

# Senate Journal

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

**First Legislative Day, Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

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

The President of the Senate, Lieutenant Governor Todd Lamb, called the Senate to Order.

The invocation was offered by Pastor David Player, First United Methodist Church in Altus, the guest of Senator Schulz.

The roll call was ordered on the twenty-three hold over members of the Senate:

Present: Allen, Bice, Brown, David, Dossett, Fields, Floyd, Fry, Holt, Jech, Pittman, Quinn, Schulz, Shortey, Simpson, Smalley, Sparks, Sykes, Thompson and Yen.—20.

Excused: Bass, Brecheen and Griffin.—3.

### COMMUNICATION

Lieutenant Governor Lamb directed the following Communication from the State Election Board be read on the certification of the newly elected members of the Senate.

November 17, 2016

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

Sir:

Upon the face of the returns of the General Election, November 8, 2016, 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.
Micheal Bergstrom	R	Adair	1
Wayne Shaw	R	Grove	3
Joseph W. Silk	R	Broken Bow	5
Larry Boggs	R	Wilburton	7
Dewayne Pemberton	R	Muskogee	9
Kevin Matthews	D	Tulsa	11
James Leewright	R	Bristow	12
Greg McCortney	R	Ada	13
Rob Standridge	R	Norman	15
Ron Sharp	R	Shawnee	17
Roland Pederson	R	Burlington	19
Tom J. Dugger	R	Stillwater	21
Lonnie Paxton	R	Tuttle	23
Joe Newhouse	R	Broken Arrow	25
Bryce Marlatt	R	Woodward	27
Julie Daniels	R	Bartlesville	29
Chris Kidd	R	Addington	31
Nathan Dahm	R	Broken Arrow	33
Gary Stanislawski	R	Tulsa	35
Dan Newberry	R	Tulsa	37
Dave Rader	R	Tulsa	39
Adam Pugh	R	Edmond	41
Paul Scott	R	Duncan	43
Kyle D. Loveless	R	Oklahoma City	45
Greg Treat	R	Oklahoma City	47

Sincerely,

/s/ PAUL ZIRIAX, Secretary  
State Election Board

## **OATH OF OFFICE**

Lieutenant Governor Lamb announced that the Official Oath of Office as required by the Constitution was administered to twenty-four newly elected members on November 16, 2016 by Chief Justice John Reif of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, and to Senator Joseph Silk on November 21, 2016 by Chief Justice John Reif.

Lieutenant Governor Lamb ordered the roll called on the newly elected members of the Senate.

Present: Bergstrom, Boggs, Dahm, Daniels, Dugger, Kidd, Leewright, Loveless, Marlatt, Matthews, McCortney, Newberry, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Pugh, Rader, Scott, Sharp, Shaw, Silk, Standridge, Stanislawski and Treat.—25.

Lieutenant Governor Lamb declared a quorum present.

## **ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

Senator Treat moved that Senator Mike Schulz be elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate for the Fifty-sixth Legislature. Senator Sparks seconded the nomination and moved that the nominations cease.

The motion was declared adopted upon roll call as follows:

Aye: Allen, Bergstrom, Bice, Boggs, Brown, Dahm, Daniels, David, Dossett, Dugger, Fields, Floyd, Fry, Holt, Jech, Kidd, Leewright, Loveless, Marlatt, Matthews, McCortney, Newberry, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Pittman, Pugh, Quinn, Rader, Schulz, Scott, Sharp, Shaw, Silk, Simpson, Smalley, Sparks, Standridge, Stanislawski, Sykes, Thompson, Treat and Yen.—44.

Excused: Bass, Brecheen, Griffin and Shortey.—4.

Having been duly elected by the majority of the members of the Senate, Senator Schulz was declared the President Pro Tempore of the Senate for the Fifty-sixth Legislature.

Senator Treat moved that the President appoint a committee to escort President Pro Tempore Schulz to the President's desk.

The motion was declared adopted and the President appointed Senators Daniels, Kidd and McCortney as the special committee.

Lieutenant Governor Lamb addressed the Senate.

Lieutenant Governor Lamb, on behalf of the Senate, congratulated President Pro Tempore Schulz and handed the gavel to the President Pro Tempore.

President Pro Tempore Schulz delivered the following address:

It's extremely humbling to stand before you today as the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

First, I want to thank my family. Without their love, support and understanding, there's no way I could have been successful in this job. I've had to spend more days and nights away from them than I wanted. But they've traveled along with me on this journey and have helped me immensely during my time as a Senator.

Thank you Reenie, Ben and Abby. I love you and appreciate you more than you'll know.

When I was first elected to this body 10 years ago, I never saw myself sitting in this chair as Pro Tempore. Thank you all for your support and confidence and for believing in me and electing me as your leader. I look forward to working with each of you and I look forward to working with each of you to make Oklahoma better.

Oklahoma is a great state, blessed with natural resources and hardworking, industrious people.

Our job as Senators is to make sure Oklahoma is a place where, with hard work and determination, anyone can achieve success.

That's what I thought when I first came to this building: we needed to focus on ideas that create a business climate in Oklahoma that allowed existing businesses to grow and thrive and invited new businesses and industry to set up shop.

That's still my goal today as the Senate Pro Tempore. We get bogged down in the political fights of the moment that come and go as surely as the sun sets in the western sky.

That's politics and there's nothing wrong with that, except for when these issues consume our attention and take our focus away from economic issues and ensuring Oklahoma families are able to find good-paying jobs to help them take care of their families.

Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish ..."

That is our challenge as Senators. We must remain focused on the Big Picture ... on ideas and policies that will help Oklahoma grow and prosper.

That is my commitment to you as the Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate. I am committed to focusing this body on ideas that not only will help us meet the challenges of today, but will help Oklahoma grow and prosper long-term.

- That means keeping our eyes set on growing and diversifying our economy.
- Creating an economic environment that allows businesses to create more and better-paying jobs.
- Eliminating red-tape to ensure state rules and regulations don't stand in the way of job-creators and entrepreneurs.
- Embracing our role as guardians of Oklahomans' tax dollars - making sure nothing is lost to waste or fraud, but also making sure Oklahomans are getting the best return on their investment.

That's not to say we cannot and should not fight each and every day to protect each Oklahomans' right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." That is our enormous and sacred responsibility as representatives of the people.

But keeping our eye on the long-term economic picture, and helping our state make gains there, will go a long way in helping us solve the challenges Oklahoma faces in other policy areas like education, public safety, health care, transportation.

A thriving and growing economy means more revenue flowing to the state – without raising taxes. More revenue from increased economic activity means more resources to fund the core functions of government.

I'm honored to stand in front of this talented group of Senators. There is a broad range of experience and expertise that will serve this body well.

My advice to you all is to not forget what you stand for and where you came from. It's not about partisanship. It's not about politics. It's about principles and ideas that will help all Oklahomans.

There are bright minds with great ideas in this room that will help our great state grow and prosper. I'm excited to work with you all.

Now, let's get started on mapping out a brighter future for the great people and the great state of Oklahoma!

God bless you and God bless Oklahoma!

**SENATE RULES**

Senator Treat moved that the proposed Rules, as distributed, be adopted as the Rules for the Fifty-sixth Legislature, which motion was declared adopted.

The Senate Rules for the Fifty-sixth Legislature read as follows:

**SENATE RULES  
FOR THE  
~~FIFTY-FIFTH~~ FIFTY-SIXTH OKLAHOMA  
LEGISLATURE (~~2015-2016~~ 2017-  
2018)**

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**BEING THE STANDING RULES FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS OF  
THE STATE SENATE OF OKLAHOMA,  
~~FIFTY-FIFTH~~ FIFTY-SIXTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE (~~2015-2016~~ 2017-2018)**

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**RULE 1: AUTHORITY, APPLICATION, PURPOSE,  
INTERPRETATION AND AMENDMENT OF THE RULES**

**RULE 1-1. AUTHORITY AND APPLICATION.** The Oklahoma State Senate hereby adopts these rules pursuant to the authority of Section 30 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution. Upon adoption by a majority of the members of the Senate unless and until amended, the following rules shall be the rules for the conduct of business by the Senate.

**RULE 1-2. 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. 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 Rule 2-4; 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 pursuant to Rule 9-14.

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

**RULE 1-5. SUSPENSION.** Except as provided in subsection D of Rule 8-30 or subsection F of Rule 8-32, any Senate Rule may be suspended upon two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate.

**RULE 1-6. MASON'S MANUAL.** For matters not specifically covered under the Senate Rules, the person making an interpretation of the Rules pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1-3 may apply the provisions of Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure.

## **RULE 2: SENATE OFFICERS**

**RULE 2-1. 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;

Such other officers as may be designated by the Majority and Minority caucuses; provided, the Majority Caucus shall designate one officer who shall serve as acting President Pro Tempore in the event that the President Pro Tempore vacates the office on a temporary basis. If the President Pro Tempore shall vacate the office on a permanent basis, the officer so designated by the Majority Caucus shall serve as acting President Pro Tempore until such time as the Senate shall elect a new President Pro Tempore;

The Secretary, who shall not be a member of the Senate; and

The Sergeant at Arms, who shall not be a member of the Senate. The Sergeant shall serve at the pleasure of the Senate and shall be appointed to his or her office by the Secretary of the Senate.

