

Senate Journal

Third Extraordinary Session of the Fifty-ninth Legislature of the State of Oklahoma

First Legislative Day, Monday, January 29, 2024

Pursuant to Executive Order 2024-01, issued by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma, the Honorable J. Kevin Stitt, on the 16th day of January 2024, the Senate was called to order by Senator Hall.

Roll Call:

Present: Alvord, Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Dahm, Daniels, Deevers, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Hamilton, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Murdock, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Stanley, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson (Roger), Treat, Weaver and Young.—43.

Excused: Haste, Newhouse, Rader, Standridge and Woods.—5.

Senator Hall declared a quorum present.

The prayer was offered by Senator Jech.

COMMUNICATION

Senator Hall advised the Senate of the Special Election held in District 32 on December 12, 2023, and directed the clerk to read the Certification from the State Election Board.

December 19, 2023

The Honorable Greg Treat
President Pro Tempore, Oklahoma State Senate
State Capitol
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Dear Senator Treat:

This is to certify that on December 19, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of 26 O.S § 12-106, the State Election Board issued a Certificate of Election to Dusty Deevers, the nominee of the Republican Party, for the office of State Senator, District 32, following the certification of the results for the December 12, 2023, Special General Election.

I herewith transmit to you the official returns of the votes cast at the Special General Election for State Senator, District 32, held on December 12, 2023.

State Senator District 32 (Unexpired Term)	Total Votes
DUSTY DEEVERS (REP)	3,105
LARRY BUSH (DEM)	2,491

Sincerely,

/s/PAUL ZIRIAX, Secretary
State Election Board

OATH OF OFFICE

Senator Hall advised the Senate that the Official Oath of Office, as prescribed by the Constitution, was administered to Senator Dusty Deevers on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, by the Honorable John Kane, Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

MILEAGE ALLOWANCE

The report on mileage allowance prepared by the Office of the Senate Administrator for Senator Deevers reads as follows:.

Senator	Hometown	Total Miles Round Trip	Amount Round Trip
Deevers, Dusty	Elgin	150	\$100.50

COMMUNICATION

The Executive Order issued by the Governor was read at length as follows:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2024-01

To the Honorable Members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Honorable Members of the Oklahoma State Senate:

WHEREAS, the people of the great State of Oklahoma have experienced the highest level of inflation in four decades and need relief now; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of Oklahoma voters support cutting income taxes so they can keep more of their hard-earned money and slow the growth of government; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Oklahoma deserve to know where each elected legislator stands on giving the people of Oklahoma the tax relief they desperately need; and

WHEREAS, given historic state savings and recent historic and expected future levels of state revenues, I believe the State should seize the opportunity to allow taxpayers to keep more of their hard-earned money-because Oklahomans know how to spend their money better than the government.

THEREFORE, I, J. Kevin Stitt, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Article VI, § 7 of the Oklahoma Constitution, hereby convoke an Extraordinary Session of the Fifty-Ninth Legislature to convene at the State Capitol on January 29, 2024. The Legislature shall only act:

1. To put up for a vote a 0.25% decrease in individual income tax rates.

Copies of this Executive Order shall be distributed to every member of the House of Representatives, every member of the State Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this 16th day of January, 2024.

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

Attest:
/s/ Josh Cockroft, Secretary of State

Senator Daniels advised that pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rules 1-1 and 11-1, the mileage report, selection of Officers, members of the Standing Committees, and the Rules of the Senate approved for the Fifty-ninth Oklahoma Legislature shall continue for the Third Extraordinary Session of the Fifty-ninth Oklahoma Legislature.

Senator Daniels asked unanimous consent, which was granted, that the Joint Rules of the Fifty-ninth Oklahoma Legislature continue for the Third Extraordinary Session of the Fifty-ninth Oklahoma Legislature.

FIRST READING

The following was introduced and read the first time:

SB 1XXX – By Bergstrom.

An Act relating to taxation; amending 62 O.S. 2021, Section 34.103, which relates to the duties of the State Board of Equalization; requiring certification of certain collections in certain fiscal years; amending 68 O.S. 2021, Section 2355, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 27, 1st Extraordinary Session, O.S.L. 2023 (68 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 2355), which relates to income tax; modifying tax rates for certain tax years; requiring the reduction of tax rates for certain tax years upon certain certification by the State Board of Equalization; prohibiting reduction of certain rates upon declaration of revenue failure; updating statutory language and references; and declaring an emergency.

Senator Daniels moved that when the clerk's desk is clear, the Senate stand adjourned to convene at the Call of the Chair, which motion was declared adopted upon roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Boren, Brooks, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Pugh, Rosino, Seifried, Stanley, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson (Roger), Treat and Young.--30.

Nay: Alvord, Bergstrom, Bullard, Burns, Dahm, Deevers, Hamilton, Jett, Murdock, Prieto, Rogers, Stephens and Weaver.--13.

Excused: Haste, Newhouse, Rader, Standridge and Woods.--5.

Pursuant to the Daniels motion, the Senate adjourned at 1:45 p.m. to meet at the Call of the Chair.