

HOUSE JOURNAL

First Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Legislature

of the State of Oklahoma

First Legislative Day, Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Pursuant to Article V, Section 26, of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, the First Regular Session of the House of Representatives for the Fifty-ninth Legislature assembled in the House Chamber at 12:00 o'clock noon.

Representative-elect May called the House to order.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Joel Harder, House Chaplain.

CERTIFICATION OF HOUSE MEMBERS

Representative-elect Echols moved that the Communication dated December 6, 2022, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and furnished to the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives by the Secretary of the State Election Board listing the persons elected to the House of Representatives for the Fifty-ninth Legislature, be accepted as prima facie evidence of election to the House of Representatives and that said Members-elect be provisionally seated in the House Chamber for purposes of establishing a quorum and that the above-named Communication be printed in the House Journal, which motion was declared adopted.

COMMUNICATION

December 6, 2022

The Honorable Charles McCall
 Speaker, Oklahoma State House of Representatives
 State Capitol, Room 401
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Sir:

Upon the face of the returns of the General Election, November 8, 2022, 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 House of Representatives 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 House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

PAUL ZIRIAX, Secretary
 Oklahoma State Election Board

DIST NO.	COUNTY	NAME	POL.	CITY
1	*LeFlore, McCurtain	Eddy Dempsey	R	Valliant
2	Sequoyah	Jim Olsen	R	Roland
3	*LeFlore	Rick West	R	Heavener
4	*Cherokee, *Wagoner	Bob Ed Culver	R	Tahlequah
5	*Delaware, *Mayes	Josh West	R	Grove
6	*Craig, *Mayes, *Nowata, *Rogers	Rusty Cornwell	R	Vinita
7	*Craig, *Delaware, Ottawa	Steve Bashore	R	Miami
8	*Mayes, *Rogers, *Wagoner	Tom Gann	R	Inola
9	*Rogers, *Tulsa	Mark Lepak	R	Claremore
10	*Nowata, *Osage, *Washington	Judd Strom	R	Copan
11	*Tulsa, *Washington	John Kane	R	Bartlesville
12	*Wagoner	Kevin McDugle	R	Broken Arrow
13	*McIntosh, *Muskogee, *Wagoner	Neil Hayes	R	Checotah
14	*Cherokee, *Muskogee, *Wagoner	Chris Sneed	R	Fort Gibson
15	Haskell, *LeFlore, *McIntosh, *Muskogee, *Pittsburgh	Randy Randleman	R	Eufaula

16	*Muskogee, *Okmulgee, *Tulsa	Scott Fetgatter	R	Okmulgee
17	Latimer, *LeFlore	Jim Grego	R	Wilburton
18	*Coal, Hughes, Okfuskee, *Pittsburg	David Smith	R	McAlester
19	*Atoka, *Bryan, Choctaw, Pushmataha	Justin J.J. Humphrey	R	Lane
20	*Cleveland, *McClain	Sherrie Conley	R	Newcastle
21	*Bryan, *Marshall	Cody Maynard	R	Durant
22	*Atoka, *Coal, Johnston, *Murray	Charles A. McCall	R	Atoka
23	*Rogers, *Tulsa, *Wagoner	Terry O'Donnell	R	Catoosa
24	*Creek, *Okmulgee, *Tulsa	Chris Banning	R	Bixby
25	*McClain, Pontotoc, *Pottawatomie	Ronny Johns	R	Ada
26	*Pottawatomie	Dell Kerbs	R	Shawnee
27	*Cleveland, *Pottawatomie	Danny J. Sterling	R	Tecumseh
28	*Pottawatomie, Seminole	Danny Williams	R	Seminole
29	*Creek, *Tulsa	Kyle Hilbert	R	Bristow
30	*Creek, *Tulsa	Mark Lawson	R	Sapulpa
31	*Logan, *Oklahoma	Collin Duel	R	Guthrie
32	Lincoln, *Logan, *Payne	Kevin Wallace	R	Wellston
33	*Logan, *Payne	John Talley	R	Stillwater
34	*Payne	Trish Ranson	D	Stillwater
35	*Creek, *Noble, *Osage, Pawnee, *Payne	Ty Burns	R	Morrison
36	*Cleveland, *Oklahoma	John George	R	Newalla
37	*Kay, *Osage	Ken Luttrell	R	Ponca City
38	*Garfield, Grant, *Kay, *Logan, *Noble	John Pfeiffer	R	Orlando
39	*Oklahoma	Ryan Martinez	R	Edmond
40	*Garfield	Chad Caldwell	R	Enid
41	*Canadian, *Kingfisher, *Logan, *Oklahoma	Denise Crosswhite Hader	R	Piedmont
42	*Cleveland, *Garvin, *McClain	Cynthia Roe	R	Lindsay
43	*Canadian	Jay Steagall	R	Yukon
44	*Cleveland	Jared Deck	D	Norman
45	*Cleveland	Annie Menz	D	Norman
46	*Cleveland	Jacob Rosecrants	D	Norman
47	*Canadian	Brian Hill	R	Mustang
48	*Carter, *Garvin, *Murray	Tammy Townley	R	Ardmore
49	*Carter, Love, *Marshall	Josh Cantrell	R	Kingston
50	Jefferson, *Stephens	Marcus McEntire	R	Duncan
51	*Grady, *Stephens	Brad Boles	R	Marlow
52	Greer, Harmon, Jackson, * Kiowa	Gerrid Kendrix	R	Altus

53	*Cleveland	Mark McBride	R	Moore
54	*Cleveland, *Oklahoma	Kevin West	R	Moore
55	*Beckham, *Blaine, *Caddo, *Canadian, Washita	Nick Archer	R	Elk City
56	*Caddo, *Canadian, *Grady	Dick Lowe	R	Amber
57	*Beckham, Custer, Roger Mills	Anthony Moore	R	Clinton
58	Alfalfa, *Garfield, Major, Woods, *Woodward	Carl Newton	R	Cherokee
59	*Blaine, Dewey, *Garfield, *Kingfisher, *Woodward	Mike Dobrinski	R	Okeene
60	*Canadian	Rhonda Baker	R	Yukon
61	Beaver, Cimarron, Ellis Harper, Texas, *Woodward	Kenton Patzkowsky	R	Balko
62	*Comanche	Daniel Pae	R	Lawton
63	*Comanche, Cotton, *Kiowa, Tillman	Trey Caldwell	R	Lawton
64	*Comanche	Rande Worthen	R	Lawton
65	*Caddo, *Comanche	Toni Hasenbeck	R	Elgin
66	*Osage, *Tulsa	Clay Staires	R	Skiatook
67	*Tulsa	Jeff Boatman	R	Tulsa
68	*Creek, *Tulsa	Lonnie Sims	R	Jenks
69	*Tulsa	Mark Tedford	R	Tulsa
70	*Tulsa	Suzanne Schreiber	D	Tulsa
71	*Tulsa	Amanda Swope	D	Tulsa
72	*Tulsa	Monroe Nichols	D	Tulsa
73	*Osage, *Tulsa	Regina Goodwin	D	Tulsa
74	*Rogers, *Tulsa	Mark Vancuren	R	Owasso
75	*Tulsa	T. J. Marti	R	Tulsa
76	*Tulsa	Ross Ford	R	Broken Arrow
77	*Tulsa	John Waldron	D	Tulsa
78	*Tulsa	Meloyde Blancett	D	Tulsa
79	*Tulsa	Melissa Provenzano	D	Tulsa
80	*Tulsa	Stan May	R	Broken Arrow
81	*Oklahoma	Mike Osburn	R	Edmond
82	*Oklahoma	Nicole Miller	R	Edmond
83	*Oklahoma	Eric Roberts	R	Oklahoma City
84	*Oklahoma	Tammy West	R	Oklahoma City
85	*Oklahoma	Cyndi Munson	D	Oklahoma City
86	Adair, *Cherokee, *Delaware, *Mayes	David Hardin	R	Stilwell
87	*Oklahoma	Ellyn Hefner	D	Oklahoma City
88	*Oklahoma	Mauree Turner	D	Oklahoma City
89	*Oklahoma	Arturo Alonso-Sandoval	D	Oklahoma City
90	*Cleveland, *Oklahoma	Jon Echols	R	Oklahoma City
91	*Cleveland	Chris Kannady	R	Oklahoma City
92	*Oklahoma	Forrest Bennett	D	Oklahoma City