**RULE 2-2. ELECTION.** Pursuant to the provisions of Section 28 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution, 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 Secretary of the Senate shall be elected by a majority of the members following the election of the President Pro Tempore ~~and announcement of the other officers.~~

**RULE 2-3. 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 such officers shall hold office until their successors are chosen or conclusion of their term of office in the Senate, whichever is earlier.

In the event the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be serving a term of office as a Senator which concludes prior to the date of election provided in Rule 2-2, the Majority Caucus may provide written notice to the Secretary of the Senate of a President Pro Tempore Designate who shall assume all duties, authority and responsibilities as Acting President Pro Tempore from the expiration of the President Pro Tempore's elected Senate term until a successor is chosen under Rule 2-2 ; provided, however, that the designee of the Majority Caucus for the office of President Pro Tempore and the designee of the Minority Caucus for the office of Minority Floor Leader shall assume the duties of and

have the full authority of their respective offices on the fifteenth day following the General Election.

**RULE 2-4. DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE.**

**A. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.** 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 in writing designate other members of the Senate to serve as Presiding Officers 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. REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES.** 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. LEADERSHIP STAFF.** The President Pro Tempore shall be entitled to employ a leadership staff, one of whom shall be designated as the "Chief of 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.

**D. MANDATORY AUDIT.** The President Pro Tempore shall cause an audit of the Senate's expenditures to be made at least once each fiscal year.

**E. PHYSICAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT.** 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.

**F. 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.

**RULE 2-5. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE.** The President Pro Tempore shall determine the duties to be performed for the Senate by the Secretary of the Senate. The Secretary of the Senate shall ensure all official records of the proceedings of the Senate and its committees shall be open for public inspection during regular office hours.

### **RULE 3: MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE**

**RULE 3-1. MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE.** Pursuant to Section 9A of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution, the Senate shall maintain forty-eight Senate districts. ~~Any redistricting of the seats occurring in the 2015 legislative session or thereafter shall maintain equal representation with no more than a one percent (1%) difference in numbers of persons represented within each district.~~

**RULE 3-2. JUDGING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ITS MEMBERS.** Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 30 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution, all questions and disputes on the elections, returns and qualifications of a person elected to the Office of Senator shall be the final jurisdiction of the Senate. A sitting member of the Senate contesting the election, returns and qualifications of a Senator or person certified by the State Election Board to serve as a Senator shall file the challenge with the Secretary of the Senate. The Senate shall dispose of all challenges or contests in an expeditious manner.

**RULE 3-3. ATTENDANCE.** A member of the Senate not present during the roll call of Senators shall only be marked as present if the Senator casts a vote in committee or otherwise informs the Secretary of the Senate he or she is present in person in the Senate Chamber. A member of the Senate who is absent from a daily session shall be shown as "excused."

**RULE 3-4. EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS.** Each member of the Senate shall be entitled to designate an executive assistant. Executive assistants 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 4: SENATE EMPLOYEES**

**RULE 4-1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER.** The President Pro Tempore shall designate a Chief Operating Officer to be responsible for duties not assigned to the Secretary of the Senate.

- A. The Chief Operating Officer, under direction of the President Pro Tempore, shall be authorized to perform routine repairs, maintenance and upkeep on that property and facilities entrusted to the Senate for upkeep and maintenance.
- B. The Chief Operating Officer, under 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.

**RULE 4-2. COMPTROLLER.** The Senate shall have an employee acting as Comptroller who shall report to the Chief Operating Officer. The Comptroller shall be responsible for the issuance of all warrants and vouchers and the maintenance of an accurate account of expenditures by the Senate.

**RULE 4-3. SERVICE STAFF.** As authorized in Section 271 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, which prescribes the Senate as the sole judge of the number, duties and compensation of its employees, the Chief Operating Officer, 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.

## **RULE 5: CONDUCT AND ETHICAL STANDARDS**

**RULE 5-1. LEGISLATIVE CONDUCT.** Every Senator shall conduct himself or herself to justify the confidence placed in him or her by the people and, by personal example and admonition to colleagues, shall maintain the integrity and responsibility of his or her office.

**RULE 5-2. 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 Rules of the Senate and shall be enforced by the Presiding Officer.

**RULE 5-3. SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT.** The use of Senate supplies and equipment 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.

**RULE 5-4. LOBBYISTS.** All lobbying activities in the Senate shall be governed and regulated by law and by the Rules of the Senate.

### **RULE 5-5. CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICAL STANDARDS.**

1. A coat, tie and slacks or trousers shall be worn by male members and appropriate professional attire shall be worn by female members of the Senate and other persons granted privileges of the floor in the chamber during sessions of the Senate.

2. Complaints pertaining to employees 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. 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. 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 in the chamber.

6. 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. No member shall be permitted to vote on any question unless said member is physically present on the floor of the Senate 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 8-7.

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. 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.

## **RULE 6: LEGISLATION**

### **Chapter 1: General Provisions**

**RULE 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 6-2. INTRODUCTION.** Except as may be limited by Rule 6-22, 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 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 6-4. RESTRICTIONS.** Senate Concurrent Resolutions, Senate Resolutions and House Concurrent Resolutions shall be considered only for 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. Expressing legislative intent;
- D. Expressing policies of the Senate; and
- E. Such other purposes specifically approved by the President Pro Tempore.

**RULE 6-5. AUTHORS AND COAUTHORS.** After introduction in the Senate of any bill or resolution, no Senator or Representative shall be shown or removed as author or coauthor on the face of the bill or resolution unless the Senator or Representative shall submit a written or electronic request to be so shown to the Secretary of the Senate or person designated by the Secretary of the Senate. The change in authorship shall be shown on the face of the next official version of the bill or resolution; provided, however, a printed substitute for or an electronic version of a bill or resolution may show in parentheses, and the electronic voting machine may display immediately, any author or coauthor changes that have been submitted.

While a Senate Bill, Senate Joint Resolution or Senate Concurrent Resolution is within the physical control of the Senate, the principal Senate author of the bill or resolution shall have full and complete discretion in determining who the principal House author of the bill or resolution shall be.

**RULE 6-6. DISTRIBUTION OF LEGISLATION.** No legislation or amendment shall be considered by the Senate unless a copy has been distributed to the desks of all members of

the Senate, or has been made available to all members electronically, on a legislative day previous to consideration of the legislation.

**RULE 6-7. FINAL ACTION.** If final action is such as to defeat an amendment, a bill or a resolution, no other amendment, bill or resolution having the same effect and covering the same specific or substantially similar subject matter shall be considered by the Senate during either session of the current Legislature, unless otherwise approved by the President Pro Tempore. Action constituting “final action” includes:

1. Failure of the motion “Do Pass” or “Do Pass as Amended” on a vote in a committee;
2. If a vote is taken on Third Reading or Fourth Reading and the measure fails to receive the required number of votes for passage, and
  - a. no notice is served to reconsider the vote,
  - b. a motion to reconsider the vote fails to prevail or expires, or
  - c. a motion to table the motion to reconsider prevails; or
3. In the case of an amendment, if the amendment fails to receive the required number of votes for adoption or if a motion to table prevails.

**RULE 6-8. FINANCIAL IMPACT VERIFICATION.**

A. No amendment, bill or resolution which creates or expands a requirement for insurance coverage provided to state employees by a state agency shall be considered by the Senate or any committee thereof unless such amendment, bill or resolution is accompanied by documentation of the fiscal impact of the proposal on the policyholders and the state agency. The President Pro Tempore shall prescribe procedures for such documentation to be obtained from the Office of Management and Enterprise Services or the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, as applicable.

The Chair of a committee to which a bill or resolution subject to the provisions of this subsection is assigned may request the Majority Floor Leader to suspend the provisions of paragraph 4 or 6 of subsection A or paragraph 4 or 6 of subsection B of Rule 6-22; provided, any such suspension shall not suspend or affect any of the remaining dates set forth in Rule 6-22.

B. No amendment, bill or resolution which creates a direct fiscal impact on state tax revenues shall be considered by the Senate or any committee thereof unless such amendment, bill or resolution is accompanied by documentation of the fiscal impact of such amendment, bill or resolution. The President Pro Tempore shall prescribe procedures for such documentation to be obtained from the Oklahoma Tax Commission pursuant to the provisions of Section 118 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or from another source as designated by the President Pro Tempore.

C. No amendment, bill or resolution affecting a retirement system, as such term is defined in the Oklahoma Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act, shall be considered



by the Senate or any committee thereof unless such amendment, bill or resolution has been submitted to the legislative actuary as provided in the Act, at the direction of the chair of the committee to which such legislation is referred.

**RULE 6-9. NAMING OF STATE ASSETS.** No amendment, bill or resolution shall be considered by the Senate or any committee thereof which names, dedicates or otherwise memorializes any highway, bridge, state asset or facility unless the persons proposed to be so honored shall have been deceased not less than three (3) years prior to consideration. The prohibition in this rule shall not apply to the naming of highways and bridges on the state highway system designed to honor members of the United States Armed Forces, members of law enforcement or firefighters fallen in the performance of their duties. The prohibition in this rule shall also not apply to the naming of highways and bridges on the state highway system designed to honor Medal of Honor recipients both living and deceased. Every amendment, bill and resolution for the dedication of any highway, bridge, other state asset or facility must specifically state the accomplishments upon which the proposal is based.

