

Senate Journal

Second Regular Session of the Fifty-third Legislature

of the State of Oklahoma

Thirty-ninth Legislative Day, Monday, April 16, 2012

The Senate was called to order by Senator Stanislawski.

Roll Call:

Present: Aldridge, Allen, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Bingman, Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brown, Burrage, Childers, Coates, Crain, David, Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Fields, Ford, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Ivester, Johnson (C), Johnson (R), Jolley, Justice, Laster, Lerblance, Marlatt, Mazzei, McAffrey, Newberry, Nichols, Paddock, Russell, Schulz, Shortey, Simpson, Sparks, Stanislawski, Sykes, Treat, Wilson and Wyrick.—47.

Excused: Adelson.—1.

Senator Stanislawski declared a quorum present.

The prayer was offered by Associate Pastor Randy Wade, McFarlin United Methodist Church, Norman, the guest of Senator Sparks.

REPORT OF ENGROSSED AND ENROLLED MEASURES

HBs 2230 and 3108 were each correctly engrossed and, together with engrossed **SAs**, properly signed and ordered returned to the Honorable House.

SBs 221 and 223 and **SCRs 35 and 37** were each correctly enrolled, properly signed and ordered transmitted to the Honorable House for signature of the Speaker.

SR 47 was correctly enrolled, properly signed and ordered transmitted to the Secretary of State.

DEDICATION

Former Senator Charles Ford presented the paintings of Wild West Showman Gordon “Pawnee Bill” Lillie and America’s First Cowgirl Lucille Mulhall.

Senator Ford introduced the artist, Tracey Harris, who addressed the Senate. Senator Ford also introduced Bob Funk, who presented the painting as a gift to the Senate. Mr. Funk addressed the Senate.

GENERAL ORDER

HB 2365 by Billy of the House and Simpson and Crain of the Senate was called up for consideration.

Senator Simpson moved that **HB 2365** be advanced, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

HB 2365 was read for the third time at length.

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

Aye: Allen, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brown, Burrage, Childers, Crain, David, Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Fields, Ford, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Ivester, Johnson (C), Johnson (R), Jolley, Justice, Laster, Lerblance, Mazzei, McAffrey, Newberry, Paddack, Russell, Schulz, Shortey, Simpson, Sparks, Stanislawski, Sykes, Treat, Wilson and Wyrick.--42.

Excused: Adelson, Aldridge, Bingman, Coates, Marlatt and Nichols.--6.

The bill passed.

HB 2365 was properly signed and ordered returned to the Honorable House.

FIRST READING

The following was introduced and read the first time:

SR 50 – By Johnson (Constance).

A Resolution congratulating the Centennial High School Bison for winning the 2012 3A basketball State Championship; and directing distribution.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST
DIRECT TO CALENDAR**

Senator Johnson (Constance) asked unanimous consent to refer **SR 50** direct to the Calendar for consideration, which was the order.

GENERAL ORDER

SR 50 by Johnson (Constance) was called up for consideration.

All other members of the Senate asked to coauthor **SR 50**, which was the order.

SR 50 was adopted upon motion of Senator Johnson (Constance) and referred for enrollment.

GENERAL ORDER

HB 2414 by Grau of the House and Crain of the Senate was called up for consideration.

Senator Crain moved that **HB 2414** be advanced, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

HB 2414 was read for the third time at length.

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

Aye: Aldridge, Allen, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Bingman, Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brown, Burrage, Coates, Crain, David, Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Fields, Ford, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Ivester, Johnson (C), Johnson (R), Jolley, Justice, Laster, Lerblance, McAffrey, Newberry, Paddack, Russell, Schulz, Shortey, Simpson, Sparks, Stanislawski, Sykes, Treat, Wilson and Wyrick.--43.

Excused: Adelson, Childers, Marlatt, Mazzei and Nichols.--5.

The bill passed.

HB 2414 was properly signed and ordered returned to the Honorable House.

GENERAL ORDER

HB 2927 by Armes and DeWitt of the House and Marlatt of the Senate was called up for consideration.

Senator Ford asked unanimous consent, which was granted, to suspend Senate Rule 12-4 as it pertains to **HB 2927**.

Senator Ford moved to amend **HB 2927**, Page 1, by restoring the title, which amendment was declared adopted.

The above amendment restored **HB 2927** to the engrossed version of the bill.

Senator Ford moved that **HB 2927** be advanced, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

HB 2927 was read for the third time at length.