93	*Oklahoma	Mickey Dollens	D	Oklahoma City
94	*Oklahoma	Andy Fugate	D	Oklahoma City
95	*Cleveland, *Oklahoma	Max Wolfley	R	Oklahoma City
96	*Oklahoma	Preston Stinson	R	Edmond
97	*Oklahoma	Jason Lowe	D	Oklahoma City
98	*Tulsa, *Wagoner	Dean F. Davis	R	Broken Arrow
99	*Oklahoma	Ajay Pittman	D	Oklahoma City
100	*Oklahoma	Marilyn M. Stark	R	Bethany
101	*Oklahoma	Robert Manger	R	Oklahoma City

*County divided into two or more State House of Representatives districts.

OATH OF OFFICE

The official Oath of Office, as required by Article XV, Sections 1 and 2, Oklahoma Constitution, was administered in the House Chamber on November 16, 2022, to 94 newly elected members named above by Supreme Court Chief Justice Richard Darby and on November 22, 2022, to Representatives Banning, Bennett, Blancett, Burns, McBride, Rosecrants and Strom by Supreme Court Chief Justice Richard Darby.

Representative-elect May ordered the roll called of the newly elected Members of the House of Representatives, which resulted as follows:

Present: Alonso-Sandoval, Archer, Baker, Banning, Bashore, Bennett, Blancett, Boatman, Boles, Burns, Caldwell (Chad), Caldwell (Trey), Cantrell, Conley, Cornwell, Crosswhite Hader, Culver, Davis, Deck, Dempsey, Dobrinski, Dollens, Duel, Echols, Ford, Fugate, Gann, George, Goodwin, Grego, Hardin, Hasenbeck, Hays, Hefner, Hilbert, Hill, Humphrey, Johns, Kane, Kannady, Kendrix, Kerbs, Lawson, Lowe (Dick), Lowe (Jason), Luttrell, Manger, Marti, Martinez, May, Maynard, McBride, McCall, McDugle, McEntire, Menz, Miller, Moore, Munson, Newton, Nichols, O'Donnell, Olsen, Osburn, Pae, Patzkowsky, Pfeiffer, Pittman, Provenzano, Randleman, Ranson, Roberts, Roe, Rosecrants, Schreiber, Sims, Sneed, Staires, Stark, Steagall, Sterling, Stinson, Strom, Swope, Talley, Tedford, Townley, Vancuren, Waldron, Wallace, West (Josh), West (Kevin), West (Rick), West (Tammy), Williams, Wolfley, Worthen.--97.

Excused: Fetgatter, Lepak, Smith, Turner.--4.

Representative-elect May declared a quorum present and the House of Representatives of the Fifty-ninth Legislature duly assembled.

QUALIFICATION OF HOUSE MEMBERSHIP

Representative-elect Echols moved that whereas the Members-elect of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-ninth Oklahoma Legislature have examined said list and are acquainted with the election returns and qualifications of the persons named therein and find that all said persons have been duly elected to the House of Representatives of the Fifty-ninth Legislature, and therefore, that the persons named in said list be declared duly elected, qualified and seated as Members of the House of Representatives for the Fifty-ninth Oklahoma Legislature, having taken their Oaths of Office and said Oaths having been filed in the Office of the Secretary of State.

The roll was ordered called on the Echols motion and resulted as follows:

Aye: Alonso-Sandoval, Archer, Baker, Banning, Bashore, Bennett, Blancett, Boatman, Boles, Burns, Caldwell (Chad), Caldwell (Trey), Cantrell, Conley, Cornwell, Crosswhite, Hader, Culver, Davis, Deck, Dempsey, Dobrinski, Dollens, Duel, Echols, Ford, Fugate, Gann, George, Goodwin, Hardin, Hasenbeck, Hays, Hefner, Hilbert, Hill, Johns, Kane, Kannady, Kendrix, Kerbs, Lawson, Lowe (Dick), Luttrell, Manger, Marti, Martinez, May, Maynard, McBride, McCall, McDugle, McEntire, Menz, Miller, Moore, Munson, Newton, Nichols, O'Donnell, Olsen, Osburn, Pae, Patzkowsky, Pfeiffer, Provenzano, Randleman, Ranson, Roberts, Roe, Rosecrants, Schreiber, Sims, Sneed, Staires, Stark, Steagall, Sterling, Stinson, Strom, Swope, Talley, Tedford, Townley, Vancuren, Waldron, Wallace, West (Josh), West (Kevin), West (Rick), West (Tammy), Williams, Wolfley, Worthen.--93.

Excused: Fetgatter, Grego, Humphrey, Lepak, Lowe (Jason), Pittman, Smith, Turner.--8.

Representative May declared the motion adopted having received a majority vote of those elected to and constituting the House of Representatives.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

Representative May announced that nominations for the Speaker of the House of Representatives were in order.

Representative Echols nominated Representative McCall for Speaker of the House, which motion was seconded by Representative Baker.

Representative Dollens nominated Representative Munson for Speaker of the House, which motion was seconded by Representative Blancett.

Representative McBride moved that nominations for Speaker cease, which motion was declared adopted.

Representative May put the question: "Shall the Honorable Charles A. McCall or the Honorable Cyndi Munson be elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the Fifty-ninth Oklahoma Legislature?"

