

Senate Journal

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

First Legislative Day, Tuesday, January 2, 2007

Pursuant to Article V, Section 26, of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, the Senate of the First Regular Session of the Fifty-first Legislature assembled in its Chamber at 12:00 noon.

Senator Coffee called the Senate to Order.

The invocation was offered by Pastor Richard House, Senior Minister at McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church, Norman, the guest of Senator Sparks.

Senator Coffee introduced Lieutenant Governor-Elect Jari Askins to the Senate.

The roll was ordered called by Senator Coffee on the twenty-four hold over members of the Senate:

Present: Adelson, Anderson, Barrington, Crain, Eason McIntyre, Ford, Garrison, Jolley, Justice, Lamb, Laster, Laughlin, Lerblance, Mazzei, Morgan, Nichols, Paddock, Rabon, Reynolds, Riley, Wilcoxson, Williamson, Wilson and Wyrick.—24.

Senator Coffee directed the following Communication from the State Election Board be read on the certification of the newly elected members of the Senate.

November 16, 2006

The Honorable Mike Morgan
President Pro Tempore, Oklahoma State Senate
State Capitol
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Sir:

Upon the face of the returns of the General Election, November 7, 2006, certified to this office by the several County Election Boards of the State, the candidates named in the list

attached appear to have been regularly elected as Members of the Oklahoma State Senate for the districts indicated.

Certificates of Election have been issued to them by this Board, entitling each to participate in the preliminary organization of the Senate.

NAME	POL.	ADDRESS	DIST. NO.
Sean Burrage	D	Claremore	2
Kenneth Corn	D	Poteau	4
Jay Paul Gumm	D	Durant	6
Roger Ballenger	D	Okmulgee	8
Joe Sweeden	D	Pawhuska	10
Brian Bingman	R	Sapulpa	12
Johnnie C. Crutchfield	D	Ardmore	14
John Sparks	D	Norman	16
Mary Easley	D	Tulsa	18
David Myers	R	Ponca City	20
Mike Johnson	R	Kingfisher	22
Anthony Sykes	R	Moore	24
Tom Ivester	D	Sayre	26
Harry E. Coates, Jr.	R	Seminole	28
Glenn Coffee	R	Oklahoma City	30
Randy Bass	D	Lawton	32
Randy Brogdon	R	Owasso	34
Bill Brown	R	Broken Arrow	36
Mike Schulz	R	Altus	38
Cliff Branan	R	Oklahoma City	40
Cliff A. Aldridge	R	Midwest City	42
Debbe Leftwich	D	Oklahoma City	44
Andrew Rice	D	Oklahoma City	46
Connie Johnson	D	Oklahoma City	48

Respectfully submitted,

/s/MICHAEL CLINGMAN, Secretary
State Election Board

OATH OF OFFICE

Senator Coffee announced that the Official Oath of Office as required by the Constitution was administered to the twenty-four newly elected members on November 16, 2006, by Chief Justice Joseph Watt of the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

Senator Coffee ordered the roll called on the newly elected members of the Senate.

Present: Aldridge, Ballenger, Bass, Bingman, Branan, Brogdon, Brown, Burrage, Coates, Coffee, Corn, Crutchfield, Easley, Gumm, Ivester, Johnson (C), Johnson (M), Leftwich, Myers, Rice, Schulz, Sparks, Sweeden and Sykes.—24.

Senator Coffee declared a quorum present.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Senator Laster moved that Senator Mike Morgan be elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate for the Fifty-first Legislature to serve through June 30, 2007 and from August 1, 2007 through November 19, 2008 and that Senator Glenn Coffee be elected President Pro Tempore for the Fifty-first Legislature to serve from July 1, 2007 through July 31, 2007 and that Senator Glenn Coffee be elected Co-President Pro Tempore of the Senate for the Fifty-first Legislature to serve through June 30, 2007 and from August 1, 2007 through November 19, 2008 and that Senator Mike Morgan be elected Co-President Pro Tempore of the Senate for the Fifty-first Legislature to serve from July 1, 2007 through July 31, 2007, which motion was seconded by Senator Laughlin.

The motion was declared adopted upon roll call as follows:

Aye: Adelson, Aldridge, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Bingman, Branan, Brogdon, Brown, Burrage, Coates, Coffee, Corn, Crain, Crutchfield, Easley, Eason McIntyre, Ford, Garrison, Gumm, Ivester, Johnson (C), Johnson (M), Jolley, Justice, Lamb, Laster, Laughlin, Leftwich, Lerblance, Mazzei, Morgan, Myers, Nichols, Paddack, Rabon, Reynolds, Rice, Riley, Schulz, Sparks, Sweeden, Sykes, Wilcoxson, Williamson, Wilson and Wyrick.—48.

Co-President Pro Tempore Coffee, on behalf of the Senate, congratulated Senator Morgan and handed the gavel to the President Pro Tempore.

President Pro Tempore Morgan delivered the following address:

Good Morning. Thank you for your vote today and I appreciate the trust that you have shown to me. I pledge to you that I will work daily to help each one of you succeed in this coming legislative session.

Today we pause as a nation to commemorate the memory of the 38th President of the United States, Gerald R. Ford.

In the days since his death we have been reminded of many of the accomplishments of this kind and humble man.

The New York Times said it was Mr. Ford's uncommon virtue to have presided with a common touch.

He was in fact a common man that was called upon to do extraordinary things. By all accounts he was exactly the right person to lead our country through a critical time in its history.

President Ford in his later years talked about the time in which he assumed the Presidency. He said this, "It was an hour in our history that troubled our minds and tore at our hearts. Anger and hatred had risen to dangerous levels, dividing friends and families. The polarization of our political order had aroused unworthy passions of reprisal and revenge. Our governmental system was closer to stalemate than at any time since Abraham Lincoln took the oath of office as President."

Members, I think that it is appropriate that we invoke the memory of President Ford today as we set the tone for the journey that lies ahead for us.

President Ford was in office for 896 days. As members of the 51st Legislature, we will serve 730 days together. It is not a dissimilar period of time.

I believe this is an opportune time for us to think about this journey that we have before us.

As we move into our State's Centennial year, we find ourselves in extraordinary times.

Never before has a legislative body in Oklahoma had an equal number of members from both of the main political parties.

What will we do with this even split of members?

What will be our legacy when this legislature adjourns sine die on May 30, 2008?

Each of us has traveled our own path to this place. We each bring our own life experience, our own work ethic and our own values. We each share, however, the reality that the people of Oklahoma sent us here with a trust to do an important job for each of them. It is incumbent upon us to keep that trust foremost in our minds as we begin this New Year.

Members, the eyes of Oklahoma will be upon each and every one of us. It is a time to set aside personal interests and personal bias. A time to join together as individual Senators to create a body committed to the future of our young state.

We all have areas of particular interest. We have differing ideas about how to move our state forward. We have various ideas on how to best serve the interests of Oklahoma.

We will have disagreements, conflict and debate...and that is as it should be. But...we must work through those differences and come together for the betterment of our state and for the people that elected us.

This is a time of great opportunity. This historic tie and the historic power sharing agreement we have entered into presents us with an opportunity we simply cannot disregard.

As in no other time in the history of this deliberative body we can put partisanship aside. We have the opportunity to be statesmanlike in ways that have never been possible before.

I began these remarks talking about the inspiration that I have received and felt from the life and service of President Ford.

I now would like to conclude my remarks by invoking the memory of probably our greatest President, Abraham Lincoln.

The award winning writer Doris Kerns Goodwin wrote a biography of Mr. Lincoln. She entitled it Team of Rivals. She noted that immediately after winning the Presidency, Lincoln made the unprecedented decision to incorporate his eminent rivals into his political family, the Cabinet.

Unprecedented at the time, Lincoln was the captain of what truly was a team of rivals.

The story of Lincoln's political genius was revealed through his extraordinary array of personal qualities. They enabled him to form friendships with men who had previously opposed him.

He was able to repair injured feelings that, left untended, might have escalated into permanent hostility. He was able to assume responsibility for the failures of subordinates. He was able to share credit with ease and to learn from mistakes.

Lincoln's success in dealing with the strong egos of the men in his cabinet suggests that in the hands of a truly great politician the qualities we generally associate with decency and morality.

Things like kindness, sensitivity, compassion, honesty and empathy, can be impressive political resources.

I ask each of you to embrace Lincoln's qualities. I encourage you to return to this place on February 5th with those qualities in your heart: kindness, sensitivity, compassion, honesty and empathy.

I call on each of you to seize the moment at hand. Let's come together as a team of rivals and let's make Oklahoma proud.

God bless each and every one of you and thank you again.

President Pro Tempore Morgan introduced Co-President Pro Tempore Coffee.

Co-President Pro Tempore Coffee delivered the following address:

Before I begin my prepared comments this day, I would like to take a moment and introduce a few people to you. In the gallery to my left, a person who I could not do any of this without. We have four children together and sometimes I feel like she thinks she has a fifth. I would love to introduce to you my beautiful wife, by life partner Lisa Coffee. I would also like to introduce to you today an individual who taught me a lot and he also gave my campaign slogan. You see my Dad always told us that when we came in and were complaining about what we could not do, he would take us into the pantry and he would point the shelf where the coffee cans were and he would say, "Do you see any coffee can'ts up there?". Of course there weren't any, there is no such thing. He would say, "You are a coffee can, so get out there and do it.". That is who I got that from. I would love to introduce my father and mother, Virgil and Linda Coffee.

Also here with me today are my four children, Collin, my oldest, Blaine, my second oldest, my daughter, Anna, and my youngest, Kate. I would also like to introduce my mother-in-law who is with us today, Kay Lovett. Thank you all for joining me today.

Thank you all for entrusting me with this position. I hope to honor you with the trust that you have entrusted us with today.

Today is truly a historic day. There is a historic nature to what has happened today. President Thomas Jefferson in one of his initial speeches began by saying, "We are all Democrats, we are all Republicans, we are all Americans." Well certainly we are all Oklahomans here today.

Unfortunately at that new time in our State's history and in our National history things progressed quickly into partisan bickering in our Nation's Capitol that led to the party system that we have today. I would concur with Senator Morgan that we have a profound opportunity to say that this is a different time in our State's history. This is a moment to reflect and to do great things together.

I pledge to you, in this role that your have entrusted me, that I will spend every day working hard to make the State of Oklahoma a greater place with you, with your dreams and goals so that we can put the people first in all that we do.

Today truly is a day of historic nature. I thought a lot about what does that mean. We throw words around carelessly today, but this is something as a student of history that we will look back into all our history books and it is something we have never experienced here in the State of Oklahoma.

You, as Senators, have the opportunity to set the standard for this opportunity. It is something that has never occurred in the past. It may occur again in the future. People will have the opportunity as they look back in history, at what you did during these two years.

Did you set aside your partisan interests, did you set aside your personal goals to help make Oklahoma better or did we, like our founding fathers, resort to bickering and fighting.

Certainly, I think all of us who participated in the development of the agreement that has brought us here today, recognize that there are only two options available to us. One is a very ugly messy process that would have made today look like a circus. The other is one that all of you will be honored and recognized for your statesmanship. I believe the later will be the story that will be written about this 51st Legislature when it is all done. That you rose above yourselves and did great things for the State of Oklahoma and I look forward to that opportunity.

Winston Churchill once said, "It is not enough that we do our best, sometimes we have to do what is required.". Certainly, there will be differences. There will be plenty of opportunity for all of us to frustrated. As we have dealt with relationships within our families, with our children and otherwise, we all have those moments when we just don't want to deal with it anymore. We will all come to that place over the next two years, I'm certain of that. But I'm also certain that because of the character in this room, because of the ability in this room, that this body has the ability to rise above that and get things done. Again, I am confident that we will do that.

How did we get here? The past has been about partisanship and it has been about posturing and certainly, in its appropriate times, that is appropriate and necessary. When I entered the Senate, it is important to recognize that there were only fifteen Republicans. Today, for the first time in history, there are twenty-four. Certainly it is also important to recognize that the Lt. Governor is from the Democratic party. We can begin to note our differences. I hope that we recognize that as necessary and appropriate activities from the past.

Today our focus has to be on the present. The present has to be about a purposeful progress on getting things done. We have to come together and agree that there are things so important that regardless of our differences on many other issues, they have to get done. We have to get the peoples' business done and move the State forward.

We have to do it together.

As you read the rules that we have adopted today, and as you understand the process, I think you will begin to recognize rather quickly that if you make it about settling old scores, if you make it about trying to outsmart the other, it only leads to one result and that is mutually assured destruction and a very negative environment over the next two years.

This place is about ideas. It always has been and I hope it that is always will be. In the present, we have to find what common ground and what innovative ideas we can work on together and get them done. I believe if we focus on that task, that in two years we will return to partisan activities that are necessary and appropriate. Many of you will be running for re-election. Many of your seats will be open seats where new members will come and

won't know what this chamber experienced. We may return to a Legislature that is in Democrat control. We may return to a Legislature that is in Republican control and, God forbid, we may return to a Legislature that is still in a tie.

Whatever the future holds isn't our concern for the next two years. It has to be about locking arm and arm as a team of rivals and getting things done. I hope that you will partner with me in doing that over the next two years.

Thank you for your vote of confidence today and I hope that I am worthy of it in the end. Thank you for your time.

SENATE RULES

Senator Laughlin moved that the Code of Conduct and the Rules for the Fiftieth Legislature, as amended by the proposal that has been distributed, be adopted as the Code of Conduct and Rules for the Fifty-first Legislature, which motion was declared adopted.

The Code of Conduct and Senate Rules for the Fifty-first Legislature, as amended and adopted, read as follows:

**PROPOSED
SENATE RULES
FOR THE
FIFTY-FIRST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE (2007-2008)**

**BEING THE STANDING RULES FOR
CONDUCTING BUSINESS OF
THE STATE SENATE OF OKLAHOMA,
FIFTY-FIRST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE (2007-2008)**

CODE OF CONDUCT AND STANDARDS

**with amendments shown to the Senate Rules and Code of Conduct of the Second
Session of the Fiftieth Oklahoma Legislature (2006)**

**CHAPTER 1
POWER SHARING AGREEMENT (NEW)**

The Oklahoma State Senate has a rich history as the model of civility, stability, and leadership in our state government.

Now, as Oklahoma prepares to enter its second century, history has been made by the creation of an unprecedented 24 to 24 tie in the State Senate. The 2007 legislative session

will be the first time that an equal number of Democratic and Republican state senators have been seated in this august legislative body.

While some skeptics have seen this historic equilibrium as a recipe for gridlock, we view it as an opportunity to work together to do the people's business.

Therefore, in order to ensure that the Oklahoma State Senate continues to function as the Oklahoma Legislature's center of debate and deliberation, we, the members of the Oklahoma State Senate, set forth the following agreement and pledge to conduct the people's business in a fair and impartial manner, to work in good faith and to honor both the letter and the spirit of this agreement.

