

Journal of the Senate

SIXTY-SEVENTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Friday, May 24, 2013, 10:30 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Susan Wagle.

The roll was called with thirty-five senators present.

Senators Apple, Donovan, Faust-Goudeau, Haley and Petersen were excused.

Invocation by Father Don Davidson:

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Members of our armed forces, officers of the peace, first responders and fire fighters, agents of our national and state investigatory services. Those whose identities may never be known. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the name of our Creator. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Susan Wagle.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

Senators Holmes, Abrams, Arpke, Fitzgerald, Knox, LaTurner, Love, Lynn, Masterson, Olson, Ostmeyer, Petersen, Pilcher-Cook, Powell, Pyle, Smith and Tyson introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1767—

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 Senate 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 Senate 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 Senate 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 Senate 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 Secretary of the Senate 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.

On emergency motion of Senator Holmes **SR 1767** was adopted unanimously.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MADAM PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on House amendments to **SB 171** submits the following report:

Your committee on conference agrees to disagree and recommends that a new conference committee be appointed;

And your committee on conference recomends the adoption of this report.

TY MASTERSON

JIM DENNING

Conferees on part of Senate

MARC RHOADES

GENE SUELLENTROP

Conferees on part of House

ORIGINAL MOTION

On motion of Senator Masterson the Senate adopted the conference committee report on **SB 171** and requested a new conference be appointed.

The President appointed Senators Masterson, Denning and Kelly as a fourth Conference Committee on the part of the Senate on **SB 171**.

CHANGE OF CONFERENCE

The President announced the appointment of Senator Bruce as a member of the Conference Committee on **HB 2060** to replace Senator Donovan.

The President announced the appointment of Senator Bruce as a member of the Conference Committee on **HB 2059** to replace Senator Donovan.

The President announced the appointment of Senator Bruce as a member of the Conference Committee on **H Sub for SB 84** to replace Senator Donovan.

REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS

SB 20 reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Governor on May 24, 2013.

SR 1766 reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Secretary of the Senate on May 24, 2013.

On motion of Senator Bruce, the Senate recessed until the sound of the gavel.

The Senate met, pursuant to recess, with Vice President King in the chair.

On motion of Senator Bruce, the Senate adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 28, 2013.

HELEN MORELAND, ROSE MARIE GLATT, CHARLENE BAILEY, *Journal Clerks.*

DIANE MINEAR, *Secretary of the Senate.*