The roll was ordered called and resulted as follows:

McCall: Archer, Baker, Banning, Bashore, Boatman, Boles, Burns, Caldwell (Chad), Caldwell (Trey), Cantrell, Conley, Cornwell, Crosswhite Hader, Culver, Davis, Dempsey, Dobrinski, Duel, Echols, Ford, Gann, George, Grego, Hardin, Hasenbeck, Hays, Hilbert, Hill, Johns, Kane, Kannady, Kendrix, Kerbs, Lawson, Lowe (Dick), Luttrell, Manger, Marti, Martinez, May, Maynard, McBride, McCall, McDugle, McEntire, Miller, Moore, Newton, O'Donnell, Olsen, Osburn, Pae, Patzkowsky, Pfeiffer, Randleman, Roberts, Roe, Sims, Sneed, Staires, Stark, Steagall, Sterling, Stinson, Strom, Talley, Tedford, Townley, Vancuren, Wallace, West (Josh), West (Kevin), West (Rick), West (Tammy), Williams, Wolfley, Worthen. –77.

Munson: Alonso-Sandoval, Bennett, Blancett, Deck, Dollens, Fugate, Goodwin, Hefner, Menz, Munson, Nichols, Provenzano, Ranson, Rosecrants, Schreiber, Swope, Waldron. – 17.

Excused: Fetgatter, Humphrey, Lepak, Lowe (Jason), Pittman, Smith, Turner. – 7.

Representative May declared Representative McCall elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the Fifty-ninth Oklahoma Legislature and appointed Representatives McDugle, Newton, Caldwell (Trey), Olsen, Townley, Culver and Kane to escort Speaker-elect McCall to the rostrum where Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice M. John Kane administered the Oath of Office as Speaker.

The Speaker addressed the House.

Upon unanimous consent request of Representative Pfeiffer the remarks of Speaker McCall were ordered printed in full as follows:

Members, staff and gathered guests, I want to thank you for being here on the constitutionally mandated organizational day of the 59th Oklahoma Legislature. Thank you to the people of House District 22 for this sixth and final term in office. Thank you members for continuing to put your trust in me to lead as Speaker of the House for a fourth term. I want to thank my family for their support throughout this journey. Every House member is only as effective as the support system they have around them, and mine have been the best. First, thank you to my wife, Stephanie, who has been with me along every step of this journey. She is the firm foundation of our family, the toughest person I know, and makes my service to this body, and the people, possible. I'm thankful that my sons Chase and Carson are both here. Chase just finished his undergraduate degree and is starting his masters this year at the University of Oklahoma, and Carson is in his second year at the University of Oklahoma. To our members who are partial to Oklahoma State University, a member of the McCall family is signing tomorrow to play football there next year! Most importantly, I thank God for the favor that he has granted to me and my family. I am not perfect, but by His grace I've been able to use the abilities that He has given me to help our fellow Oklahomans.

As I enter my fourth term as Speaker, I'm reminded not of personal accolades or titles, but of our shared success and the work we still have to accomplish on behalf of the citizens of our state. Where we have come as a body in these last few years in terms of civility and

dignity for the institution we serve in, and respect for each other, is not only something to be proud of, but an accomplishment many of our predecessors who served during more volatile times may have never predicted.

In fact, my predecessor told me that the only thing I needed to know when first elected to this body 10 years ago, was that the Senate was like a retirement home and the House was like a trailer park.

While I won't comment on any personal growth the Senate might have gone through over the past few years, I'm proud of the work we have done together to change the image and culture of the House in the minds of those inside the Capitol and our fellow Oklahomans across the state. It's been quite a while since a member of the House has stormed the dais, broken a microphone over their desk, or rudely interrupted one of the Speaker's press conferences, and it is my hope that we will continue to avoid these particular unfortunate circumstances during this session and beyond.

It takes everyone making an effort to maintain an environment of civility. Let us continue to set a high standard for ourselves and this institution knowing that we are all imperfect and we will have bad days from time to time. Do we still have disagreements? Absolutely. But I'm proud of the fact that we comport ourselves in a manner that is worthy of our offices and worthy of the Oklahomans who have elected us to serve. Margaret Thatcher, when asked about being elected to her third term as Prime Minister, said, "There is so much work to do, and one is constantly thinking of getting on into the future, and the fascinating thing to me is that the longer you are here and the more mature in experience you become, the more and more and more you think about the future."

Those of us entering our final years in the House know how true that statement is. If there is one thing that I've learned during my time in the people's House, it is that the work is never done, and we need to be focused on laying a strong foundation for the future of our state.

Tax reform that lowers taxes for the people and businesses of Oklahoma, and finding a more simple, transparent tax structure for our state are conversations that we need to continue having this session. Oklahoma House Republicans have passed multiple plans to address tax reform over the past two regular sessions, and a special session, and we once again need to discuss ways to let Oklahomans keep more of their hard earned money. Tax cuts must continue. Other states are reducing taxes also. Staying competitive to sustain our economy is the best way to grow the state revenues for core government.

We must continue to invest in not only the jobs of the present, but the jobs of the future. Moving forward, the House is looking to build upon previously enacted legislation that created a STEM Workforce Pipeline Program, as we try to prepare Oklahoma's workforce for the jobs of the future. Common ed, higher ed and career tech can all work together to accomplish these shared goals.

As we have found out, companies looking to invest in our state want to know we have the workforce they need to fill the jobs they are bringing in before they commit the resources to build in Oklahoma. If we want to grow as a state, we need increased workforce readiness, and this House needs to work towards making that happen.

As federal bureaucracy looks to increase regulations in every sector, in Oklahoma the Legislature is looking at ways to decrease state regulations to offset the burden. Government should not be the roadblock to progress, and under Republican leadership we are making sure companies looking to invest in Oklahoma know that we are Open For Business.

Federal regulations aren't the only ones hurting everyday Oklahomans though. In Oklahoma, if you get behind on your taxes, you will lose your professional license. So essentially, you get punished two times over, because you can't work in your profession to dig yourself out of the hole. I was recently approached by a person who works as a front desk receptionist. He is trained, experienced and licensed as a nurse, but because he fell behind on his tax payments, he's prohibited from renewing his license. This isn't right. There are practical things we can do to let people stay productive while working to pay back taxes. We shouldn't punish people for trying to correct their mistakes and make their lives better.

This is just one of many barriers to workforce that we need to breakdown to support our citizens and create a more positive work environment in our state. Knowing that a good education is the key to future success, the House must continue to lead the way in providing record levels of classroom funding to our schools. Over the past few years we have increased teacher pay, enabled open transfer, created new funding sources for our schools and supported common sense education reforms that benefit both students and parents. We must continue to ensure that every student can achieve good educational outcomes, that every teacher has the resources needed to effectively teach our students and that the rights of parents to be involved in their child's educational journey are protected.

The House should continue to insist that education policy work well in all parts of Oklahoma. We must keep up the fight to protect the individual freedom and liberty of every Oklahoman. Every day, we read about a new federal policy that may infringe on the rights of Americans, but here in Oklahoma we must push back and defend the sovereignty of our state and the rights of our citizens.