1-1. PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE and CO-PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

a. One member nominated by the Democratic Party shall be elected to serve as President Pro Tempore from January 2, 2007 through June 30, 2007 and from August 1, 2007 through November 19, 2008, and shall be elected to serve as co-President Pro Tempore from July 1, 2007 through July 31, 2007.

b. One member nominated by the Republican Party shall be elected to serve as co-President Pro Tempore from January 2, 2007 through June 30, 2007 and from August 1, 2007 through November 19, 2008, and shall be elected to serve as President Pro Tempore from July 1, 2007 through July 31, 2007.

c. The administrative duties imposed upon the President Pro Tempore by the Senate Rules shall be exercised jointly by the President Pro Tempore and the co-President Pro Tempore.

d. The President Pro Tempore shall not exercise his appointment authority to boards, commissions, and other entities without the prior agreement of the co-President Pro Tempore. This provision shall not apply to appointment authority specifically granted in this agreement which is to be exercised solely by the President Pro Tempore or the co-President Pro Tempore.

1-2. CO-PRESIDING OFFICERS

a. The President Pro Tempore and the co-President Pro Tempore shall serve as co-presiding officers of the Senate during its daily sessions but may designate other members of the Senate to serve as presiding officers.

b. The co-presiding officers shall serve individually when the Senate is in daily session and shall alternate daily.

c. The designated co-presiding officers shall perform the duties traditionally associated with the position as provided in the Senate Rules.

1-3. CO-FLOOR LEADERS

- a. The President Pro Tempore shall designate a floor leader from his political party.
- b. The co-President Pro Tempore shall designate a floor leader from his political party.
- c. The co-floor leaders jointly shall determine the order in which legislation is considered by the Senate.
- d. If the co-floor leaders cannot agree on the order in which legislation is determined, such determination shall be made jointly by the President Pro Tempore and the co-President Pro Tempore.
- e. The co-floor leaders shall serve individually when the Senate is in daily session and shall alternate daily. The Republican Floor Leader shall serve on days when a Democrat is serving as presiding officer. The Democratic Floor Leader shall serve on days when a Republican is serving as presiding officer.
- f. Measures on general order shall be heard unless the party leader of the author requests the measure not be heard.

1-4. ORGANIZATION OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

- a. Each standing committee shall be composed of an equal number of members from each political party.
- b. The President Pro Tempore shall appoint the standing committee members from his political party. The co-President Pro Tempore shall appoint the standing committee members from his political party.
- c. Each standing committee shall have co-chairs from each political party.
- d. Unless they otherwise agree, the co-chairs shall alternate the duty to preside over their committees from meeting to meeting.
- e. The co-chairs shall jointly schedule special meetings and jointly cancel any meeting.
- f. There shall be no ex officio voting members of any committee.
- g. Measures shall be assigned to committees jointly by the President Pro Tempore and the co-President Pro Tempore. If they cannot agree on an assignment, the measure shall be sent to the Rules Committee; provided, however, each leader shall have the right each year to assign to the committees of his choice three (3) Senate measures and three (3) House measures authored by members of his political party without the assent of the other.

h. A committee agenda shall be determined by joint agreement of that committee's co-chairs; provided, however, each co-chair shall have the right to place on the agenda each year three (3) Senate and three (3) House measures authored by members of his or her political party without the assent of the other.

i. Any measure assigned to a committee agenda by a co-chair without the assent of his or her co-chair shall be communicated in writing by the assigning co-chair to his or her co-chair and to the President Pro Tempore and the co-President Pro Tempore at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the committee meeting at which the measures are scheduled to be heard.

j. Subsection D of Rule 7-7 of Senate Rules 2005-2006 (renumbered herein as Senate Rule 8-7) shall remain in effect during the term of this agreement.

“D. A quorum shall be present when any committee votes on any matter. Any member of a committee may request a quorum call at any time the committee is meeting. A number equal to a majority of the appointed members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.”

k. Paragraph 9 of subsection F of Rule 7-7 of Senate Rules 2005-2006 (renumbered herein as Senate Rule 8-7) shall remain in effect during the term of this agreement.

“F. When considering legislation or conducting other business, committees shall observe the following procedures:

. . .

9. The vote on a recommendation by the committee to the Senate concerning a legislative measure shall be by recorded roll call and shall require a majority vote of a quorum of the members of the committee for passage. The only permitted recommendations to the Senate on a legislative measure are DO PASS or DO PASS, AS AMENDED.”

l. A tie vote in a committee on the motion of “DO PASS” or “DO PASS, AS AMENDED” shall result in failure of the motion.

m. All committee votes reflecting the votes of each member present and voting on the motion of “DO PASS” or “DO PASS, AS AMENDED” shall be entered in the Journal.

1-5. ORGANIZATION OF SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

a. Each subcommittee shall be composed of an equal number of members from each political party.

- b. The President Pro Tempore shall appoint the subcommittee members of his political party. The co-President Pro Tempore shall appoint the subcommittee members from his political party.
- c. Each subcommittee shall have co-chairs from each political party.
- d. Unless they otherwise agree, the co-chairs shall alternate the duty to preside over their committees from meeting to meeting.
- e. The co-chairs shall jointly schedule special meetings and jointly cancel any meeting.

1-6. OTHER COMMITTEES

- a. Conference Committees shall be composed of three (3) members from the Democratic Party and three (3) members from the Republican Party unless the President Pro Tempore and the co-President Pro Tempore agree otherwise.
- a. Joint Committees and any other committee composed of members of the Senate shall be composed of an equal number of members from each political party.
- b. The President Pro Tempore shall appoint the members from his political party. The co-President Pro Tempore shall appoint the members from his political party.
- c. The committees shall have co-chairs from each political party.

1-7. FINAL ACTION

If final action is such as to defeat a bill or resolution, no other bill or resolution having the same effect and covering the same specific subject matter shall be considered by the Senate during either session of the current Legislature, unless the President Pro Tempore and the co-President Pro Tempore agree otherwise. Action constituting "final action" includes: failure of the motion "Do Pass" or "Do Pass as Amended" in a committee, if a motion to reconsider the vote on Third Reading or Fourth Reading fails to prevail, if a motion to table the motion to reconsider prevails, or if a vote is taken on Third Reading or Fourth Reading and no notice is served to reconsider the vote.

1-8. LEADERSHIP STAFF

The President Pro Tempore and co-President Pro Tempore shall be allocated equal budgets for the staffing of leadership personnel.

1-9. FLOOR AMENDMENTS

It is agreed that a Senate Rule will be adopted to provide a two-day notice to members prior to the consideration of an amendment on the floor and a one-day notice on any amendment to a proposed floor amendment.

1-10. AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT

The terms of this agreement may be amended upon two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate.

1-11. CONFLICT

Where there is a conflict between the terms of this agreement and Chapters 2 through 17 of the Senate Rules, the terms of this agreement supersede the Senate Rules.

1-12. TERMINATION

In the event a Senate seat becomes vacant and a special election results in either party reaching twenty-five members or more, this agreement shall terminate, otherwise this agreement shall terminate on November 20, 2008.

CHAPTER ~~1~~ 2
APPLICATION, PURPOSE, INTERPRETATION
AND AMENDMENT OF THE RULES

RULE ~~1-1~~ 2-1. APPLICATION. From adoption by a majority of the members of the Senate, the following rules shall be the rules for the conduct of business by the Senate.

RULE ~~1-2~~ 2-2. PURPOSE. The purpose of the rules is to provide the members of the Senate with uniform, easily understood procedures for the conduct of business.

RULE ~~1-3~~ 2-3. INTERPRETATION. When the Senate is in daily session, interpretation of the rules shall be made by the President Pro Tempore or by an elected member of the Senate designated by the President Pro Tempore as Presiding Officer pursuant to Senate Rule ~~2-4~~ 3-4; when a committee is meeting, interpretation of the rules shall be made by the chair, or in the chair's absence the vice-chair, of the committee; and at all other times interpretation of the rules shall be made by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Such interpretations shall be final unless an appeal of a ruling is made successfully in the following manner:

A. Before other business is transacted by the Senate or by the committee, a member of the Senate or the committee may appeal the ruling by offering a substitute ruling.

B. Once a motion to adopt a substitute ruling is made, no other business shall be transacted until the motion is disposed of by the Senate or by the committee.

C. A motion to adopt a substitute ruling shall be subject to all other Senate Rules pertaining to motions.

RULE ~~1-4~~ 2-4. AMENDMENT. Any Senate Rule may be amended upon two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate.

RULE ~~1-5~~ 2-5. SUSPENSION. Except as provided in subsection F of Rule ~~12-23~~ 13-23, any Senate Rule may be suspended upon two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate.

CHAPTER ~~2~~ 3 SENATE OFFICERS

RULE ~~2-1~~ 3-1. OFFICERS. Officers of the Senate shall be:

The President, who shall be the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Oklahoma

The President Pro Tempore, who shall be the Presiding Officer of the Senate

~~The Majority Floor Leader~~

~~The Assistant Majority Floor Leaders (3)~~

~~The Majority Whip~~

~~The Minority Floor Leader~~

~~The Assistant Minority Floor Leaders (2)~~

~~The Minority Whips (2)~~

Such other officers as may be designated by the Democratic and Republican caucuses

The Secretary

RULE ~~2-2~~ 3-2. ELECTION. The President Pro Tempore shall be elected by a majority of the members of the Senate when the Senate convenes on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of each odd-numbered year. ~~The Majority Floor Leader, Assistant Majority Floor Leaders and the Majority Whip shall be designated by the Majority Caucus. The Minority Floor Leader, the Assistant Minority Floor Leaders and the Minority Whips shall be designated by the Minority Caucus.~~ The Secretary of

the Senate, who shall not be a member of the Senate, shall be elected by a majority of the members following election of the President Pro Tempore and announcement of the ~~aforementioned Majority and Minority~~ other officers.

RULE ~~2-3~~ 3-3. TERMS. The terms of all member officers of the Senate shall begin on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of each odd-numbered year and shall be for two years; provided, however, that the designee of the Majority Caucus for the office of President Pro Tempore and the designee of the Minority Caucus for Minority Floor Leader shall assume the duties of their respective offices on the fifteenth day following the General Election.

RULE ~~2-4~~ 3-4. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE.

A. The President Pro Tempore shall be the chief executive officer of the Senate and shall prescribe all policies not otherwise provided by law or by the rules.

The President Pro Tempore shall serve as Presiding Officer of the Senate during its daily sessions but may designate another member of the Senate to serve as Presiding Officer at such times as the President Pro Tempore deems appropriate. Wherever the title “Presiding Officer” appears in the rules it shall mean the President Pro Tempore or an elected member of the Senate designated by the President Pro Tempore as Presiding Officer.

B. The President Pro Tempore may refer any matter concerning exercise of the Senate's discretionary powers and duties under Section 30 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution to a standing committee or select committee as the President Pro Tempore deems appropriate.

C. The President Pro Tempore shall determine the duties to be performed for the Senate by the Secretary of the Senate and shall designate a Chief of Staff to be responsible for staff duties not assigned to the Secretary of the Senate. The President Pro Tempore or a designee shall be responsible for the issuance of all warrants and vouchers and the maintenance of an accurate account of expenditures by the Senate.

**CHAPTER 3 4
STAFF**

RULE ~~3-1~~ 4-1. PERSONAL STAFF. Each member of the Senate shall be entitled to designate a personal staff. Personal staff shall serve at the discretion of, and perform such duties as prescribed by, the individual member of the Senate for whom employed, subject to such policies as may be established by the President Pro Tempore.

RULE ~~3-2~~ 4-2. LEADERSHIP STAFF. The President Pro Tempore shall be entitled to employ a leadership staff. Leadership staff shall serve at the discretion of, for such compensation pursuant to law as may be determined by, and perform such duties as prescribed by, the President Pro Tempore.

RULE ~~3-3~~ 4-3. SERVICE STAFF. The Chief of Staff, subject to the review and supervision of the President Pro Tempore, shall be authorized to employ service staff. Service staff shall be employed according to policies established by the President Pro Tempore and shall receive such compensation pursuant to law as may be determined by, and perform such duties as prescribed by, the President Pro Tempore. Service staff shall be responsible for the following:

- A. Preparation and transmission of all official communications of the Senate.
- B. Legislative procedure of the Senate, including the processing of official acts of the Senate, preparation and publication of the Senate Journal and such other publications as deemed appropriate by the Secretary of the Senate or the Chief of Staff, printing of bills and resolutions and maintenance of such other records as are required by the Senate.
- C. Dissemination of information to members of the Senate and the public.
- D. The custody and safekeeping of all bills and resolutions, including the accurate engrossment and enrollment thereof.
- E. The purchase, maintenance and distribution of such supplies and materials as are required for the Senate's business.
- F. The security, repair and maintenance of the Senate's property.
- G. Services provided to committees of the Senate, including the maintenance of clerical records and performance of reference services.
- H. The drafting of legislation.
- I. Such other services as may be prescribed by the Chief of Staff or the President Pro Tempore.

CHAPTER 4 5 **RECORDS, AUDITS AND PROPERTY**

RULE 4-1 5-1. OPEN RECORDS. All official records of the proceedings of the Senate and its committees shall be open for public inspection during regular office hours.

RULE 4-2 5-2. MANDATORY AUDIT. The President Pro Tempore shall cause an audit of the Senate's expenditures to be made at least once each fiscal year.

RULE 4-3 5-3. PHYSICAL PROPERTY. The President Pro Tempore shall be responsible for the physical property of the Senate and for that portion of the Capitol assigned to the Senate. The Chief of Staff, under direction of the President Pro Tempore, shall be authorized to perform routine repairs, maintenance and upkeep on such property and facilities.

RULE 4-4 ~~5-4~~. SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT. The President Pro Tempore shall ensure that the use of Senate supplies and equipment, including Senate postage meters, is restricted to official Senate business. Questions of compliance shall be resolved by the President Pro Tempore or, at the discretion of the President Pro Tempore, the Rules Committee.

**CHAPTER ~~5-6~~
LEGISLATION**

RULE ~~5-1~~ ~~6-1~~. LEGISLATION. Legislation to be considered by the Senate shall be limited to Senate Bills, Senate Joint Resolutions, Senate Concurrent Resolutions, Senate Resolutions, House Bills, House Joint Resolutions and House Concurrent Resolutions.

RULE ~~5-2~~ ~~6-2~~. INTRODUCTION. Except as may be limited by Senate Rule ~~4-6-1~~ ~~17-1~~, Senate Bills, Senate Joint Resolutions, Senate Concurrent Resolutions and Senate Resolutions may be introduced at any time beginning on the fifteenth day of November of each even-numbered year and ending at the time of sine die adjournment of the Second Session during the following even-numbered year. Legislation may be introduced by presentation to the Secretary of the Senate, together with as many copies as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Senate. Each Senate Bill or Resolution shall be assigned a number by the Secretary of the Senate. House Bills, House Joint Resolutions and House Concurrent Resolutions may be introduced upon receipt of a message from the House of Representatives advising passage and engrossment of the measure.