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

Aye: Aldridge, Allen, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Bingman, Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brown, Burrage, Childers, Coates, Crain, David, Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Fields, Ford, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Ivester, Johnson (C), Johnson (R), Jolley, Justice, Laster, Lerblance, Mazzei, McAffrey, Newberry, Paddack, Russell, Schulz, Shortey, Simpson, Sparks, Stanislawski, Sykes, Treat, Wilson and Wyrick.--45.

Excused: Adelson, Marlatt and Nichols.--3.

The bill and emergency passed.

HB 2927 was properly signed and ordered returned to the Honorable House.

GENERAL ORDER

HB 2654 by Jordan and Billy of the House and Johnson (Rob) and Shortey of the Senate was called up for consideration.

Senator Johnson (Rob) moved to amend **HB 2654**, by striking the title, the enacting clause and the entire body of the bill and substituting the floor substitute, which amendment was declared adopted. (Copies were provided for all Senators.)

Senator Johnson (Rob) moved that **HB 2654** be advanced, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

HB 2654 was read for the third time at length.

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

Aye: Allen, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Bingman, Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brown, Burrage, Childers, Coates, Crain, David, Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Fields, Ford, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Ivester, Johnson (C), Johnson (R), Jolley, Justice, Laster, Lerblance, Mazzei, McAffrey, Newberry, Paddack, Russell, Schulz, Shortey, Simpson, Sparks, Stanislawski, Sykes, Treat, Wilson and Wyrick.--44.

Excused: Adelson, Aldridge, Marlatt and Nichols.--4.

The bill and emergency passed.

HB 2654 was referred for engrossment.

GENERAL ORDER

HB 2715 by Jackson and Sherrer of the House and Anderson and Wyrick of the Senate was called up for consideration.

Senator Anderson moved that **HB 2715** be advanced, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

HB 2715 was read for the third time at length.

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

Aye: Aldridge, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Bingman, Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brown, Burrage, Childers, Coates, Crain, David, Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Fields, Ford, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Ivester, Johnson (C), Johnson (R), Jolley, Justice, Laster, Lerblance, Mazzei, McAffrey, Newberry, Paddack, Russell, Schulz, Simpson, Sparks, Stanislawski, Treat, Wilson and Wyrick.--42.

Nay: Allen, Shortey and Sykes.--3.

Excused: Adelson, Marlatt and Nichols.--3.

The bill passed.

HB 2715 was properly signed and ordered returned to the Honorable House.

GENERAL ORDER

HB 2200 by Trebilcock of the House and Holt of the Senate was called up for consideration.

Senator Holt moved that **HB 2200** be advanced, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

HB 2200 was read for the third time at length.

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

Aye: Aldridge, Allen, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Bingman, Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brown, Burrage, Childers, Coates, Crain, David, Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Fields, Ford, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Ivester, Johnson (C), Johnson (R), Jolley, Justice, Laster, Lerblance, Mazzei, McAffrey, Newberry, Paddack, Russell, Schulz, Shortey, Simpson, Sparks, Stanislawski, Sykes, Treat, Wilson and Wyrick.--45.

Excused: Adelson, Marlatt and Nichols.--3.

The bill passed.

HB 2200 was properly signed and ordered returned to the Honorable House.

PENDING CONSIDERATION OF HAS

HAs to **SB 201** were rejected upon motion of Senator Schulz, conference requested, and Senate conferees to be named later.

GENERAL ORDER

HB 1968 by Mulready of the House and Brown of the Senate was called up for consideration.

Senator Brown moved that **HB 1968** be advanced, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

HB 1968 was read for the third time at length.

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

Aye: Allen, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brown, Burrage, Childers, Coates, Crain, David, Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Fields, Ford, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Ivester, Johnson (C), Johnson (R), Jolley, Justice, Laster, Lerblance, Mazzei, McAffrey, Newberry, Paddack, Russell, Schulz, Shortey, Simpson, Sparks, Stanislawski, Sykes, Treat, Wilson and Wyrick.--43.

Nay: Aldridge.--1.

Excused: Adelson, Bingman, Marlatt and Nichols.--4.

The bill passed.

HB 1968 was properly signed and ordered returned to the Honorable House.

GENERAL ORDER

HB 2322 by McDaniel (Randy) and Pittman of the House and Brown of the Senate was called up for consideration.

Senator Brown moved that **HB 2322** be advanced, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

HB 2322 was read for the third time at length.

