

Senate Journal

First Regular Session of the Sixtieth Legislature of the State of Oklahoma

Fifty-sixth Legislative Day, Tuesday, May 13, 2025

The Senate was called to order by Senator Jett.

Roll Call:

Present: Alvord, Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Deevers, Dossett, Frix, Gillespie, Gollihare, Goodwin, Green, Grellner, Guthrie, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kern, Kirt, Mann, McIntosh, Murdock, Nice, Paxton, Pederson, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Reinhardt, Rosino, Sacchieri, Seifried, Standridge, Stanley, Stewart, Thompson, Weaver and Wingard.—45.

Excused: Hines and Woods.—2.

Vacancy: District 8.—1.

Senator Jech declared a quorum present.

The prayer was offered by Senator Grant Green.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST DIRECT TO CALENDAR

Senator McIntosh asked unanimous consent to refer **SR 20** direct to the Calendar for consideration, which was the order.

GENERAL ORDER

SR 20 by McIntosh was called up for consideration.

All other members of the Senate asked to coauthor **SR 20**, which was the order.

SR 20 was adopted upon motion of Senator McIntosh and referred for enrollment.

GENERAL ORDER

SJR 18 by Bergstrom of the Senate and Kendrix of the House was called up for consideration.

Senator Bergstrom moved to amend **SJR 18**, Page 1, Line 19, by inserting after the word “approved”, and before the period “.”, the words: “, except: 1. Office of Management Enterprise Services 260:115-3-11, disapproving the proposed amendment to subsection (c), and restoring the previous rule language; 2. Office of Management Enterprise Services 260:115-7-32, disapproving the proposed amendment to subsection (o) regarding evaluation ties, and restoring the previous rule language; and 3. Office of Management Enterprise Services 260:95-3-6, disapproving the proposed amendment to subsection (a), and restoring the previous rule language.” which amendment was declared adopted.

Senator Bergstrom moved that **SJR 18** be advanced, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

SJR 18 was read for the third time at length.

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

Aye: Alvord, Bergstrom, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Deevers, Dossett, Frix, Gillespie, Gollihare, Goodwin, Green, Grellner, Guthrie, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kern, Kirt, Mann, McIntosh, Murdock, Nice, Paxton, Pederson, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Reinhardt, Rosino, Sacchieri, Seifried, Standridge, Stanley, Stewart, Thompson, Weaver and Wingard.--44.

Excused: Boren, Hines and Woods.--3.

Vacancy: District 8.--1.

The resolution passed.

SJR 18 was referred for engrossment.

GENERAL ORDER

SJR 21 by Bergstrom of the Senate and Kendrix of the House was called up for consideration.

Senator Bergstrom moved that **SJR 21** be advanced, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

SJR 21 was read for the third time at length.

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

Aye: Alvord, Bergstrom, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Deevers, Dossett, Frix, Gillespie, Gollihare, Goodwin, Green, Grellner, Guthrie, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kern, Kirt, Mann, McIntosh, Murdock, Nice, Pederson, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Reinhardt, Rosino, Sacchieri, Seifried, Standridge, Stanley, Stewart, Thompson, Weaver and Wingard.--43.

Excused: Boren, Hines, Paxton and Woods.--4.

Vacancy: District 8.--1.

The resolution passed.

SJR 21 was referred for engrossment.

GENERAL ORDER

SJR 22 by Bergstrom of the Senate and Kendrix of the House was called up for consideration.

Senator Jett moved to amend **SJR 22**, Page 2, Line 1, by deleting Paragraph 4 in its entirety and renumbering subsequent subsections; and Page 2, Line 8, by deleting Paragraph 7 in its entirety and renumbering subsequent subsections.

Senator Howard moved to table the Jett amendment, which tabling motion was declared adopted upon roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Bergstrom, Brooks, Bullard, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Gollihare, Goodwin, Green, Hall, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Kern, Kirt, Mann, Nice, Paxton, Pugh, Rader, Reinhardt, Rosino, Seifried, Stanley and Thompson.--27.