RULE ~~5-3~~ ~~6-3~~. FORM. No legislation shall be introduced in the Senate, except for House Bills, House Joint Resolutions and House Concurrent Resolutions, unless that legislation shall include a Title and an Enacting or Resolving Clause.

RULE ~~5-4~~ ~~6-4~~. CONSIDERATION. All legislation considered by the Senate shall be subject to First Reading, Second Reading, Third Reading and Fourth Reading, as well as consideration by an appropriate committee.

RULE ~~5-5~~ ~~6-5~~. RESTRICTIONS. For consideration by the Senate, Senate Concurrent Resolutions, Senate Resolutions and House Concurrent Resolutions shall be limited to the following purposes:

- A. Memorializing Congress, the President of the United States, or an executive agency of the federal government.
- B. Communicating with another entity of state government, or a subdivision thereof.
- C. Disapproving an administrative rule.
- D. Expressing legislative intent.

E. Expressing policies of the Senate.

RULE ~~5-6~~ 6-6. AUTHORS AND COAUTHORS. After introduction in the Senate of any bill or resolution, no Senator shall be shown or removed as author or coauthor on the face of the bill or resolution unless the Senator shall submit a written request to be so shown. The change in authorship shall be shown on the face of the next official version of the bill or resolution; provided, however, a ~~floor~~ printed substitute for or an electronic version of a bill or resolution may reflect in parentheses any author or coauthor changes that have been submitted to the calendar clerk.

RULE ~~5-7~~ 6-7. COPIES.

A. No legislation shall be considered by the Senate unless each member has been provided a copy of same.

B. Except as otherwise provided in this rule, no ~~floor substitute or~~ conference committee substitute shall be considered by the full Senate unless copies of such ~~floor substitute or~~ conference committee substitute shall have either:

1. Been distributed to the desks of all members of the Senate; or
2. Been made available to all members electronically and the members are notified of such electronic availability;

and such distribution and notification of electronic availability occurs prior to the adjournment of the Senate on a legislative day previous to consideration of the measure. An announcement on the Senate floor, while the Senate is in session, of electronic availability shall constitute sufficient notification.

C. Subsection B of this rule shall not be applicable to

1. Appropriation bills, or
2. Any measure which is exempt from Senate Rule ~~16-1~~ 17-1.

D. For purposes of this rule, an “appropriation bill” shall mean a measure which has been recommended by the General Conference Committee on Appropriations or which affects the receipt, expenditure or budgeting of state funds or funds under the control of an entity created by state law.

E. No bill or joint resolution may be considered by the full Senate after noon on the last Friday in May unless copies of such measure have:

1. Been distributed to the desks of all members of the Senate; or

2. Been made available to all members electronically, and the members are notified of such electronic availability;

at least four hours prior to consideration of the measure. An announcement on the Senate floor, while the Senate is in session, of electronic availability shall constitute sufficient notification.

**CHAPTER ~~6~~ 7
PROPOSALS**

RULE ~~6-1~~ 7-1. PROPOSALS. Any member of the Senate may at any time submit in writing to the President Pro Tempore a proposal for study or consideration by the Senate.

**CHAPTER ~~7~~ 8
COMMITTEES**

RULE ~~7-1~~ 8-1. TYPES AND NUMBER. There shall be two types of Senate committees established by the President Pro Tempore, to-wit: standing committees and select committees. The President Pro Tempore shall appoint the chair and vice-chair of each standing committee and of each select committee. ~~The standing committees shall be the Rules Committee and the following legislation committees:~~

~~Aerospace, Communications and Technology~~

~~Agriculture and Rural Development~~

~~Appropriations~~

~~Business and Labor~~

~~Commerce~~

~~Education~~

~~Energy and Environment~~

~~Finance~~

~~General Government~~

~~Health and Human Resources~~

~~Judiciary~~

~~Public Safety and Homeland Security~~

~~Retirement and Group Health~~

~~Sunset Review~~

~~Tourism and Wildlife~~

~~Transportation~~

~~Veterans and Military Affairs~~

The President Pro Tempore may establish, and appoint the members of, as many ad hoc subcommittees of each standing committee as the President Pro Tempore deems appropriate. There shall be as many select committees as are created by the President Pro Tempore.

RULE 7-2 8-2. MEMBERSHIP. Membership on standing committees and on select committees shall be subject to the following:

A. The President Pro Tempore shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Senate, the Majority Caucus members of each standing committee.

B. The Minority Floor Leader shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Senate, the Minority Caucus members of each standing committee.

C. Membership of standing committees shall be approved by a majority vote of members of the Senate.

D. The President Pro Tempore shall appoint all members of select committees.

E. The President Pro Tempore and Majority Floor Leader shall each be ex officio and voting members of all Senate committees.

RULE 7-3 8-3. DUTIES OF THE RULES COMMITTEE. The Rules Committee shall prescribe a Code of Conduct and Standards for Members of the Senate and Staff and shall determine any other policies of the Senate submitted to it by the President Pro Tempore.

RULE 7-4 8-4. DUTIES OF LEGISLATION COMMITTEES. Each legislation committee shall be responsible for the formulation of legislative programs and determination of nonlegislative matters within the jurisdiction prescribed by the President Pro Tempore; shall inquire into the administration and execution of all laws within the same jurisdiction; shall consider such proposals as may be submitted to the committee by the President Pro Tempore; and shall be responsible for the continuing codification of all laws within the prescribed jurisdiction.

RULE 7-5 8-5. DUTIES OF SELECT COMMITTEES. Select committees shall be responsible for such duties as are prescribed at the time of their formation. No select committee shall be formed without its duties being expressly stated at the time of its

formation. If a select committee is appointed for the purpose of conducting an investigation, the Senator requesting the investigation shall not serve as chair of the committee.

RULE ~~7-6~~ 8-6. AUTHORITY OF COMMITTEES. Any Senate committee is authorized to issue process, compel attendance of witnesses, and to administer oaths to any person appearing before the committee. Any Senate committee which considers legislation is empowered to consolidate bills or resolutions, to develop committee substitutes for such bills or resolutions, to amend such bills or resolutions and to develop a committee bill or resolution irrespective of any other legislation.

RULE ~~7-7~~ 8-7. PROCEDURES. The following procedures shall be observed by all legislation committees of the Senate:

A. Subject to such exceptions as are provided hereinafter, committees of the Senate shall comply with provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. A copy of all notices required by said Act shall be provided to the Chief of Staff, who shall designate the appropriate place for such notices to be posted. The Chief of Staff shall cause to be posted one such notice on the bulletin board of the Senate located in a place in the Capitol accessible to the public and on the Senate web site and shall take such other actions as may be deemed appropriate to provide adequate notice to the public.

B. The chair of a committee shall schedule meetings of the committee. Meetings shall not conflict with any regularly scheduled meeting of any other legislation committee, except with the consent of the President Pro Tempore.

C. The agenda for any meeting of a committee shall be set by the chair and shall include the date, time and place of the meeting. A copy of the agenda shall be provided to members of the committee and to authors of legislation to be considered by the committee at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting unless otherwise approved by the President Pro Tempore. An agenda for a meeting scheduled to meet prior to or during the first three days of session may reflect a measure for which assignment to the committee is anticipated, and the committee may act upon the measure; provided, the report of the committee's action on any such measure shall not be filed prior to the assignment of the measure; further provided, if the measure is not assigned to the committee during the first three days of session, any committee action on the measure taken prior to or during those days shall be of no force or effect and shall not be reported.

D. A quorum shall be present when any committee votes on any matter. Any member of a committee may request a quorum call at any time the committee is meeting. A number equal to a majority of the appointed members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

E. The chair, or in the chair's absence the vice-chair, of the committee, or a designee, shall preside at meetings of the committee.

F. When considering legislation or conducting other business, committees shall observe the following procedures:

1. No person shall address the committee unless first recognized by the chair for that purpose.

2. When a legislative measure is taken up for consideration, the Senate author shall be recognized for explanation of the measure.

3. The Senate author shall be given the opportunity to answer questions put by members of the committee or other persons recognized by the chair.

4. The chair shall provide opportunity for presentation of amendments to the legislation by the Senate author or by any member of the committee. Any amendment must be seconded to receive further consideration.

5. Amendments and motions may be adopted by a voice vote; provided, however, that the Senate author, or any member of the committee, may require a roll call vote.

6. Amendments shall be considered in the order they appear in the legislation, or in the order they are presented to the clerk of the committee. The chair shall resolve any conflict resulting from claimed priority of presentation.

7. The author of an amendment shall explain the amendment and be afforded the opportunity to answer questions about the amendment put by members of the committee, the author of the legislation, or other persons recognized by the chair.

8. The chair may recognize any person for debate or comment on the proposed legislation or amendments thereto. The chair may limit the amount of time for any such debate or comment.

9. The vote on a recommendation by the committee to the Senate concerning a legislative measure shall be by recorded roll call and shall require a majority vote of a quorum of the members of the committee for passage. The only permitted recommendations to the Senate on a legislative measure are “DO PASS” or “DO PASS, AS AMENDED”. A tie vote in a committee on the motion of “DO PASS” or “DO PASS, AS AMENDED” shall result in failure of the motion. All committee votes reflecting the votes of each member present and voting on the motion of “DO PASS” or “DO PASS, AS AMENDED” shall be entered in the Journal.

G. Except for legislation containing appropriations, all legislation originating in the Senate which is recommended by a committee to the Senate shall contain an Enacting or Resolving Clause and both a Senate and a House author.

H. The chair may assign to any subcommittee any legislation, proposal or inquiry; provided, however, no subcommittee shall be permitted to report directly to the Senate, but rather shall report to the parent committee.

I. Any document or other material distributed to all members of a committee of the Senate during a meeting which is open to the public shall be considered a public record from the time of such distribution.

J. An amendment affecting a retirement system, as such term is defined in the Oklahoma Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act, to a bill or resolution which has not been submitted to the legislative actuary as provided in the Act, shall be deemed to be out of order. If such a committee amendment is deemed to be out of order after its adoption, the committee or the full Senate may amend the bill or resolution to its form prior to the amendment. If such amendment is not made, the bill or resolution shall be returned to the committee from which it was reported.

CHAPTER 8 9 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RULE 8-1 9-1. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. Without prior notice, the Senate may, by motion approved by a majority of the members of the Senate, declare itself a Committee of the Whole, at which time the President Pro Tempore or a member designated by the President Pro Tempore shall chair the Committee of the Whole. Rules applicable to other Senate committees shall be applied to the Committee of the Whole, except those rules relating to notice.

RULE 8-2 9-2. REPORTS. Once the Committee of the Whole has reported a bill or resolution “DO PASS” or “DO PASS, AS AMENDED”, to the Senate, that bill or resolution shall be considered on Third Reading and shall be voted upon without consideration of amendments or debate.

CHAPTER 9 10 EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

RULE 9-1 10-1. REFERRAL OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS. When Executive Nominations shall be made by the Governor or other appointing authority to the Senate, said nominations shall be referred for consideration to the standing committee which has in its jurisdiction the entity to which the nomination relates.

RULE 9-2 10-2. REJECTION. No person whose nomination has been rejected by the Senate shall be eligible to be later confirmed by the Senate during the same session for appointment to the same position. If an executive nomination is not approved during the regular session in which it is submitted, it shall be deemed rejected. If an interim executive nomination is not approved during the first regular session following its

submission it shall be deemed rejected. The President Pro Tempore shall notify the appointing authority of the rejection of an executive nomination by the Senate, and shall likewise notify the chief executive of the entity to which the nomination relates.

CHAPTER ~~10~~ 11
PROCEDURES FOR DAILY SESSIONS

RULE ~~10-1~~ 11-1. TIME AND PLACE OF DAILY SESSIONS.

A. On the first Tuesday following the first Monday in January of each odd numbered year, the Senate shall convene in its chamber on the fourth floor of the Capitol at twelve o'clock noon for the purposes only of performing the duties as required by Section 5 of Article VI of the Constitution and organizing pursuant to the provisions of Article V of the Constitution and shall recess not later than five o'clock p.m. of that same day until the following first Monday in February of the same year, beginning at twelve o'clock noon.

B. On the first Monday in February of each year, the Senate shall convene in its chamber on the fourth floor of the Capitol at twelve o'clock noon. Thereafter, the Senate shall meet in daily sessions as necessary in the chamber until sine die adjournment. The time of each daily session shall be announced on the preceding legislative day; provided, however, that in the event no such announcement is made, the Senate shall convene at 1:30 p.m.

~~RULE 10-2. SEATING.~~ ~~The selection of seats of the membership of the Majority Party shall be made on the first day of the First Session of a Legislature and shall be made by the choice of the individual members in the following order:~~

~~President Pro Tempore,~~

~~Majority Floor Leader,~~

~~Assistant Majority Floor Leaders in order of seniority,~~

~~Majority Whips in order of seniority,~~

~~Chair of the Appropriations Committee,~~

~~Chair of the Finance Committee, and thereafter on the basis of seniority in the Senate. The remaining seats shall be selected by the membership of the Minority Party on the first day of the First Session of a Legislature and shall be made by the choice of the individual members in the following order: Minority Floor Leader, Assistant Minority Floor Leaders in order of seniority, Minority Whips in order of seniority and thereafter on the basis of seniority in the Senate.~~

~~In cases of equal seniority in the Senate, service in the House of Representatives shall be considered as additional seniority. In the event of equal seniority, preference shall be determined by lot. The President Pro Tempore shall be authorized to make exceptions to the foregoing procedures as the President Pro Tempore deems necessary.~~

RULE ~~10-3~~ 11-2. GALLERIES AND HALLWAYS. The President Pro Tempore or a designee is empowered to assign seats in the galleries of the Senate and is empowered to order the galleries and hallways of the Senate cleared to preserve order or to ensure the safety of the members of the Senate. Firearms and weapons are not allowed on the Senate floor, in the gallery, or in the Senate area without permission of the Sergeant at Arms.

RULE ~~10-4~~ 11-3. ATTENDANCE. No business of the Senate shall be conducted without a quorum of its members being in attendance. A majority of the members elected to the Senate shall constitute a quorum. A member of the Senate who is absent from a daily session shall be shown as "excused."

RULE ~~10-5~~ 11-4. QUORUM CALL. Any member of the Senate may, at any time, request the Presiding Officer to question the presence of a quorum. Upon such request, the Presiding Officer shall determine whether a quorum is present, and no further business shall be conducted until it is determined that a quorum is present.

RULE ~~10-6~~ 11-5. CALL OF THE SENATE. The Senate may, by majority vote of the members present, operate under Call of the Senate, in which case the President Pro Tempore is empowered to compel the attendance of all members of the Senate and is empowered to confine the members of the Senate to the chamber. ~~In such case, any member who fails to attend without being excused unanimously by the other members of the Senate shall be recorded as voting "NO" on all questions submitted to the Senate.~~

RULE ~~10-7~~ 11-6. DECORUM. The decorum of members of the Senate and employees of the Senate during the daily sessions of the Senate shall be determined by the Code of Conduct and Standards for Members of the Senate and Staff and shall be enforced by the Presiding Officer.

