

# Journal of the Senate

THIRTY-NINTH DAY

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SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS  
Monday, March 13, 2017, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by Vice President Jeff Longbine.

The roll was called with 39 senators present.

Senator Schmidt was excused.

Invocation by Reverend Cecil T. Washington:

Lord, thank You for bringing us back safely to these responsibilities. But, help us to follow Your example. Being motivated by love, help us to order better ways of life for Your people.

It was out of love, that You ordered better ways of life for each of us. But, Lord, even though we know that love is Your motivation, there are a few of Your guidelines that seem pretty hard to handle. Sometimes, they appear to go against the grain and seem to be filled with tension.

For example, Lord, in Matthew 5 and again in Luke 6, You say things like Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; pray for those who persecute you; if slapped on your right cheek, turn to them the other; if sued for your shirt, also give them your coat; if you're forced to go one mile, go for two; give to him who asks of you; and, don't turn away from him who wants to borrow.

Lord, these are hard to grasp, but You're saying You want us to be like You. Because You bless the hateful as well as the righteous. You dispense equally upon us all, Your sunlight and rain...Your grace and mercy.

And You want us, who have received Your grace and mercy to be salt and light, likewise offering grace and mercy to others.

So, Lord, deliver us from the hypocrisy of handing down our directives to others while skirting around the ones You've handed down to us.

And although people will sometimes find our decisions hard to swallow, and although some may even express hatred, let every action we take be motivated by love. Fill us with Your loving Spirit and help us to be just like You.

In the name of Jesus, Who was Love personified. Amen

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Longbine.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

**SB 226**, AN ACT concerning the state library; relating to the state librarian; state library of Kansas board; appointment by legislative coordinating council; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-2535, 75-2546 and 75-2935 and repealing the existing sections;

also repealing K.S.A. 75-2537, by Committee on Ways and Means.

**SB 227**, AN ACT concerning retirement and benefits; relating to the Kansas public employees retirement system and systems thereunder; providing a cost-of-living adjustment for certain retirants, by Committee on Ways and Means.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

February 10, 2017

*To the Senate of the State of Kansas:*

Submitted herewith for confirmation by the Senate are appointments made by me as the Governor of the State of Kansas, pursuant to law.

Sam Brownback  
Governor

*Member, Kansas Public Employee's Retirement System Board of Trustees*, Kelly Arnold (R), Wichita, pursuant to the authority vested in me by KSA 74-4905 et seq., and effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate, to serve a four year term, to expire January 15, 2021, to succeed himself.

*Member, Kansas Development Finance Authority*, Nancy Toelkes (D), Topeka, pursuant to the authority vested in me by KSA 74-8903 et seq., and effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate, to serve a four year term to expire January 15, 2019, to succeed Suresh Kumar.

February 13, 2017

*To the Senate of the State of Kansas:*

Submitted herewith for confirmation by the Senate are appointments made by me as the Governor of the State of Kansas, pursuant to law.

Sam Brownback  
Governor

*Judge, Kansas Board of Tax Appeals*, Ron Mason (R), Hutchinson, pursuant to the authority vested in me by KSA 74-2433 et seq., and effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate, to serve a four year term, to expire January 15, 2021, to succeed himself.

*Chief Hearing Officer, Kansas Board of Tax Appeals*, Arlen Siegfried (R), Olathe, pursuant to the authority vested in me by KSA 74-2433 et seq., and effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate, to serve a four year term, to expire January 15, 2021, to succeed himself.

March 3, 2017

*To the Senate of the State of Kansas:*

Submitted herewith for confirmation by the Senate are appointments made by me as the Governor of the State of Kansas, pursuant to law.

Sam Brownback  
Governor

*Brigadier General, Kansas National Guard*, Colonel John Rueger (R), Lenexa, pursuant to the authority bested in me by KSA 48-208 et seq., and effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate, to serve five years, to succeed Brigadier General Anthony Mohatt.

*Brigadier General, Kansas National Guard*, Colonel David Weishaar (U), Maize, pursuant to the authority vested in my by KSA 48-208 et seq., and effective upon the date of confirmation by the Senate, to serve five years.

#### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** recommends **SB 169** be passed.

#### **REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS**

**SB 43** reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Governor on March 13, 2017.

On motion of Senator Denning, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks.*

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