Nay: Burns, Deevers, Frix, Gillespie, Grellner, Guthrie, Hamilton, Jett, McIntosh, Murdock, Pederson, Prieto, Sacchieri, Standridge, Stewart, Weaver and Wingard.--17.

Excused: Boren, Hines and Woods.--3.

Vacancy: District 8.--1.

Senator Jett moved to amend **SJR 22**, Page 2, Line 1, by deleting Paragraph 4 in its entirety and renumbering subsequent subsections.

Senator Howard moved to table the Jett amendment, which tabling motion was declared adopted upon roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Frix, Gollihare, Goodwin, Green, Hall, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Kern, Kirt, Mann, Nice, Paxton, Pugh, Rader, Reinhardt, Rosino, Seifried, Stanley and Thompson.--27.

Nay: Alvord, Bullard, Burns, Gillespie, Grellner, Guthrie, Hamilton, Jett, McIntosh, Murdock, Pederson, Prieto, Sacchieri, Standridge, Stewart, Weaver and Wingard.--17.

Excused: Deevers, Hines and Woods.--3.

Vacancy: District 8.--1.

The Chair advised that Senator Deevers, having been present in the Chamber during the vote on **SJR 22** would be shown voting Nay in compliance with Rule 8-31B. The vote thereby resulted as follows: Aye: 27; Nay: 18; Excused: 2.

Senator Jett moved to amend **SJR 22**, Page 2, Line 8, by deleting Paragraph 7 in its entirety and renumbering subsequent subsections, which amendment was declared adopted upon roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Bullard, Burns, Deevers, Frix, Gillespie, Grellner, Guthrie, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Jett, Kern, McIntosh, Murdock, Prieto, Pugh, Reinhardt, Rosino, Sacchieri, Seifried, Standridge, Stanley, Stewart, Weaver and Wingard.--26.

Nay: Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Gollihare, Goodwin, Green, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Kirt, Mann, Nice, Pederson, Rader and Thompson.--18.

Excused: Hines, Paxton and Woods.--3.

Vacancy: District 8.--1.

Senator Bergstrom moved to amend **SJR 22**, Page 1, Line 19, by inserting after the word "Education", and before the word "except", the words ", Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, Department of Career and Technology Education, Statewide Charter School Board, Office of Educational Quality and Accountability, and the Commission for Teacher Preparation," which amendment was declared adopted upon roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Deevers, Dossett, Frix, Gillespie, Gollihare, Goodwin, Green, Grellner, Guthrie, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kern, Kirt, Mann, McIntosh, Murdock, Nice, Pederson, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Reinhardt, Rosino, Sacchieri, Seifried, Standridge, Stanley, Stewart, Thompson and Weaver.--43.

Excused: Hines, Paxton, Wingard and Woods.--4.

Vacancy: District 8.--1.

Senator Bergstrom moved that **SJR 22** be advanced, which motion was declared adopted upon roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Deever, Dossett, Frix, Gillespie, Gollihare, Goodwin, Green, Grellner, Guthrie, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kern, Kirt, Mann, McIntosh, Murdock, Nice, Pederson, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Reinhardt, Rosino, Sacchieri, Seifried, Standridge, Stanley, Stewart, Thompson and Weaver.--43.

Excused: Hines, Paxton, Wingard and Woods.--4.

Vacancy: District 8.--1.

THIRD READING

SJR 22 was read for the third time at length.

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

Aye: Alvord, Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Deever, Dossett, Frix, Gillespie, Gollihare, Goodwin, Green, Grellner, Guthrie, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kern, Kirt, Mann, McIntosh, Murdock, Nice, Pederson, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Reinhardt, Rosino, Sacchieri, Seifried, Standridge, Stanley, Stewart, Thompson and Weaver.--43.

Excused: Hines, Paxton, Wingard and Woods.--4.

Vacancy: District 8.--1.

The resolution passed.

SJR 22 was referred for engrossment.

PENDING CONSIDERATION OF HAS

HAs to SB 105 were concurred in upon roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Bergstrom, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Deever, Frix, Gillespie, Gollihare, Green, Grellner, Guthrie, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Jett, Kern, McIntosh, Murdock, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Reinhardt, Rosino, Sacchieri, Seifried, Standridge, Stanley, Stewart, Thompson and Weaver.--32.

