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of the State of Oklahoma

Ninth Legislative Day, Thursday, February 14, 2013

The House was called to order by Speaker Pro Tempore Jackson.

The roll was called with 98 Members present.

The following Members were excused: Cox, Dank, Trebilcock.—3.

The Speaker Pro Tempore declared a quorum present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Ray Douglas, Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. Pastor Douglas was sponsored by Representative Shelton.

The Journal for the last legislative day was approved.

ENGROSSED AND ENROLLED MEASURES

HBs 1480, 1484, 1522, 1523, 1524, 1743 and 1924 were reported correctly engrossed, properly signed, in open session, and ordered transmitted to the Honorable Senate.

GENERAL ORDER

HB 1081 by Sanders of the House was read and considered.

Authored by Senator Marlatt (principal Senate author)

Representative Sanders moved that **HB 1081** be advanced from General Order, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

HB 1081 was read at length for the third time. On passage of the measure, the roll call was as follows:

Aye: Armes, Banz, Biggs, Blackwell, Brown, Brumbaugh, Cannaday, Casey, Cleveland, Cockroft, Condit, Coody, Cooksey, Denney, Derby, DeWitt, Dorman, Echols, Enns, Fisher, Floyd, Glenn, Grau, Hall, Hardin, Henke, Hoskin, Hulbert, Inman, Jackson, Johnson, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Kouplen, Lockhart, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), McBride, McCall, McCullough, McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McNiel, McPeak, Moore, Mulready, Murphey, Newell, Nollan, O'Donnell, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Perryman, Peterson, Proctor, Pruett, Quinn, Renegar, Ritze, Roberts (Dustin), Roberts (Sean), Rousselot, Russ, Sanders, Sears, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Smalley, Thomsen, Turner, Vaughan, Virgin, Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Wood, Wright, Mr. Speaker.--81.

Excused: Bennett, Billy, Christian, Cox, Dank, Fourkiller, Hamilton, Hickman, Kirby, Matthews, McDaniel (Curtis), Morrissette, Nelson, Pittman, Reynolds, Schwartz, Scott, Stiles, Trebilcock, Williams.--20.

The measure passed.

HB 1081 was referred for engrossment.

GENERAL ORDER

HB 1086 by Grau of the House was read and considered.

Authored by Senator Anderson (principal Senate author)

Representative Grau moved that **HB 1086** be advanced from General Order, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

HB 1086 was read at length for the third time. On passage of the measure, the roll call was as follows:

Aye: Armes, Banz, Bennett, Biggs, Billy, Blackwell, Brown, Brumbaugh, Cannaday, Casey, Christian, Cleveland, Cockroft, Condit, Coody, Cooksey, Denney, Derby, DeWitt, Dorman, Echols, Enns, Fisher, Floyd, Glenn, Grau, Hall, Hardin, Henke, Hoskin, Hulbert, Inman, Jackson, Johnson, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Kirby, Kouplen, Lockhart, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), Matthews, McBride, McCall, McCullough, McDaniel (Curtis), McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McNiel, McPeak, Moore, Mulready, Murphey, Nelson, Newell, Nollan, O'Donnell, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Perryman, Peterson, Pittman,

Proctor, Pruett, Quinn, Renegar, Reynolds, Ritze, Roberts (Dustin), Roberts (Sean), Rousselot, Russ, Sanders, Schwartz, Scott, Sears, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Smalley, Stiles, Thomsen, Turner, Vaughan, Virgin, Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Wood, Wright, Mr. Speaker.--93.

Excused: Cox, Dank, Fourkiller, Hamilton, Hickman, Morrisette, Trebilcock, Williams.--8.

The measure passed.

HB 1086 was referred for engrossment.

MEASURES REASSIGNED

The following measures were reassigned:

HB 1550 – Withdrawn from Public Safety and referred to Rules.

HB 1551 – Withdrawn from Rules and referred to Appropriations and Budget.

HB 2154 – Withdrawn from Rules and referred to Agriculture and Wildlife.

GENERAL ORDER

HB 1639 by Jordan of the House and Johnson (Rob) of the Senate was read and considered.