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

Aye: Aldridge, Allen, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brown, Burrage, Childers, Coates, Crain, David, Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Fields, Ford, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Ivester, Johnson (C), Johnson (R), Jolley, Justice, Laster, Lerblance, Mazzei, McAffrey, Newberry, Paddack, Russell, Schulz, Shortey, Simpson, Sparks, Stanislawski, Sykes, Treat, Wilson and Wyrick.--44.

Excused: Adelson, Bingman, Marlatt and Nichols.--4.

The bill and emergency passed.

HB 2322 was properly signed and ordered returned to the Honorable House.

GENERAL ORDER

HB 2643 by Brumbaugh of the House and Brown of the Senate was called up for consideration.

Senator Brown moved that **HB 2643** be advanced, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

HB 2643 was read for the third time at length.

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

Aye: Aldridge, Allen, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brown, Burrage, Childers, Coates, Crain, David, Ellis, Fields, Ford, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Ivester, Johnson (C), Johnson (R), Jolley, Justice, Laster, Lerblance, Mazzei, McAffrey, Newberry, Nichols, Paddack, Russell, Schulz, Shortey, Simpson, Sparks, Stanislawski, Sykes, Treat, Wilson and Wyrick.--44.

Excused: Adelson, Bingman, Eason McIntyre and Marlatt.--4.

The bill and emergency passed.

HB 2643 was referred for engrossment.

GENERAL ORDER

HB 2991 by Ritze of the House and Treat of the Senate was called up for consideration.

Senator Treat moved that **HB 2991** be advanced, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

HB 2991 was read for the third time at length.

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

Aye: Aldridge, Allen, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brown, Burrage, Childers, Coates, Crain, David, Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Fields, Ford, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Ivester, Johnson (C), Johnson (R), Jolley, Justice, Laster, Lerblance, Mazzei, McAffrey, Newberry, Paddack, Russell, Schulz, Shortey, Simpson, Sparks, Stanislawski, Sykes, Treat and Wilson.--43.

Excused: Adelson, Bingman, Marlatt, Nichols and Wyrick.--5.

The bill passed.

HB 2991 was referred for engrossment.

GENERAL ORDER

HB 3133 by Steele et al of the House and Treat of the Senate was called up for consideration.

Senator Treat moved that **HB 3133** be advanced, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

HB 3133 was read for the third time at length.

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

The bill passed.

Aye: Aldridge, Allen, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brown, Burrage, Childers, Coates, Crain, David, Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Fields, Ford, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Ivester, Johnson (C), Johnson (R), Jolley, Justice, Laster, Lerblance, Mazzei, McAffrey, Paddack, Russell, Schulz, Shortey, Simpson, Sparks, Stanislawski, Sykes, Treat, Wilson and Wyrick.--43.

Excused: Adelson, Bingman, Marlatt, Newberry and Nichols.--5.

HB 3133 was referred for engrossment.

GENERAL ORDER

HB 3134 by Steele et al of the House and Treat of the Senate was called up for consideration.

Senator Treat moved that **HB 3134** be advanced, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

HB 3134 was read for the third time at length.

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

Aye: Aldridge, Allen, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brown, Burrage, Childers, Coates, Crain, David, Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Fields, Ford, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Ivester, Johnson (C), Johnson (R), Jolley, Justice, Laster, Lerblance, McAffrey, Newberry, Nichols, Paddack, Russell, Schulz, Shortey, Simpson, Sparks, Stanislawski, Sykes, Treat, Wilson and Wyrick.--44.

Excused: Adelson, Bingman, Marlatt and Mazzei.--4.

The bill passed.

HB 3134 was referred for engrossment.

GENERAL ORDER

HB 3135 by Steele et al of the House and Treat of the Senate was called up for consideration.

Senator Treat moved that **HB 3135** be advanced, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

HB 3135 was read for the third time at length.

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

Aye: Aldridge, Allen, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brown, Burrage, Childers, Crain, David, Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Fields, Ford, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Ivester, Johnson (C), Johnson (R), Jolley, Justice, Laster, Lerblance, McAffrey, Newberry, Nichols, Paddack, Russell, Schulz, Shortey, Simpson, Sparks, Stanislawski, Sykes, Treat, Wilson and Wyrick.--43.

Excused: Adelson, Bingman, Coates, Marlatt and Mazzei.--5.

The bill passed.

HB 3135 was referred for engrossment.

