

# Senate Journal

## Second Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Legislature of the State of Oklahoma

**Sixtieth Legislative Day, Tuesday, May 21, 2024**

The Senate was called to order by Senator Daniels.

Roll Call:

Present: Alvord, Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Coleman, Dahm, Daniels, Deevers, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Murdock, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Standridge, Stanley, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson (Roger), Treat, Weaver, Woods and Young.—47.

Excused: Burns.—1.

Senator Daniels declared a quorum present.

The prayer was offered by Senator Dave Rader.

### INTRODUCTIONS

Senator Green introduced his son, Evan Green; Senator Pemberton introduced his wife, Claire, their son and daughter-in-law, Ben and Cara, and their children, Karsen and Maddox, to the Senate.

### REPORT OF ENGROSSED AND ENROLLED MEASURES

**SBs 1658, 1709, 1735, 1856 and 1939** were each correctly enrolled and after fourth reading, properly signed and ordered transmitted to the Honorable House for signature of the Speaker.

**PENDING CONSIDERATION OF HAS**

**HAs to SB 1505** were concurred in upon motion of Senator Paxton.

**SB 1505**, as amended by the Honorable House, was read at length.

On the question of passage of the bill and emergency, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Gollihare, Green, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Murdock, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Stanley, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson (Roger), Treat, Weaver, Woods and Young.--38.

Nay: Bullard, Dahm, Deevers, Jett, Prieto and Standridge.--6.

Excused: Burns, Garvin, Hall and Newhouse.--4.

The bill and emergency passed.

House amendments were properly signed and the above-numbered bill was referred for enrollment.

**PENDING CONSIDERATION OF HAS**

**HAs to SB 468** were concurred in upon motion of Senator Howard.

**SB 468**, as amended by the Honorable House, was read at length.

On the question of passage of the bill, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Coleman, Dahm, Daniels, Deevers, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Murdock, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Seifried, Standridge, Stanley, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson (Roger), Weaver, Woods and Young.--43.

Excused: Burns, Hall, Newhouse, Rosino and Treat.--5.

The bill passed.

House amendments were properly signed and the above-numbered bill was referred for enrollment.

**PENDING CONSIDERATION OF HAS**

**HAs to SB 1491** were concurred in upon motion of Senator Stanley.

**SB 1491**, as amended by the Honorable House, was read at length.

On the question of passage of the bill, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Murdock, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rosino, Seifried, Stanley, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson (Roger), Weaver, Woods and Young.--37.

Nay: Bergstrom, Dahm, Deevers, Hamilton, Jett, Rogers and Standridge.--7.

Excused: Burns, Hall, Newhouse and Treat.--4.

The bill passed.

House amendments were properly signed and the above-numbered bill was referred for enrollment.

**PENDING CONSIDERATION OF HAS**

**HAs to SB 1370** were concurred in upon motion of Senator Paxton.

**SB 1370**, as amended by the Honorable House, was read at length.

On the question of passage of the bill and emergency, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Murdock, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rosino, Seifried, Stanley, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson (Roger), Weaver, Woods and Young.--38.

Nay: Dahm, Deevers, Hamilton, Jett, Rogers and Standridge.--6.

Excused: Burns, Hall, Newhouse and Treat.--4.

The bill and emergency passed.

House amendments were properly signed and the above-numbered bill was referred for enrollment.

#### **PENDING CONSIDERATION OF HAS**

**HAs** to **SB 175** were concurred in upon motion of Senator Floyd.

**SB 175**, as amended by the Honorable House, was read at length.

On the question of passage of the bill and emergency, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Coleman, Dahm, Daniels, Deevers, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Murdock, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Standridge, Stanley, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson (Roger), Weaver, Woods and Young.--44.

Excused: Burns, Hall, Newhouse and Treat.--4.

The bill and emergency passed.

House amendments were properly signed and the above-numbered bill was referred for enrollment.