Representative Jordan moved that **HB 1639** be advanced from General Order, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

HB 1639 was read at length for the third time. On passage of the measure, the roll call was as follows:

Aye: Armes, Banz, Bennett, Biggs, Billy, Blackwell, Brown, Brumbaugh, Cannaday, Casey, Christian, Cleveland, Cockroft, Condit, Coody, Cooksey, Denney, Derby, DeWitt, Dorman, Echols, Enns, Fisher, Floyd, Glenn, Grau, Hall, Hardin, Henke, Hoskin, Hulbert, Inman, Jackson, Johnson, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Kirby, Kouplen, Lockhart, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), Matthews, McBride, McCall, McCullough, McDaniel (Curtis), McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McNiel, McPeak, Moore, Mulready, Murphey, Nelson, Newell, Nollan, O'Donnell, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Perryman, Peterson, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett, Quinn, Renegar, Reynolds, Ritze, Roberts (Dustin), Roberts (Sean), Rousselot, Russ, Sanders, Schwartz, Scott, Sears, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Smalley, Stiles, Thomsen, Turner, Vaughan, Virgin, Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Wood, Wright, Mr. Speaker.--93.

Excused: Cox, Dank, Fourkiller, Hamilton, Hickman, Morrissette, Trebilcock, Williams.--8.

The measure passed.

HB 1639 was referred for engrossment.

GENERAL ORDER

HB 1084 by Grau of the House was read and considered.

Authored by Senator Holt (principal Senate author)

Representative Grau moved that **HB 1084** be advanced from General Order, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

HB 1084 was read at length for the third time. On passage of the measure and emergency, the roll call was as follows:

Aye: Armes, Banz, Bennett, Biggs, Billy, Blackwell, Brown, Brumbaugh, Cannaday, Casey, Christian, Cleveland, Cockroft, Condit, Coody, Cooksey, Denney, Derby, DeWitt, Dorman, Echols, Enns, Fisher, Floyd, Glenn, Grau, Hall, Hardin, Henke, Hickman, Hoskin, Hulbert, Inman, Jackson, Johnson, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Kirby, Kouplen, Lockhart, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), Matthews, McBride, McCall, McCullough, McDaniel (Curtis), McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McNiel, McPeak, Moore, Mulready, Murphey, Nelson, Newell, Nollan, O'Donnell, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Perryman, Peterson, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett, Quinn, Renegar, Roberts (Dustin), Roberts (Sean), Rousselot, Russ, Sanders, Schwartz, Scott, Sears, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Stiles, Thomsen, Turner, Vaughan, Virgin, Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Williams, Wood, Wright, Mr. Speaker.--92.

Nay: Reynolds, Ritze.--2.

Excused: Cox, Dank, Fourkiller, Hamilton, Morrissette, Smalley, Trebilcock.--7.

The measure and emergency passed.

HB 1084 was referred for engrossment.

GENERAL ORDER

HB 1089 by Grau of the House was read and considered.

Authored by Senator Treat (principal Senate author)

Representative Grau moved that **HB 1089** be advanced from General Order, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

HB 1089 was read at length for the third time. On passage of the measure, the roll call was as follows:

Aye: Armes, Banz, Bennett, Biggs, Billy, Blackwell, Brown, Brumbaugh, Cannaday, Casey, Christian, Cleveland, Cockroft, Condit, Coody, Cooksey, Denney, Derby, DeWitt, Dorman, Echols, Enns, Fisher, Floyd, Glenn, Grau, Hall, Hamilton, Hardin, Henke, Hickman, Hoskin, Hulbert, Inman, Jackson, Johnson, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Kirby, Kouplen, Lockhart, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), Matthews, McBride, McCall, McCullough, McDaniel (Curtis), McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McNiel, Moore, Morrisette, Mulready, Murphey, Nelson, Newell, Nollan, O'Donnell, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Perryman, Peterson, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett, Quinn, Renegar, Reynolds, Ritze, Roberts (Dustin), Roberts (Sean), Rousselot, Sanders, Schwartz, Scott, Sears, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Smalley, Stiles, Thomsen, Turner, Vaughan, Virgin, Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Williams, Wood, Wright, Mr. Speaker.--95.

Excused: Cox, Dank, Fourkiller, McPeak, Russ, Trebilcock.--6.

The measure passed.

HB 1089 was referred for engrossment.