## **Chapter 2: Legislation Requests and Filing**

**RULE 6-20. RIGHTS TO PROPOSE LEGISLATION.** A Senator shall have the right to introduce legislation at any time without regard to any deadlines which have been placed by rule. Bills filed after the deadlines prescribed in Rule 6-22 must be subject to a change in authorship, however, as outlined in Rule 6-23.

**RULE 6-21. SHELL BILLS PROHIBITED.** No bill (also known as a “shell bill”) shall be filed which fails to effectuate a substantive change in policy.

### **RULE 6-22. DEADLINES FOR BILLS**

A. During the First Regular Session of the 55<sup>th</sup> ~~56th~~ Oklahoma Legislature, the Senate shall adhere to the following legislative procedure schedule:

1. The First Regular Session of the 55<sup>th</sup> ~~56th~~ Oklahoma Legislature shall convene at twelve noon on ~~January 6, 2015~~ January 3, 2017, for the purpose only of performing the duties set forth in Section 5 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution and organizing pursuant to the provisions of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution, and shall recess no later than five p.m. on that same day until ~~February 2, 2015~~ February 6, 2017, beginning at twelve noon.

2. ~~December 12, 2014~~ December 9, 2016, 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 22, 2015~~ January 19, 2017, 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, except as otherwise provided for in Rule 6-23.

4. ~~February 26, 2015~~ March 2, 2017, shall be the final legislative day for reporting Senate bills and Senate joint resolutions from committee in the Senate. 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, except as otherwise provided for in Rule 6-23.

5. ~~March 12, 2015~~ March 23, 2017, 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 9, 2015~~ April 13, 2017, shall be the final legislative day for reporting House bills and House joint resolutions from committee in the Senate. 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, except as otherwise provided for in Rule 6-23.

7. ~~April 23, 2015~~ April 27, 2017, 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 29, 2015~~ May 26, 2017.

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

B. During the Second Regular Session of the 55<sup>th</sup> 56<sup>th</sup> Oklahoma Legislature, the Senate shall adhere to the following legislative procedure schedule:

1. ~~December 11, 2015~~ December 8, 2017, 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 21, 2016~~ January 18, 2018, 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 55<sup>th</sup> 56<sup>th</sup> Oklahoma Legislature shall convene at twelve o'clock noon on ~~February 1, 2016~~ February 5, 2018.

4. ~~February 25, 2016~~ March 1, 2018, shall be the final legislative day for reporting Senate bills and Senate joint resolutions from committee in the Senate, except as otherwise provided for in Rule 6-23.

5. ~~March 10, 2016~~ March 22, 2018, 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 7, 2016~~ April 12, 2018, shall be the final legislative day for reporting a House bill or a House joint resolution from committee in the Senate, except as otherwise provided for in Rule 6-23.

7. ~~April 21, 2016~~ April 26, 2018, 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 27, 2016~~ May 25, 2018.

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

C. This rule shall be inapplicable to any:

1. 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, or for the purpose of disapproving or approving standards adopted by the State Board of Education as set forth in Section 11-103.6a-1 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

2. Bill 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;

3. 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;

4. 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;

5. Bill or joint resolution authored by the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the House Appropriations and Budget Committee which affects the receipt, expenditure or budgeting of state funds or funds under the control of an entity created by state law;

6. Bill or joint resolution authored by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives which is deemed by them to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; or

7. Bill or joint resolution authored by committee(s) pursuant to Rule 6-23.

D. 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 6-23. COMMITTEE AUTHORSHIP OF BILLS**

A. A member who introduces legislation after the deadlines established in Rule 6-22 may file the legislation and upon assignment by the Majority Floor Leader to committee may ask the committee Chair to allow for the measure to be heard as a measure authored by the committee. Upon majority vote of the committee, the authorship of the measure shall be transferred to the committee from the individual Senator and the deadlines established in Rule 6-22 shall not be applicable. In the event a measure is dually assigned, each ~~committee Chair and~~ committee must agree to assume authorship for the deadlines to not apply.

B. Measures authored by committee shall be exempt from the House author requirements found in subsection G of Rule 7-7. A measure authored by a committee may be heard on General Order and passed on Third Reading without a House author. No individual members, including the original author, may co-author a measure so introduced.

#### **RULE 6-24. 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 55<sup>th</sup> 56th Oklahoma 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 55<sup>th</sup> 56th Oklahoma Legislature.

B. Simple and concurrent resolutions pending in the Senate at the final adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 55<sup>th</sup> 56th Oklahoma Legislature shall not carry over for consideration during the Second Regular Session.

### **RULE 7: COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE PROCEDURE**

**RULE 7-1. TYPES AND NUMBER.** There shall be two types of Senate committees established by the President Pro Tempore: 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 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. 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 and the Chair and Vice-Chair of each standing committee.

B. The Minority Leader shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Senate, the Minority Caucus members of each standing committee, other than a Minority Caucus member who is appointed as a Chair or Vice-Chair of a committee by the President Pro Tempore.

C. Membership of standing committees shall be approved by a majority vote of members of the Senate. In the event of a vacancy or extended absence of a member of the Senate, a replacement member may be appointed by the President Pro Tempore or the Minority Leader, as appropriate. Any such appointment 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 standing and select Senate committees.

**RULE 7-3. DUTIES OF THE RULES COMMITTEE.** The Rules Committee shall determine any policies of the Senate submitted to it by the President Pro Tempore. ~~The Rules Committee shall have the duty of approving any language expressing legislative intent prior to such language being included in a bill or joint resolution. If a bill or joint resolution is filed which includes language expressing legislative intent, the bill or joint resolution shall be assigned to the Rules Committee for approval or removal of such language prior to the bill or resolution's consideration by another committee; provided, bills or resolutions assigned to the Joint Committee on Appropriations and Budget shall be exempt from this provision.~~

**RULE 7-4. DUTIES OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES.** Each legislative committee shall be responsible for the formulation of legislative programs and determination of non-legislative matters within the jurisdiction prescribed by the President Pro Tempore; shall inquire into the administration and execution of all laws and administrative rules 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. 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. 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. PROCEDURES.** The following procedures shall be observed by all legislative committees of the Senate:

**A. MEETING NOTICES.** 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 Operating Officer, who shall designate the appropriate place for such notices to be posted. The Chief Operating Officer 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. MEETING TIMES.** The Chair of a committee shall schedule meetings of the committee. Meetings at a time other than the regularly scheduled meeting time of a committee shall not conflict with any regularly scheduled meeting of any other committee, except with the consent of the President Pro Tempore.

**C. AGENDA.** 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, 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.

**D. QUORUM.** 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. PRESIDING OFFICER.** The Chair, or in the Chair's absence the Vice-Chair, of the committee, or a designee, shall preside at meetings of the committee. No person shall address the committee unless first recognized for that purpose.

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

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

2. Upon prior approval given by the Chair of the committee and subject to time restraints established by the Chair, any testimony from non-members of the committee in favor and/or opposed to the measure may be given. Upon completion of the testimony, each member of the committee may put questions to those testifying before the committee. No testimony shall be given unless questions are made available to the members of the committee.

3. The Senate author shall be given the opportunity to answer questions put by members of the committee.

4. The Senate author or any member of the committee shall be provided the opportunity for presentation of amendments to the legislation. Amendments to any bill or resolution under consideration by a committee or subcommittee shall be germane to the subject of the introduced bill or resolution. Any amendment must be seconded to receive further consideration. Provided, the Senate author or any member of the committee offering a committee substitute must submit the proposed committee substitute in writing or electronically to the Chair no later than noon on the legislative day before the meeting of the committee. The Chair may, at his or her discretion, waive the deadline set forth in this rule. When a committee substitute is submitted, the Chair may approve the substitute to be heard by the committee and the committee substitute shall be considered a public record from the time of such approval.

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; provided, an amendment to restore the title or enacting clause shall be considered after disposition of all other amendments. The Chair or other member presiding shall resolve any conflict resulting from claimed priority of presentation.

7. If an amendment to strike the title or enacting clause is approved by the committee, the emergency clause, if any, shall also be stricken.

8. 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 or the author of the legislation.

9. Any member may be recognized for debate or comment on the proposed legislation or amendments thereto. Debate may be limited at the discretion of the Chair or other member presiding, provided that equal time must be given to both proponent and opponent sides of debate.

10. The legislation may be laid on the table at the request of the author or at his or her discretion without a vote of the committee to do so. The legislation may be brought back up later in the same or subsequent meetings of the committee provided it is listed on the agenda in compliance with this rule. If the legislation is brought up at a subsequent meeting, consideration of the legislation will recommence with explanation of the measure.

11. 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 the members of the committee present, which shall not be less than a quorum, 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. LEGISLATION REQUIREMENTS.** Except for legislation containing appropriations, all legislation originating in the Senate which is considered by a Senate committee shall contain an Enacting or Resolving Clause, and a ~~Senate~~ House author, at the discretion of the Chair.

**H. SUBCOMMITTEES.** 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. DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS.** No person shall cause materials to be distributed at any committee meeting without first having obtained approval of the Chair. The person causing the materials to be distributed shall be identified in writing on the face of such materials. 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.

