

Journal of the House

SIXTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 11:00 a.m.

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

The roll was called with 122 members present.

Rep. Bishop was excused on verified illness.

Reps. Landwehr and Schwab were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by Chaplain Brubaker:

Our Heavenly Father,
As we remembered the great life of Martin Luther King, Jr. yesterday,
I am reminded of some of his prayers
that might be helpful to these leaders.

Help them to accept the tools you have given them.
However dull or different, help them to accept them
and to set out to do what they can with these tools.

Help them to go throughout this session
with proper faith and determination of will,
so they may be able to make a contribution to this state.

Give them the intelligence to know your will
and the courage to do your will to make a difference.

In Christ's Name I pray,

Amen.

(paraphrased from different prayers of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Vickrey.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

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

Excerpts from Martin Luther King, Jr., "I Have A Dream"

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon

light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity.

But there is something that I must say to my people, who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice: In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again, we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force.

The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to a distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny. And they have come to realize that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom.

We cannot walk alone.

And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead.

We cannot turn back.

Let us not wallow in the valley of despair, I say to you today, my friends.

Martin Luther King, Jr. quotes

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”

“We may have come in on different ships, be we are all on the same boat now.”

“Let no man or woman pull you so low as to hate him.”

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

“I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. This is the interrelated structure of reality.”

“People fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don’t know each other; they don’t know each other because they have not communicated with each other.”

“We will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.”

“For when people get caught up with that which is right and they are willing to sacrifice for it, there is no stopping point short of victory.”

The largest moments in civil rights history are often celebrated in milestones:

The signing of the Emancipation Proclamation

The passage of the 19th Amendment

The passage of the 14th Amendment

The approval of the Civil Rights Act

The Passage of Title IX

The election of President Barack Obama

For many people, these points of change represent the simplest way to remember progress—by counting the visible achievements we have reached as a society. Unfortunately, what is often forgotten is the work that has been done to reach those points of progress. We are quick to celebrate our historical successes, but we fail to acknowledge the battles we faced to get to them. After the election of President Obama, many people began to talk about the achievement of a post-racial society. That, for some reason, the election of a black president was indicative of the elimination of racism. Herein lies the problem with our celebration of points of progress. The freeing of slaves did not mean people of color were equal citizens of the United States. Women's right to vote did not mean all gender rights were given equal protection. Just because we have moved forward, does not mean we finished the race. If we are going to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and his work, it's important we acknowledge half of his battle was forcing people to realize there was even a fight to be had.

Martin Luther King Day has always been a day to realize the impact one individual had on African American history. This year, though, I want to remember the impact he had on the people that weren't Black. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., forced people – regardless of race – to realize that our freedoms are inextricably tied to one another. It is important to remember that we are in this race together. We need you. We haven't reached the finish line, and until we have, we can't stop running.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

HB 2063, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to diversion; Kansas sentencing commission; amending K.S.A. 22-2907 and 22-2912 and K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-9101 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

HB 2064, AN ACT establishing the KanCare bridge to a healthy Kansas program, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 2065, AN ACT concerning assessments on certain health care providers; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 40-3213, 40-3236, 65-6208, 65-6217 and 65-6218 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 2066, AN ACT concerning use of state highway right-of-way; relating to reimbursement for certain relocation costs; public wholesale water supply districts; amending K.S.A. 68-415 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Water and Environment.

HB 2067, AN ACT concerning the uniform insurance agents licensing act; relating to fingerprinting of applicants for licensure; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 40-4905 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Insurance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

From Timothy E. Keck, Acting Secretary, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services; pursuant to K.S.A. 59-29a11(e), an annual report detailing activities related to the transitional release and conditional release of sexually violent predators.

From Joseph House, Paramedic, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services; an annual report on the number, amount and reasons for fines imposed and subpoenas issued by the board during 2016.

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

REPORT ON ENROLLED RESOLUTIONS

HR 6001, HR 6002, HR 6003 reported correctly enrolled and properly signed on January 17, 2017.

On motion of Rep. Hineman, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 18, 2017.

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