GENERAL ORDER

HB 1349 by Kirby of the House and Griffin of the Senate was read and considered.

Representative Shelton moved to amend **HB 1349** by deleting all of Sections 1 and 2 and by inserting in lieu thereof new Sections 1 and 2 as follows:

“SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-281 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

As used in this act:

1. “Asthma” means a chronic respiratory disease, often arising from allergies, that is characterized by sudden recurring attacks of labored breathing, chest constriction and coughing;

2. "Concussion" means an injury to an organ, especially the brain, produced by a violent blow and followed by a temporary or prolonged loss of function;

3. "Heat illness" means exercise-associated muscle (heat) cramps, heat syncope, exercise (heat) exhaustion, external heat stroke, or exertional hyponatremia. These conditions vary in severity and include, but are not limited to, the symptoms of involuntary muscle contraction, dehydration, neuromuscular fatigue, dizziness, fainting, headache, nausea, vomiting, increased body temperature, disorientation, mood change, aggression, cardiac arrest and death; and

4. "Youth sport organization" means any sport organization which consists of an activity involving physical exertion and skill in which an individual or team competes against another or others and which consists of participants who are under the age of eighteen (18) years and who require the consent of a parent or guardian prior to participation and who are not participating as a requirement for scholarship or academic credit.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-281.1 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Each youth sport organization in this state shall develop policies and procedures relating to asthma, heat illness, and concussions. Policies shall reflect current scientifically based research and well-established national standards. Policies and procedures shall specifically include:

1. Temperature guidelines for outside activity including but not limited to physical activity and athletic participation;
2. Uniform regulations based on temperature and humidity;
3. Guidelines for heat acclimatization;
4. Requirements that youth with asthma have a rescue inhaler available during games and practices;
5. Guidelines which encourage alternative practice sites for youth with asthma triggered by airborne allergies when practical;
6. Guidelines which encourage practices to be scheduled at times at which pollen counts are lowest;
7. Regulations concerning the teaching and practice of safe playing techniques; and
8. Regulations requiring youth to wear the right protective equipment for their activity.

B. Each youth sport organization shall develop venue-specific emergency action plans based on well-established national standards to be used in the event of an asthma attack, heat illness, or a concussion and/or medical emergency. The emergency action plans shall include:

1. Facility location;
2. Personnel duties;
3. Emergency vehicle route/entrance;
4. Emergency equipment needed;
5. Roles of first responders;
6. Immediate detection and care; and
7. Postemergency action plans.

C. Youth sport organizations shall be required to provide training to coaches relating to the signs of asthma, heat illness, and concussions and their symptoms.

D. A participant who is suspected of having an asthma attack, heat illness, or a concussion during a youth sport organization practice or game shall be removed from participation at that time. Such participant may not rejoin the practice or game until he or she is evaluated by an individual who is trained in the detection and care of such condition. If the case appears severe, such participant may not rejoin the practice or game until he or she is evaluated by a licensed healthcare provider trained in the evaluation and management of that condition and receives written approval from such provider.”

Representative Kirby moved to table the Shelton amendment, which tabling motion was declared adopted upon roll call as follows:

Aye: Armes, Banz, Biggs, Blackwell, Brumbaugh, Casey, Christian, Cleveland, Cockroft, Coody, Cooksey, Derby, DeWitt, Echols, Enns, Fisher, Grau, Hall, Hardin, Hickman, Jackson, Johnson, Joyner, Kern, Kirby, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), McBride, McCall, McDaniel (Randy), Moore, Mulready, Murphey, Newell, Nollan, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Peterson, Quinn, Ritze, Roberts (Dustin), Roberts (Sean), Russ, Sanders, Schwartz, Sears, Smalley, Stiles, Thomsen, Turner, Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Wood, Wright, Mr. Speaker.--57.

Nay: Bennett, Billy, Brown, Cannaday, Condit, Denney, Dorman, Floyd, Glenn, Hamilton, Hoskin, Hulbert, Inman, Kouplén, Lockhart, Matthews, McDaniel (Curtis), McDaniel (Jeannie), Morrissette, Perryman, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett, Renegar, Rousselot, Scott, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Virgin.--30.