GENERAL ORDER

HB 3136 by Steele et al of the House and Treat and McAffrey of the Senate was called up for consideration.

Senator Treat moved that **HB 3136** be advanced, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

HB 3136 was read for the third time at length.

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

Aye: Aldridge, Allen, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brown, Burrage, Childers, Crain, David, Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Fields, Ford, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Ivester, Johnson (C), Johnson (R), Jolley, Justice, Laster, Lerblance, Mazzei, McAffrey, Newberry, Nichols, Paddack, Russell, Schulz, Shortey, Simpson, Sparks, Stanislawski, Sykes, Treat, Wilson and Wyrick.--44.

Excused: Adelson, Bingman, Coates and Marlatt.--4.

The bill passed.

HB 3136 was referred for engrossment.

GENERAL ORDER

HB 2251 by Peterson et al of the House and David of the Senate was called up for consideration.

Senator David moved that **HB 2251** be advanced, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

HB 2251 was read for the third time at length.

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

Aye: Aldridge, Allen, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brown, Burrage, Childers, Crain, David, Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Fields, Ford, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Ivester, Johnson (C), Johnson (R), Jolley, Justice, Laster, Lerblance, McAffrey, Newberry, Nichols, Paddack, Russell, Schulz, Shortey, Simpson, Sparks, Stanislawski, Sykes, Treat, Wilson and Wyrick.--43.

Excused: Adelson, Bingman, Coates, Marlatt and Mazzei.--5.

The bill passed.

HB 2251 was properly signed and ordered returned to the Honorable House.

GENERAL ORDER

HB 2264 by Cox of the House and David of the Senate was called up for consideration.

Senator David moved that **HB 2264** be advanced, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

HB 2264 was read for the third time at length.

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

Aye: Aldridge, Allen, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brown, Burrage, Childers, Crain, David, Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Fields, Ford,

Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Ivester, Johnson (C), Johnson (R), Jolley, Justice, Laster, Lerblance, McAffrey, Newberry, Paddack, Russell, Schulz, Shortey, Simpson, Stanislawski, Sykes, Treat, Wilson and Wyrick.--41.

Excused: Adelson, Bingman, Coates, Marlatt, Mazzei, Nichols and Sparks.--7.

The bill passed.

HB 2264 was properly signed and ordered returned to the Honorable House.

GENERAL ORDER

HB 2502 by Watson of the House and David and Fields of the Senate was called up for consideration.

Senator David moved that **HB 2502** be advanced, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

HB 2502 was read for the third time at length.

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

Aye: Aldridge, Allen, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brown, Burrage, Childers, Crain, David, Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Fields, Ford, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Ivester, Johnson (C), Johnson (R), Jolley, Justice, Laster, Lerblance, McAffrey, Newberry, Nichols, Paddack, Russell, Schulz, Shortey, Simpson, Sparks, Stanislawski, Sykes, Treat, Wilson and Wyrick.--43.

Excused: Adelson, Bingman, Coates, Marlatt and Mazzei.--5.

The bill passed.

HB 2502 was properly signed and ordered returned to the Honorable House.

GENERAL ORDER

HB 2197 by Murphey of the House and Brecheen of the Senate was called up for consideration.

Senator Brecheen asked unanimous consent, which was granted, to suspend Senate Rule 12-4 as it pertains to **HB 2197**.

Senator Brecheen moved to amend **HB 2197**, Page 1, by restoring the title, which amendment was declared adopted.

The above amendment restored **HB 2197** to the engrossed version of the bill.

Senator Brecheen moved that **HB 2197** be advanced, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

HB 2197 was read for the third time at length.

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

Aye: Allen, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brown, Burrage, Childers, Crain, David, Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Fields, Ford, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Ivester, Johnson (C), Johnson (R), Jolley, Justice, Laster, Lerblance, Mazzei, McAffrey, Newberry, Nichols, Paddack, Russell, Schulz, Shortey, Simpson, Sparks, Stanislowski, Sykes, Treat, Wilson and Wyrick.--43.

Nay: Aldridge.--1.

Excused: Adelson, Bingman, Coates and Marlatt.--4.

The bill passed.

HB 2197 was properly signed and ordered returned to the Honorable House.

GENERAL ORDER

HB 2645 by Brumbaugh of the House and Brecheen of the Senate was called up for consideration.

Senator Brecheen moved that **HB 2645** be advanced, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

HB 2645 was read for the third time at length.