The House has led this effort by providing funding to the Attorney General's office to pushback against unconstitutional federal orders. We will always stand with the citizens of Oklahoma against federal government encroachment. Our constituents have sent us here to work on their behalf. This is, at times, both a tremendous honor, and a tremendous burden.

As a body, we have worked together to get our state out of dire circumstances in the past. Revenue shortfalls, a once in a generation pandemic, a winter storm the likes of which hasn't been seen for one hundred years and other circumstances have tested our resolve, but the House has always risen to the challenge and answered the call.

Not long ago, our state's resources were totally depleted, and we now have record amounts of state reserves due to fiscal discipline and strong leadership from the members of this body. From teacher pay to agency accountability, from federal overreach to the expansion of broadband, from tax cuts to addressing workforce issues, the House continues to lead the way as the body of government closest to the people of Oklahoma.

Beyond this chamber, we look forward to working with our colleagues in the Senate, and Governor Stitt to continue achieving meaningful outcomes for the people of Oklahoma. Returning members, be proud of what you've done during your time here. New members, understand that you have a great foundation to continue building upon.

We all must remember who we serve, the people of Oklahoma, and serve them well.

Thank you once again for bestowing upon me the honor to serve as your Speaker of the House. God bless Oklahoma and God bless its citizens, now let's get to work!

Speaker McCall Presiding**ELECTION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

Speaker McCall announced that nominations for Speaker Pro Tempore were in order.

Representative West (Josh) nominated Representative Hilbert for Speaker Pro Tempore of the House, which motion was seconded by Representative Boatman.

Representative Ranson nominated Representative Provenzano for Speaker Pro Tempore of the House, which motion was seconded by Representative Fugate.

Representative McBride moved that nominations for Speaker Pro Tempore cease, which motion was declared adopted.

Speaker McCall put the question: "Shall the Honorable Kyle Hilbert or the Honorable Melissa Provenzano be elected Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives for the Fifty-ninth Legislature?"

The roll was ordered called and resulted as follows:

Hilbert: Archer, Baker, Banning, Bashore, Boatman, Boles, Burns, Caldwell (Chad), Caldwell (Trey), Cantrell, Conley, Cornwell, Crosswhite Hader, Culver, Davis, Dempsey, Dobrinski, Duel, Echols, Ford, Gann, George, Grego, Hardin, Hasenbeck, Hays, Hilbert, Hill, Johns, Kane, Kannady, Kendrix, Kerbs, Lawson, Lowe (Dick), Luttrell, Manger, Marti, Martinez, May, Maynard, McBride, McDugle, McEntire, Miller, Moore, Newton, O'Donnell, Olsen, Osburn, Pae, Patzkowsky, Pfeiffer, Randleman, Roberts, Roe, Sims, Sneed, Staires, Stark, Steagall, Sterling, Stinson, Strom, Talley, Tedford, Townley, Vancuren, Wallace, West (Josh), West (Kevin), West (Rick), West (Tammy), Williams, Wolfley, Worthen, Mr. Speaker. –77.

Provenzano: Alonso-Sandoval, Bennett, Blancett, Deck, Dollens, Fugate, Goodwin, Hefner, Menz, Munson, Nichols, Pittman, Provenzano, Ranson, Rosecrants, Schreiber, Swope, Waldron. – 18.

Excused: Fetgatter, Humphrey, Lepak, Lowe (Jason), Smith, Turner. – 6.

Speaker McCall declared Representative Hilbert elected Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives for the Fifty-ninth Oklahoma Legislature and appointed Representatives Caldwell (Trey), Roe, Hasenbeck, Archer, Moore, Sims and McEntire to escort Speaker Pro Tempore-elect Hilbert to the rostrum where he was administered the Oath of Office as Speaker Pro Tempore by Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice M. John Kane.

Speaker Pro Tempore Hilbert addressed the House.

Upon unanimous consent request of Representative Pfeiffer the remarks of Speaker Pro Tempore Hilbert were ordered printed in full as follows:

Thank you Leader West and Chairman Boatman. Leader West – been through it all in our 6 years together. From the songs of the 56th and every session since to the many evenings at Woodland Hills solving all of the state's problems. Love you brother. Chairman Boatman, you're one of the most talented and intelligent people in this building – the state is a better place thanks to your service and I am a better person thanks to your friendship.

First off, I want to thank each and every one of you that has called, texted and most importantly, prayed for my little girl. Addison, can you wave to everybody? That cast from her armpits to her toes has not been fun for a three year old, but thankfully there are only 17 days left for her in that thing. The good news of a cast that size is she does carry a Sharpie around with her at all times and if you go say hello to her, she will ask you to sign it! Also appreciate my in-laws up there – Jerry, Beth, Vanessa and Erica for making the trip today to be here for us and to help wrangle the little ones. Love you guys. My parents are out of the state today, but I know they're watching and I appreciate them so much for all of their support from the very beginning of this crazy journey.

I want to especially thank my wife Alexis. I know we always say this about our spouses as elected officials (and freshmen, if you're married please don't forget about your spouse when you're making a speech) but I truly mean it. Being married to an elected official is never an easy task, but in our first year of marriage you moved all the way from one end of Congressman Lucas' district to the other to a town where you knew nobody, but everybody knew you since you were married to the local State Rep. And I know this last year has been especially challenging as we added Dorothy to our family and I spent countless hours on the road looking at ARPA projects of all shapes and sizes. Couldn't do this without you and I love you.

Now for my last thank you – thank you to the members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives for re-electing me to serve as your Speaker Pro Tem. It has been quite a year and truly an honor. About a month into this, probably last March, I was in Speaker McCall's office with him and Chairman Wallace. McCall kindly asked, "Kyle, how is the transition going for you in your new roll?" To which I told him, honestly the transition has been pretty easy. You see, for the past three years I have been able to take credit for all of the good things in the budget while blaming Wallace for the bad, and this isn't too different except now I'm blaming you instead of him. He laughed because he thought I was joking.

As I did while serving as Chairman Wallace's Vice Chair, I have done my absolute best to use this role to help improve the entire state for all 101 districts across Oklahoma. For any of you that have been in my office during the previous session or two special sessions, you're familiar with the map I have had hanging up of all 101 districts. This has been the constant reminder of the focus on enacting policy that's good for the entire state of Oklahoma. Not just spreading ARPA dollars around to every district willy nilly, but strategically investing and doing so all across the great state of Oklahoma. I'm proud of the work we have done on allocating those dollars so far, but I'll be the first to admit that in hindsight, there are certainly things that could have been improved. As General Grant once said, "My failures have been errors in judgment, not intent." My intent will always be to use my position to help each of you make rural, suburban, urban and all of Oklahoma better tomorrow than it was yesterday.

Speaking of shortcomings, if there is ever something I should be doing to do my job better or a shortfall of any on House leadership – come talk to me. As the Bible says in Proverbs 12:15 "The way of the fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice." We can and should always be striving for "better".

