations: **HB 2544.**

Children and Seniors: **HB 2558.**

Commerce, Labor and Economic Development: **HB 2556, HB 2559.**

Education: **HB 2546.**

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2553, HB 2554; HCR 5026.**

Health and Human Services: **HB 2552.**

Judiciary: **HB 2555; HCR 5027.**

Taxation: **HB 2557.**

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

From Hon. Frank J. Yeoman, Jr., Chair, Board of Directors, Kansas Guardianship Program, 2013 Annual Report.

From Kim Christiansen, Executive Director; Jeff McClanahan, Director, Utilities Division; Mike Hoeme, Director, Transportation Division, Kansas Corporation Commission, pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117b, Annual Price Deregulation Report, 2014.

From Kim Christiansen, Executive Director, and Jeff McClanahan, Director, Utilities Division, Kansas Corporation Commission, pursuant to K.S.A. 2011 Supp 66-2005 as amended by SB 350, HB 2637 and SB 72 (enacted by the 2006, 2008 and 2011 Legislatures, respectively), Utilities and Common Carriers, Annual Report, 2014.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was introduced and read by title:

House resolution no. 6044--

By Representative Kuether

A RESOLUTION commemorating the 10th Anniversary of National Wear Red Day.

WHEREAS, Heart disease is the number one killer of women, yet is often preventable; and

WHEREAS, Cardiovascular diseases cause one in three women's deaths each year, killing approximately one woman every minute; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 43 million women in the United States are affected by cardiovascular diseases; and

WHEREAS, Heart disease kills more women than all forms of cancer combined, but is often undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, Ninety percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing heart disease, yet only one in five American women believes that heart disease is her greatest health threat; and

WHEREAS, Women comprise only 24% of participants in all heart-related studies; and

WHEREAS, Since 1984, more women than men have died each year from heart disease and the gap between men's and women's survival continues to widen; and

WHEREAS, Women are less likely to call 911 for themselves when experiencing symptoms of a heart attack than they are if someone else were having a heart attack; and

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association's Go Red For Women movement has been impacting the health of women for 10 years. More than 627,000 women's lives have been saved and 330 fewer women are dying every day; and

WHEREAS, In celebration of the 10th Anniversary of National Wear Red Day on February 7, 2014, Go Red For Women is asking all women across America to 'Go Red' by wearing red and speaking about awareness. Women can prevent heart disease by: Asking their doctors to check their blood pressure and cholesterol; stopping smoking, losing weight, exercising and eating healthy; realizing their risk, since heart disease is the cause of one in three female deaths each year; making healthy food choices for themselves and their families and teaching their children the importance of staying active; and by telling every woman they know that heart disease is their number one killer; and

WHEREAS, By increasing awareness, speaking up about cardiovascular disease and empowering women to reduce their risk, thousands of women's lives can be saved each year. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we commemorate the 10th Anniversary of National Wear Red Day and urge all citizens to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease by wearing the color red; and

Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Representative Kuether.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Appropriations** recommends **SB 245**, be amended by substituting a new bill to be designated as "House Substitute for SENATE BILL NO. 245," as follows:

"House Substitute for SENATE BILL NO. 245

By Committee on Appropriations

"AN ACT making and concerning appropriations for fiscal years ending June 30, 2014, June 30, 2015, and June 30, 2016, for state agencies; authorizing certain transfers, capital improvement projects and fees, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements, procedures and acts incidental to the foregoing."; and the substitute bill be passed.

(**H Sub for SB 245** was thereupon introduced and read by title.)

Committee on **Local Government** recommends **HB 2420** be amended on page 1, in line 13, after the second comma by inserting "and is further hereby authorized to retain any other individual, firm, partnership, corporation, public agency or other association of persons, by contract for services"; and the bill be passed as amended.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

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

About 20 years ago I remember standing in the gallery, looking out across Representative Hall, and thinking about how great it must be to serve as a Representative in this chamber. Years later I stood in the front where the Oath of Office was administered and I looked up at the gallery where my family was seated. A couple years later when I chaired the Committee of the Whole, sitting in the chair I looked up at the gallery again and thought about what a great adventure it was to get from the gallery to the chair. And what an adventure it has been. I've spoken at this microphone literally hundreds of times over the past 17 years, and now I stand here for likely the last time. I have very mixed feelings. I have so many good friends over the years, all of you who are here today, some who have retired, and some who have left this earth. The legislature truly is like a family, we sometimes disagree on issues, but at the end of the day, we sit down with each other and are friends.

I want to thank our House leadership on both sides of the aisle, the members of the Rules Committee, the members of the Insurance Committee, the Chief Clerk and the assistants that make things run so smoothly in this Chamber.

Thank you for a wonderful 17 years.

On motion of Rep. Vickrey, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 4, 2014.

CHARLENE SWANSON, *Journal Clerk.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