Excused: Cox, Dank, Fourkiller, Henke, Jordan, McCullough, McNiel, McPeak, Nelson, O'Donnell, Reynolds, Trebilcock, Vaughan, Williams.--14.

Upon request of Representative Kirby, **HB 1349** was laid over.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Announcing the passage of **SBs 166, 167** and **321**. The measures were introduced and read for the first time.

- SB 166** – By Mazzei of the Senate and Sears of the House.
[income tax - repealer - income tax credits for expenditures - effective date]
- SB 167** – By Mazzei of the Senate and Sears of the House.
[income tax - repealer - tax credits and deductions - effective date]
- SB 321** – By Mazzei of the Senate and Sears of the House.
[sales tax - correcting reference - repealer - effective date]

MEASURE REASSIGNED

The following measure was reassigned:

HB 1252 – Withdrawn from Appropriations and Budget and referred to Government Modernization.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following were reported by the committees named, ordered printed and placed on the Calendar unless otherwise indicated:

DO PASS:

HB 1039 – Appropriations and Budget, Authored by Senator Fields (principal Senate author)

HB 1104 – Appropriations and Budget, Authored by Senator Mazzei (principal Senate author)

HB 1245 – Economic Development and Financial Services

HB 1259 – Insurance

HB 1265 – Appropriations and Budget, Authored by Senator Holt (principal Senate author)

HB 1316 – Appropriations and Budget, Authored by Senator Anderson (principal Senate author)

HB 1325 – Economic Development and Financial Services, Authored by Senator Brinkley (principal Senate author)

HB 1331 – General Government

HB 1355 – Economic Development and Financial Services, Authored by Senator Paddock (principal Senate author)

HB 1394 – Government Modernization, Coauthored by Representative(s) Murphey, Turner

HB 1413 – Economic Development and Financial Services, Authored by Senator Treat (principal Senate author)

HB 1424 – Economic Development and Financial Services, Authored by Senator Justice (principal Senate author)

HB 1449 – Government Modernization, Authored by Senator Anderson (principal Senate author)

HB 1544 – General Government

HB 1594 – Government Modernization, Authored by Senator Brecheen (principal Senate author)

HB 1599 – Appropriations and Budget, Coauthored by Representative(s) McCall, Henke, Newell, and Authored by Senator Jolley (principal Senate author)

HB 1624 – Insurance, Authored by Senator Fields (principal Senate author)

HB 1672 – Insurance, Authored by Senator Holt (principal Senate author)

HB 1911 – Economic Development and Financial Services

HB 2079 – Economic Development and Financial Services, Authored by Senator Brinkley (principal Senate author)

HB 2160 – General Government

HJR 1011 – Appropriations and Budget, Authored by Senator Treat (principal Senate author)

HJR 1032 – Appropriations and Budget, Authored by Senator Mazzei (principal Senate author)

DO PASS, As Amended:

CS for HB 1240 – Judiciary

CS for HB 1323 – General Government, Authored by Senator Anderson (principal Senate author)

CS for HB 1353 – Rules, Authored by Senator Brown (principal Senate author)

CS for HB 1366 – Public Safety, Authored by Senator Brooks (principal Senate author)

CS for HB 1434 – Higher Education and CareerTech

CS for HB 1462 – Public Safety, Coauthored by Representative(s) Ritze, and Authored by Senator Simpson (principal Senate author)

CS for HB 1479 – Administrative Rules, Government Oversight and Repealer

CS for HB 1489 – Economic Development and Financial Services, Coauthored by Representative(s) Murphey

CS for HB 1511 – Public Safety

CS for HB 1684 – Administrative Rules, Government Oversight and Repealer

CS for HB 1687 – Administrative Rules, Government Oversight and Repealer

CS for HB 1688 – Administrative Rules, Government Oversight and Repealer

CS for HB 1690 – Administrative Rules, Government Oversight and Repealer

CS for HB 1694 – Administrative Rules, Government Oversight and Repealer

CS for HB 1697 – Administrative Rules, Government Oversight and Repealer

CS for HB 1698 – Administrative Rules, Government Oversight and Repealer

CS for HB 1702 – Administrative Rules, Government Oversight and Repealer

CS for HB 1703 – Administrative Rules, Government Oversight and Repealer

CS for HB 1723 – Public Safety, Coauthored by Representative(s) Ritze, and Authored by Senator Sykes (principal Senate author)