I am proud to be an Oklahoman raised in Depew, Oklahoma – population 500. For each of us in this room, whether you're born and raised here or you moved here, you have chosen to be in Oklahoma. There's nowhere I would rather raise our family and I firmly believe this is the greatest state in the nation to do so. But our state is not without its challenges. Take a moment and look around. Here in this room, we are bestowed with the awesome responsibility of debating complex topics. It has happened in this room for over a hundred years (except for that one time last fall that we debated downstairs.) At times, they are going to get heated because we all believe passionately for the people in our districts. Take education for an example. If I asked all 100 of you if you wanted better educational outcomes for the kids in your district, I'd expect 100 out of 100 would say yes. But we also know that how we get to better outcomes is going to have a wide variety of opinions. This isn't DC and thank goodness it isn't Congress. We have to work together and live together here in this state. We can disagree without being disagreeable and must find where we agree, lean in, and move the needle on hard topics.

Love them or hate them, thanks to term limits, there will come a day for all of us leaving this building where we will no longer be in office and thus living with the consequences of the decisions we made while we were. Look on your desk and you have a green button and a red button. At the end of the day, that's what most things boil down to in this beautiful Capitol building. A red or green decision on issues that oftentimes have much gray. For each of us we must make the best decision we can with the information we have at the time. People will be angry at you, people will be happy with you. This job can be one of the coolest jobs in the world but it can also at times be one of the worst. However, in those challenging moments, I encourage you to press on and think of these words from President John Adams to his son, "Public business, my son, must always be done by somebody or other. If wise men decline it, others will not; if honest men refuse it, others will not."

Thank you for serving. Thank you for being here. Stick with it. We need you.

MOTION

Representative Echols moved that the Honorable Senate be notified by message that the House of Representatives is organized and ready to convene in Joint Session.

JOINT SESSION

The First Joint Session of the First Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Oklahoma Legislature assembled in the House Chamber on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, and was called to order by President Pinnell.

Senator McCortney moved that the attendance roll call of the Senate be considered the attendance roll call of the Senate in Joint Session, which was the order.

Representative Echols moved that the attendance roll call of the House be considered the attendance roll call of the House in Joint Session, which was the order.

President Pinnell declared quorums of the Senate and House present and the Joint Session duly assembled.

Invocation was given by Pastor Joel Harder, House Chaplain.

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 5, Oklahoma Constitution, President Pinnell announced the canvassing of the returns of the General Election held on November 8, 2022, as certified to the House of Representatives and transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives by Secretary of the State Election Board Paul Ziriaux and transmitted to the House of Representatives by Secretary of State Brian Bingman.

Senator McCortney 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.

President Pinnell declared elected to the respective offices listed below the candidates whose names are shown:

December 6, 2022

The Honorable Charles McCall, Speaker
Oklahoma State House of Representatives
State Capitol Building, Room 401
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, 2022, 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

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State of Oklahoma

Official Returns

General Election - Nov 08, 2022

UNITED STATES SENATOR (UNEXPIRED TERM)

Robert Murphy	Libertarian	Norman	17,386
Markwayne Mullin	Republican	Westville	710,643
Kendra Horn	Democrat	Oklahoma City	405,389
Ray Woods	Independent	Cleo Springs	17,063

UNITED STATES SENATOR

Kenneth D. Blevins	Libertarian	Sand Springs	20,495
James Lankford	Republican	Edmond	739,960
Madison Horn	Democrat	Oklahoma City	369,370
Michael L. Delaney	Independent	Norman	20,907

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

DISTRICT 01

Kevin Hern	Republican	Tulsa	142,800
Adam Martin	Democrat	Tulsa	80,974
Evelyn L. Rogers	Independent	Tulsa	9,721

DISTRICT 02

Josh Brecheen	Republican	Coalgate	167,843
Naomi Andrews	Democrat	Tulsa	54,194
Bulldog Ben Robinson	Independent	Muskogee	9,635

DISTRICT 03

Frank D. Lucas	Republican	Cheyenne	147,418
Jeremiah A. Ross	Democrat	Bristow	50,354

DISTRICT 04

Tom Cole	Republican	Moore	149,879
Mary Brannon	Democrat	Washington	74,667

DISTRICT 05

Stephanie Bice	Republican	Edmond	152,699
Joshua Harris-Till	Democrat	Oklahoma City	96,799
David K. Frosch	Independent	Oklahoma City	9,328

GOVERNOR

Natalie Bruno	Libertarian	Edmond	16,243
Kevin Stitt	Republican	Oklahoma City	639,484
Joy Hofmeister	Democrat	Tulsa	481,904
Ervin Stone Yen	Independent	Nichols Hills	15,653

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Chris Powell	Libertarian	Bethany	47,226
Matt Pinnell	Republican	Tulsa	744,003
Melinda L. Alizadeh-Fard	Democrat	Edmond	355,763

DISTRICT 5, OFFICE 3			
Neil West	Nonpartisan	Lawton	17,223
Jay Walker	Nonpartisan	Lawton	18,727
DISTRICT 5, OFFICE 4			
Scott Meaders	Nonpartisan	Lawton	23,387
Brad Cox	Nonpartisan	Lawton	12,067
DISTRICT 5, OFFICE 5			
Grant D. Sheperd	Nonpartisan	Lawton	Unopposed
DISTRICT 6, OFFICE 1			
Kory Kirkland	Nonpartisan	Chickasha	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 1			
Aletia Haynes Timmons	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 2			
Kaitlyn Allen	Nonpartisan	Edmond	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 3			
Amy Palumbo	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 4			
Kenneth M. Stoner	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 5			
Natalie Mai	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 6			
C. Brent Dishman	Nonpartisan	Edmond	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 7			
Cindy H. Truong	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 8			
Heather Coyle	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 9			
Anthony L. Bonner Jr.	Nonpartisan	Midwest City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 10			
Susan Stallings	Nonpartisan	Edmond	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 11			
Richard C. Ogden	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 12			
Sheila D. Stinson	Nonpartisan	Edmond	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 13			
K. Nikki Kirkpatrick	Nonpartisan	Edmond	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 14			
Kathryn Ruth Savage	Nonpartisan	Arcadia	119,719
James Siderias	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	64,414
DISTRICT 7, OFFICE 15			
Don Andrews	Nonpartisan	The Village	Unopposed
DISTRICT 8, OFFICE 1			
Lee Turner	Nonpartisan	Ponca City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 9, OFFICE 1			
Phillip Corley	Nonpartisan	Stillwater	Unopposed
DISTRICT 10, OFFICE 1			
Stuart L. Tate	Nonpartisan	Fairfax	Unopposed