**RULE 7-8. 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 7-9. 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. The provisions of this rule shall not prevent a bill or resolution from being reassigned from one committee to another, from being assigned directly to the calendar, or from being double-assigned as provided in ~~subsection A of~~ Rule 8-21.



## **RULE 8: FLOOR PROCEDURES**

### **Chapter 1: Galleries, Rights And Privileges**

**RULE 8-1. 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. The Presiding Officer may require a Senator to disclose the purpose of a request for recognition prior to acting upon such request. The Presiding Officer shall immediately recognize the Majority Floor Leader at his or her request notwithstanding the previous request of any other Senator, but otherwise may exercise discretion in granting recognition when more than one Senator seeks recognition.

#### **RULE 8-2. 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 Oklahoma Constitution and organizing pursuant to the provisions of Article V of the Oklahoma 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.

C. The Senate may convene in a location other than its chamber, as designated by the President Pro Tempore and upon informing the Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in the event that the President Pro Tempore determines that an unsafe condition or construction in the State Capitol, a natural disaster or national security emergency prevents the Senate from meeting in its chamber.

**RULE 8-3. 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 allowed on the Senate floor, in the gallery, or in any Senate area with permission of the Secretary of the Senate. Conduct in the galleries of the Senate shall conform to the following:

1. No food, drink, signs, placards, noisemakers, flash cameras or any other item which might cause distraction or disturb the decorum of the Senate shall be allowed in the galleries;

2. Applause shall not be permitted;
3. Articles carried by visitors may be required to be checked at the door to the galleries by a Senate employee; and
4. Visitors in the galleries shall be required to conduct themselves with dignity and in an orderly fashion.

**RULE 8-4. QUORUM.** No business of the Senate shall be conducted without a quorum of its members being in attendance, other than a motion to adjourn, adjourn to a time certain, or operate under call of the Senate pursuant to Rule 9-11, made by the President Pro Tempore or a member designated by the President Pro Tempore. A majority of the members elected to the Senate shall constitute a quorum.

**RULE 8-5. ORDER OF BUSINESS.** The Order of Business for each daily session of the Senate shall be determined by the Majority Floor Leader and shall be include:

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

~~Provided, no~~ No business shall be considered by the Senate during the daily session unless it has been approved by the Majority Floor Leader or the President Pro Tempore or unless it is otherwise specifically allowed under the Senate rules.

**RULE 8-6. 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 or other persons approved in advance by the Majority Floor Leader.

**RULE 8-7. PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR.** A. No person shall be permitted in the Senate chamber or the lobbies at the front or rear of the chamber during the daily sessions of the Senate except:

1. Members and former members of the Senate;
2. Employees of the Senate designated by the President Pro Tempore;

3. Members of the House of Representatives;
  4. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor and former Governors and former Lieutenant Governors;
  5. Spouses, children and grandchildren of members of the Senate; and
  6. Any person who is permitted on the floor by a majority vote of those present.
- B. Provided, however, that the above privileges shall exclude any person registered as a lobbyist as provided by law.

C. All persons permitted in the Senate chamber during the daily sessions of the Senate shall conduct themselves in accordance with the provisions of Rule 5-5.

D. No person other than those specified in this rule shall be permitted in the Senate Lounge, unless accompanied by a member of the Senate.

E. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A of this rule, the Majority Floor Leader may prohibit any person other than a member of the Senate from entering the Senate chamber or the lobbies at the front or rear of the chamber during the daily sessions of the Senate.

## **Chapter 2: Legislative Procedure**

**RULE 8-20. FIRST READING.** A bill or resolution shall be considered introduced upon First Reading and shall automatically be advanced to Second Reading.

**RULE 8-21. SECOND READING.** 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. Any bill or resolution which is determined to affect the receipt, expenditure or budgeting of state funds or funds under the control of an entity created by state law may be double-assigned to a committee other than the Appropriations Committee or the Finance Committee and then to the Appropriations Committee or Finance Committee.

### **RULE 8-22. GENERAL ORDER**

#### ***A. PLACEMENT OF MEASURES ON GENERAL ORDER.***

1. All bills and resolutions reported by a committee of the Senate or referred directly to the calendar shall be placed on General Order.
2. When a committee report is filed, the clerk shall indicate on the face of the report the date and time the report was filed.

3. A bill or resolution reported from committee shall be placed on General Order at the beginning of the second legislative day following the legislative day that a committee report is filed.

4. 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.

5. 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 made available each legislative day to all members of the Senate.

6. To allow opportunity for amendment under Rule 8-23, no bill may be heard until it has been on General Order for a period of ~~no less than three (3) legislative days~~ at least one (1) legislative day.

7. No bill or joint resolution shall be considered on the Senate floor without a House author.

***B. ORDER OF CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION.*** The Majority Floor Leader, or a designee, shall determine the order in which legislation is considered by the Senate. Nothing in this section nor these rules shall be construed as to guarantee a right to a hearing on any legislation.

***C. CONSIDERATION OF MEASURES ON GENERAL ORDER.*** 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 from General Order to Engrossment and Third Reading.

**RULE 8-23. AMENDMENTS.**

A. Amendments to bills or resolutions shall be in writing and shall be considered only if submitted at least one (1) legislative day prior to consideration on General Order.

B. The Senate shall not consider any proposed amendment not germane to the subject of the bill or resolution. A secondary amendment must be germane to both the primary amendment and the measure which it purports to amend.

C. If an amendment to strike the title or enacting clause is approved, the emergency clause, if any, shall also be stricken.

D. 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 three (3) legislative day period provided in Rule 8-22 shall be extended to a four (4) legislative day period for the filing of secondary amendments. A secondary amendment must be germane to both the primary amendment and the measure which it purports to amend.~~

E. ~~The deadlines for amendments and secondary amendments set forth in this rule provisions of subsection A of this rule~~ shall not apply to an amendment offered by the author of a bill or resolution:

1. To strike the title or enacting or resolving clause; or
2. For any other purpose, subject to the approval of the Majority Floor Leader.

F. 1. Amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are submitted unless otherwise directed by the Majority Floor Leader; provided, a floor substitute offered by the author of the measure shall be considered first, and an amendment to restore a title or enacting or resolving clause shall be considered after disposition of all other amendments. If a floor substitute is adopted, the Secretary of the Senate shall conform previously submitted amendments to the measure to the floor substitute, if practicable.

2. Once an amendment is read, it shall be explained by its author, who may 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 coauthors the amendment and provides an explanation.

3. An amendment shall be considered a public record from the time it is placed upon the clerk's desk.

G. After the final vote on third 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.

H. 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 any other amendment, but an amendment to restore the title or enacting clause may be considered separately.

**RULE 8-24. ADVANCEMENT.** Once a motion to advance has been adopted, the bill or resolution shall be considered engrossed and on Third Reading.

**RULE 8-25. 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 8-26. 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 8-27. 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.

If the Senate adopts a Conference Committee Report, the bill or resolution shall be 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 conference 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 8-28. 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.

### **Chapter 3: Debate and Voting**

**RULE 8-30. DEBATE.**

A. When a Senator desires to speak, he or she shall rise and address the Presiding Officer, and shall not proceed until recognized, and the Presiding Officer shall recognize the Senator who shall first address the Presiding Officer. No Senator shall interrupt another Senator in debate without his or her consent, and to obtain such consent shall first address the Presiding Officer, and no Senator shall speak more than twice upon any one question in debate on the same legislative day without leave of the Senate, which shall be determined without debate.

B. No Senator in debate shall, directly or indirectly, by any form of words impute to another Senator or to other Senators any conduct or motive unworthy or unbecoming a Senator.

C. Whenever demonstrations of approval or disapproval are indulged in by the occupants of the galleries, it shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer to enforce order on his or her own initiative and without any point of order being made by a Senator.

D. No Senator shall introduce to or bring to the attention of the Senate during its sessions any occupant in the galleries of the Senate other than those allowed pursuant to Rule 8-6. No motion to suspend this rule shall be in order, nor may the Presiding Officer entertain any request to suspend it by unanimous consent.

E. If any Senator, in speaking or otherwise, in the opinion of the Presiding Officer transgresses the rules of the Senate, the Presiding Officer shall, either on his or her own motion or at the request of any other Senator, call him or her to order; and when a Senator shall be called to order he or she shall take his or her seat, and may not proceed without leave of the Senate, which, if granted, shall be upon motion that he or she be allowed to proceed in order, which motion shall be determined without debate. Any Senator directed by the Presiding Officer to take his or her seat, and any Senator requesting the Presiding Officer to require a Senator to take his or her seat, may offer a substitute ruling as provided in Rule 9-14.

**RULE 8-31. 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, only a Senator present on the Senate floor may vote, and 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, except as provided in Section 24 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution.

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.

**RULE 8-32. RECONSIDERATION OF VOTES.** 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 before any other business is considered by the Senate. 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, or disposed of immediately on the last Friday in May, or an earlier day set for sine die adjournment pursuant to the provisions of Rule 9-9.

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 on the prevailing side before any other business is considered by the Senate 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.

#### **Chapter 4: Executive Nominations**

**RULE 8-40. 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. Nominations shall be made by the Governor or other appointing authority to the Senate no later than May 1 of any year in order to be considered by the full Senate that year.