Nay: Brooks, Dossett, Goodwin, Hicks, Jech, Kirt, Mann, Nice and Pederson.--9.

Excused: Boren, Hines, Howard, Paxton, Wingard and Woods.--6.

Vacancy: District 8.--1.

SB 105, 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, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Deevers, Frix, Gillespie, Gollihare, Green, Grellner, Guthrie, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Jett, Kern, McIntosh, Murdock, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Reinhardt, Rosino, Sacchieri, Seifried, Standridge, Stanley, Stewart, Thompson and Weaver.--32.

Nay: Brooks, Dossett, Goodwin, Hicks, Jech, Kirt, Mann, Nice and Pederson.--9.

Excused: Boren, Hines, Howard, Paxton, Wingard and Woods.--6.

Vacancy: District 8.--1.

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 162** were concurred in upon motion of Senator Stanley.

SB 162, 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, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Frix, Gillespie, Gollihare, Goodwin, Green, Grellner, Guthrie, Hall, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kern, Kirt, Mann, McIntosh, Murdock, Nice, Pederson, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Reinhardt, Rosino, Sacchieri, Seifried, Standridge, Stanley, Stewart, Thompson, Weaver and Wingard.--41.

Nay: Deevers and Hamilton.--2.

Excused: Boren, Hines, Paxton and Woods.--4.

Vacancy: District 8.--1.

The bill passed.

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

PENDING CONSIDERATION OF HAS

HAs to SB 269 were concurred in upon motion of Senator Rader.

SB 269, 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, Brooks, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Frix, Gillespie, Gollihare, Goodwin, Green, Hall, Haste, Hicks, Jech, Kern, Kirt, Mann, Murdock, Nice, Paxton, Pederson, Rader, Reinhardt, Rosino, Seifried, Stanley and Thompson.--27.

Nay: Bergstrom, Bullard, Burns, Deevers, Grellner, Guthrie, Hamilton, Jett, McIntosh, Prieto, Sacchieri, Standridge, Stewart, Weaver and Wingard.--15.

Excused: Boren, Hines, Howard, Pugh and Woods.--5.

Vacancy: District 8.--1.

The bill passed.

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

PENDING CONSIDERATION OF HAS

HAs to SB 434 were concurred in upon motion of Senator Rader.

SB 434, 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, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Frix, Gillespie, Gollihare, Goodwin, Green, Guthrie, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Jech, Kern, Kirt, Mann, McIntosh, Murdock, Nice, Paxton, Pederson, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Reinhardt, Rosino, Seifried, Standridge, Stanley, Stewart, Thompson, Weaver and Wingard.--39.

Nay: Bergstrom, Deevers, Jett and Sacchieri.--4.

Excused: Grellner, Hines, Howard and Woods.--4.

Vacancy: District 8.--1.

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 447** were concurred in upon motion of Senator Boren.

SB 447, 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, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Deevers, Dossett, Frix, Gillespie, Gollihare, Goodwin, Green, Guthrie, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Jech, Jett, Kern, Kirt, Mann, McIntosh, Murdock, Nice, Paxton, Pederson, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Reinhardt, Rosino, Sacchieri, Seifried, Standridge, Stanley, Stewart, Thompson, Weaver and Wingard.--43.

Excused: Grellner, Hines, Howard and Woods.--4.

Vacancy: District 8.--1.

The bill passed.

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

PENDING CONSIDERATION OF HAS

HAS to **SB 518** were concurred in upon motion of Senator Alvord.

SB 518, 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, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Deevers, Dossett, Frix, Gillespie, Gollihare, Green, Guthrie, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Howard, Jech, Kern, Mann, McIntosh, Murdock, Paxton, Pederson, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Reinhardt, Rosino, Sacchieri, Seifried, Standridge, Stanley, Stewart, Thompson, Weaver and Wingard.--38.

Nay: Boren, Goodwin, Hicks, Jett, Kirt and Nice.--6.

Excused: Grellner, Hines and Woods.--3.

Vacancy: District 8.--1.

The bill passed.