DISTRICT 11, OFFICE 1 Linda S. Thomas	Nonpartisan	Bartlesville	Unopposed
DISTRICT 12, OFFICE 1 Shawn Taylor	Nonpartisan	Adair	Unopposed
DISTRICT 12, OFFICE 2 Lara Russell	Nonpartisan	Inola	Unopposed
DISTRICT 12, OFFICE 3 Stephen R. Pazzo Jr.	Nonpartisan	Claremore	Unopposed
DISTRICT 13, OFFICE 1 Jennifer McAffrey	Nonpartisan	Quapaw	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 1 Caroline Wall	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 2 Sharon K. Holmes	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 3 Tracy Priddy	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 4 Daman Cantrell	Nonpartisan	Owasso	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 5 Michelle Lee Bodine-Keely	Nonpartisan	Cleveland	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 6 Kelly Morgan Greenough	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 7 Bill LaFortune	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 8 Doug Drummond	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 9 Jim Huber	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 10 Dawn Moody	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 11 Rebecca Nightingale	Nonpartisan	RESTRICTED	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 12 Kevin Gray	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	85,690
Tanya N. Wilson	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	84,108
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 13 David A. Guten	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14, OFFICE 14 Kurt Glassco	Nonpartisan	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 15, OFFICE 1 Tim King	Nonpartisan	Muskogee	Unopposed
DISTRICT 15, OFFICE 2 Douglas Kirkley	Nonpartisan	Coweta	Unopposed
DISTRICT 15, OFFICE 3 Jeff Payton	Nonpartisan	Stillwell	Unopposed
DISTRICT 15, OFFICE 4 Bret A. Smith	Nonpartisan	Council Hill	Unopposed

DISTRICT 16, OFFICE 1 Jonathan K. Sullivan	Nonpartisan	Poteau	Unopposed
DISTRICT 17, OFFICE 1 Emily Maxwell Herron	Nonpartisan	Idabel	10,327
Johnny S. Loard	Nonpartisan	Idabel	3,715
DISTRICT 18, OFFICE 1 Michael Hogan	Nonpartisan	McAlester	Unopposed
DISTRICT 19, OFFICE 1 Mark R. Campbell	Nonpartisan	Durant	Unopposed
DISTRICT 20, OFFICE 1 Dennis Morris	Nonpartisan	Ardmore	Unopposed
DISTRICT 20, OFFICE 2 Wallace Coppedge	Nonpartisan	Tishomingo	Unopposed
DISTRICT 21, OFFICE 1 Michael David Tupper	Nonpartisan	Norman	59,807
Patrick Crowe	Nonpartisan	Norman	37,122
DISTRICT 21, OFFICE 2 Leah Edwards	Nonpartisan	Lindsay	Unopposed
DISTRICT 21, OFFICE 3 Thad Balkman	Nonpartisan	Norman	Unopposed
DISTRICT 21, OFFICE 4 Lori M. Walkley	Nonpartisan	Norman	Unopposed
DISTRICT 21, OFFICE 5 Jeff Virgin	Nonpartisan	Norman	Unopposed
DISTRICT 22, OFFICE 1 Timothy L. Olsen	Nonpartisan	Seminole	Unopposed
DISTRICT 22, OFFICE 2 Steve Kessinger	Nonpartisan	Ada	Unopposed
DISTRICT 23, OFFICE 1 Traci L. Soderstrom	Nonpartisan	Chandler	15,909
Joe Dobry	Nonpartisan	Chandler	12,407
DISTRICT 23, OFFICE 2 John G. Canavan Jr.	Nonpartisan	Shawnee	Unopposed
DISTRICT 24, OFFICE 1 Douglas W. Golden	Nonpartisan	Sapulpa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 24, OFFICE 2 Lawrence W. Parish	Nonpartisan	Okemah	Unopposed
DISTRICT 24, OFFICE 3 Pandee Ramirez	Nonpartisan	Okmulgee	Unopposed
DISTRICT 24, OFFICE 4 Kelly Hake	Nonpartisan	Bristow	Unopposed
DISTRICT 25, OFFICE 1 D. Clay Mowdy	Nonpartisan	Coalgate	Unopposed
DISTRICT 26, OFFICE 1 Paul Hesse	Nonpartisan	Mustang	Unopposed
DISTRICT 26, OFFICE 2 Khristan Strubhar	Nonpartisan	Piedmont	Unopposed

ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE

ADAIR COUNTY			
Liz Brown	Nonpartisan	Stilwell	Unopposed
ALFALFA COUNTY			
Loren E. Angle	Nonpartisan	Burlington	Unopposed
ATOKA COUNTY			
Preston Harbuck	Nonpartisan	Atoka	Unopposed
BEAVER COUNTY			
Abby M. Cash	Nonpartisan	Beaver	1,121
Ryan D. Reddick	Nonpartisan	Beaver	488
BECKHAM COUNTY			
Michelle Kirby Roper	Nonpartisan	Elk City	Unopposed
BLAINE COUNTY			
Allison Lafferty	Nonpartisan	Watonga	1,629
Jenna Brown	Nonpartisan	Watonga	1,171
BRYAN COUNTY			
Abby C. Rogers	Nonpartisan	Durant	Unopposed
CADDO COUNTY			
Wyatt Hill	Nonpartisan	Fort Cobb	Unopposed
CANADIAN COUNTY			
Rachel Bussett	Nonpartisan	Piedmont	19,930
Bob Hughey	Nonpartisan	El Reno	25,168
CARTER COUNTY			
Ryan G. Hunnicutt	Nonpartisan	Ardmore	7,957
Thomas K. Baldwin	Nonpartisan	Ardmore	4,445
CHEROKEE COUNTY			
Josh King	Nonpartisan	Hulbert	Unopposed
CHOCTAW COUNTY			
Bill Baze	Nonpartisan	Hugo	Unopposed
CIMARRON COUNTY			
Christine M. Larson	Nonpartisan	Boise City	Unopposed
CLEVELAND COUNTY			
Bethany Stanley	Nonpartisan	Moore	Unopposed
COAL COUNTY			
Joe Trail	Nonpartisan	Coalgate	Unopposed
COMANCHE COUNTY			
Lisa Shaw	Nonpartisan	Lawton	Unopposed
COTTON COUNTY			
Michael C. Flanagan	Nonpartisan	Walters	Unopposed
CRAIG COUNTY			
Joseph M. Gardner	Nonpartisan	Vinita	Unopposed
CREEK COUNTY			
Laura Farris	Nonpartisan	Bristow	Unopposed
CUSTER COUNTY			
Donna L. Dirickson	Nonpartisan	Weatherford	Unopposed
DELAWARE COUNTY			
David Crutchfield	Nonpartisan	Afton	Unopposed