RULE ~~10-8~~ 11-7. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. Personal privilege shall be granted to a member of the Senate only to permit such member to respond to a public attack on the rights, integrity or reputation of a member of the Senate, or upon the Senate collectively or any committee or employee of the Senate. Remarks made by a member of the Senate who is granted personal privilege shall be confined to such a response.

RULE ~~10-9~~ 11-8. INTRODUCTIONS. No persons shall be introduced individually in the galleries, except that a member of the Senate may introduce family members. It shall also be permissible to introduce officials from other states and countries.

RULE ~~10-10~~ 11-9. PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR. No person shall be permitted in the Senate chamber during the daily sessions of the Senate except members and former

members of the Senate, employees of the Senate designated by the President Pro Tempore, members of the House of Representatives, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, former Governors and former Lieutenant Governors, and any person who is permitted on the floor by a majority vote of those present; provided, however, that the above privileges shall exclude any person registered as a lobbyist under the statutes of Oklahoma.

RULE ~~10-11~~ 11-10. SENATE LOUNGE AND ANTEROOMS. The President Pro Tempore may prescribe policies restricting the use of the Senate lounge and any rooms adjoining the lounge or the Senate chamber.

CHAPTER ~~11~~ 12
ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR DAILY SESSIONS

RULE ~~11-1~~ 12-1. ORDER OF BUSINESS. The Order of Business for each daily session of the Senate shall be:

Prayer

Executive Nominations

General Order

Third Reading

House Amendments to Senate Bills and Resolutions

Conference Committee Reports

Fourth Reading

Committee Reports

Second Reading

First Reading

Communications

Other Business

CHAPTER ~~12~~ 13
FLOOR PROCEDURES

RULE ~~12-1~~ 13-1. PRESIDING OFFICER'S AUTHORITY. The Presiding Officer shall maintain order in the Senate. No Senator or other person shall be permitted to address the Senate without first having been recognized by the Presiding Officer.

RULE ~~12-2~~ 13-2. ORDER OF CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION. The Majority Floor Leader, or a designee, shall determine the order in which legislation is considered by the Senate.

RULE ~~12-3~~ 13-3. PLACEMENT OF MEASURES ON GENERAL ORDER.

A. All bills and resolutions reported by a committee of the Senate or referred directly to the calendar shall be referred to placed on General Order.

B. When a committee report is filed, the clerk shall indicate on the face of the report the date and time the report was filed.

C. A bill or resolution reported from committee shall be placed on General Order at the beginning of the legislative day following the legislative day that a committee report is filed, if the report is filed not later than 4:30 p.m. If a committee report is filed after 4:30 p.m. on a legislative day, the bill or resolution shall be placed on General Order at the beginning of the second legislative day following the filing of the report.

D. Bills and resolutions referred directly to the calendar shall be placed on General Order at the beginning of the legislative day following the day of such referral.

E. A list of bills and resolutions on General Order, including a copy of the text of such bills and resolutions and the date such bills and resolutions were placed on General Order, shall be published electronically and a paper copy shall be made available each legislative day to all members of the Senate.

~~On General Order, the following procedure shall be observed:~~

~~A. Explanation of the bill or resolution by the Senate author.~~

~~B. Questions.~~

~~C. Consideration of amendments.~~

~~D. Advancement.~~

RULE ~~12-4~~ 13-4. AMENDMENTS.

~~A.~~ Amendments to bills or resolutions shall be in writing and shall be considered only ~~on General Order.~~ if submitted as follows:

1. Once legislation has been placed on General Order as provided in Rule 12-3, any floor amendment to such legislation may be filed on the legislative day of such placement or the following legislative day. An amendment must be filed no later than 4:30 p.m. of a legislative day to be considered filed on such legislative day;

2. Any amendment to a floor amendment shall be filed no later than 4:30 p.m. of the legislative day following the day the floor amendment is filed; and

3. A floor amendment or an amendment to a floor amendment may be withdrawn by its author at any time before it is voted upon.

If any amendment to a bill or resolution is filed as provided in this subsection, a copy of the text of such amendment shall be provided or made available electronically to each member of the Senate and the bill or resolution shall not be voted upon until on or after the fourth legislative day following the day the legislation was placed on General Order.

This rule shall not apply to an amendment offered by the author of a bill or resolution to strike the title or enacting or resolving clause.

RULE 13-5. CONSIDERATION OF MEASURES ON GENERAL ORDER.

A. On General Order, the following procedure shall be observed:

1. Explanation of the bill or resolution by the Senate author;

2. Questions;

3. Consideration of amendments; and

4. Advancement.

B. Amendments shall be considered first in the order in which they appear in the bill or resolution; second, according to the largest sum, greatest number or most distant day for amendments appearing in the same place; and third, in the order in which they are submitted. ~~An amendment can be withdrawn at any time before it is voted upon by the author of the amendment.~~ Once an amendment is read, it shall be explained by its author, who shall then answer questions concerning the amendment. If the author of the amendment is not in attendance at the time an amendment is read, the amendment shall be considered withdrawn unless another member of the Senate has taken or immediately takes coauthorship of the amendment and provides an explanation. An amendment shall be considered a public record from the time it is placed upon the clerk's desk.

~~B. C.~~ After the final vote on third ~~or fourth~~ reading of any bill or joint resolution, no amendment to the measure shall be considered, by unanimous consent or otherwise, unless the final vote and advancement of the measure are properly reconsidered according to the Senate Rules.

~~C. D.~~ For any bill which has been recommended to the full Senate by a Senate committee with a stricken title or enacting clause, the title or enacting clause shall not be restored as part of an amendment proposing a floor substitute, but an amendment to restore the title or enacting clause may be considered separately.

~~**RULE 12-5. SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENTS.** Only one substitute amendment shall be considered for any amendment to any bill or resolution. Once the substitute amendment is read, the same provisions applicable to the original amendment shall apply to the substitute amendment. If the substitute amendment is successful, the original amendment shall be rendered moot. If the substitute amendment is unsuccessful, the original amendment shall be considered by the Senate. There shall be no in lieu amendment to any amendment or substitute amendment.~~

~~**RULE 12-6**~~ **13-6. ADVANCEMENT.** Once a motion to advance has been adopted, the bill or resolution shall be considered engrossed and on Third Reading.

~~**RULE 12-7**~~ **13-7. THIRD READING.** Upon Third Reading of a bill or resolution, the Senate shall not consider amendments, but shall debate passage of the bill or resolution and then vote upon passage.

~~**RULE 12-8**~~ **13-8. HOUSE AMENDMENTS.** Upon receipt of House amendments to Senate bills or resolutions, the Senate author shall make a motion either to accept the amendments, in which case a successful vote on the motion shall automatically advance the bill to Fourth Reading and final passage, or to reject the amendments and request a conference with the House.

~~**RULE 12-9**~~ **13-9. CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.** The President Pro Tempore shall appoint members of the Senate to serve on conference committees with members of the House of Representatives at such times and in such numbers as the President Pro Tempore deems appropriate.

~~**RULE 12-10**~~ **13-10. CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

A. Any Conference Committee Report shall be considered by the Senate only when a majority of the Senate conferees and a majority of the House conferees have signed the report and only when the report is limited to matters germane to the bill or resolution. An amendment affecting a retirement system as such term is defined in the Oklahoma Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act to a bill or resolution reported from a conference committee which has not been submitted to the legislative actuary as provided in the Act shall be deemed to be out of order and the bill or resolution shall be

returned to the conference committee from which it was reported with instructions to remove the amendment.

If the Senate adopts a Conference Committee Report, the bill or resolution is before the Senate for Fourth Reading and final passage. If the Senate rejects a Conference Committee Report or a motion to adopt the report fails, the bill or resolution shall be returned to the conference committee. Upon a report by the Senate conferees that the conferees cannot agree, the bill or resolution reverts to its former status of consideration of House Amendments to Senate bills or resolutions.

B. The committee report proposed by the Senate author of a measure considered by the General Conference Committee on Appropriations may not be amended during the committee meeting at which the measure is considered.

RULE ~~12-11~~ 13-11. FOURTH READING. Upon Fourth Reading of a bill or resolution, debate shall be in order on final passage of the bill or resolution, after which the vote shall occur on final passage. After final passage of a bill or resolution, it shall be signed by the Presiding Officer in open session.

~~RULE 12-12. COMMITTEE REPORTS ON LEGISLATION.~~ ~~Committee reports on legislation shall be considered adopted by the Senate when filed and shall be placed on General Order when filed.~~

RULE ~~12-13~~ 13-12. COMMITTEE REPORTS ON EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS. Committee reports on Executive Nominations may be combined by the Majority Floor Leader for consideration by the Senate. At the request of any member, however, a nominee shall be separated from the combined report and considered individually by the Senate. A majority vote of the members of the Senate shall be required for adoption of a combined report.

RULE ~~12-14~~ 13-13. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS. Committee reports neither on legislation nor on Executive Nominations shall be filed with the Secretary of the Senate and explained by the chair of the committee making the report, whereupon the Senate may consider any action called for in the report.

RULE ~~12-15~~ 13-14. FIRST READING. A bill or resolution shall be considered introduced upon First Reading and shall automatically be advanced to Second Reading.

RULE ~~12-16~~ 13-15. SECOND READING.

A. The Second Reading of a bill or resolution shall occur the next legislative day following the First Reading. Upon or after Second Reading of a bill or resolution, the same shall be assigned for committee consideration or assigned directly to the calendar. All bills carrying appropriations which are referred to any committee other than the Appropriations Committee shall, immediately upon a report by the committee to which referred, be referred to the Appropriations Committee.

B. All “shell bills”, except for appropriation bills as defined in Rule 5-7, and except for a bill which is exempt from Senate Rule ~~16-1~~ 17-1, shall be assigned to the Rules Committee. For purposes of this rule a “shell bill” shall mean a measure which does not make a substantive change in the law.

C. After preparation of a committee substitute which proposes a substantive change in the law, a shell bill which has been assigned to the Rules Committee may be withdrawn from the Rules Committee and assigned to ~~some other~~ another committee. No shell bill, except for appropriation bills as defined in Rule 5-7, and except for a bill which is exempt from Senate Rule ~~16-1~~ 17-1, shall be reported out of a committee until it has been amended to include a substantive change in the law.

RULE ~~12-17~~ 13-16. DEBATE. When a question subject to debate is before the Senate, a motion to limit the time for debate shall be in order, even if debate already has begun. The motion shall fix the time limits to be allowed for and against the motion, provided that in no case shall the total debate allotted to each side be less than one-half hour. If such motion is successful, the Presiding Officer shall cause the time limits to be enforced and shall divide the time equally for each side of the question. If the motion is once rejected on a question being debated, it can only be adopted with the approval of two-thirds of those voting.

RULE ~~12-18~~ 13-17. ADJOURNMENT. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order except when the motion shall have been the last voted on and no business is transacted thereafter.

RULE ~~12-19~~ 13-18. AFTER ADOPTION OF MOTION TO ADJOURN. Once a motion to adjourn when the desk is clear has been adopted, no motion shall be considered from the floor of the Senate, whether by unanimous consent or otherwise.

RULE ~~12-20~~ 13-19. SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT. The date and time of sine die adjournment of the Senate shall be fixed by motion or resolution; provided, that once the date and time of such sine die adjournment has arrived, no further business shall be conducted by the Senate, and the Presiding Officer shall declare the Senate adjourned sine die.

RULE ~~12-21~~ 13-20. CORRECTION OF LANGUAGE. A. The Secretary of the Senate shall, at the direction of the President Pro Tempore and with the approval of the Senate author, have the authority to correct nonsubstantive errors in the language of any bill or resolution at the time the same is engrossed or enrolled. A detailed record of all such corrections shall be maintained by the Secretary and printed in the Journal.

B. The Title of a bill or resolution shall be made to conform to the text, unless the same has been ordered stricken. A stricken title shall be shown in brackets. The ballot title of a bill or resolution proposing a state question shall be made to conform to the text. The Enacting Clause shall be a part of every bill unless the same shall have been ordered stricken. A stricken Enacting Clause shall be shown by striking through the words of the Enacting Clause.

RULE ~~12-22~~ 13-21. WITHDRAWAL FROM COMMITTEE. Any bill or resolution may be withdrawn from any committee of the Senate upon a two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate. Any bill or resolution so withdrawn shall be on General Order.

RULE ~~12-23~~ 13-22. RECONSIDERATION. The final vote on Third Reading or Fourth Reading of any bill or joint resolution or on the emergency clause or special election feature or other special feature of any bill or joint resolution may be reconsidered only if a member of the Senate serves notice on the same day the vote to be reconsidered is taken. Once such notice is served, the following procedures shall be observed:

A. In anticipation of the closing days of a regular session or a deadline for third reading and final passage of a measure in the Senate, a majority of the members of the Senate may vote that all motions to reconsider made thereafter shall be disposed of on the same day such notice is served.

B. Except as heretofore provided, the member serving notice for reconsideration shall not be permitted to make the motion to reconsider on the day notice is served, but shall have the exclusive right to make such a motion on the next two succeeding legislative days; provided, that on the third succeeding legislative day, any member of the Senate shall have the right to make such a motion. If no such motion is made on the third succeeding legislative day, then no reconsideration shall be permitted.

C. If the Senate refuses to reconsider or if, upon reconsideration, affirms the first decision, no further consideration shall be in order.

D. For adoption, a motion to reconsider the final vote on a bill or resolution or on the emergency clause or special election feature or other special feature must be approved by a majority of the members of the Senate.

E. A motion to reconsider any other action by the Senate must be made by a Senator who voted in the majority and shall be disposed of on the same day it is lodged. The motion to reconsider shall be decided by a majority of those voting on the question.

F. It shall not be in order for the Senate, by suspension of the Rules or by any other means, to reconsider in the Second Regular Session of a Legislature the vote by which any bill or joint resolution was defeated in the First Regular Session.

RULE ~~12-24~~ 13-23. OVERRIDES OF VETOES. When a bill or resolution is returned to the Senate because of veto by the Governor, a motion to vote to override the veto shall be in order at any time.

RULE ~~12-25~~ 13-24. CORRECTION OF INACCURACIES. The Senate Service Staff is authorized to correct misspelled words, incorrect citations, typographical errors, repeated words and other similar errors when engrossing or enrolling Senate bills or joint

resolutions, or Senate amendments to engrossed House bills or joint resolutions and when preparing committee reports and floor versions of Senate bills or joint resolutions.

