

Journal of the Senate

SIXTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Ty Masterson.
Invocation by Reverend Cecil T. Washington:

To Hear "Well done, good and faithful servant..."
Matthew 25:21

Heavenly Father, we thank You today that we were blessed yesterday, not only with another day off but with the opportunity to use that day remembering and honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's life and legacy. And Lord, although his life was cut short by evil, the impact of his life was not. Your influence in his life empowers his legacy to live on. He exhibited for us a life of sacrifice. He showed us what it means to suffer or even be martyred for a cause.

Lord, he is quoted as saying, "if you have never found something so dear and precious that you would die for it, then you aren't fit to live." He said, "You may be 38 years old as I am, and some great opportunity stands before you calling upon you to stand up for some great principle, some great issue, or cause and you refuse because you are afraid; you refuse because you want to live longer, or are afraid you'll lose your job, or afraid you'll be criticized or lose your popularity or that somebody will stab you, shoot you or bomb your house, so you refuse to take the stand. Well, you may go on and live until you are 90, but you're just as dead at 38, as you would be at 90!

And the cessation of breathing in your life is but the belated announcement of an earlier death of your spirit. You died when you refused to stand up for right, you died when you refused to stand up for truth, and when you refused to stand up for justice." z

So, Lord, let me close thanking You for giving us the day off, but asking that love, grace, mercy and justice take no days off. Impress, inspire and empower us to live life sacrificially not only, in the example of MLK, Jr., but in the example of Jesus, the One, MLK Jr. chose to follow. So, at the end of our lives, we can hear You say those Words of Matthew 25:21, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant...Come and join Me in glory." Amen!

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Masterson.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 347, AN ACT concerning wildlife and parks; relating to the wildlife and parks commission; requiring senate confirmation of appointees thereto; amending K.S.A.

2023 Supp. 32-805 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

SB 348, AN ACT concerning the Kansas children's cabinet; relating to the position of executive director thereof; requiring that appointments to such position be subject to senate confirmation; amending K.S.A. 38-1901 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 349, AN ACT concerning the passenger rail service program; establishing the intercity passenger rail service program; making transfers annually into the passenger rail service revolving fund; amending K.S.A. 75-5089 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 350, AN ACT concerning the Kansas fights addiction act; adding for-profit private entity to the definition of "qualified applicant"; authorizing members of the Kansas fights addiction grant review board to be paid subsistence allowances, mileage and other expenses when attending meetings of the board after January 8, 2024; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 75-776 and 75-778 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Ways and Means.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Federal and State Affairs: **SB 343**, **SB 344**.

Financial Institutions and Insurance: **SB 345**.

Local Government: **SB 346**.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

The following reports were submitted to the Senate and are on file with the Secretary of the Senate:

Report to the Legislature on HB 2021, Kansas Department of Corrections

ELTP Report on Driver Education Report 2021-2021 through 2023-2024, Kansas Department of Transportation

EMS Board Annual Report, Kansas Board of EMS

Kansas Water Authority Annual Report, Kansas Water Office

Public Defender Staffing Report, Kansas State Board of Indigents' Defense Services

CHANGE OF CONFERENCE

Senators Tyson, Peck and Holland are appointed to replace Senators Longbine, Fagg and Holscher as members of the conference committee on **SB 15**.

On motion of Senator Alley, the Senate adjourned until 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 17, 2024.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks*.

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate*.