DEWEY COUNTY			
Celo J. Harrel	Nonpartisan	Leedey	Unopposed
ELLIS COUNTY			
Laurie E. Hays	Nonpartisan	Arnett	Unopposed
GARFIELD COUNTY			
Brian N. Lovell	Nonpartisan	Waukomis	Unopposed
GARVIN COUNTY			
Laura McClain	Nonpartisan	Pauls Valley	5,292
Steve Kendall	Nonpartisan	Pauls Valley	2,373
GRADY COUNTY			
Z. Joseph Young	Nonpartisan	Chickasha	Unopposed
GRANT COUNTY			
Jeff Crites	Nonpartisan	Nash	Unopposed
GREER COUNTY			
Eric Yarborough	Nonpartisan	Mangum	Unopposed
HARMON COUNTY			
Winford Mike Warren	Nonpartisan	Hollis	Unopposed
HARPER COUNTY			
Aric A. Alley	Nonpartisan	Buffalo	Unopposed
HASKELL COUNTY			
Brian Henderson	Nonpartisan	Stigler	Unopposed
HUGHES COUNTY			
Trisha D. Smith	Nonpartisan	Holdenville	Unopposed
JACKSON COUNTY			
Rafe Hall	Nonpartisan	Duke	Unopposed
JEFFERSON COUNTY			
Dennis L. Gay	Nonpartisan	Hastings	Unopposed
JOHNSTON COUNTY			
Laura J. Corbin	Nonpartisan	Coleman	Unopposed
KAY COUNTY			
David Bandy	Nonpartisan	Ponca City	Unopposed
KINGFISHER COUNTY			
Lance E. Schneiter	Nonpartisan	Okarche	Unopposed
KIOWA COUNTY			
Ricky A. Marsh	Nonpartisan	Hobart	Unopposed
LATIMER COUNTY			
Janice Kay Skimbo	Nonpartisan	Wilburton	1,351
Meg Nicholson	Nonpartisan	Red Oak	1,567
LeFLORE COUNTY			
Marion D. Fry	Nonpartisan	Poteau	Unopposed
LINCOLN COUNTY			
Sheila Gatlin Kirk	Nonpartisan	Meeker	Unopposed
LOGAN COUNTY			
Luke Duel	Nonpartisan	Guthrie	Unopposed
LOVE COUNTY			
Todd Hicks	Nonpartisan	Overbrook	Unopposed

McCLAIN COUNTY			
William Deveraux Jr.	Nonpartisan	Purcell	4,266
Charles N. Gray	Nonpartisan	Purcell	8,896
McCURTAIN COUNTY			
Tim T. Ragland	Nonpartisan	Idabel	Unopposed
McINTOSH COUNTY			
Brendon Bridges	Nonpartisan	Eufaula	Unopposed
MAJOR COUNTY			
Timothy Dean Haworth	Nonpartisan	Fairview	Unopposed
MARSHALL COUNTY			
Gregory Johnson	Nonpartisan	Kingston	Unopposed
MAYES COUNTY			
Rebecca J. Gore	Nonpartisan	Pryor	Unopposed
MURRAY COUNTY			
Aaron S. Duck	Nonpartisan	Sulphur	Unopposed
MUSKOGEE COUNTY			
Chad Locke	Nonpartisan	Muskogee	6,993
Orvil Loge	Nonpartisan	Muskogee	9,359
NOBLE COUNTY			
Nikki G. Leach	Nonpartisan	Perry	Unopposed
NOWATA COUNTY			
Carl G. Gibson	Nonpartisan	Nowata	Unopposed
OKFUSKEE COUNTY			
Maxey Reilly	Nonpartisan	Okemah	Unopposed
OKLAHOMA COUNTY			
Angela Singleton	Nonpartisan	Edmond	109,236
Richard W. Kirby	Nonpartisan	Oklahoma City	76,693
OKMULGEE COUNTY			
Cynthia D. Pickering	Nonpartisan	Okmulgee	Unopposed
OSAGE COUNTY			
Burl Oscar Estes II	Nonpartisan	Pawhuska	Unopposed
OTTAWA COUNTY			
R. Matt Whalen	Nonpartisan	Miami	Unopposed
PAWNEE COUNTY			
Patrick Pickerill	Nonpartisan	Cleveland	Unopposed
PAYNE COUNTY			
Michael Kulling	Nonpartisan	Stillwater	Unopposed
PITTSBURG COUNTY			
Tim Mills	Nonpartisan	McAlester	Unopposed
PONTOTOC COUNTY			
Lori Jackson	Nonpartisan	Ada	Unopposed
POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY			
Tracy McDaniel	Nonpartisan	Shawnee	Unopposed
PUSHMATAHA COUNTY			
Jana Wallace	Nonpartisan	Finley	Unopposed
ROGER MILLS COUNTY			
Pat VerSteege	Nonpartisan	Cheyenne	Unopposed

ROGERS COUNTY

Sue Nigh	Nonpartisan	Claremore	Unopposed
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SEMINOLE COUNTY

Brett Butner	Nonpartisan	Wewoka	Unopposed
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SEQUOYAH COUNTY

Kyle Evan Waters	Nonpartisan	Sallisaw	Unopposed
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STEPHENS COUNTY

Anthony Sykes	Nonpartisan	Duncan	4,748
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Lawrence M. Wheeler	Nonpartisan	RESTRICTED	7,312
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TEXAS COUNTY

Alfred Clark Jett	Nonpartisan	Guymon	Unopposed
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TILLMAN COUNTY

Brad Benson	Nonpartisan	Frederick	Unopposed
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TULSA COUNTY

Cliff Smith	Nonpartisan	Bixby	Unopposed
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WAGONER COUNTY

Rebecca Hunter	Nonpartisan	Porter	Unopposed
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WASHINGTON COUNTY

Russell C. Vaclaw	Nonpartisan	Bartlesville	Unopposed
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WASHITA COUNTY

S. Brooke Gatlin	Nonpartisan	Cordell	Unopposed
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WOODS COUNTY

Mickey J. Hadwiger	Nonpartisan	Alva	Unopposed
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WOODWARD COUNTY

Erin N. Kirksey	Nonpartisan	Mooreland	Unopposed
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DISTRICT ATTORNEY**DISTRICT 1**

George Buddy Leach III	Republican	Guymon	Unopposed
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DISTRICT 2

Angela Marsee	Republican	Weatherford	Unopposed
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DISTRICT 3

David Thomas	Republican	Altus	Unopposed
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DISTRICT 4

Mike Fields	Republican	Enid	Unopposed
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DISTRICT 5

Kyle Cabelka	Republican	Lawton	Unopposed
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DISTRICT 6

Jason Hicks	Republican	Marlow	Unopposed
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DISTRICT 7

Kevin Calvey	Republican	Oklahoma City	100,037
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Vicki Behenna	Democrat	Edmond	119,446
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DISTRICT 8

Brian Hermanson	Republican	Ponca City	Unopposed
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DISTRICT 9

Laura Austin Thomas	Republican	Edmond	Unopposed
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DISTRICT 10

