

# Senate Journal

## First Regular Session of the Fifty-second Legislature of the State of Oklahoma

**Twenty-ninth Legislative Day, Thursday, March 19, 2009**

The Senate was called to order by Senator Brogdon.

Roll Call:

Present: Adelson, Aldridge, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Bingman, Brogdon, Coates, Corn, Crain, Easley, Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Ford, Gumm, Johnson (C), Johnson (M), Jolley, Justice, Lamb, Laster, Leftwich, Lerblance, Marlatt, Myers, Newberry, Paddack, Reynolds, Rice, Russell, Schulz, Stanislawski, Sweeden, Sykes and Wilson.—36.

Excused: Branam, Brown, Burrage, Coffee, Crutchfield, Garrison, Halligan, Ivester, Mazzei, Nichols, Sparks and Wyrick.—12.

Senator Brogdon declared a quorum present.

The prayer was offered by Reverend James Robinson, First Baptist Church, Durant, the guest of Senator Gumm.

### **REPORT OF ENGROSSED AND ENROLLED MEASURES**

**SCRs 12 and 13** were each correctly enrolled, properly signed and ordered transmitted to the Honorable House for signature of the Speaker.

**SRs 14 and 21** were each correctly enrolled, properly signed and ordered transmitted to the Secretary of State.

**SCR 6** was correctly engrossed, properly signed and ordered transmitted to the Honorable House for consideration.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Senator Jolley introduced his children, Lauren and Alex, to the Senate. Senator Jolley asked unanimous consent, which was granted, that Lauren and Alex be named Honorary Pages for this legislative day.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST  
DIRECT TO CALENDAR**

Senator Easley asked unanimous consent to refer **SCR 2** direct to the Calendar for consideration, which was the order.

**GENERAL ORDER**

**SCR 2** by Easley of the Senate was called up for consideration.

All other members of the Senate asked to coauthor **SCR 2**, which was the order.

**SCR 2** was adopted upon motion of Senator Easley and referred for engrossment.

**EXECUTIVE NOMINATION**

The following executive nomination has been approved by the committee named:

Strong, J.D., Oklahoma City, as Cabinet Secretary of the Environment, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, succeeding Miles Tolbert. (Energy and Environment Committee)  
Motion to confirm made by Senator Steve Russell.

Motion to confirm the above named executive nomination was declared adopted upon roll call as follows:

Aye: Adelson, Aldridge, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Bingman, Brogdon, Coates, Corn, Easley, Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Ford, Gumm, Johnson (C), Jolley, Justice, Lamb, Laster, Leftwich, Lerblance, Marlatt, Myers, Newberry, Paddack, Reynolds, Rice, Russell, Schulz, Stanislawski, Sweeden, Sykes and Wilson.--34.

Excused: Branan, Brown, Burrage, Coffee, Crain, Crutchfield, Garrison, Halligan, Ivester, Johnson (M), Mazzei, Nichols, Sparks and Wyrick.--14.

**MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE**

Advising passage of and transmitting for consideration Engrossed **HCR 1001**.

**HCR 1001** – By Banz, Dank, Wright (John) and Derby of the House and Aldridge of the Senate.

A Concurrent Resolution relating to the Electoral College system; endorsing the current Electoral College system as the best way to elect the U.S. President; and resolving to defeat any legislation that creates a multistate compact to dismantle its current Electoral College system.

The above-numbered measure was read the first time.

Advising passage of and returning the following Engrossed measure:

**SCR 3**

The above-numbered measure was referred for enrollment.

Advising the signing of and returning Enrolled **SCRs 12 and 13**.

The above-numbered enrolled measures were transmitted to the Secretary of State.

**EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

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

Chumbley, Gene, Edmond, as a member of the Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Commission  
- Business and Labor

Godlove, Jane, Lawton, as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Quartz Mountain  
Arts and Conference Center and Nature Park - Education

Sevenoaks, Richard, Tulsa, as a member of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board -  
Energy and Environment

Senator Lamb moved that when the clerk's desk is clear, the Senate stand adjourned to convene Monday, March 23, 2009, at 1:30 p.m., which motion prevailed.

**SECOND READING**

The following were read for the second time and referred to committee as indicated:

**HB 1765** – Judiciary

**HB 2047** – Appropriations

**HB 2068** – Education

**FIRST READING**

The following was introduced and read the first time:

**SCR 14** – By Bingman of the Senate and McNiell of the House.

A Concurrent Resolution praising volunteer firefighters; mourning the loss of volunteer firefighter John Adams; and directing distribution.

Pursuant to the Lamb motion, the Senate adjourned at 9:30 a.m. to meet Monday, March 23, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.