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

PENDING CONSIDERATION OF HAS

HAs to SB 669 were concurred in upon motion of Senator Gillespie.

SB 669, 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, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Deever, Dossett, Frix, Gillespie, Gollihare, Goodwin, Green, Guthrie, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Jech, Jett, Kern, Kirt, Mann, McIntosh, Murdock, Nice, Paxton, Pederson, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Reinhardt, Rosino, Sacchieri, Seifried, Standridge, Stanley, Stewart, Thompson, Weaver and Wingard.--43.

Excused: Grellner, Hines, Howard and Woods.--4.

Vacancy: District 8.--1.

The bill passed.

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

Senator Jett presiding.

PENDING CONSIDERATION OF HAS

HAs to SB 912 were concurred in upon motion of Senator Rosino.

SB 912, 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, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Deevers, Dossett, Frix, Gillespie, Gollihare, Goodwin, Green, Guthrie, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Jech, Jett, Kern, Kirt, Mann, McIntosh, Murdock, Nice, Paxton, Pederson, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Reinhardt, Rosino, Seifried, Standridge, Stanley, Stewart, Thompson, Weaver and Wingard.--42.

Nay: Howard and Sacchieri.--2.

Excused: Grellner, Hines and Woods.--3.

Vacancy: District 8.--1.

The bill passed.

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

Aye: Alvord, Bergstrom, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Frix, Gillespie, Gollihare, Green, Guthrie, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Jett, Kern, Kirt, Mann, McIntosh, Murdock, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Reinhardt, Rosino, Seifried, Standridge, Stanley, Stewart, Thompson, Weaver and Wingard.--34.

Nay: Boren, Deevers, Goodwin, Hicks, Jech, Nice, Pederson and Sacchieri.--8.

Excused: Grellner, Hines, Howard, Paxton and Woods.--5.

Vacancy: District 8.--1.

The emergency passed.

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

PENDING CONSIDERATION OF HAS

HAs to SB 61 were concurred in upon motion of Senator Jech.

SB 61, 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, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Deevers, Dossett, Frix, Gillespie, Gollihare, Goodwin, Green, Guthrie, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Jech, Jett, Kern, Kirt, Mann, McIntosh, Murdock, Nice, Paxton, Pederson, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Reinhardt, Rosino, Sacchieri, Seifried, Standridge, Stanley, Stewart, Thompson, Weaver and Wingard.--43.

Excused: Grellner, Hines, Howard and Woods.--4.

Vacancy: District 8.--1.

The bill passed.

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

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

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

Crites, Shannon S., Ardmore, as a member of the Oklahoma Arts Council - Education

Deaton, Lauren P., Wister, as a member of the State Textbook Committee - Education

Hartgraves, Steve L., Altus, as a member of the State Board of Health - Health and Human Services

Hays, Deyona "Dee", Mounds, as a member of the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission - Business and Insurance

Monroe, Andrew M., Oklahoma City, as a member of the State Board of Licensed Social Workers - Health and Human Services

Neal, Katherine C., Norman, as a member of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries Board - Local and County Government

Schultz, Madison, Oklahoma City, as a member of the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission - Business and Insurance

Schultz, Keith A., Tulsa, as a member of the Alarm, Locksmith and Fire Sprinkler Industry Committee - Business and Insurance

Thompson, Jessica L., Kingston, as a member of the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority - Education

Verma, Geetika M., Edmond, as a member of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries Board - Local and County Government

Wilson, Spencer T., Oklahoma City, as a member of the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission - Business and Insurance

Weeks, Destinee S., Seiling, as a member of the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission - Economic Development, Workforce and Tourism

PENDING CONSIDERATION OF HAS

HAs to SBs 140, 207, 212, 215, 263, 324, 642, 676, 684 and 921 were rejected upon motion of Senator Gollihare, conference requested, and Senate conferees to be named later.