CS for HB 1740 – Economic Development and Financial Services, Authored by Senator Griffin (principal Senate author)

CS for HB 1741 – Rules, Authored by Senator Fields (principal Senate author)

CS for HB 1756 – Common Education, Authored by Senator Jolley (principal Senate author)

CS for HB 1833 – Appropriations and Budget, Authored by Senator Johnson (Rob) (principal Senate author)

CS for HB 1872 – General Government, Authored by Senator Brooks (principal Senate author)

CS for **HB 1920** – Agriculture and Wildlife, Remove Representative McCall as principal House author and substitute with Representative Roberts (Dustin), and Authored by Senator Allen (principal Senate author)

CS for **HB 1977** – Agriculture and Wildlife, Remove Representative DeWitt as principal House author and substitute with Representative Wood

CS for **HB 1995** – Economic Development and Financial Services

CS for **HB 2050** – Administrative Rules, Government Oversight and Repealer

CS for **HB 2078** – Economic Development and Financial Services, Authored by Senator Mazzei (principal Senate author)

CS for **HB 2097** – Appropriations and Budget, Coauthored by Representative(s) Roberts (Dustin), and Authored by Senator Brinkley (principal Senate author)

CS for **HB 2217** – Public Safety

REPORT FROM CALENDAR COMMITTEE

The Calendar Committee met on Thursday, February 14, 2013, and approved the following measures with an Open Rule to be placed on the Floor Agenda: **HB 1010, HB 1038, HB 1071, HB 1078, HB 1335, HB 1340, HB 1426, HB 1528, HB 1658, HB 1904, HB 1996** and **HB 2219**. The following measure was approved with an Open Rule, Fiscal Analysis required, to be placed on the Floor Agenda: **HB 1068**. The following measure was rereferred to the Public Safety Committee: **HB 1062**.

REMARKS

Upon unanimous consent request of Representative Shelton, the remarks made by Pastor Ray Douglas on Thursday, February 14, 2013, were ordered printed in full as follows:

“There Is a Cause

There is a passage of Scripture that I want to read that is found in 1 Samuel 17:29; it reads ‘And David said, ‘What have now I done? Is there not a cause?’

David is one of my favorite characters of the Old Testament. I like David, because although he was flawed, David still found favor with God! It is good to know that God can still use you in spite of your flaws and failures. But I like David not only because he found favor with God, but I like him because David was a man of conviction. It is the conviction of David that sets for us an example of how we should stand up and confront the opposition to what is good and what is right.

This narrative of our text finds David who is a shepherd and not a soldier, but nonetheless on a battle field. He is there because sometimes life puts you in places and has you in situations that you didn’t sign up for. But when you are on the side of God, you can excel even in the midst of difficulties. David is on the battlefield because the people of God, Israel are under attack from a recurrent enemy – the Philistines. I don't have to remind you that sometimes you find yourself having to fight new versions of old battles.

Goliath has on a daily basis come out and taunted the army of Israel. Goliath frustrated them, aggravated them, and tormented them. The Bible says that Israel was ‘dismayed and

greatly afraid'. Like a lot of people who are under attack, Israel was paralyzed by fear. David shows up at the camp on an errand for his father to take supplies to his brothers, and David hears Goliath's defiant words. David is incensed and asks: 'Who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?' David asks a question of those who saw the problem, but stayed on the periphery of the problem. David asks: 'is there not a cause?' Still today, there are people that see the problem but are afraid to confront the problems, so they stand on the edges of engagement, afraid to address the issues that matter most.

David asks the question that should challenge all of us who believe that there are some things that do matter. David asks the question that should be asked by all who believe that there is a difference between right and wrong. David stands in the face of ridicule and opposition from those who **should** have seen the same things that David saw. They should have been asking what David is now asking, and since they were already there, they should have already started to do something about it!

Is there not a cause? What David is stating is that there comes a time when we see the taunting from the giant enemies of our society, the giant enemies of our communities and the giant enemies in our lives, that we can no longer be paralyzed by fear, that we have to stand up and say something, and do something!