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

Aye: Aldridge, Allen, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brown, Burrage, Childers, Crain, David, Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Fields, Ford, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Ivester, Johnson (C), Johnson (R), Jolley, Justice, Laster,

Lerblance, McAffrey, Newberry, Paddack, Russell, Schulz, Shortey, Simpson, Sparks, Stanislawski, Sykes, Treat, Wilson and Wyrick.--42.

Excused: Adelson, Bingman, Coates, Marlatt, Mazzei and Nichols.--6.

The bill passed.

HB 2645 was referred for engrossment.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Advising passage of and transmitting for consideration Engrossed **HJR 1107**.

HJR 1107 – By Vaughan of the House and Simpson of the Senate.

A Joint Resolution approving permanent rule of the Department of Wildlife Conservation; and directing distribution.

The above-numbered measure was read the first time.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE HAS TO SENATE BILLS

Advising passage of and returning the following engrossed bills as amended:

SB 134 - coauthored by Grau of the House and Jolley of the Senate

SB 1108

SB 1533

SB 1795

SB 1943

House amendments were read on the above-numbered bills.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Advising fourth reading of and transmitting for signature Enrolled **HBs 2225, 2289 and 2564**.

The above-numbered enrolled measures were, after fourth reading, properly signed and ordered returned to the Honorable House.

Advising fourth reading of and returning Enrolled **SBs 221 and 223**.

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

Advising the signing of and returning Enrolled **SCRs 35** and **37**.

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

Advising passage of and returning the following Engrossed bills:

SB 1016 - coauthored by Peterson, Kern and Pittman of the House

SB 1056 - coauthored by Cannaday of the House

SB 1082

SB 1544 - coauthored by Bennett of the House

SB 1580

SB 1667

The above-numbered measures were referred for enrollment.

Senator Schulz moved that when the clerk's desk is clear, the Senate stand adjourned to convene Tuesday, April 17, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., which motion prevailed.

FIRST READING

The following was introduced and read the first time:

SR 51 – By Laster.

A Resolution congratulating the 2012 Class 5A State Women's Basketball Champions, the Shawnee Lady Wolves; and directing distribution.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Advising her approval April 13, 2012, of Enrolled **SBs 178, 1041, 1051** and **1279** and approval April 16, 2012 of Enrolled **SBs 284, 1006, 1043, 1065, 1213, 1214** and **1346**.

Advising her veto April 16, 2012, of Enrolled **SB 1706**.

The veto message reads as follows:

April 16, 2012

To the Honorable President Pro Tempore
and Members of the Oklahoma Senate
Second Session of the
Fifty- third Legislature

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1706

This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to approve or object to legislation presented to me, I have VETOED Senate Bill 1706.

Senate Bill 1706 creates the “Oklahoma Drug-Endangered Children’s Alliance Board”. The thirteen members of this Board have been charged with providing oversight for the six regional drug-endangered children’s groups which presently exist.

The State of Oklahoma currently has hundreds of agencies, boards, and commissions. One of my focuses since taking office has been to streamline government and to create a more efficient, effective, and accountable state government.

At this time when we are working hard to limit the size of Oklahoma’s government, it is duplicative to establish a group that recreates a collaboration which already exists. The OKDHS, ODMHSAS, OCCY & OBNDD, among others, are already working diligently to identify solutions to protect children, prevent substance abuse, and treat those already addicted.

As Governor, I understand the need to coordinate the efforts of the six regional groups and to standardize guidelines and procedures utilized when a drug-endangered child is encountered in our system. Therefore, I have discussed these concerns with the Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Terri White, and have directed Commissioner White to begin taking steps to address these concerns.

Furthermore, Senate Bill 1706 does not create a sunset date for this Board. Sunset provisions prompt government officials to consistently re-assess whether a board or commission is benefitting the citizens of this State. In addition, this bill creates a Board which falls under the executive branch but lacks representation of gubernatorial appointments.

Senate Bill 1706 is not consistent with my commitment to reducing the size of state government and is duplicative.

By the Governor of the State of Oklahoma
/s/ Mary Fallin

Pursuant to the Schulz motion, the Senate adjourned at 3:35 p.m. to meet Tuesday, April 17, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.

JOURNAL CORRECTION

Page 844, Line 1, insert the following language:

“REPORT OF ENGROSSED AND ENROLLED MEASURE

SCR 37 was correctly engrossed, properly signed and ordered transmitted to the Honorable House for consideration.”