RULE ~~12-26~~ 13-25. CORRECTION OF FORM OF BILLS

A. When engrossing or enrolling Senate bills or joint resolutions, or Senate amendments to engrossed House bills or joint resolutions and when preparing committee reports and floor versions of Senate bills or joint resolutions, the Senate Service Staff is authorized to:

1. Remove sections from a bill or joint resolution labeled as amendatory sections but which consist entirely of existing law and contain no amendments to the existing law; ;

~~B. When engrossing or enrolling Senate bills or joint resolutions, or Senate amendments to engrossed House bills or joint resolutions and when preparing committee reports and floor versions of Senate bills or joint resolutions, the Senate Service Staff is authorized to~~

2. Incorporate amendments to sections of law in the bill or joint resolution which are contained in measures enacted previously during the same legislative session and amending the same sections of law and repeal such previous versions of the section at issue if, in the opinion of the General Counsel, or a staff attorney designated by the Chief of Staff, the incorporation of such amendments and repeal of the previous version would clearly not conflict with the amendments contained in the measure at issue; ;

~~C. When engrossing or enrolling Senate bills or joint resolutions, or Senate amendments to engrossed House bills or joint resolutions, the Senate Service Staff is authorized to~~

3. Modify sections of such measures which provide for a measure to become effective on July 1 or a date earlier than ninety days after the date of expected sine die adjournment to read to reflect an effective date of ninety days after the date of sine die adjournment, or to delete such sections, if the emergency clause has failed to receive the required number of votes for passage;

4. Delete sections of such measures which provide for a measure to become effective on a date prior to such engrossment or enrollment.

**CHAPTER ~~13~~ 14
MOTIONS**

RULE ~~13-1~~ 14-1. ORDER OF PRIORITY. Motions shall be considered in the following order of priority:

- A. To adjourn to a time certain.
- B. To adjourn.
- C. Substitute ruling motion.

- D. To recess.
- E. To operate under Call of the Senate.
- F. To limit debate.
- G. To advance a measure or adopt a Conference Committee Report.
- H. To suspend the rules.
- I. To commit to a committee without instructions.
- J. To commit to a committee with instructions.
- K. To amend.

RULE ~~13-2~~ 14-2. DEBATE. Debate shall be in order on all motions, except the following:

- A. To adjourn to a time certain.
- B. To adjourn.
- C. To recess.
- D. To operate under Call of the Senate.
- E. To limit debate.
- F. To advance.
- G. To commit to a committee without instructions.
- H. To table.
- I. To suspend the rules.

RULE ~~13-3~~ 14-3. MOTIONS TO TABLE. Motions to table shall be in order for all motions except the following:

- A. To adjourn to a time certain.
- B. To adjourn.
- C. To recess.

D. To operate under Call of the Senate.

E. To limit debate.

F. To advance.

RULE ~~13-4~~ 14-4. PRECEDENCE. Motions to table shall take precedence over the original motion. If successful, a motion to table shall constitute a final disposition of the original motion.

RULE ~~13-5~~ 14-5. PRIORITY OF MOTIONS NOT ENUMERATED. Except for those motions otherwise enumerated by priority, all motions shall have equal priority and shall be considered in the order made, or in the order placed on the clerk's desk.

RULE ~~13-6~~ 14-6. WRITTEN MOTIONS. The Presiding Officer may require any motion to be in writing and placed upon the clerk's desk.

RULE ~~13-7~~ 14-7. SUBSTITUTE MOTIONS. Only one substitute motion for a motion of equal priority shall be considered. If the substitute motion fails, the original motion shall be disposed of before another motion of the same priority can be considered.

RULE ~~13-8~~ 14-8 VOTE REQUIRED. Unless otherwise provided, a motion shall be declared adopted if it is approved by a majority of the members present and voting thereon.

CHAPTER ~~14~~ 15 VOTING

RULE ~~14-1~~ 15-1. MANNER OF VOTING. All votes of the Senate shall be by voice vote, division or roll call vote subject to the following:

A. The voting machine shall be used to record the vote whenever a roll call vote is taken on any question. The machine shall also be used to determine the presence or absence of a quorum. In the event the machine is not operating properly, all roll call votes and determinations of quorums may be taken by calling the roll. The voting machine shall be under the control of the Presiding Officer and shall be operated by a clerk designated by the Presiding Officer.

B. During any roll call, every Senator present shall vote. During a roll call, the Presiding Officer shall request every Senator in the chamber who has not voted to vote. If any Senator so requested fails to vote, the Presiding Officer shall, upon declaring the roll, order that said Senator be shown as voting "NO" on the question. Said order shall be printed in the Journal directly following the printing of the results of the roll call as reflected by the voting machine, and said "NO" vote shall be included in the determination of the passage or failure of the question. In all other cases, a Senator who fails to vote shall be shown as "excused" in the Journal.

C. On any question for which a roll call vote is not required, a roll call vote shall be in order only if requested before the question is put. Once the question has been put and a voice vote taken, the Presiding Officer shall state the side that appears to the Presiding Officer to have prevailed, and any member then may request a division, but shall not be entitled to request a roll call vote. The declaration of the vote by the Presiding Officer shall be final.

D. No Senator shall be permitted to vote or change a vote after the result has been announced by the Presiding Officer.

E. If a member's voting machine is inoperative, the member shall rise and advise the Presiding Officer of the malfunction; and the Senator will be permitted to verbally vote on the question; and the vote will then be recorded by the clerk.

F. When a division is called for, those voting in the affirmative shall rise at their seats and remain standing until counted; then those voting in the negative shall rise and stand until they are counted, whereupon the Presiding Officer shall declare the result.

CHAPTER ~~15~~ 16 **LOBBYISTS AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES**

RULE ~~15-1~~ 16-1. LOBBYISTS. All lobbying activities in the Senate shall be governed and regulated by law and by the Rules of the Senate.

RULE ~~15-2~~ 16-2. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES. The Chief of Staff, at the direction of the President Pro Tempore, may issue credentials to representatives of the news media and may limit access to the Press Gallery to those members of the news media holding such credentials.

CHAPTER ~~16~~ 17

RULE ~~16-1~~ 17-1. SENATE LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE SCHEDULE.

A. During the First Regular Session of the 50th 51st Oklahoma Legislature, the Senate shall adhere to the following legislative procedure schedule:

1. The First Regular Session of the 50th 51st Oklahoma Legislature shall convene at twelve noon on ~~January 4, 2005~~ January 2, 2007, for the purpose only of performing the duties set forth in Section 5 of Article VI of the Constitution and organizing pursuant to the provisions of Article V of the Constitution, and shall recess no later than five p.m. on that same day until ~~February 7, 2005~~ February 5, 2007, beginning at twelve noon.

2. ~~December 10, 2004~~ December 8, 2006, shall be the final date for requesting the drafting of bills or joint resolutions in the Senate for introduction for consideration during the First Regular Session.

3. ~~January 20, 2005~~ January 18, 2007, shall be the final date for introduction of bills and joint resolutions in the Senate for consideration on the floor of the Senate during the First Regular Session. Bills and joint resolutions subsequently introduced if reported from Committee, shall not be placed on the Calendar for consideration in the Senate until the first legislative day of the Second Regular Session.

4. ~~February 24, 2005~~ February 22, 2007, shall be the final legislative day for reporting Senate bills and Senate joint resolutions from Committee in the Senate, and the Committee Report must be properly filed in the Senate within one (1) legislative day thereafter, in order for the bill or joint resolution to be placed on the Calendar for consideration in the Senate during the First Regular Session. Bills and joint resolutions subsequently reported from Committee shall not be placed on the Calendar for consideration in the Senate until the first legislative day of the Second Regular Session.

5. ~~March 17, 2005~~ March 15, 2007, shall be the final legislative day for third reading and final passage of a Senate bill or Senate joint resolution in the Senate.

6. ~~April 7, 2005~~ April 5, 2007, shall be the final legislative day for reporting House bills and House joint resolutions from Committee in the Senate, and the Committee Report must be properly filed in the Senate within one (1) legislative day thereafter, in order for the bill or joint resolution to be placed on the Calendar for consideration in the Senate during the First Regular Session. Bills and joint resolutions subsequently reported from Committee shall not be placed on the Calendar for consideration in the Senate until the first legislative day of the Second Regular Session.

7. ~~April 28, 2005~~ April 26, 2007, shall be the final legislative day for third reading and final passage of a House bill or a House joint resolution in the Senate.

8. The First Regular Session shall adjourn sine die not later than five p.m. on ~~May 27, 2005~~ May 25, 2007.

9. Upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the Senate, a bill or joint resolution can be exempt from all cutoff dates in the Senate.

B. During the Second Regular Session of the 50th 51st Oklahoma Legislature, the Senate shall adhere to the following legislative procedure schedule:

1. ~~December 9, 2005~~ December 7, 2007, shall be the final date for requesting the drafting of bills or joint resolutions in the Senate for introduction for consideration during the Second Regular Session.

2. ~~January 19, 2006~~ January 17, 2008, shall be the final date for introduction of bills and joint resolutions in the Senate for consideration on the floor of the Senate during the Second Regular Session.

3. The Second Regular Session of the 49th Oklahoma Legislature shall convene at twelve o'clock noon on ~~February 6, 2006~~ February 4, 2008.

4. ~~February 23, 2006~~ February 21, 2008, shall be the final legislative day for reporting Senate bills and Senate joint resolutions from Committee in the Senate, and the Committee Report must be properly filed within one (1) legislative day thereafter, in order for the bill or joint resolution to be placed on the calendar for consideration in the Senate during the Second Regular Session.

5. ~~March 16, 2006~~ March 13, 2008, shall be the final legislative day for third reading and final passage of a Senate bill or a Senate joint resolution in the Senate.

6. ~~April 6, 2006~~ April 3, 2008, shall be the final legislative day for reporting a House bill or a House joint resolution from Committee in the Senate, and the Committee Report must be properly filed in the Senate within one (1) legislative day thereafter, in order for the bill or joint resolution to be placed on the Calendar for consideration in the Senate during the Second Regular Session.

7. ~~April 27, 2006~~ April 24, 2008, shall be the final legislative day for third reading and final passage of a House bill or a House joint resolution in the Senate.

8. The Second Regular Session shall adjourn sine die not later than five p.m. on ~~May 26, 2006~~ May 30, 2008.

9. Upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the Senate, a bill or joint resolution can be exempt from all cutoff dates in the Senate.

C. This rule shall be inapplicable to any joint resolution introduced for the purpose of disapproving or approving agency rules pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act as set forth in Section 250 et seq. of Title 75 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

D. This rule shall be inapplicable to any bills introduced for the purposes of incorporation and merging different versions of a statute amended in more than one measure at the same or different sessions of the Legislature as set forth in Section 23.1 of Title 75 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

E. This rule shall be inapplicable to any bill or joint resolution introduced for the purpose of approving, disapproving, repealing or modifying rules of the Ethics Commission pursuant to the provisions of Section 3 of Article XXIX of the Oklahoma Constitution.

F. This rule shall be inapplicable to any bill or joint resolution which proposes a special or local law and for which notice of intended introduction is published in a

newspaper for four consecutive weeks pursuant to the provisions of Section 32 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution.

G. Paragraph 2 of subsection A and paragraph 2 of subsection B of this rule shall be inapplicable to any bill or joint resolution which contains an "RB" number pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act. Such measures shall be submitted to the legislative actuary not later than the date specified in such paragraphs, and may be introduced not later than the first Monday in February following such submission.

RULE ~~16-2~~ 17-2. PENDING LEGISLATION AT ADJOURNMENT OF FIRST REGULAR SESSION

A. Any bill or joint resolution pending in the Senate at the final adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 50th 51st Legislature shall carry over to the Second Regular Session with the same status as if there had been no adjournment. Bills and joint resolutions pending in a Conference Committee at such time shall not carry over to the Second Regular Session of the 50th 51st Legislature.

B. Simple and concurrent resolutions pending in the Senate at the final adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 50th 51st Legislature shall not carry over for consideration during the Second Regular Session.

**CODE OF CONDUCT AND STANDARDS
FOR MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND STAFF**

1. Coat and tie shall be worn by male members and appropriate attire shall be worn by female members in the chamber during sessions of the Senate.
2. Each Senator is personally responsible for his or her own staff. All other staff members of the Senate are under the authority of the Chief of Staff. Complaints pertaining to employees, either personal staff or Senate staff, should be made to the proper authority rather than to the individual. Under no circumstances should complaints pertaining to employees be made on the floor of the Senate, in committee meetings or in other public forums.
3. (a) On the floor during session and in committee, members should endeavor to be congenial and complimentary. Members should avoid personal attacks and dealing in personalities.
(b) During public occasions away from the Capitol, members should endeavor to keep personalities out of their discussions and deal with programs, not personalities.
4. The consumption of alcohol is forbidden in the chamber, and any member who is in the chamber in an intoxicated state will be removed by security personnel.

5. It is beneath the dignity of the Senate for members to consume food products such as sandwiches or ice cream bars in the chamber.
6. Members of the Senate should continually conduct themselves in accordance with the standards which will reflect credit upon themselves and the Senate. It is beneath the dignity of the Senate for a member to sit upon a desk, or to place his or her feet upon a desk in the chamber.
7. While a Senator is speaking, no Senator should enter into any disturbing private conversation or pass between the speaking Senator and the Presiding Officer. Profane, obscene, or indecent language is discouraged in the Senate and in all standing or special committees of the Senate. The use of cellular telephones, pagers or other audible electronic devices during formal Senate proceedings, either on the floor of the Senate or in committee, is discouraged.
8. A Senator shall address other members with the title "Senator" when addressing one another during formal Senate proceedings either on the floor of the Senate or in committee.
9. The Presiding Officer may direct a designated Senate employee to activate his or her roll call switch. No member shall be permitted to vote on any question unless said member is physically present in the chamber at the time the vote is taken.
10. The President Pro Tempore (or the Majority Floor Leader) shall designate those Senate employees who shall be granted privileges of the floor during any session of the Senate, said employees to be limited to those whose work requires their presence. Any member desiring to bring a guest to the floor of the Senate shall first notify the Majority Floor Leader. No such guest shall enter the chamber until privileges of the floor have been granted pursuant to Rule 10-10.
11. No person other than a member of the Senate shall cause materials to be distributed on each desk in the Senate chamber without first having obtained approval by the Majority Floor Leader. The sponsoring Senator will be identified. Any material so distributed shall be considered a public record from the time of such distribution.
12. The President Pro Tempore shall designate persons to act as Sergeants-at-Arms for the Senate, who shall have responsibility of serving legal processes and enforcing Rules and policies of the Senate.
13. Any member who feels that the standards of the Senate are being violated by either a member of the Senate or the staff should seek redress by submitting a complaint to the President Pro Tempore concerning the violation. The President Pro Tempore may refer any matter concerning exercise of the Senate's discretionary powers and duties under Section 30 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution to a standing committee or select committee as the President Pro Tempore deems appropriate.

SENATE OFFICERS

President Pro Tempore Morgan and Co-President Pro Tempore Coffee announced members designated to serve in the leadership of the Fifty-first Legislature:

Democratic Co-Floor Leader – Senator Charles Laster
Republican Co-Floor Leader – Senator Owen Laughlin

Republican Leader Emeritus – Senator James Williamson

Assistant Co-Floor Leaders – Senator Randy Brogdon, Senator Jay Paul Gumm, Senator Mike Mazzei and Senator Jeff Rabon

Party Whips – Senator Cliff Branan, Senator Clark Jolley, Senator Susan Paddack, Senator Nancy Riley, Senator Kathleen Wilcoxson and Senator Charles Wyrick

Democratic Caucus Chairman – Senator Kenneth Corn
Republican Caucus Chairman – Senator Todd Lamb

Senator Laster moved that Michael Clingman be elected Secretary of the Senate.

