

Senate Journal

First Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Legislature of the State of Oklahoma

Forty-ninth Legislative Day, Tuesday, May 2, 2023

The Senate was called to order by Senator Paxton.

Roll Call:

Present: Alvord, Bergstrom, Boren, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Dahm, Daniels, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Montgomery, Murdock, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Standridge, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson (Roger), Treat, Weaver, Woods, and Young.—45.

Excused: Brooks, Jett and Stanley.—3.

Senator Paxton declared a quorum present.

The prayer was offered by Senator Julia Kirt.

INTRODUCTION

Senator Seifried introduced her husband, J.P., to the Senate.

Senator Daniels moved that the Senate recess until 1:30 p.m., which motion was declared adopted.

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The Senate reconvened with Senator Jech presiding.

Senator Jech questioned the presence of a quorum and ordered the roll called, following which a quorum was declared present.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST
RESCIND REJECTION OF HAs**

Senator Rosino asked unanimous consent, which was granted, that the Senate rescind the rejection of the House amendments and the request for conference for **SB 1057**.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

The following executive nominations were read and referred to the committee indicated:

Earnheart, Troy, Edmond, as a member of the Oklahoma Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board - Energy and Telecommunications

Harper, Rick D., Edmond, as a member of the State Banking Board - Business and Commerce

Haskin, Jane, Oklahoma City, as a member of the Student Loan Authority - Education

Hassink, Joseph Paul, Tulsa, as a member of the Committee of Home Inspector Examiners - Business and Commerce

Laws, John P., Edmond, as Cabinet Secretary of Budget – Appropriations

Le, Bich-Vi, Yukon, as a member of the Oklahoma Arts Council - Education

Link, Gerald, Lexington, as a member of the Oklahoma Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board - Energy and Telecommunications

Miller, Jan, Tulsa, as a member of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control Commission - Public Safety

Reynolds, Suzanne A., Oklahoma City, as a member of the State Board of Education - Education

Strong, Darrell, Oklahoma City, as a member of the Board of Trustees for Langston University-Oklahoma City and Langston University-Tulsa - Education

Suttee, Kari, Tulsa, as a member of the Oklahoma Lottery Commission Board of Trustees - Education

Tilly, Megan B., Edmond, as a member of the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission - Judiciary

Wadley, Seth, Norman, as a member of the Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Commission -
Business and Commerce

Walther, Marcel J., Miami, as a member of the Commission on Consumer Credit -
Business and Commerce

Wright, III, Kenneth E., Grove, as a member of the Oklahoma Indigent Defense
System Board - Judiciary

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Advising fourth reading of and transmitting for signature Enrolled **HBs 1930, 1932 and 2041**.

The above-numbered enrolled measures were, after fourth reading, properly signed and ordered returned to the Honorable House.

PENDING CONSIDERATION OF HAS

HAs to SBs 27, 126, 193, 314, 492, 622, 746, 809, 871, 984 and 993 were rejected upon motion of Senator Daniels, conference requested, and Senate conferees to be named later.

Senator Daniels moved that when the clerk's desk is clear, the Senate stand adjourned to convene Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., which motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Advising his approval May 2, 2023, of Enrolled **SBs 86, 147, 316, 404, 410, 442, 447, 463, 467, 488, 539, 571, 648, 753, 791, and 844**.

Advising his veto May 2, 2023, of Enrolled **SBs 299, 951 and 976**.

The veto messages read as follows:

May 2, 2023

The Honorable President Pro Tempore
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ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 299:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 299.

As I stated in the veto message applicable to House Bill 2819 addressing sunset of the same council, the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education does not at this time serve a necessary government function, and for that reason the scheduled sunset should not be extended. Where prudent, I will continue to do my part to shrink the size of government.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 299.

By the Governor of the State of Oklahoma
/s/ Kevin Stitt

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ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 951:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 951.

Enrolled Senate Bill 951 would increase travel allowances available to certain county officials, now and in perpetuity. Because the amendatory increases are arbitrary and would saddle taxpayers with an additional burden, I cannot justify signing Senate Bill 951 into law.

To be clear, the same travel reimbursement methods (e.g. mileage reimbursement, etc.) available to other state employees are also available to the county officials referenced in Senate Bill 951. The proposed increases to allowances in lieu of the otherwise available reimbursement methods would amount to little more than pay raises.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 951.

By the Governor of the State of Oklahoma
/s/ Kevin Stitt

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ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 976:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 976.

Enrolled Senate Bill 976 would create the Invasive Species Task Force—another government-backed task force whose stated mission can be accomplished without the necessity of legislation and likely without additional government involvement. Put simply, Senate Bill 976 is unnecessary.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 976.

By the Governor of the State of Oklahoma
/s/ Kevin Stitt

Pursuant to the Daniels motion, the Senate adjourned at 1:55 p.m. to meet Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.