Is there a cause? Yes, there is a cause when injustice continues to inflict its indignity on the innocent. Yes, there is a cause when poverty continues to prevail in a land of plenty. There is a cause, when there is an inequality in education based on economics. Yes, there is a cause, when children are afraid to go to school for fear of violence. Yes, there is a cause!

In the world in which we live there are still some giants in the land that are tormenting and taunting us daily, and something needs to be said, something needs to be done. There is a cause!

And because there is a cause, I want us to look at David and see what should be done when there is a cause worth fighting for.

If we are going to stand up for a cause, we have to put our faith into action. Like David, we have to ...

REMEMBER WHAT GOD HAS ALREADY DONE

Remember how God has answered prayers, performed miracles, and met our needs. Continue to put your faith and trust in God. Nothing is too hard for God, and nothing is impossible. Remember that the battle belongs to the Lord. We are in a position like David. David told Saul that God enabled him to defeat a lion and a bear, and Goliath will be like one of them. We can recall that there have been some struggles and opposition in the past, but God gave us the ability to overcome against the odds as a state and as a nation. America is blessed because God has blessed us! We can say that this is the great state of Oklahoma, because God has been good to us! God enabled us and empowered us to do some things against the giants of our past, and with that knowledge, we can have the confidence to face any obstacle in our way, any adversary because we know from the experience of history, that God can and God will make a way out of no way! David knew that there was a cause, and he didn't let the fear that paralyzed others paralyze him, because he was able to remember, he was able to recall the faithfulness of God in battles past.

When there is a cause,

REMEMBER TO USE WHAT GOD HAS EQUIPPED YOU TO USE

David knew that something had to be done about the giant Goliath. And he was ready and willing to do whatever it was that he needed to for the cause. And Saul attempted to equip him with his armor. But Saul's armor didn't fit David. Here is a principle that will

help us in the cause. We have to use our own equipment. God created you to be you, and there are some great things that you can do, when you are willing to be yourself. If I can, I want to encourage someone here to do what God has called you to do, and do what the people have elected you to do, that is use your intellect and ability and influence for the glory of God and the good of the people. Whatever your strength is, whatever you have as a gift from God use that that for the cause, use that to make our society a better place.

When there is a cause,

REMEMBER THAT GOD WILL DO WHAT GOD HAS PROMISED TO DO

David went out and faced Goliath because he was trusting in God to give him the victory. He used a sling and stone because that is what God had equipped him to use. But here is the thing that impresses me in the David story - David did what he set out to do!

David went out to face Goliath and Goliath dismissed him as unimportant and ineffective. Goliath even cursed David and threatened him. But David because he had remembered what God had done, and because he was using what God had equipped him to use, David was able to stand boldly on his faith in God and say to Goliath, ‘You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD’.

When there is a cause, the opposition will often taunt you. When you stand up and face the giants, the giants will look on you with derision. There was David; the odds didn’t look to be in his favor. Goliath was a seasoned warrior, David was a just a shepherd. Goliath was a giant; and David was just a young man. Goliath had weapons of war, a sword and a spear, and a javelin. David had a sling and a stone. Goliath had armor and protection. David had nothing but the clothes on his back. But David had something that Goliath didn’t have. Whenever you are on the side of right, you have something that giants don't have.

David had the Lord who was on his side! David told Goliath: ‘the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you... and all the earth will know that there is a God in Israel.’ Whenever there is a cause, and you decide to stand on the side of right you can have the assurance of knowing that the battle is the Lord’s!

David took what he had, and used what he knew, and we know the story... David killed Goliath with a sling and a stone! I want to encourage all of you today to take what you have, and use what you know, and stand up for the cause of right! Stand up and honor God! *Stand up and be a blessing to the people of this state! There is a cause to stand up against* injustice. There is a cause to protect the innocent! There is a cause, to fight against oppression! There is a cause to fight for the dignity of all humanity! There is a cause! A cause that God will bless and his people will benefit from.

There is a cause, and what you do about it will follow you for all of eternity. That God will guide and direct you as the leaders of this great state is my prayer.”

Representative Peterson moved that when the clerk's desk is clear, the House stand adjourned to reconvene at 1:30 p.m., Monday, February 18, 2013, which was the order.

Pursuant to the motion of Representative Peterson, the House was adjourned at 10:00 a.m., to reconvene Monday, February 18, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.