Senator Laughlin seconded the nomination of Michael Clingman and moved the nominations for the office of Secretary of the Senate cease and Michael Clingman be elected by acclamation, which motion was declared adopted.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Senator Laughlin moved that the Standing Committees appointed for the Fifty-first Legislature be approved, which motion was declared adopted. The Standing Committees and their membership are as follows:

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES**First Regular Session
Fifty-first Legislature****AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**Justice, Co-Chair
Wyrick, Co-Chair

Barrington	Lamb
Crutchfield	Rabon
Ford	Schulz
Garrison	Sykes
Ivester	Wilson

APPROPRIATIONSCrutchfield, Co-Chair
Johnson, Mike, Co-Chair
Adelson, Co-Vice Chair
Myers, Co-Vice Chair

Anderson	Jolley
Bass	Laster
Brogdon	Laughlin
Corn	Nichols
Crain	Paddack
Easley	Riley

BUSINESS AND LABORCoates, Co-Chair
Leftwich, Co-Chair

Adelson	Johnson, Mike
Brogdon	Myers
Burrage	Rice

CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE

Johnson, Constance, Co-Chair
Sykes, Co-Chair

Brown	Lerblance
Corn	Mazzei
Eason McIntyre	Nichols
Justice	Rice
Lamb	Wilcoxson
Leftwich	Wyrick

EDUCATION

Eason McIntyre, Co-Chair
Wilcoxson, Co-Chair

Branan	Nichols
Corn	Paddack
Gumm	Reynolds
Jolley	Riley
Lerblance	Sparks
Mazzei	Williamson

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Bingman, Co-Chair
Gumm, Co-Chair

Branan	Johnson, Mike
Brogdon	Lerblance
Burrage	Myers
Crutchfield	Nichols
Easley	Paddack
Ivester	Williamson

FINANCE

Mazzei, Co-Chair
Wilson, Co-Chair

Aldridge	Nichols
Corn	Paddack
Gumm	Reynolds
Ivester	Sparks
Johnson, Mike	Wilcoxson

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Aldridge, Co-Chair
Sweeden, Co-Chair

Anderson	Brown
Ballenger	Crain
Bass	Easley
Bingman	Johnson, Constance

HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Lamb, Co-Chair
Rice, Co-Chair

Anderson	Leftwich
Crain	Wilcoxson
Johnson, Constance	Wilson

JUDICIARY

Lerblance, Co-Chair
Williamson, Co-Chair

Adelson	Eason McIntyre
Bass	Lamb
Crain	Sykes

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Ballenger, Co-Chair
Barrington, Co-Chair

Bingman	Johnson, Constance
Brown	Jolley
Burrage	Rice
Easley	Schulz

RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE

Brown, Co-Chair
Sparks, Co-Chair

Adelson	Jolley
Aldridge	Mazzei
Bass	Riley
Corn	Sykes

RULES

Burrage, Co-Chair
Schulz, Co-Chair

Branan	Sweeden
Ford	Williamson
Garrison	Wilson

TOURISM AND WILDLIFE

Ford, Co-Chair
Garrison, Co-Chair

Ballenger	Rabon
Barrington	Reynolds
Coates	Schulz
Eason McIntyre	Sweeden
Justice	Wyrick

TRANSPORTATION

Branan, Co-Chair
Rabon, Co-Chair

Anderson	Justice
Brogdon	Leftwich
Coates	Myers
Crutchfield	Riley
Ford	Sweeden
Garrison	Wyrick

VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Ivester, Co-Chair
Reynolds, Co-Chair

Aldridge	Coates
Ballenger	Gumm
Barrington	Rabon
Bingman	Sparks

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES

EDUCATION

Jolley, Co-Chair
Paddack, Co-Chair

Aldridge	Sparks
Garrison	Wilcoxson
Gumm	Williamson

GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

Brogdon, Co-Chair
Easley, Co-Chair

Ballenger	Coates
Barrington	Ivester
Bingman	Johnson, Constance

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Adelson, Co-Chair
Crain, Co-Chair

Brown	Mazzei
Burrage	Wilson

HUMAN SERVICES

Anderson, Co-Chair
Riley, Co-Chair

Eason McIntyre	Ford
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NATURAL RESOURCES AND
REGULATORY SERVICES

Bass, Co-Chair
Myers, Co-Chair

Branan	Sweeden
Justice	Sykes
Rice	Wyrick

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUDICIARY

Corn, Co-Chair
Nichols, Co-Chair

Lamb	Rabon
Leftwich	Reynolds
Lerblance	Schulz

MILEAGE ALLOWANCE

Senator Laughlin moved adoption of the following report on mileage allowance, prepared by the Office of the Senate Administrator, which motion was declared adopted.

Senator	Hometown	Total Miles Round Trip	Amount Round Trip
Adelson, Tom	Tulsa	180	87.30
Aldridge, Cliff	Choctaw	0	None Requested
Anderson, Patrick	Enid	198	96.03
Ballenger, Roger	Okmulgee	234	113.49
Barrington, Don	Lawton	182	88.27
Bass, Randy	Lawton	186	90.21
Branan, Cliff	Ok City	0	None Requested
Bingman, Brian	Sapulpa	196	95.06
Brogdon, Randy	Owasso	230	111.55
Brown, Bill	Broken Arrow	244	118.34
Burrage, Sean	Claremore	264	128.04
Coates, Harry	Seminole	120	58.20
Coffee, Glen	Ok City	0	None Requested
Corn, Kenneth	Poteau	390	189.15
Crain, Brian	Tulsa	212	102.82
Crutchfield, Johnnie	Ardmore	196	95.06
Easley, Mary	Tulsa	230	111.55
Eason McIntyre, Judy	Tulsa	216	104.76
Ford, John	Bartlesville	292	141.62
Garrison, Earl	Muskogee	316	153.26
Gumm, Jay	Durant	308	149.38
Ivester, Tom	Sayre	260	126.10
Johnson, Constance	Ok City	9	4.37
Johnson, Michael	Kingfisher	104	50.44
Jolley, Clark	Edmond	26	12.61
Justice, Ron	Chickasha	98	47.53
Lamb, Todd	Edmond	0	None Requested
Laster, Charlie	Shawnee	84	40.74
Laughlin, Owen	Woodward	290	140.65
Leftwich, Debbe	Ok City	0	None Requested
Lerblance, Richard	Hartshorne	290	140.65
Mazzei, Mike	Bixby	212	102.82
Morgan, Mike	Stillwater	128	62.08
Myers, David	Ponca City	214	103.79
Nichols, Jonathan	Norman	0	None Requested
Paddack, Susan	Ada	180	87.30
Rabon, Jeff	Hugo	398	193.03
Reynolds, James	Ok City	23	11.16
Rice, Andrew			None Requested
Riley, Nancy	Tulsa	180	87.30
Schulz, Mike	Altus	286	138.71
Sparks, John	Norman	46	22.31
Sweeden, Joe	Pawhuska	290	140.65

Sykes, Anthony	Moore	28	13.58
Wilcoxson, Kathleen	Ok City	36	17.46
Williamson, James	Tulsa	228	110.58
Wilson, Jim	Tahlequah	334	161.99
Wyrick, Charles	Fairland	380	184.30

EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE AND POSTAGE

Senator Laughlin moved that each member of the Senate be provided with forty rolls of first-class stamps, or with reimbursement for electronic communications equipment or its usage equivalent to the value of the postage allowed, or with a combination of the stamps and electronic reimbursement equal to the value of the postage allowed, and that \$350.00 be allotted for expenses of the office for the calendar year 2007, which motion was declared adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Advising the Honorable State Senate that the Oklahoma House of Representatives is ready to convene in Joint Session.

Senator Laughlin moved that pursuant to Article V, Section 26 of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, the Senate recess to meet with the House in Joint Session at 1:30 p.m., and upon adjournment of the Joint Session, recess to reconvene Monday, February 5, 2007, at 12 noon.

Pursuant to the Laughlin motion, the Senate adjourned at 12:50 p.m., to reconvene Monday, February 5, 2007 at 12 noon.

JOINT SESSION

The First Joint Session of the First Regular Session of the Fifty-first Legislature was called to order by Speaker Cargill.

Senator Laster moved that the attendance roll call of the Senate be considered the attendance roll call of the Senate in Joint Session, which motion was declared adopted.

Representative Piatt moved that the attendance roll call of the House of Representatives be considered the attendance roll call of the House in Joint Session, which motion was declared adopted.

Speaker Cargill declared quorums of the Senate and House present and Joint Session duly assembled.

The invocation was offered by Pastor Tony Alvarez, First Assembly of God Church, Harrah.

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 5 of the Oklahoma Constitution, Speaker Cargill directed the clerk to proceed with the canvassing of the returns of the General Election held on November 7, 2006, as certified to the House of Representatives by the Secretary of the State Election Board, Michael Clingman and transmitted to the House of Representatives by Secretary of State, Susan Savage.

Senator Laster moved to dispense with the reading of the election returns and ordered same printed in the Journals of the House and Senate respectively, which motion was declared adopted.

COMMUNICATION

December 7, 2006

The Honorable Lance Cargill, Speaker
Oklahoma State House of Representatives
State Capitol
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I hereby certify that the attached compilation is a complete list of the names of all candidates voted for at the General Election held November 7, 2006, for the offices indicated, and that the figures set by the names represent the sum of the total votes cast for each as certified to this office by the County Election Boards of the State. Candidates who were unopposed in the General Election also are listed.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/MICHAEL CLINGMAN, Secretary
State Election Board

The Speaker declared elected to the respective offices listed below the candidates whose names are show in boldface type:

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

District 1

ALAN GENTGES	Democrat	Bartlesville	56,724
JOHN SULLIVAN	Republican	Tulsa	116,920
BILL WORTMAN	Independent	Tulsa	10,085

District 2

DAN BOREN	Democrat	Muskogee	122,347
PATRICK K. MILLER	Republican	Snow	45,861

District 3

SUE BARTON	Democrat	Tulsa	61,749
FRANK D. LUCAS	Republican	Cheyenne	128,042

District 4

HAL SPAKE	Democrat	Norman	64,775
TOM COLE	Republican	Moore	118,266

District 5

DAVID HUNTER	Democrat	Edmond	67,293
MARY FALLIN	Republican	Oklahoma City	108,936
MATTHEW HORTON WOODSON	Independent	Oklahoma City	4,196

GOVERNOR

BRAD HENRY	Democrat	Oklahoma City	616,135
ERNEST ISTOOK	Republican	Warr Acres	310,327

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

JARI ASKINS	Democrat	Duncan	463,753
TODD HIETT	Republican	Kellyville	439,418
E. Z. MILLION	Independent	Norman	21,684

STATE AUDITOR AND INSPECTOR

JEFF A. McMAHAN	Democrat	Tecumseh	469,311
GARY JONES	Republican	Cache	438,778

ATTORNEY GENERAL

DREW EDMONDSON	Democrat	Oklahoma City	563,364
JAMES DUNN	Republican	Luther	357,267

STATE TREASURER

SCOTT MEACHAM	Democrat	Edmond	542,347
HOWARD BARNETT	Republican	Tulsa	371,961

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

SANDY GARRETT	Democrat	Oklahoma City	576,304
BILL CROZIER	Republican	Minco	343,900

COMMISSIONER OF LABOR

LLOYD L. FIELDS	Democrat	McAlester	456,446
BRENDA RENEAU	Republican	Oklahoma City	453,720

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

KIM HOLLAND	Democrat	Tulsa	474,221
BILL CASE	Republican	Midwest City	437,081

CORPORATION COMMISSIONER

CODY GRAVES	Democrat	Oklahoma City	378,030
BOB ANTHONY	Republican	Oklahoma City	536,341

DISTRICT JUDGE

District 1, Office 1			
GREG A. ZIGLER	Nonpartisan	Guymon	Unopposed
District 2, Office 1			
CHARLES L. GOODWIN	Nonpartisan	Clinton	Unopposed
District 3, Office 1			
RICHARD B. DARBY	Nonpartisan	Altus	Unopposed
District 4, Office 1			
RAY DEAN LINDER	Nonpartisan	Alva	Unopposed
District 4, Office 2			
RONALD G. FRANKLIN	Nonpartisan	Enid	Unopposed

District 4, Office 3			
JOHN G. CAMP	Nonpartisan	Enid	13,797
DENNIS HLADIK	Nonpartisan	Enid	23,913
District 5, Office 1			
C. ALLEN McCALL	Nonpartisan	Lawton	Unopposed
District 5, Office 2			
JOE ENOS	Nonpartisan	Duncan	Unopposed
District 5, Office 3			
KEITH B. AYCOCK	Nonpartisan	Lawton	Unopposed
District 5, Office 4			
MARK RANDALL SMITH	Nonpartisan	Lawton	Unopposed
District 5, Office 5			
GERALD F. NEUWIRTH	Nonpartisan	Lawton	Unopposed
District 6, Office 1			
RICHARD G. VAN DYCK	Nonpartisan	Chickasha	Unopposed
District 7, Office 1			
KENNETH C. WATSON	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	7,516
MALCOLM M. SAVAGE	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	5,492
District 7, Office 2			
TWYLA GRAY	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
District 7, Office 3			
DONALD L. DEASON	Nonpartisan	Edmond	Unopposed
District 7, Office 4			
BRYAN C. DIXON	Nonpartisan	Edmond	Unopposed
District 7, Office 5			
PATRICIA G. PARRISH	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
District 7, Office 6			
DANIEL L. OWENS	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
District 7, Office 7			
PAT CRAWLEY	Nonpartisan	Midwest City	69,175
VICKI ROBERTSON	Nonpartisan	Edmond	72,507

District 7, Office 8 VIRGIL C. BLACK	Nonpartisan	Edmond	Unopposed
District 7, Office 9 TAMMY BASS-JONES LeSURE	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
District 7, Office 10 BILL GRAVES SUSAN CASWELL	Nonpartisan Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City Oklahoma City	24,934 21,742
District 7, Office 11 BARBARA SWINTON	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
District 7, Office 12 CAROLYN R. RICKS KENNETH LINN	Nonpartisan Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City Edmond	35,163 14,292
District 7, Office 13 NOMA GURICH	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
District 7, Office 14 RAY C. ELLIOTT	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
District 7, Office 15 JERRY D. BASS	Nonpartisan	Edmond	Unopposed
District 8, Office 1 D. W. BOYD	Nonpartisan	Ponca City	Unopposed
District 9, Office 1 DONALD L. WORTHINGTON	Nonpartisan	Stillwater	Unopposed
District 10, Office 1 M. JOHN KANE	Nonpartisan	Pawhuska	Unopposed
District 11, Office 1 CURTIS L. DeLAPP	Nonpartisan	Bartlesville	Unopposed
District 12, Office 1 JAMES D. GOODPASTER	Nonpartisan	Adair	Unopposed
District 12, Office 2 DALE MARLAR DYNDA POST	Nonpartisan Nonpartisan	Claremore Claremore	17,233 17,402