Senator McCortney moved that the Senate recess to the Call of the Chair, which motion was declared adopted.

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The Senate reconvened with Senator Paxton presiding.

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

**PENDING CONSIDERATION OF HAS**

**HAs to SB 11** were concurred in upon motion of Senator Rader.

**SB 11**, as amended by the Honorable House, was read at length.

On the question of passage of the bill and emergency, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Bergstrom, Boren, Bullard, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Howard, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, Murdock, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Stanley, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson (Roger), Weaver, Woods and Young.--38.

Nay: Dahm and Deevers.--2.

Excused: Brooks, Burns, Hicks, Jech, McCortney, Newhouse, Standridge and Treat.--8.

The bill and emergency passed.

House amendments were properly signed and the above-numbered bill was referred for enrollment.

**PENDING CONSIDERATION OF HAS**

**HAs to SB 800** were brought up for consideration upon motion of Senator Coleman.

On the question of passage of **HAs to SB 800**, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Brooks, Coleman, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Haste, Howard, Matthews, Murdock, Paxton, Pemberton, Pugh, Rader, Rosino, Seifried, Stephens, Weaver, Woods and Young.--23.

Nay: Bergstrom, Boren, Bullard, Dahm, Daniels, Deevers, Garvin, Hamilton, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, McCortney, Pederson, Prieto, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart and Thompson (Roger).--18.

Excused: Burns, Hicks, Jech, Newhouse, Standridge and Treat.--6.

\*Constitutional Privilege: Thompson (Kristen).--1.

\*Senator Thompson (Kristen) asked to be shown not voting on adoption of **HAs** to **SB 800** for reason of personal interest, as provided in Article V, Section 24, Oklahoma Constitution.

**SB 800**, as amended by the Honorable House, was read at length.

On the question of passage of the bill, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Boren, Brooks, Coleman, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Haste, Howard, Matthews, McCortney, Murdock, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Pugh, Rader, Rosino, Seifried, Stanley, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Roger), Weaver, Woods and Young.--29.

Nay: Bergstrom, Bullard, Dahm, Daniels, Deevers, Hamilton, Jett, Kirt, Prieto and Rogers.--10.

Excused: Burns, Garvin, Hicks, Jech, Kidd, Newhouse, Standridge and Treat.--8.

\*Constitutional Privilege: Thompson (Kristen).--1.

\*Senator Thompson (Kristen) asked to be shown not voting on **SB 800** for reason of personal interest, as provided in Article V, Section 24, Oklahoma Constitution.

The bill passed.

Senator Bergstrom desired to vote Aye on the emergency.

On the question of passage of the emergency, the vote resulted as follows: Aye: 30; Nay: 9; Excused: 8; Constitutional Privilege: 1.

The emergency failed.

House amendments were properly signed and the above-numbered bill was referred for enrollment.

**PENDING CONSIDERATION OF HAS**

**HAs to SB 696** were concurred in upon motion of Senator Stanley.

**SB 696**, as amended by the Honorable House, was read at length.

On the question of passage of the bill and emergency, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Coleman, Dahm, Daniels, Deevers, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Howard, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Murdock, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Stanley, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Weaver, Woods and Young.--41.

Excused: Burns, Hicks, Jech, Newhouse, Standridge, Thompson (Roger) and Treat.--7.

The bill and emergency passed.

House amendments were properly signed and the above-numbered bill was referred for enrollment.

**PENDING CONSIDERATION OF HAS**

**HAs to SB 423** were brought up for consideration by Senator Pugh.

Senator Floyd raised a point of order that the House Amendments to **SB 423** are not germane to the bill and are in violation of Senate Rule 8-23B, which states “The Senate shall not consider any proposed amendment not germane to the subject of the bill or resolution.”

The Chair ruled the House Amendments to **SB 423** are sufficiently germane to the subject of the bill. Therefore, the point of order is not well taken.

The **HAs to SB 423** were concurred in upon motion of Senator Pugh.