SCs NAMED

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

SB 32 – Stanley, Pugh, Seifried, Pederson, Hines, Hicks

SB 85 – GCCA

SB 140 – GCCA

SB 202 – GCCA

SB 207 – GCCA

SB 209 – GCCA

SB 212 – GCCA

SB 215 – GCCA

SB 324 – GCCA

SB 642 – Paxton, Howard, Daniels, Rader, Rosino, Pugh, Kirt

SB 647 – Frix, Hamilton, Burns, Alvord, Weaver, Stanley, Nice

SB 676 – Paxton, Bullard, Bergstrom, Grellner, Burns, Kirt

SB 684 – Paxton, Daniels, Pugh, Seifried, Rader, Dossett

SB 687 – GCCA

SB 840 – Hicks, Pugh, Seifried, Reinhardt, Deevers, Mann

SB 893 – Howard, Gollihare, Jech, Rosino, Jett, Boren

SB 997 – Frix, Bullard, Bergstrom, McIntosh, Grellner, Kirt

SB 1054 – GCCA

Senator Gollihare moved that when the clerk's desk is clear, the Senate stand adjourned to convene Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., which motion prevailed.

CHANGE IN AUTHORS/COAUTHORS

The following measures were authored/coauthored:

SB 20 - Coauthored by Senator Coleman

Coauthored by Senator Grellner

Coauthored by Senator Murdock

Coauthored by Senators McIntosh, Bullard, Deevers, Hamilton, Bergstrom, Wingard, Prieto, Hines, Alvord, Stewart, Reinhardt, Jett, Woods, Burns, Kern

Coauthored by Representative Harris

SB 61 - Coauthored by Senator Kirt

SB 91 - Remove as author Senator Woods; authored by Senator Wingard

SB 711 - Coauthored by Representative Pogemiller

SB 789 - Coauthored by Representative Pogemiller

SB 799 - Coauthored by Representative Pogemiller

SB 1027 - Coauthored by Senator Bergstrom

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Advising his approval May 13, 2025, of Enrolled **SBs 216, 658, 796, 911 and 1077.**

Advising that on May 13, 2025, in accordance with Article VI, Section 11, of the Oklahoma Constitution, **SBs 190, 494, 774, 903, 947 and 949** have become law without the Governor's signature.

Advising his veto on May 13, 2025, of Enrolled **SBs 333, 574 and 770.**

The veto messages read as follows:

May 13, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA SENATE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE
SIXTIETH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 333:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 333.

Much like a SB 580, which I vetoed last year, SB 333 would allow local public housing authorities to operate statewide for construction and rehabilitation projects, expanding their reach—and their eminent domain powers—far beyond their local jurisdictions. This threatens private property rights and undermines local control.

Housing authorities exist to meet local needs under local oversight. Broadening their authority statewide risks confusion, overreach, and less effective service to the communities they were created to serve. Government should not insert itself into private industry to dictate housing needs across the state.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 333.

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

May 13, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA SENATE
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ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 574:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 574.

This bill would expand the Attorney General’s discretionary authority over settlement agreements in opioid-related litigation. This would hand even more power to someone who has repeatedly demonstrated his willingness to abuse it. It paves the way for him to further entrench his “sue-and-settle” strategy, a tactic that favors his political allies over the best interests of the State, not unlike the approach we’ve seen from Biden’s EPA and DOJ.

Moreover, it opens the door for the Attorney General to divert funds earmarked for opioid abatement projects—money that should be going to the General Revenue Fund and to a tax cut. Since taking office, he has already increased his budget by 68%, and he’s also asking for an astonishing 204% more next year. This bill is just his latest attempt to expand his office and consolidate power. I won’t stand for it.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 574.
By the Governor of the State of Oklahoma
/s/ Kevin Stitt

May 13, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA SENATE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE
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ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 770:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 770.

This bill would alter the composition of the commission for rehabilitation, shifting appointment power from the executive branch to the legislative branch. This is deeply troubling, as it represents a clear violation of core constitutional principles.

Under our constitutional framework, the executive branch is charged with enforcing the laws, while the legislative branch is tasked with creating them. By granting the Legislature a majority of appointments to an executive board, this law undermines the independence of the executive branch and allows the legislative branch to insert itself into executive functions. This is an affront to the checks and balances that are essential to a functioning democracy.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 770.

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

Pursuant to the Gollihare motion, the Senate adjourned at 12:00 p.m. to meet Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.