District 12, Office 3 DWAYNE STEIDLEY	Nonpartisan	Claremore	Unopposed
District 13, Office 1 ROBERT G. HANEY	Nonpartisan	Miami	Unopposed
District 14, Office 1 CLIFF SMITH WILLIAM C. KELLOUGH	Nonpartisan Nonpartisan	Jenks Tulsa	54,113 62,734
District 14, Office 2 JESSE S. HARRIS	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed
District 14, Office 3 CLANCY SMITH	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed
District 14, Office 4 DAMAN H. CANTRELL JAMES M. CAPUTO	Nonpartisan Nonpartisan	Owasso Collinsville	14,804 8,990
District 14, Office 5 JEFFERSON D. SELLERS	Nonpartisan	Cleveland	Unopposed
District 14, Office 6 GORDON D. McALLISTER, JR.	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed
District 14, Office 7 TOM GILLERT	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed
District 14, Office 8 GREGG GRAVES P. THOMAS THORNBRUGH	Nonpartisan Nonpartisan	Jenks Tulsa	9,738 14,666
District 14, Office 9 LINDA MORRISSEY	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed
District 14, Office 10 MARY FITZGERALD DEIRDRE DEXTER	Nonpartisan Nonpartisan	Tulsa Sand Springs	67,438 50,825
District 14, Office 11 REBECCA NIGHTINGALE	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed
District 14, Office 12 DORIS L. FRANSEIN	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed

District 14, Office 13			
DEBORAH C. SHALLCROSS	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	82,760
JONATHAN M. SUTTON	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	39,702
District 14, Office 14			
J. MICHAEL GASSETT	Nonpartisan	Broken Arrow	Unopposed
District 15, Office 1			
MIKE NORMAN	Nonpartisan	Muskogee	Unopposed
District 15, Office 2			
BRUCE SEWELL	Nonpartisan	Coweta	Unopposed
District 15, Office 3			
JOHN SAWNEY	Nonpartisan	Sallisaw	20,246
JEFF PAYTON	Nonpartisan	Stilwell	27,647
District 15, Office 4			
THOMAS H. ALFORD	Nonpartisan	Muskogee	Unopposed
District 16, Office 1			
DANITA G. WILLIAMS	Nonpartisan	Stigler	7,743
MARION DALE FRY	Nonpartisan	Poteau	7,601
District 17, Office 1			
WILLARD DRIESEL	Nonpartisan	Broken Bow	Unopposed
District 18, Office 1			
THOMAS M BARTHELD	Nonpartisan	McAlester	Unopposed
District 19, Office 1			
MARK CAMPBELL	Nonpartisan	Durant	Unopposed
District 20, Office 1			
THOMAS S WALKER	Nonpartisan	Ardmore	Unopposed
District 20, Office 2			
JOHN H. SCAGGS	Nonpartisan	Sulphur	Unopposed
District 21, Office 1			
WM. C. BILL HETHERINGTON	Nonpartisan	Norman	Unopposed
District 21, Office 2			
CANDACE L. BLALOCK	Nonpartisan	Pauls Valley	Unopposed

District 21, Office 3 TOM A. LUCAS	Nonpartisan	Norman	Unopposed
District 21, Office 4 LORI M. WALKLEY	Nonpartisan	Norman	Unopposed
District 22, Office 1 GEORGE W. BUTNER	Nonpartisan	Wewoka	Unopposed
District 22, Office 2 TOM LANDRITH	Nonpartisan	Ada	Unopposed
District 22, Office 3 GARY SNOW	Nonpartisan	Seminole	Unopposed
District 23, Office 1 PAUL M. VASSAR	Nonpartisan	Chandler	Unopposed
District 23, Office 2 DOUGLAS L. COMBS	Nonpartisan	Shawnee	Unopposed
District 24, Office 1 DALE RAY GARDNER DOUGLAS W. GOLDEN	Nonpartisan Nonpartisan	Tulsa Sapulpa	10,808 15,445
District 24, Office 2 LAWRENCE W. PARISH	Nonpartisan	Okemah	Unopposed
District 24, Office 3 JOHN MALEY	Nonpartisan	Okmulgee	Unopposed
District 24, Office 4 JOE SAM VASSAR	Nonpartisan	Bristow	Unopposed
District 24, Office 5 CURT ALLEN MIKE CLAVER	Nonpartisan Nonpartisan	Beggs Henryetta	10,754 15,648
District 25, Office 1 RICHARD E. BRANAM	Nonpartisan	Coalgate	Unopposed
District 26, Office 1 EDWARD C. CUNNINGHAM	Nonpartisan	Yukon	Unopposed

ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE

Adair County LIZ BROWN	Nonpartisan	Stilwell	Unopposed
Alfalfa County LOREN E. ANGLE DAVID CULLEN	Nonpartisan Nonpartisan	Byron Cherokee	1,505 516
Atoka County NEAL MERRIOTT	Nonpartisan	Atoka	Unopposed
Beaver County GERALD H. RIFFE	Nonpartisan	Beaver	Unopposed
Beckham County DOUG HAUGHT	Nonpartisan	Elk City	Unopposed
Blaine County MARK A. MOORE	Nonpartisan	Watonga	Unopposed
Bryan County ROCKY L. POWERS	Nonpartisan	Durant	Unopposed
Caddo County WYATT HILL	Nonpartisan	Fort Cobb	Unopposed
Canadian County GARY E. MILLER	Nonpartisan	Yukon	Unopposed
Carter County LEE CARD	Nonpartisan	Ardmore	Unopposed
Cherokee County MARK L. DOBBINS	Nonpartisan	Tahlequah	Unopposed
Choctaw County JAMES R. WOLFE SUE BUCK	Nonpartisan Nonpartisan	Hugo Hugo	2,047 1,710
Cimarron County RONALD L. KINCANNON	Nonpartisan	Boise City	Unopposed
Cleveland County STEPHEN W. BONNER	Nonpartisan	Norman	Unopposed

Coal County				
D. CLAY MOWDY	Nonpartisan	Coalgate	Unopposed	
Comanche County				
C. WILLIAM BILL STRATTON	Nonpartisan	Lawton	Unopposed	
Cotton County				
MICHAEL C. FLANAGAN	Nonpartisan	Walters	1,041	
MARK CLARK	Nonpartisan	Walters	939	
Craig County				
GARY MAXEY	Nonpartisan	Vinita	Unopposed	
Creek County				
APRIL SELLERS WHITE	Nonpartisan	Sapulpa	Unopposed	
Custer County				
JACKIE DUNCAN	Nonpartisan	Weatherford	Unopposed	
Delaware County				
TRACI CAIN	Nonpartisan	Jay	2,409	
BARRY DENNEY	Nonpartisan	Grove	6,490	
Dewey County				
ROGER W. FOSTER	Nonpartisan	Taloga	862	
RICK BOZARTH	Nonpartisan	Seiling	918	
Ellis County				
JOE L. JACKSON	Nonpartisan	Shattuck	Unopposed	
Garfield County				
TOM L. NEWBY	Nonpartisan	Enid	Unopposed	
Garvin County				
JOHN BLAKE	Nonpartisan	Pauls Valley	Unopposed	
Grady County				
JAMES B. BRUNSON	Nonpartisan	Tuttle	5,191	
JOHN E. HERNDON	Nonpartisan	Chickasha	6,680	
Grant County				
JACK D. HAMMONTREE	Nonpartisan	Medford	Unopposed	
Greer County				
DANNY R DEAVER	Nonpartisan	Mangum	Unopposed	

Harmon County WINFORD MIKE WARREN	Nonpartisan	Hollis	Unopposed
Harper County G. WAYNE OLMSTEAD	Nonpartisan	Laverne	Unopposed
Haskell County BRIAN C. HENDERSON	Nonpartisan	Stigler	Unopposed
Hughes County B. GORDON ALLEN	Nonpartisan	Holdenville	Unopposed
Jackson County CLARK E. HUEY	Nonpartisan	Altus	Unopposed
Jefferson County JON TOM STATON WILLIAM W. EAKIN	Nonpartisan Nonpartisan	Waurika Waurika	1,198 527
Johnston County ROBERT M. HIGHSMITH	Nonpartisan	Tishomingo	Unopposed
Kay County LESLIE D. PAGE	Nonpartisan	Blackwell	Unopposed
Kingfisher County SUSIE PRITCHETT E. A. ARD GATES	Nonpartisan Nonpartisan	Cashion Okarche	2,711 2,017
Kiowa County NORMAN L. RUSSELL	Nonpartisan	Hobart	Unopposed
Latimer County BILL WELCH	Nonpartisan	Wilburton	Unopposed
LeFlore County TED A. KNIGHT	Nonpartisan	Poteau	Unopposed
Lincoln County SHEILA KIRK CRAIG KEY	Nonpartisan Nonpartisan	Meeker Chandler	5,826 4,006
Logan County LARRY BROOKS	Nonpartisan	Guthrie	Unopposed

Love County			
CHARLES E. ROBERTS	Nonpartisan	Marietta	Unopposed
McClain County			
SUZANNE WOODROW	Nonpartisan	Washington	4,634
CHARLES N. GRAY	Nonpartisan	Purcell	4,661
McCurtain County			
MICHAEL D. DeBERRY	Nonpartisan	Idabel	Unopposed
McIntosh County			
JIM PRATT	Nonpartisan	Eufaula	3,269
CINDY M. DAWSON	Nonpartisan	Eufaula	2,338
Major County			
N. VINSON BAREFOOT	Nonpartisan	Fairview	Unopposed
Marshall County			
MILLICENT McCLURE WATSON	Nonpartisan	Madill	1,151
RICHARD A. MILLER	Nonpartisan	Madill	2,112
Mayes County			
TERRY H. McBRIDE	Nonpartisan	Pryor	Unopposed
Murray County			
TIMOTHY K. COLBERT	Nonpartisan	Sulphur	Unopposed
Muskogee County			
NORMAN D. THYGESEN	Nonpartisan	Muskogee	Unopposed
Noble County			
DAN ALLEN	Nonpartisan	Perry	Unopposed
Nowata County			
CARL G. GIBSON	Nonpartisan	Nowata	Unopposed
Okfuskee County			
DAVID N. MARTIN	Nonpartisan	Okemah	Unopposed
Oklahoma County			
RICHARD KIRBY	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	71,226
NAN J. PATTON	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	66,708
Okmulgee County			
CYNTHIA D. PICKERING	Nonpartisan	Okmulgee	3,048
DUANE A. WOODLIFF	Nonpartisan	Henryetta	5,801

Osage County B. DAVID GAMBILL	Nonpartisan	Skiatook	Unopposed
Ottawa County ROBERT E. REAVIS II	Nonpartisan	Miami	Unopposed
Pawnee County MATTHEW D. HENRY	Nonpartisan	Pawnee	Unopposed
Payne County ROBERT M. MURPHY, JR.	Nonpartisan	Stillwater	Unopposed
Pittsburg County JAMES D. BLAND	Nonpartisan	McAlester	Unopposed
Pontotoc County JAMES R ROB NEAL	Nonpartisan	Ada	4,270
MARTHA K. KILGORE	Nonpartisan	Ada	4,868
Pottawatomie County JOHN GARDNER	Nonpartisan	McLoud	Unopposed
Pushmataha County LOWELL R. BURGESS JR.	Nonpartisan	Antlers	Unopposed
Roger Mills County GALE F. SMITH	Nonpartisan	Cheyenne	Unopposed
Rogers County SHEILA A. CONDREN	Nonpartisan	Owasso	Unopposed
Seminole County TIMOTHY L. OLSEN	Nonpartisan	Seminole	Unopposed
Sequoyah County A. J. HENSHAW JR.	Nonpartisan	Sallisaw	Unopposed
Stephens County G. BRENT RUSSELL	Nonpartisan	Duncan	Unopposed
Texas County RYAN D. REDDICK	Nonpartisan	Guymon	Unopposed
Tillman County DAVID A. BARNETT	Nonpartisan	Frederick	Unopposed

Tulsa County			
CAROLINE WALL	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	57,505
DANA KUEHN	Nonpartisan	Jenks	58,529
Wagoner County			
DARRELL G. SHEPHERD	Nonpartisan	Wagoner	Unopposed
Washington County			
KEVIN D. BUCHANAN	Nonpartisan	Bartlesville	6,953
RUSSELL VACLAW	Nonpartisan	Bartlesville	7,225
Washita County			
<i>Vacant</i>			
Woods County			
MICKEY J. HADWIGER	Nonpartisan	Alva	Unopposed
Woodward County			
JOSEPH P. MARAK, JR.	Nonpartisan	Woodward	Unopposed

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

District 1			
JAMES M BORING	Republican	Guymon	Unopposed
District 2			
DENNIS A. SMITH	Democrat	Clinton	Unopposed
District 3			
JOHN M. WAMPLER	Democrat	Duke	Unopposed
District 4			
CATHY STOCKER	Republican	Enid	Unopposed
District 5			
ROBERT SCHULTE	Democrat	Lawton	Unopposed
District 6			
BRET BURNS	Democrat	Amber	Unopposed
District 7			
DAVID PRATER	Democrat	Edmond	87,115
WES LANE	Republican	Oklahoma City	86,294

District 8 MARK L. GIBSON	Republican	Perry	Unopposed
District 9 ROBERT L. HUDSON BOB WARD	Republican Independent	Guthrie Guthrie	18,660 7,110
District 10 LARRY D. STUART	Democrat	Hominy	Unopposed
District 11 FREDERICK S. ESSER	Republican	Bartlesville	Unopposed
District 12 GENE HAYNES	Democrat	Claremore	Unopposed
District 13 EDDIE WYANT	Democrat	Miami	Unopposed
District 14 TIM HARRIS	Republican	Tulsa	Unopposed
District 15 LARRY D. MOORE	Democrat	Fort Gibson	Unopposed
District 16 JEFF SMITH	Democrat	Poteau	Unopposed
District 17 LAURA ROSS WALLIS	Democrat	Broken Bow	Unopposed
District 18 JIM BOB MILLER	Democrat	McAlester	Unopposed
District 19 EMILY REDMAN	Democrat	Durant	Unopposed
District 20 CRAIG LADD	Democrat	Ardmore	Unopposed
District 21 GREG MASHBURN	Republican	Norman	Unopposed
District 22 WILLIAM N. PETERSON	Democrat	Ada	Unopposed