**SB 423**, as amended by the Honorable House, was read at length.

On the question of passage of the bill, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Bergstrom, Bullard, Coleman, Dahm, Daniels, Deevers, Dossett, Dugger, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Howard, Jett, Kidd, McCortney, Murdock, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Stanley, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Weaver and Woods.--35.

Nay: Boren, Brooks, Floyd, Kirt, Matthews and Young.--6.

Excused: Burns, Hicks, Jech, Newhouse, Standridge, Thompson (Roger) and Treat.--7.

The bill passed.

House amendments were properly signed and the above-numbered bill was referred for enrollment.

#### **PENDING CONSIDERATION OF HAS**

**HAs to SB 5** were concurred in upon motion of Senator Matthews.

**SB 5**, as amended by the Honorable House, was read at length.

On the question of passage of the bill and emergency, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Howard, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Murdock, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Stanley, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Weaver, Woods and Young.--39.

Nay: Dahm and Deevers.--2.

Excused: Burns, Hicks, Jech, Newhouse, Standridge, Thompson (Roger) and Treat.--7.

The bill and emergency passed.

House amendments were properly signed and the above-numbered bill was referred for enrollment.

#### **PENDING CONSIDERATION OF HAS**

**HAs to SB 543** were concurred in upon motion of Senator Pemberton.



**SB 543**, as amended by the Honorable House, was read at length.

On the question of passage of the bill and emergency, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Howard, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Stanley, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Weaver, Woods and Young.--38.

Nay: Dahm and Deevers.--2.

Excused: Burns, Hicks, Jech, Murdock, Newhouse, Standridge, Thompson (Roger) and Treat.--8.

The bill and emergency passed.

House amendments were properly signed and the above-numbered bill was referred for enrollment.

#### **PENDING CONSIDERATION OF HAS**

**HAs to SB 542** were concurred in upon motion of Senator Pemberton.

**SB 542**, as amended by the Honorable House, was read at length.

On the question of passage of the bill, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Howard, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Stanley, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Weaver, Woods and Young.--39.

Nay: Dahm and Deevers.--2.

Excused: Burns, Hicks, Jech, Murdock, Standridge, Thompson (Roger) and Treat.--7.

The bill passed.

House amendments were properly signed and the above-numbered bill was referred for enrollment.

**PENDING CONSIDERATION OF HAS**

**HAs to SB 325** were concurred in upon motion of Senator Daniels.

**SB 325**, as amended by the Honorable House, was read at length.

On the question of passage of the bill, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Coleman, Dahm, Daniels, Deevers, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Green, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Howard, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Murdock, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Stanley, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Weaver, Woods and Young.--41.

Excused: Burns, Gollihare, Hicks, Jech, Standridge, Thompson (Roger) and Treat.--7.

The bill passed.

House amendments were properly signed and the above-numbered bill was referred for enrollment.

**PENDING CONSIDERATION OF HAS**

**HAs to SB 358** were concurred in upon motion of Senator Daniels.

**SB 358**, as amended by the Honorable House, was read at length.

On the question of passage of the bill, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Bergstrom, Boren, Bullard, Coleman, Dahm, Daniels, Deevers, Dugger, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hamilton, Haste, Howard, Jett, Kidd, Murdock, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Seifried, Stanley, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Weaver and Woods.--33.

Nay: Brooks, Dossett, Floyd, Kirt, Matthews and Young.--6.

Excused: Burns, Hall, Hicks, Jech, McCortney, Rosino, Standridge, Thompson (Roger) and Treat.--9.

The bill passed.

House amendments were properly signed and the above-numbered bill was referred for enrollment.

#### **PENDING CONSIDERATION OF HAs**

**HAs to SBs 448 and 1635** were rejected upon motion of Senator McCortney, conference requested, and Senate conferees to be named later.