**RULE 8-41. 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.

**RULE 8-42. 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.

### **Chapter 5: Committee of the Whole**

**RULE 8-50. 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 8-51. 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 6: Vetoes and Other Legislative Actions**

**RULE 8-60. OVERRIDES OF VETOES.** When a bill or resolution is returned to the Senate because of veto by the Governor, a motion that the vetoed legislation become law the Governor’s objections notwithstanding shall be in order at any time.

**RULE 8-61. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS.** Committee reports on matters other than legislation or 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 8-62. CORRECTIONS TO LEGISLATION.**

A. 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. If the title or enacting clause has been stricken, the emergency clause, if any, shall also be stricken as provided in Rules 7-7 and 8-23.

B. 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.

C. 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;

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 a staff attorney designated by the Chief Operating Officer, the incorporation of such amendments and repeal of the previous version would clearly not conflict with the amendments contained in the measure at issue;

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; and

5. Include a designation of the subject of an act as provided in Section 452.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

D. 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~~

1. Correct nonsubstantive errors in the language of any bill or resolution at the time the same is engrossed or enrolled; and

2. Submit a corrected engrossed or enrolled version of legislation in the event that a version does not accurately reflect the actions of the Senate or a committee thereof.

A detailed record of all such corrections shall be maintained by the Secretary and printed in the Journal.

## **RULE 9: MOTIONS**

**RULE 9-1. 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.
- H. To accept or reject House amendments.
- I. To adopt a Conference Committee Report.
- J. To accept or reject a report of the Joint Committee on Appropriations and Budget.
- K. To suspend the rules.
- L. To commit to a committee or conference committee without instructions.
- M. To commit to a committee or conference committee with instructions.
- N. To amend.

**RULE 9-2. 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 9-3. 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 9-4. 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 9-5. 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 9-6. WRITTEN MOTIONS OR OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS.** The Presiding Officer may require any motion, point of order, substitute ruling, or other item of business to be in writing and placed upon the clerk's desk.

**RULE 9-7. SUBSTITUTE MOTIONS.** Only one substitute motion for a motion of equal priority shall be considered. Successful passage of a substitute motion shall be considered both adoption of the substitute motion in lieu of the original as well as the passage of the substitute motion. If the substitute motion fails, the original motion shall be disposed of before another motion of the same priority can be considered.

**RULE 9-8. 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.

**RULE 9-9. MOTIONS TO ADJOURN.**

**A. 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.

**B. 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.

**C. 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 9-10. QUORUM CALL.** Any member of the Senate may, at any time, request the Presiding Officer to suggest the absence 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 9-11. 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.

**RULE 9-12. 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 9-13. MOTION TO LIMIT 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 9-14. SUBSTITUTE RULING MOTIONS.** If a Senator disagrees with a ruling on a motion or point of order, he or she may make a motion the Senate adopt a substitute ruling 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 10: Executive Sessions**

**RULE 10-1. PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGE.** On a motion made and carried that the Senate go into executive session, the Presiding Officer shall direct all persons, except Senators, the Secretary of the Senate, and personnel as authorized by the Senate, to withdraw. The vote of a majority of the Senators voting shall be required on a motion for executive session. During an executive session, the doors shall remain closed and every Senator and officer shall keep confidential all proceedings and matters enjoined by order of the Senate.

## **Rule 11: Special Sessions**

**RULE 11-1. SPECIAL SESSIONS.**

A. Unless amended by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate, these rules shall be in effect for any special session of the 55<sup>th</sup> 56th Oklahoma Legislature; provided:

1. Bills and resolutions reported from committee or referred directly to the calendar shall be placed on General Order immediately upon such report or referral and amendments to such bills and resolutions shall be filed no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day of such report or referral; and

2. All motions to reconsider shall be disposed of on the same day that notice of such motion is served.

B. The selection of officers, the membership of the standing committees and the mileage allowances most recently approved in regular session shall be in effect for any special session.

### **SENATE OFFICERS**

President Pro Tempore Schulz announced members of the Senate Republican Caucus designated to serve in the leadership of the Fifty-sixth Legislature:

Majority Floor Leader – Senator Treat  
 Assistant Majority Floor Leaders – Senator Bice, Senator Fields and Senator Marlatt  
 Majority Whips – Senator Allen, Senator Dahm, Senator Simpson and Senator Standridge  
 Republican Caucus Chair – Senator Stanislawski  
 Republican Caucus Vice-Chair – Senator Thompson

Senator Sparks announced members of the Senate Democratic Caucus designated to serve in the leadership of the Fifty-sixth Legislature:

Democratic Leader – Senator Sparks  
 Democratic Leader Emeritus – Senator Bass  
 Assistant Democratic Leader – Senator Pittman  
 Democratic Caucus Chair – Senator Floyd  
 Democratic Caucus Vice-Chair – Senator Matthews  
 Democrat Whip – Senator Dossett

Senator Treat moved that Paul Ziriak of Edmond be elected Secretary of the Senate.

Senator Pugh seconded the nomination of Paul Ziriak and moved that the nominations for the office of Secretary of the Senate cease and Paul Ziriak be elected by acclamation, which motion was declared adopted.

### **COMMITTEES APPOINTED**

Senator Treat moved that the Standing Committees and the members thereof appointed for the Fifty-sixth Legislature be approved.

The Standing Committees and their membership are as follows:

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES**

**First Regular Session  
Fifty-Sixth Oklahoma Legislature**

President Pro Tempore Schulz and Senator Treat are “Ex-Officio Voting Members” of all Senate committees.

**AGRICULTURE and WILDLIFE**

Boggs, Chair  
Brecheen, Vice Chair

Bass	Pemberton
Fields	Scott
Jech	Shaw
Kidd	Simpson
Pederson	Sparks

**APPROPRIATIONS**

David, Chair  
Fields, Vice Chair

Allen	Newberry
Bass	Newhouse
Bergstrom	Paxton
Bice	Pederson
Boggs	Pemberton
Brecheen	Pittman
Brown	Pugh
Dahm	Quinn
Daniels	Rader
Dossett	Scott
Dugger	Sharp
Floyd	Shaw
Fry	Shortey
Griffin	Silk
Holt	Simpson
Jech	Smalley
Kidd	Sparks
Leewright	Standridge
Loveless	Stanislawski
Marlatt	Sykes
Matthews	Thompson
McCortney	Yen

**BUSINESS, COMMERCE and TOURISM**

Newberry, Chair  
Leewright, Vice Chair

Bergstrom	Pittman
Bice	Scott
Dahm	Silk
Daniels	Sparks
Kidd	Stanislawski

**EDUCATION**

Stanislawski, Chair  
Sharp, Vice Chair

Allen	Pemberton
Bergstrom	Pittman
Brecheen	Scott
Dossett	Smalley
Dugger	Sykes
Fields	Thompson
Loveless	

**ENERGY**

Marlatt, Chair  
Shortey, Vice Chair

David	Pederson
Fields	Pemberton
Floyd	Quinn
Griffin	Rader
Holt	Sharp
Loveless	Smalley
Matthews	Standridge

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Dahm, Chair  
Holt, Vice Chair

Bice	Kidd
Boggs	Newhouse
Daniels	Pittman
Floyd	Shaw
Fry	



**HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES**

Yen, Chair  
Standridge, Vice Chair

David	Pittman
Floyd	Pugh
Griffin	Rader
Jech	Silk
McCortney	Simpson

**JUDICIARY**

Sykes, Chair  
Dahm, Vice Chair

Daniels	Pugh
David	Shortey
Floyd	Smalley
Holt	Sparks
Newhouse	Standridge

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Fry, Chair  
Shaw, Vice Chair

Brecheen	Matthews
Dossett	Paxton
Dugger	Thompson
Jech	Yen
McCortney	

**RETIREMENT and INSURANCE**

Brown, Chair  
Quinn, Vice Chair

Leewright	Paxton
Marlatt	Pederson
Matthews	Shortey
Newberry	Sparks

**RULES**

Fields, Chair  
Marlatt, Vice Chair

Allen	Griffin
Bass	Simpson
Bice	Standridge
Dahm	Stanislawski
David	Thompson
Floyd	

**TRANSPORTATION**

Allen, Chair  
Marlatt, Vice Chair

Bass	Matthews
Brown	Quinn
Fry	Rader
Leewright	Sharp
Loveless	Silk
McCortney	

**VETERANS and MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Simpson, Chair  
Boggs, Vice Chair

Allen	Newhouse
Bass	Pugh
Brown	Sykes
Dossett	

**APPROPRIATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEES**

Senator David and Senator Fields are “Ex-Officio Voting Members”  
of all Appropriations Subcommittees.