District 23	RICHARD L. SMOTHERMON	Democrat	Shawnee	Unopposed
District 24	MAX COOK	Republican	Sapulpa	Unopposed
District 25	THOMAS C. GIULIOLI	Democrat	Okmulgee	Unopposed
District 26	MIKE STAKE	Democrat	Woodward	5,851
	HOLLIS THORP	Republican	Fairview	8,954
District 27	JERRY S. MOORE	Democrat	Tablequah	22,097
	BRIAN J. KUESTER	Republican	Broken Arrow	17,943

STATE SENATOR

District 2	SEAN BURRAGE	Democrat	Claremore	13,673
	AMI SHAFFER	Republican	Claremore	9,926
District 4	KENNETH CORN	Democrat	Poteau	12,589
	THOMAS E. LANNIGAN	Republican	Poteau	3,469
District 6	JAY PAUL GUMM	Democrat	Durant	Unopposed
District 8	ROGER BALLENGER	Democrat	Okmulgee	Unopposed
District 10	JOE SWEEDEN	Democrat	Pawhuska	11,775
	JAMIE MARIE SEARS	Republican	Ralston	8,362
District 12	JOHN MARK YOUNG	Democrat	Sapulpa	9,593
	BRIAN BINGMAN	Republican	Sapulpa	10,668
District 14	JOHNNIE C. CRUTCHFIELD	Democrat	Ardmore	Unopposed

District 16			
JOHN SPARKS	Democrat	Norman	10,988
RON DAVIS	Republican	Purcell	7,874
District 18			
MARY EASLEY	Democrat	Tulsa	10,075
MARK WOFFORD	Republican	Wagoner	8,837
District 20			
DAVID MYERS	Republican	Ponca City	Unopposed
District 22			
TOM GIBSON	Democrat	Yukon	7,392
MIKE JOHNSON	Republican	Kingfisher	16,272
District 24			
DAISY LAWLER	Democrat	Comanche	12,018
ANTHONY SYKES	Republican	Moore	12,514
District 26			
TOM IVESTER	Democrat	Sayre	9,386
TODD RUSS	Republican	Cordell	9,111
District 28			
HARRY E. COATES, JR.	Republican	Seminole	Unopposed
District 30			
GLENN COFFEE	Republican	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
District 32			
RANDY BASS	Democrat	Lawton	7,827
ED PETERSEN	Republican	Lawton	4,530
District 34			
JAMES S. WARD	Democrat	Tulsa	7,688
RANDY BROGDON	Republican	Owasso	11,846
District 36			
DENNIS WEESE	Democrat	Broken Arrow	6,461
BILL BROWN	Republican	Broken Arrow	11,770
District 38			
JOSH WOODS	Democrat	Shattuck	6,495
MIKE SCHULZ	Republican	Altus	11,372

District 40			
PAT POTTS	Democrat	Oklahoma City	8,759
CLIFF BRANAN	Republican	Oklahoma City	12,691
District 42			
CLIFF A ALDRIDGE	Republican	Choctaw	Unopposed
District 44			
DEBBE LEFTWICH	Democrat	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
District 46			
ANDREW RICE	Democrat	Oklahoma City	7,342
JOSHUA JANTZ	Republican	Oklahoma City	3,217
District 48			
CONNIE JOHNSON	Democrat	Oklahoma City	Unopposed

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

District 1			
JERRY ELLIS	Democrat	Valliant	Unopposed
District 2			
GLEN BUD SMITHSON	Democrat	Sallisaw	Unopposed
District 3			
NEIL BRANNON	Democrat	Arkoma	Unopposed
District 4			
MIKE BROWN	Democrat	Fort Gibson	6,286
MATTHEW R. JONES	Independent	Tahlequah	1,335
District 5			
DOUG COX	Republican	Grove	Unopposed
District 6			
CHUCK HOSKIN	Democrat	Vinita	6,334
WAYLAND SMALLEY	Republican	Chelsea	4,057
District 7			
LARRY GLENN	Democrat	Miami	Unopposed
District 8			
BEN SHERRER	Democrat	Chouteau	Unopposed

District 9				
	TAD M. JONES	Republican	Claremore	Unopposed
District 10				
	KENT JETER	Democrat	Copan	4,077
	STEVE MARTIN	Republican	Bartlesville	4,762
District 11				
	EARL SEARS	Republican	Bartlesville	Unopposed
District 12				
	WADE ROUSSELOT	Democrat	Wagoner	Unopposed
District 13				
	JERRY McPEAK	Democrat	Warner	Unopposed
District 14				
	JEFF POTTS	Democrat	Muskogee	4,106
	GEORGE E. FAUGHT	Republican	Muskogee	4,774
District 15				
	ED CANNADAY	Democrat	Porum	6,675
	RAY BOND	Republican	Stigler	1,975
District 16				
	JERRY SHOEMAKE	Democrat	Morris	Unopposed
District 17				
	BRIAN RENEGAR	Democrat	McAlester	Unopposed
District 18				
	TERRY HARRISON, JR.	Democrat	McAlester	Unopposed
District 19				
	R. C. PRUETT	Democrat	Antlers	Unopposed
District 20				
	PAUL D. ROAN	Democrat	Tishomingo	5,260
	JOHNNY SANDMANN	Republican	Coalgate	3,559
District 21				
	JOHN WAYNE CAREY	Democrat	Durant	Unopposed
District 22				
	WES HILLIARD	Democrat	Sulphur	Unopposed

District 23			
STEVE GALLO	Democrat	Tulsa	3,227
SUE TIBBS	Republican	Tulsa	3,913
District 24			
DALE TURNER	Democrat	Holdenville	Unopposed
District 25			
DARRELL E. NEMECEK	Democrat	Ada	4,796
TODD THOMSEN	Republican	Ada	4,798
District 26			
JOE FREEMAN	Democrat	Shawnee	3,059
KRIS STEELE	Republican	Shawnee	5,315
District 27			
KEN ETCHIESON	Democrat	Tecumseh	3,491
SHANE JETT	Republican	Tecumseh	5,347
District 28			
RYAN DEAN KIESEL	Democrat	Seminole	5,461
BILLY CHOATE	Republican	Seminole	3,090
District 29			
KATHRYN S. THOMPSON	Democrat	Bristow	4,779
SKYE McNIEL	Republican	Bristow	5,038
District 30			
MELINDA JOHNSON RYAN	Democrat	Sapulpa	4,251
MARK McCULLOUGH	Republican	Sapulpa	5,153
District 31			
THOMAS R. COOK	Democrat	Edmond	4,914
JASON W. MURPHEY	Republican	Guthrie	6,544
District 32			
DANNY MORGAN	Democrat	Prague	7,705
CARL RANDALL	Republican	Meeker	3,059
District 33			
CHAD SWANSON	Democrat	Stillwater	2,560
LEE R. DENNEY	Republican	Cushing	5,976
District 34			
TERRY L INGMIRE	Republican	Stillwater	Unopposed

District 35			
JOE VICKERS	Democrat	Pawnee	3,219
REX DUNCAN	Republican	Sand Springs	6,579
District 36			
SCOTT N. BIGHORSE	Democrat	Pawhuska	4,828
EDDIE FIELDS	Republican	Wynona	4,291
District 37			
KEN LUTTRELL	Democrat	Ponca City	5,186
STAN PAYNTER	Republican	Ponca City	4,123
District 38			
DALE R. DeWITT	Republican	Braman	Unopposed
District 39			
MARIAN COOKSEY	Republican	Edmond	Unopposed
District 40			
PIERCE JONES	Democrat	Enid	2,247
MIKE JACKSON	Republican	Enid	6,122
District 41			
CAROL RUTH	Democrat	Yukon	3,566
JOHN T. ENNS	Republican	Waukomis	8,733
District 42			
LISA J. BILLY	Republican	Purcell	Unopposed
District 43			
EARLINE SMAISTRLA	Democrat	Yukon	3,773
COLBY SCHWARTZ	Republican	Yukon	6,902
District 44			
BILL NATIONS	Democrat	Norman	6,023
GARY D. CAISSIE	Republican	Norman	2,301
District 45			
WALLACE COLLINS	Democrat	Norman	5,360
THAD BALKMAN	Republican	Norman	5,270
District 46			
TOM ROBINSON	Democrat	Norman	5,014
SCOTT MARTIN	Republican	Norman	7,684

District 47			
SUSAN WINCHESTER	Republican	Chickasha	Unopposed
District 48			
GREG PIATT	Republican	Ardmore	Unopposed
District 49			
TERRY M HYMAN	Democrat	Leon	5,307
BETTIE D. JOHNSON	Republican	Madill	3,079
District 50			
MELVIN JONES	Democrat	Duncan	5,095
DENNIS JOHNSON	Republican	Duncan	5,623
District 51			
RAYMOND GENE McCARTER	Democrat	Marlow	Unopposed
District 52			
DAVID B. BRADDOCK	Democrat	Altus	Unopposed
District 53			
TROY GREEN	Democrat	Oklahoma City	3,786
RANDY TERRILL	Republican	Moore	6,785
District 54			
PAUL WESSELHOFT	Republican	Moore	Unopposed
District 55			
RYAN McMULLEN	Democrat	Burns Flat	6,263
CHARLIE WIELAND	Republican	Hydro	3,085
District 56			
PHIL RICHARDSON	Republican	Minco	Unopposed
District 57			
JAMES E. COVEY	Democrat	Custer City	Unopposed
District 58			
JEFF HICKMAN	Republican	Dacoma	Unopposed
District 59			
RICHIE OAKES	Democrat	Taloga	4,400
ROB JOHNSON	Republican	Kingfisher	5,843
MICHAEL HAMMER	Independent	Canton	717

District 60 PURCY D. WALKER	Democrat	Elk City	Unopposed
District 61 GUS BLACKWELL	Republican	Goodwell	Unopposed
District 62 JANICE DREWRY T. W. SHANNON	Democrat Republican	Lawton Lawton	2,748 3,845
District 63 DON ARMES	Republican	Faxon	Unopposed
District 64 LARRY JORDAN JEFFERSON ANN COODY	Democrat Republican	Lawton Lawton	1,956 3,791
District 65 JOE DORMAN	Democrat	Rush Springs	Unopposed
District 66 LUCKY LAMONS	Democrat	Tulsa	Unopposed
District 67 PAM PETERSON	Republican	Tulsa	Unopposed
District 68 CHRIS BENGE	Republican	Tulsa	Unopposed
District 69 CORY N. SPOCOGEE FRED JORDAN	Democrat Republican	Tulsa Jenks	2,638 8,119
District 70 MIKE WORKMAN RON PETERS	Democrat Republican	Tulsa Tulsa	4,235 8,334
District 71 DANIEL S. SULLIVAN	Republican	Tulsa	Unopposed
District 72 DARRELL GILBERT	Democrat	Tulsa	Unopposed
District 73 JABAR SHUMATE	Democrat	Tulsa	Unopposed

District 74			
WAYNE GUEVARA	Democrat	Owasso	4,354
DAVID DERBY	Republican	Owasso	6,478
BOB BATTERBEE	Independent	Owasso	445
District 75			
DENNIS ADKINS	Republican	Broken Arrow	Unopposed
District 76			
JOHN A. WRIGHT	Republican	Broken Arrow	Unopposed
District 77			
ERIC PROCTOR	Democrat	Tulsa	3,386
MARK LIOTTA	Republican	Tulsa	3,169
District 78			
JEANNIE McDANIEL	Democrat	Tulsa	5,379
JESSE GUARDIOLA	Republican	Tulsa	4,745
District 79			
WELDON WATSON	Republican	Tulsa	Unopposed
District 80			
KIMBERLY FOBBS	Democrat	Broken Arrow	2,940
RON PETERSON	Republican	Broken Arrow	7,287
District 81			
KEN MILLER	Republican	Edmond	Unopposed
District 82			
GUY LIEBMANN	Republican	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
District 83			
ED HOLZBERGER	Democrat	Oklahoma City	3,355
RANDY McDANIEL	Republican	Oklahoma City	7,764
GEORGE S. FARHA	Independent	Oklahoma City	658
District 84			
SALLY KERN	Republican	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
District 85			
JENNIFER SEAL	Democrat	Oklahoma City	6,284
DAVID DANK	Republican	Oklahoma City	6,411
District 86			
JOHN AUFFET	Democrat	Stilwell	Unopposed

District 87			
DANA ORWIG	Democrat	Oklahoma City	4,474
TREBOR WORTHEN	Republican	Oklahoma City	4,752
District 88			
AL McAFFREY	Democrat	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
District 89			
REBECCA HAMILTON	Democrat	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
District 90			
CHARLES KEY	Republican	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
District 91			
MIKE REYNOLDS	Republican	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
District 92			
RICHARD D. MORRISSETTE	Democrat	Oklahoma City	3,210
MICHAEL STAREGA	Republican	Oklahoma City	1,934
District 93			
AL LINDLEY	Democrat	Oklahoma City	2,824
MIKE CHRISTIAN	Republican	Oklahoma City	2,737
District 94			
SCOTT INMAN	Democrat	Oklahoma City	4,271
REX BARRETT	Republican	Del City	3,607
District 95			
LEE ROY TUCKER	Democrat	Midwest City	3,381
CHARLIE JOYNER	Republican	Midwest City	4,350
District 96			
ABE WARREN	Democrat	Harrah	4,050
LANCE CARGILL	Republican	Harrah	8,542
District 97			
MIKE SHELTON	Democrat	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
District 98			
RAE WEESE	Democrat	Broken Arrow	3,262
JOHN TREBILCOCK	Republican	Broken Arrow	6,582

District 99

ANASTASIA PITTMAN	Democrat	Oklahoma City	4,886
WILLARD LINZY	Republican	Oklahoma City	1,166
J. M. BRANUM	Independent	Oklahoma City	306

District 100

MIKE THOMPSON	Republican	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
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District 101

GARY BANZ	Republican	Midwest City	Unopposed
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JUSTICE OF THE OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT

District 2

STEVEN W. TAYLOR	YES: 534,917
	NO: 247,250

District 3

MARIAN P. OPALA	YES: 514,466
	NO: 266,341

District 4

YVONNE KAUGER	YES: 508,113
	NO: 266,566

District 6

TOM COLBERT	YES: 530,036
	NO: 255,038

District 7

JAMES E. EDMONDSON	YES: 532,941
	NO: 251,229

JUDGE OF THE OKLAHOMA COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

District 4

ARLENE JOHNSON	YES: 522,023
	NO: 250,281

District 5

DAVID B. LEWIS	YES: 515,666
	NO: 250,744

JUDGE OF THE OKLAHOMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS**District 1, Office 2**

JANE P. WISEMAN YES: 525,304
NO: 244,954

District 3, Office 1

DOUG GABBARD II YES: 504,875
NO: 260,390

District 5, Office 1

KENNETH L. BUETTNER YES: 507,065
NO: 257,714

District 5, Office 2

ROBERT DICK BELL YES: 504,009
NO: 261,061

District 6, Office 1

E. BAY MITCHELL, III YES: 508,429
NO: 256,452

District 6, Office 2

CAROL HANSEN YES: 526,826
NO: 242,688

Upon motion of Representative Piatt, the Joint Session was ordered dissolved at the hour of 1:50 p.m.