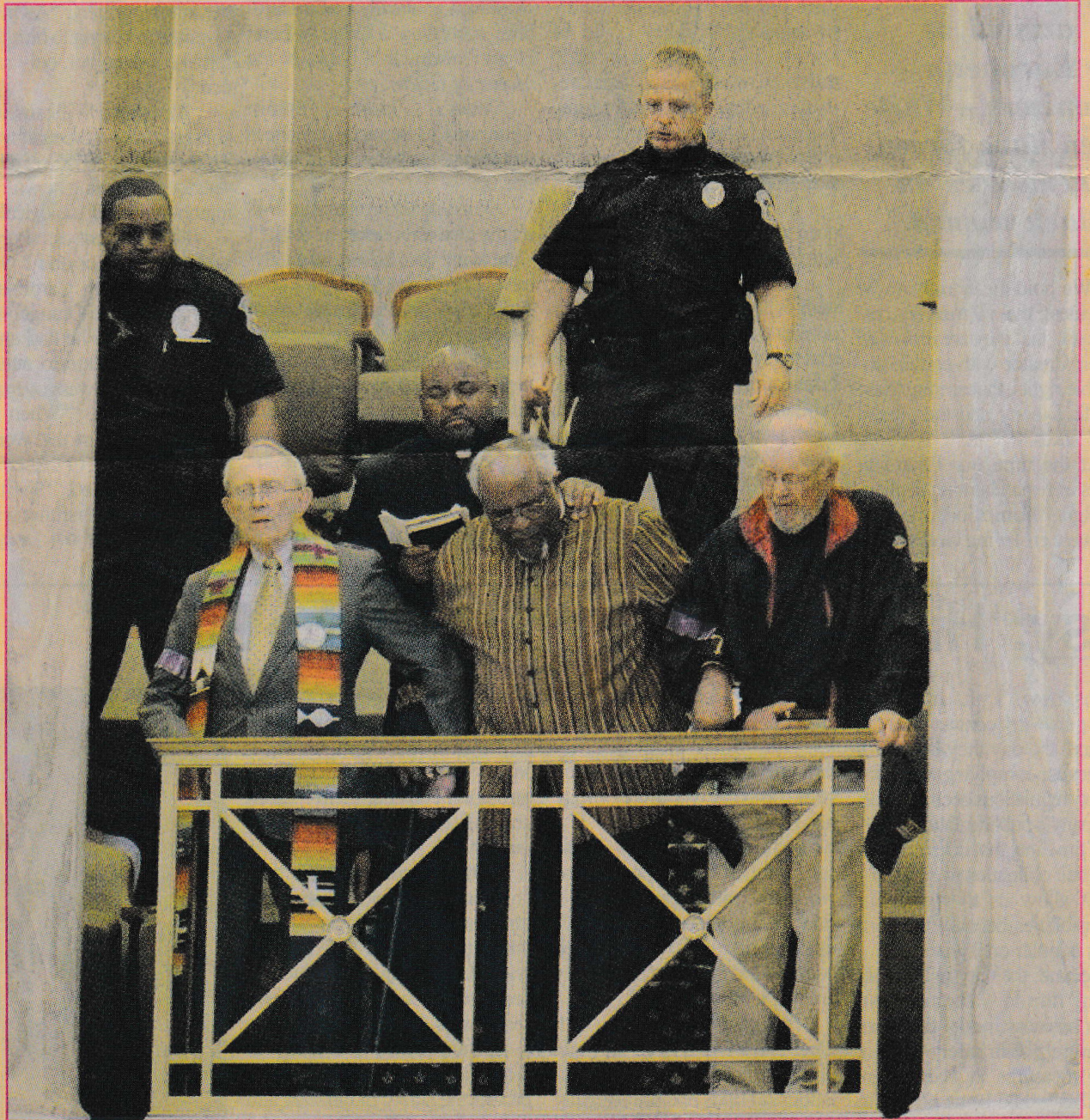


# AREA CLERGY STANDING UP FOR HUMAN DIGNITY ARRESTED



Capitol Police officers prepare to remove Rev. John Bennett, left, Rev. Wallace Hartsfield, Sr. and Rev. Sam Mann, at right, who are locked arm in arm during an act of civil disobedience in Missouri's Senate gallery Tuesday, May 6 in Jefferson City, Mo. Shown on the second row with his hand on Hartsfield's shoulder is the Reverend Dr. Vernon Howard. *Courtesy photo/News Tribune.com*

## Rev. Hartsfield, Sr., Rev. Mann, Others Arrested, Released

Kansas City, Mo.—Alarmed and outraged by lawmakers continued refusal to prioritize Medicaid expansion and other issues of human dignity in the legislature, hundreds of clergy and faith leaders from across Missouri joined together to challenge the growing and dangerous chasm between policy priorities and the wellbeing of the people of the state.

Peacefully interrupting the morning session of the State Senate with a prayer and a song (“I Need You to Survive”), prominent clergy from across the state called on elected officials to exercise moral leadership and address solutions that would help those most in need. 23 were arrested, including 74 year-old Rev. John

Bennet and Wallace Hartsfield, Sr. As they left peacefully, they were arrested on site and released.

The event drew national attention with several of the clergy including Rev. John Bennett and the Reverend Dr. Vernon Howard, Sr., pastor of Second Baptist Church in Kansas City,

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