**EDUCATION**

Smalley, Chair  
Stanislawski, Vice Chair

Brecheen	Pemberton
Dossett	Sharp
Dugger	

**FINANCE**

Thompson, Chair  
Brecheen, Vice Chair

Bergstrom	Newberry
Bice	Paxton
Dossett	Sparks
Dugger	Stanislawski
Griffin	Yen

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT and TRANSPORTATION**

Bice, Chair  
Silk, Vice Chair

Brown	Newberry
Marlatt	Pugh
Matthews	

**HEALTH**

Standridge, Chair  
Yen, Vice Chair

McCortney	Pittman
Paxton	Scott

**HUMAN SERVICES**

Griffin, Chair  
Simpson, Vice Chair

Bergstrom	Floyd
Daniels	Shaw

**NATURAL RESOURCES and REGULATORY SERVICES**

Fields, Chair  
Jech, Vice Chair

Bass	Quinn
Kidd	Rader
Leewright	

**PUBLIC SAFETY and JUDICIARY**

Holt, Chair  
Sykes, Vice Chair

Allen	Fry
Boggs	Pederson
Floyd	

**SELECT AGENCIES**

Loveless, Chair  
Shortey, Vice-Chair

Dahm	Pittman
Newhouse	Thompson

**EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE AND POSTAGE**

Senator Treat moved that each Senator be allotted \$1,500 from Senate funds for expenses relating to official state business, including but not limited to postage, electronic communications equipment or its usage, office equipment and supplies and printing. Such amount is hereby authorized for expenses incurred from November 23, 2016, through December 31, 2017. If a member of the Senate incurs such expenses paid for by the Senate in excess of these amounts during such period, the member shall reimburse the Senate in full for such excess amount no later than January 31, 2018, which amendment was declared adopted.

**MILEAGE ALLOWANCE**

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

<b>Senator</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>Total Miles Round Trip</b>	<b>Amount Round Trip</b>
Allen, Mark	Spiro	360	\$192.60
Bass, Randy	Lawton	190	\$101.65
Bergstrom, Micheal	Big Cabin	314	\$167.99
Bice, Stephanie	Edmond	30	\$16.05
Boggs, Larry	Red Oak	352	\$188.32
Brecheen, Josh	Coalgate	234	\$125.19
Brown, Bill	Broken Arrow	244	\$130.54
Dahm, Nathan	Broken Arrow	224	\$119.84
Daniels, Julie	Bartlesville	242	\$129.47
David, Kim	Porter	292	\$156.22
Dossett, Joseph Jay	Sperry	230	\$123.05
Dugger, Tom	Stillwater	124	\$66.34
Fields, Eddie	Wynona	260	\$139.10
Floyd, Kay	Oklahoma City	4	\$2.14
Fry, Jack	Midwest City	28	\$14.98
Griffin, Ann "A.J."	Edmond	38	\$20.33
Holt, David	Oklahoma City	0	None Requested
Jech, Darcy	Kingfisher	98	\$52.43
Kidd, Chris	Ringling	236	\$126.26
Leewright, James	Bristow	168	\$89.88
Loveless, Kyle	Oklahoma City	0	None Requested
McCortney, Greg	Ada	172	\$92.02
Marlatt, Bryce	Woodward	288	\$154.08
Matthews, Kevin	Tulsa	212	\$113.42
Newberry, Dan	Tulsa	200	\$107.00
Newhouse, William	Broken Arrow	218	\$116.63
Paxton, Lonnie	Tuttle	76	\$40.66
Pederson, Roland	Burlington	330	\$176.55
Pemberton, Dewayne	Muskogee	282	\$150.87
Pittman, Anastasia	Oklahoma City	6	\$3.21
Pugh, Adam	Edmond	0	None Requested
Quinn, Marty	Claremore	270	\$144.45
Rader, Dave	Tulsa	216	\$115.56
Schulz, Mike	Altus	286	\$153.01
Scott, Paul	Duncan	164	\$87.74
Sharp, Ron	Shawnee	92	\$49.22
Shaw, Wayne	Grove	392	\$209.72
Shortey, Ralph	Oklahoma City	0	None Requested

Silk, Joseph	Broken Bow	500	\$267.50
Simpson, Frank	Ardmore	188	\$100.58
Smalley, Jason	Stroud	110	\$58.85
Sparks, John	Norman	46	\$24.61
Standridge, Rob	Norman	44	\$23.54
Stanislawski, Gary	Tulsa	212	\$113.42
Sykes, Anthony	Moore	28	\$14.98
Thompson, Roger	Okemah	146	\$78.11
Treat, Greg	Edmond	0	None Requested
Yen, Ervin	Oklahoma City	14	\$7.49

## COMMUNICATIONS

January 3, 2017

The Honorable Mike Schulz  
 President Pro Tempore  
 Oklahoma State Senate  
 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd.  
 Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Senator Schulz,

Under the authority granted to the Secretary of the Senate by Senate Rule 2-1, I hereby appoint Mr. Robert Craig to the office of Senate Sergeant at Arms for the Fifty-sixth Oklahoma Legislature, to serve at the pleasure of the Senate.

Sincerely,

/s/ Paul Ziriak, Secretary  
 Oklahoma State Senate

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

Senator Treat moved that the Senate recess for a reception in honor of President Pro Tempore Schulz in the Senate Lounge and to meet with the House in Joint Session at 2:00 p.m., and upon adjournment of the Joint Session, that the Senate stand adjourned to convene Monday, February 6, 2017, at 12:00 noon, which motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the Treat motion, the Senate adjourned at 12:45 p.m. to meet Monday, February 6, 2017, at 12:00 noon.

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## **JOINT SESSION**

The First Joint Session of the First Regular Session of the Fifty-sixth Legislature was called to order by the President of the Senate, Lieutenant Governor Todd Lamb.

Senator Treat moved 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 Echols 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.

Lieutenant Governor Todd Lamb declared quorums of the Senate and House present and Joint Session duly assembled.

The invocation was offered by Pastor William E. Elkins, Jr., Trinity Baptist Church of Chickasha, Oklahoma, the guest of Speaker McCall.

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 5, Oklahoma Constitution, Speaker McCall directed the clerk to proceed with the canvassing of the returns of the General Election held on November 8, 2016, as certified to the House of Representatives by the Secretary of the State Election Board, Paul Ziriak, and transmitted to the House of Representatives by Secretary of State, Mike Hunter.

Senator Treat 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**

November 17, 2016

The Honorable Charles McCall  
Speaker-Elect, Oklahoma State House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Sir:

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 8, 2016, 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/PAUL ZIRIAX, Secretary  
State Election Board

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

### **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS**

#### **REPUBLICAN**

**DONALD J. TRUMP for President, MICHAEL R. PENCE for Vice President** 949,136

#### **ELECTORS:**

**David Oldham**  
**Teresa Lyn Turner**  
**Mark Thomas**  
**Bobby Cleveland**  
**Lauree Elizabeth Marshall**  
**Charles W Potts**  
**George W. Wiland, Jr.**

#### **LIBERTARIAN**

**GARY JOHNSON for President, BILL WELD for Vice President** 83,481

#### **ELECTORS:**

Erin Adams  
Mikel Dillon  
Joel Britt Dixon  
Rex L Lawhorn  
Ephriam Zachary Knight  
Craig A. Dawkins  
Mark C. DeShazo

#### **DEMOCRATIC**

**HILLARY CLINTON for President, TIM KAINE for Vice President** 420,375

#### **ELECTORS:**

Marq Lewis  
Bill John Baker  
Mark Hammons  
Betty McElderry  
W. A. Drew Edmondson  
Jeannie McDaniel  
Rhonda Walters



**UNITED STATES SENATOR**

<b>JAMES LANKFORD</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Edmond</b>	<b>980,892</b>
ROBERT T. MURPHY	Libertarian	Norman	43,421
MIKE WORKMAN	Democrat	Tulsa	355,911
MARK T. BEARD	Independent	Oklahoma City	27,418
SEAN BRADY	Independent	Norman	40,405

**UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE**

**DISTRICT 01**

<b>JIM BRIDENSTINE</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
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**DISTRICT 02**

<b>MARKWAYNE MULLIN</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Westville</b>	<b>189,839</b>
JOSHUA HARRIS-TILL	Democrat	Tahlequah	62,387
JOHN McCARTHY	Independent	Afton	16,644

**DISTRICT 03**

<b>FRANK D. LUCAS</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Cheyenne</b>	<b>227,525</b>
FRANKIE ROBBINS	Democrat	Medford	63,090

**DISTRICT 04**

<b>TOM COLE</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Moore</b>	<b>204,143</b>
SEVIER WHITE	Libertarian	Norman	12,574
CHRISTINA OWEN	Democrat	Norman	76,472

**DISTRICT 05**

<b>STEVE RUSSELL</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Choctaw</b>	<b>160,184</b>
ZACHARY KNIGHT	Libertarian	Edmond	17,113
AL McAFFREY	Democrat	Oklahoma City	103,273

**CORPORATION COMMISSIONER**

<b>DANA MURPHY</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Edmond</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
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**STATE SENATOR**

**DISTRICT 1**

<b>MICHEAL BERGSTROM</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Big Cabin</b>	<b>16,933</b>
JOHN L. MYERS	Democrat	Vinita	11,590

**DISTRICT 3**

<b>WAYNE SHAW</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Grove</b>	<b>16,091</b>
RHONDA COX	Democrat	Peggs	10,695