#### **MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE**

Advising conference granted on Engrossed **SBs** and naming House conferees as follows:

- SB 362** - Conference Committee on Common Education
- SB 519** - Conference Committee on Common Education
- SB 1319** - GCCA
- SB 1417** - GCCA
- SB 1534** - Conference Committee on General Government
- SB 1635** - Conference Committee on Alcohol, Tobacco and Controlled Substances
- SB 1703** - GCCA
- SB 1860** - Conference Committee on General Government

Advising fourth reading of and returning Enrolled **SBs 1658, 1709, 1735, 1856 and 1939**.

The above-numbered enrolled measures were referred to the Governor.

Advising naming House conferees on Engrossed:

- HB 1600** - GCCA
- HB 2302** - GCCA
- HB 2305** - Conference Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
- HB 3738** - GCCA

Senator Daniels moved that when the clerk's desk is clear, the Senate stand adjourned to convene Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., which motion prevailed.

### **SCs NAMED**

Upon motion of Senator McCortney, Senate conferees were appointed as follows:

**SB 448** – Daniels, Howard, Gollihare, Treat, Floyd

**SB 1635** – Coleman, Thompson (Kristen), Paxton, Deever, Gollihare, Boren

### **PENDING SENATE ACTION HOUSE REQUEST FOR CONFERENCE**

Upon motion of Senator McCortney, the request of the Honorable House for conference on the following bills was ordered granted and Senate conferees appointed as follows:

**HB 2287** – McCortney, Paxton, Floyd, Daniels, Howard

**HB 3382** – Pederson, Rosino, Haste, Pemberton, Newhouse, Young

### **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS SUBMITTED**

Conference committee reports were read on the following bills:

**SB 453**

**SB 809**

**SB 1057**

### **FIRST READING**

The following was introduced and read the first time:

**SR 44** – By McCortney.

A Resolution recognizing the KTEN Weather Team for their coverage of tornadic weather events occurring in south-central Oklahoma on April 27-28, 2024; and directing distribution.

**CHANGE IN AUTHOR/COAUTHOR**

The following measure was authored/coauthored:

**SB 448** - Remove as author Senator Montgomery; authored by Senator Daniels

**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

Advising his approval May 21, 2024, of Enrolled **SB 1835**.

Advising his veto May 21, 2024, of Enrolled **SBs 102** and **1548**.

The veto messages read as follows:

May 21, 2024

The Honorable President Pro Tempore  
And Members of the Oklahoma Senate  
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**ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 102:**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 102.

I have the deepest appreciation and regards for those who risk their lives to protect our communities, and I will continue to advocate on their behalf. But Senate Bill 102, which would significantly increase the retirement benefit for currently active members of the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System (the "System"), puts us on a slippery slope.

I recognize that the bill would require both members and municipalities to contribute to the System at higher levels than they do currently, but those contributions will not be enough to offset the cost of the increased benefit. This will cause the System's funded ratio to meaningfully decline--even with the assumption of the System meeting its return target in the future.

Fiscal discipline is always difficult, especially in seasons of economic growth. But we must remain vigilant to ensure that future generations of Oklahomans experience the same prosperity we enjoy now.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 102.

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

May 21, 2024

The Honorable President Pro Tempore  
And Members of the Oklahoma Senate  
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**ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 1548:**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 1548.

Senate Bill 1548 would add the Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ") to a list of authorized entities that may purchase vehicles with public funds.

Although I'm told DEQ needs to purchase a special vehicle so that it can transport an important mobile laboratory to emergency scenes at a moment's notice, the best solution to DEQ's one-vehicle problem isn't new legislation but working with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, which already leverages its buying and negotiation powers to save taxpayer money on the state's vehicle fleets.

In an ideal bill, the Legislature would shrink rather than grow the list of agencies exempted from the general prohibition on the purchase of vehicles with public funds. This bill would do the opposite.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 1548.

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

Pursuant to the Daniels motion, the Senate adjourned at 3:05 p.m. to meet Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.