<b>DISTRICT 5</b>			
<b>JOSEPH W. SILK</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Broken Bow</b>	<b>14,665</b>
STACEY ALLEN EBERT	Democrat	Idabel	10,987
<b>DISTRICT 7</b>			
<b>LARRY BOGGS</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Red Oak</b>	<b>16,209</b>
JOEL KERNS	Democrat	McAlester	12,867
<b>DISTRICT 9</b>			
<b>DEWAYNE PEMBERTON</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Muskogee</b>	<b>13,641</b>
JACK A. REAVIS	Democrat	Muskogee	12,828
<b>DISTRICT 11</b>			
<b>KEVIN MATTHEWS</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 12 (Unexpired Term)</b>			
<b>JAMES LEEWRIGHT</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Bristow</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 13</b>			
<b>GREG McCORTNEY</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Ada</b>	<b>18,686</b>
ERIC HALL	Democrat	Ada	10,393
<b>DISTRICT 15</b>			
<b>ROB STANDRIDGE</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Norman</b>	<b>21,069</b>
SHAWN P. SHEEHAN	Independent	Norman	12,811
<b>DISTRICT 17</b>			
<b>RON SHARP</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Shawnee</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 19</b>			
<b>ROLAND PEDERSON</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Burlington</b>	<b>19,877</b>
RHONDA HARLOW	Democrat	Enid	5,719
WHITNEY HALL	Independent	Enid	3,292
<b>DISTRICT 21</b>			
<b>TOM J. DUGGER</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Stillwater</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 23</b>			
<b>LONNIE PAXTON</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Tuttle</b>	<b>24,087</b>
LARRY WASSON	Democrat	Chickasha	7,120
<b>DISTRICT 25</b>			
<b>JOE NEWHOUSE</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Broken Arrow</b>	<b>28,362</b>
ROBERT FOUNDS	Democrat	Bixby	10,398

<b>DISTRICT 27</b>			
<b>BRYCE MARLATT</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Woodward</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 29</b>			
<b>JULIE DANIELS</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Bartlesville</b>	<b>21,704</b>
<b>ROBERT JOBE</b>	Democrat	Delaware	11,419
<b>DISTRICT 31</b>			
<b>CHRIS KIDD</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Addington</b>	<b>17,828</b>
<b>PERRY BRINEGAR</b>	Democrat	Duncan	7,737
<b>DISTRICT 33</b>			
<b>NATHAN DAHM</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Broken Arrow</b>	<b>23,087</b>
<b>KIMBERLY FOBBS</b>	Democrat	Broken Arrow	11,128
<b>DISTRICT 35</b>			
<b>GARY STANISLAWSKI</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>19,737</b>
<b>FRANK GROVE</b>	Libertarian	Tulsa	10,690
<b>DISTRICT 37</b>			
<b>DAN NEWBERRY</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>17,671</b>
<b>LLOYD W. SNOW</b>	Democrat	Sand Springs	12,729
<b>SHAWN W KETCHER</b>	Independent	Tulsa	1,325
<b>DISTRICT 39</b>			
<b>DAVE RADER</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>19,002</b>
<b>JOHN WALDRON</b>	Democrat	Tulsa	16,793
<b>DISTRICT 41</b>			
<b>ADAM PUGH</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Edmond</b>	<b>25,751</b>
<b>RICHARD PRAWDZIENSKI</b>	Libertarian	Edmond	1,815
<b>KEVIN McDONALD</b>	Democrat	Edmond	13,215
<b>DISTRICT 43</b>			
<b>PAUL SCOTT</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Duncan</b>	<b>25,395</b>
<b>LEAH POLLAN</b>	Democrat	Norman	8,290
<b>DISTRICT 45</b>			
<b>KYLE D. LOVELESS</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 47</b>			
<b>GREG TREAT</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Edmond</b>	<b>22,858</b>
<b>JUDY MULLEN HOPPER</b>	Democrat	Oklahoma City	15,445
<b>STEVEN WEBER</b>	Independent	Oklahoma City	2,249

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE

**DISTRICT 1**

STEVEN McGOWEN	Republican	Garvin	4,655
JOHNNY TADLOCK	Democrat	Idabel	7,127

**DISTRICT 2**

JOHN BENNETT	Republican	Sallisaw	6,657
TOM STITES	Democrat	Sallisaw	5,576

**DISTRICT 3**

RICK WEST	Republican	Heavener	7,687
TROY DYER	Democrat	Heavener	3,507
DEWEY HARRISON	Independent	Poteau	1,456

**DISTRICT 4**

BOB ED CULVER	Republican	Tahlequah	6,217
MATT MEREDITH	Democrat	Tahlequah	6,543

**DISTRICT 5**

JOSH WEST	Republican	Grove	10,129
MATT NOWLIN	Democrat	Monkey Island	4,162

**DISTRICT 6**

CHUCK HOSKIN	Democrat	Vinita	Unopposed
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**DISTRICT 7**

HOGUEN APPERSON	Republican	Grove	5,505
BEN LORING	Democrat	Miami	7,128

**DISTRICT 8**

TOM GANN	Republican	Inola	9,096
DARRELL L. MOORE	Democrat	Pryor	5,678

**DISTRICT 9**

MARK LEPAK	Republican	Claremore	Unopposed
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**DISTRICT 10**

TRAVIS DUNLAP	Republican	Bartlesville	10,606
ERIC EPPERSON	Democrat	Delaware	4,487

**DISTRICT 11**

EARL SEARS	Republican	Bartlesville	Unopposed
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<b>DISTRICT 12</b>			
<b>KEVIN McDUGLE</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Broken Arrow</b>	<b>8,798</b>
DARLA MILLIGAN	Democrat	Wagoner	5,696
<b>DISTRICT 13</b>			
<b>AVERY CARL FRIX</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Muskogee</b>	<b>7,067</b>
WAYNE HERRIMAN	Democrat	Muskogee	5,620
<b>DISTRICT 14</b>			
<b>GEORGE FAUGHT</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Muskogee</b>	<b>8,485</b>
LEE ANN LANGSTON	Democrat	Muskogee	4,597
<b>DISTRICT 15</b>			
DON HERROLD	Republican	Stigler	5,624
<b>ED CANNADAY</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Porum</b>	<b>7,915</b>
<b>DISTRICT 16</b>			
<b>SCOTT FETGATTER</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Okmulgee</b>	<b>7,107</b>
RONNIE KELL	Democrat	Boynton	6,108
<b>DISTRICT 17</b>			
PAUL MAREAN	Republican	Hartshorne	5,968
<b>BRIAN RENEGAR</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>McAlester</b>	<b>8,145</b>
<b>DISTRICT 18</b>			
<b>DONNIE CONDIT</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>McAlester</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 19</b>			
<b>JUSTIN JJ HUMPHREY</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Lane</b>	<b>7,040</b>
JAMES ALBERT CAMPBELL	Democrat	Hugo	4,755
MORGAN HOPSON	Independent	Antlers	1,622
<b>DISTRICT 20</b>			
<b>BOBBY CLEVELAND</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Lexington</b>	<b>10,722</b>
MATT FAILING	Democrat	Noble	4,278
<b>DISTRICT 21</b>			
<b>DUSTIN ROBERTS</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Durant</b>	<b>8,977</b>
DAVID S. NORTHCUTT	Democrat	Achille	2,832
<b>DISTRICT 22</b>			
<b>CHARLES A. MCCALL</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Atoka</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 23</b>			
<b>TERRY O'DONNELL</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Catoosa</b>	<b>6,971</b>
KEITH WELCH SR.	Democrat	Tulsa	3,872

<b>DISTRICT 24</b> <b>STEVE KOUPLEN</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Beggs</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 25</b> <b>TODD THOMSEN</b> DAVID S. WEIR	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Ada</b> Ada	<b>10,026</b> 4,636
<b>DISTRICT 26</b> <b>DELL KERBS</b> NICK ATWOOD	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Shawnee</b> Shawnee	<b>7,432</b> 5,884
<b>DISTRICT 27</b> <b>JOSH COCKROFT</b> JOHN KARLIN	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Wanette</b> Tecumseh	<b>11,304</b> 3,594
<b>DISTRICT 28</b> <b>TOM NEWELL</b> MARILYN RAINWATER	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Seminole</b> Seminole	<b>8,174</b> 4,059
<b>DISTRICT 29</b> <b>KYLE HILBERT</b> MACY GLEASON	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Depew</b> Mannford	<b>10,045</b> 5,204
<b>DISTRICT 30</b> <b>MARK LAWSON</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Sapulpa</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 31</b> <b>JASON W. MURPHEY</b> JOHN B. TILLER	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Guthrie</b> Guthrie	<b>13,626</b> 4,574
<b>DISTRICT 32</b> <b>KEVIN WALLACE</b> BILLY HINTON	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Wellston</b> Prague	<b>11,047</b> 3,603
<b>DISTRICT 33</b> <b>GREG BABINEC</b> ERIN K. ADAMS CARYL TALLEY	<b>Republican</b> Libertarian Democrat	<b>Cushing</b> Glencoe Stillwater	<b>7,598</b> 732 6,221
<b>DISTRICT 34</b> <b>CORY T. WILLIAMS</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Stillwater</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 35</b> <b>DENNIS CASEY</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Morrison</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>

<b>DISTRICT 36</b>			
<b>SEAN ROBERTS</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Hominy</b>	<b>11,038</b>
CATHY ROSS	Democrat	Pawhuska	4,969
<b>DISTRICT 37</b>			
<b>STEVEN E VAUGHAN</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Ponca City</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 38</b>			
<b>JOHN PFEIFFER</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Orlando</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 39</b>			
<b>RYAN MARTINEZ</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Edmond</b>	<b>14,055</b>
CLARK DUFFE	Libertarian	Edmond	4,320
<b>DISTRICT 40</b>			
<b>CHAD CALDWELL</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Enid</b>	<b>8,510</b>
PIERCE JONES	Democrat	Enid	3,037
<b>DISTRICT 41</b>			
<b>JOHN ENNS</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Enid</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 42</b>			
<b>TIM DOWNING</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Purcell</b>	<b>10,796</b>
LIZ GEORGE	Democrat	Blanchard	4,334
<b>DISTRICT 43</b>			
<b>JOHN PAUL JORDAN</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Yukon</b>	<b>11,285</b>
MIKE BOUNDS	Democrat	Yukon	4,848
SOONER DAVENPORT	Independent	Yukon	1,303
<b>DISTRICT 44</b>			
<b>EMILY VIRGIN</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Norman</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 45</b>			
MARC ETTERS	Republican	Norman	8,234
<b>CLAUDIA GRIFFITH</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Norman</b>	<b>8,683</b>
<b>DISTRICT 46</b>			
<b>SCOTT MARTIN</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Norman</b>	<b>10,988</b>
JACOB ROSECRANTS	Democrat	Norman	7,201
<b>DISTRICT 47</b>			
<b>LESLIE KATHRYN OSBORN</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Mustang</b>	<b>14,627</b>
O.A. CARGILL	Democrat	Yukon	4,102

<b>DISTRICT 48</b> <b>PAT OWNBEY</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Ardmore</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 49</b> <b>TOMMY C. HARDIN</b> MICHELLE BRAY	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Madill</b> Madill	<b>11,034</b> 3,618
<b>DISTRICT 50</b> <b>MARCUS McENTIRE</b> MELISSA TILLEY	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Duncan</b> Comanche	<b>10,786</b> 3,346
<b>DISTRICT 51</b> <b>SCOTT R. BIGGS</b> CHARLES L. MURDOCK	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Chickasha</b> Marlow	<b>12,535</b> 3,545
<b>DISTRICT 52</b> <b>CHARLES L. ORTEGA</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Altus</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 53</b> <b>MARK McBRIDE</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Moore</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 54</b> <b>KEVIN WEST</b> MARY NEWCOME-HATCH ELIZABETH LARIOS	<b>Republican</b> Democrat Independent	<b>Moore</b> Moore Moore	<b>8,225</b> 3,239 1,855
<b>DISTRICT 55</b> <b>TODD RUSS</b> WAYNE A. WALTERS	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Cordell</b> Canute	<b>8,052</b> 5,675
<b>DISTRICT 56</b> CHRIS VERSER <b>DAVID PERRYMAN</b>	Republican <b>Democrat</b>	Anadarko <b>Chickasha</b>	4,325 <b>8,270</b>
<b>DISTRICT 57</b> <b>HAROLD WRIGHT</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Weatherford</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 58</b> <b>CARL NEWTON</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Cherokee</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 59</b> <b>MIKE SANDERS</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Kingfisher</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 60</b> <b>RHONDA BAKER</b> DENNIS PURIFOY	<b>Republican</b> Democrat	<b>Yukon</b> Yukon	<b>9,386</b> 4,535



<b>DISTRICT 61</b>			
<b>CASEY MURDOCK</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Felt</b>	<b>10,675</b>
ASHLEE RENEE ORTIZ	Democrat	Goodwell	1,833
<b>DISTRICT 62</b>			
<b>JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Lawton</b>	<b>5,194</b>
LARRY BUSH	Democrat	Lawton	4,672
<b>DISTRICT 63</b>			
<b>JEFF COODY</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Grandfield</b>	<b>7,411</b>
RANDY BATT	Democrat	Cache	4,131
<b>DISTRICT 64</b>			
<b>RANDE WORTHEN</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Lawton</b>	<b>4,917</b>
JACOBI T. CROWLEY	Democrat	Lawton	3,474
<b>DISTRICT 65</b>			
<b>SCOOTER PARK</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Devol</b>	<b>8,557</b>
RICK GILLELAND	Democrat	Rush Springs	3,221
<b>DISTRICT 66</b>			
<b>JADINE NOLLAN</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Sand Springs</b>	<b>9,929</b>
DIANNA PHILLIPS	Democrat	Sand Springs	4,644
<b>DISTRICT 67</b>			
<b>SCOTT McEACHIN</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>13,951</b>
ZAC DAVIS	Libertarian	Tulsa	887
LORI DECTER WRIGHT	Democrat	Tulsa	5,274
<b>DISTRICT 68</b>			
<b>GLEN MULREADY</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 69</b>			
<b>CHUCK STROHM</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Jenks</b>	<b>13,504</b>
PAUL SULLIVAN	Democrat	Jenks	5,800
<b>DISTRICT 70</b>			
<b>CAROL BUSH</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>11,581</b>
TAMARA MORTON	Libertarian	Tulsa	1,078
JOE JENNINGS	Democrat	Tulsa	6,621
<b>DISTRICT 71</b>			
<b>KATIE HENKE</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>8,031</b>
MILLIE HARDESTY YORK	Democrat	Tulsa	6,399

<b>DISTRICT 72</b>			
MONROE NICHOLS	Democrat	Tulsa	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 73</b>			
LELAND COLE	Republican	Tulsa	1,243
REGINA GOODWIN	Democrat	Tulsa	<b>9,697</b>
<b>DISTRICT 74</b>			
DALE DERBY	Republican	Owasso	<b>12,765</b>
JERI MOBERLY	Democrat	Owasso	6,404
<b>DISTRICT 75</b>			
DAN KIRBY	Republican	Tulsa	<b>7,626</b>
KAREN GADDIS	Democrat	Tulsa	5,178
<b>DISTRICT 76</b>			
DAVID BRUMBAUGH	Republican	Broken Arrow	<b>11,448</b>
GLENDA K PUETT	Democrat	Broken Arrow	5,379
<b>DISTRICT 77</b>			
ERIC PROCTOR	Democrat	Tulsa	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 78</b>			
MOLLY MCKAY	Republican	Tulsa	6,860
EUGENE BELL	Libertarian	Tulsa	941
MELOYDE BLANCETT	Democrat	Tulsa	<b>7,483</b>
<b>DISTRICT 79</b>			
WELDON WATSON	Republican	Tulsa	<b>9,242</b>
TERESA MARLER	Independent	Tulsa	4,948
<b>DISTRICT 80</b>			
MIKE RITZE	Republican	Broken Arrow	<b>13,096</b>
TOM BATES	Democrat	Broken Arrow	5,672
<b>DISTRICT 81</b>			
MIKE OSBURN	Republican	Edmond	<b>10,295</b>
STEVE LONG	Libertarian	Edmond	1,223
DAN MYERS	Democrat	Edmond	5,053
<b>DISTRICT 82</b>			
KEVIN CALVEY	Republican	Oklahoma City	<b>13,457</b>
MISTY WARFIELD	Democrat	Oklahoma City	7,214
CHRISTOPHER J CRAWFORD	Independent	Edmond	1,236
DAVID DICKERSON	Independent	Edmond	441

<b>DISTRICT 83</b>			
<b>RANDY McDANIEL</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Edmond</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 84</b>			
<b>TAMMY WEST</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>7,372</b>
<b>WILL HOLLANDER</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>4,672</b>
<b>DISTRICT 85</b>			
<b>MATT JACKSON</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>8,530</b>
<b>CYNDI MUNSON</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>10,103</b>
<b>DISTRICT 86</b>			
<b>RHONDA HOPKINS</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Rose</b>	<b>3,689</b>
<b>SHANNON GRIMES</b>	<b>Libertarian</b>	<b>Peggs</b>	<b>496</b>
<b>WILL FOURKILLER</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Stilwell</b>	<b>7,052</b>
<b>DISTRICT 87</b>			
<b>BRUCE LEE SMITH</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>6,043</b>
<b>ELLE COLLINS</b>	<b>Libertarian</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>981</b>
<b>COLLIN WALKE</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>6,474</b>
<b>DISTRICT 88</b>			
<b>JASON DUNNINGTON</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 89</b>			
<b>SHANE STONE</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 90</b>			
<b>JON ECHOLS</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>Unopposed</b>
<b>DISTRICT 91</b>			
<b>CHRIS KANNADY</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>12,688</b>
<b>TREY PUCKETT</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>4,815</b>
<b>DISTRICT 92</b>			
<b>JOE GRIFFIN</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>2,127</b>
<b>FORREST BENNETT</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>3,263</b>
<b>DISTRICT 93</b>			
<b>JAY MEANS</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>3,365</b>
<b>MICKEY DOLLENS</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>5,013</b>
<b>DISTRICT 94</b>			
<b>JASON SANSONE</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Del City</b>	<b>4,497</b>
<b>SCOTT INMAN</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>7,651</b>



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**District 3 – Office 1**

Tom Thornbrugh	YES:	784,491
	NO:	500,749

**District 3 – Office 2**

John F. Fischer	YES:	774,537
	NO:	507,326

**District 4 – Office 2**

Larry Joplin	YES:	779,332
	NO:	504,936

Upon motion of Representative Echols, the Joint Session was ordered dissolved at the hour of 2:30 p.m.