Mike Fisher	Republican	Skiatook	Unopposed
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DISTRICT 11			
Will Drake	Republican	Bartlesville	Unopposed
DISTRICT 12			
Matthew J. Ballard	Republican	Claremore	Unopposed
DISTRICT 13			
Doug Pewitt	Republican	Monkey Island	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14			
Steve Kunzweiler	Republican	Tulsa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 15			
Larry Edwards	Republican	Muskogee	Unopposed
DISTRICT 16			
Kevin S. Merritt	Republican	Poteau	Unopposed
DISTRICT 17			
Mark A. Matloff	Republican	Idabel	Unopposed
DISTRICT 18			
Chuck Sullivan	Republican	McAlester	Unopposed
DISTRICT 19			
Tim Webster	Republican	Durant	Unopposed
DISTRICT 20			
Craig Ladd	Republican	Ardmore	Unopposed
DISTRICT 21			
Greg Mashburn	Republican	Norman	Unopposed
DISTRICT 22			
Erik Johnson	Republican	Ada	Unopposed
DISTRICT 23			
David Hammer	Republican	Shawnee	Unopposed
DISTRICT 24			
Max Cook	Republican	Sapulpa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 25			
Carol Iski	Republican	Morris	Unopposed
DISTRICT 26			
Christopher M. Boring	Republican	Woodward	Unopposed
DISTRICT 27			
Jack Thorp	Republican	Broken Arrow	Unopposed

STATE SENATOR

DISTRICT 2			
Ally Seifried	Republican	Claremore	20,951
Jennifer A. Esau	Democrat	Claremore	7,488
DISTRICT 4			
Tom Woods	Republican	Westville	Unopposed
DISTRICT 6			
David Bullard	Republican	Durant	Unopposed
DISTRICT 8			
Roger Thompson	Republican	Okemah	Unopposed
DISTRICT 10			
Bill Coleman	Republican	Ponca City	Unopposed

DISTRICT 12 Todd Gollihare	Republican	Bristow	Unopposed
DISTRICT 14 Jerry Alvord	Republican	Wilson	Unopposed
DISTRICT 16 Mary B. Boren	Democrat	Norman	Unopposed
DISTRICT 18 Jack Stewart	Republican	Yukon	Unopposed
DISTRICT 20 Chuck Hall	Republican	Perry	Unopposed
DISTRICT 22 Kristen Thompson	Republican	Edmond	19,876
Blake Aguirre	Democrat	Edmond	11,363
DISTRICT 24 Darrell Weaver	Republican	Moore	Unopposed
DISTRICT 26 Darcy Allen Jech	Republican	Kingfisher	Unopposed
DISTRICT 28 Grant Green	Republican	Wellston	19,819
Karen Rackley	Democrat	Chandler	6,128
DISTRICT 30 Lori Callahan	Republican	Oklahoma City	7,025
Julia Kirt	Democrat	Oklahoma City	10,199
DISTRICT 32 John Michael Montgomery	Republican	Lawton	10,365
Johnny Jernigan	Democrat	Lawton	5,009
DISTRICT 34 Dana Prieto	Republican	Tulsa	10,069
J. J. Dossett	Democrat	Sperry	8,032
DISTRICT 36 John Haste	Republican	Broken Arrow	Unopposed
DISTRICT 38 Brent Howard	Republican	Altus	Unopposed
DISTRICT 40 Mariam Daly	Republican	Oklahoma City	12,595
Carri Hicks	Democrat	Oklahoma City	16,602
DISTRICT 42 Brenda Stanley	Republican	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 44 Michael Brooks	Democrat	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 46 Kay Floyd	Democrat	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 48 George E. Young	Democrat	Oklahoma City	Unopposed

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

DISTRICT 1			
Eddy Dempsey	Republican	Valliant	Unopposed
DISTRICT 2			
Jim Olsen	Republican	Roland	Unopposed
DISTRICT 3			
Rick West	Republican	Heavener	Unopposed
DISTRICT 4			
Bob Ed Culver	Republican	Tahlequah	7,040
Charles R. Arnall	Democrat	Tahlequah	4,068
DISTRICT 5			
Josh West	Republican	Grove	Unopposed
DISTRICT 6			
Rusty Cornwell	Republican	Vinita	Unopposed
DISTRICT 7			
Steve Bashore	Republican	Miami	8,399
Jason A. Spence	Democrat	Miami	2,276
DISTRICT 8			
Tom Gann	Republican	Inola	Unopposed
DISTRICT 9			
Mark Paul Lepak	Republican	Claremore	9,056
Ann Marie Kennedy	Democrat	Claremore	3,457
DISTRICT 10			
Judd Strom	Republican	Copan	Unopposed
DISTRICT 11			
John B. Kane	Republican	Bartlesville	Unopposed
DISTRICT 12			
Kevin McDugle	Republican	Broken Arrow	10,785
Crystal LaGrone	Democrat	Coweta	3,361
DISTRICT 13			
Neil Hays	Republican	Checotah	6,568
Jimmy W. Haley	Democrat	Muskogee	3,784
DISTRICT 14			
Chris Sneed	Republican	Fort Gibson	Unopposed
DISTRICT 15			
Randy Randleman	Republican	Eufala	Unopposed
DISTRICT 16			
Scott Fetgatter	Republican	Okmulgee	Unopposed
DISTRICT 17			
Jim Grego	Republican	Wilburton	Unopposed
DISTRICT 18			
David Smith	Republican	McAlester	Unopposed
DISTRICT 19			
Justin JJ Humphrey	Republican	Lane	Unopposed
DISTRICT 20			
Sherrie Conley	Republican	Newcastle	Unopposed
DISTRICT 21			
Cody Maynard	Republican	Durant	Unopposed

DISTRICT 22			
Charles A. McCall	Republican	Atoka	Unopposed
DISTRICT 23			
Terry O'Donnell	Republican	Catoosa	6,162
Susan Carle Young	Democrat	Claremore	3,076
DISTRICT 24			
Chris Banning	Republican	Bixby	Unopposed
DISTRICT 25			
Ronny Johns	Republican	Ada	Unopposed
DISTRICT 26			
Dell Kerbs	Republican	Shawnee	7,006
Gregory Hardin	Democrat	Shawnee	3,372
DISTRICT 27			
Danny Sterling	Republican	Tecumseh	Unopposed
DISTRICT 28			
Danny Williams	Republican	Seminole	Unopposed
DISTRICT 29			
Kyle Hilbert	Republican	Bristow	Unopposed
DISTRICT 30			
Mark Lawson	Republican	Sapulpa	Unopposed
DISTRICT 31			
Collin Duel	Republican	Guthrie	Unopposed
DISTRICT 32			
Kevin Wallace	Republican	Wellston	Unopposed
DISTRICT 33			
John Talley	Republican	Stillwater	Unopposed
DISTRICT 34			
Michael Baughman	Republican	Stillwater	3,137
Trish Ranson	Democrat	Stillwater	5,036
DISTRICT 35			
Ty D. Burns	Republican	Morrison	9,639
Sam Jennings	Democrat	Hominy	2,663
DISTRICT 36			
John George	Republican	Newalla	Unopposed
DISTRICT 37			
Ken Luttrell	Republican	Ponca City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 38			
John Pfeiffer	Republican	Orlando	Unopposed
DISTRICT 39			
Ryan Martinez	Republican	Edmond	Unopposed
DISTRICT 40			
Chad Caldwell	Republican	Enid	5,951
Nicholas Payne	Democrat	Enid	2,457
DISTRICT 41			
Denise Crosswhite Hader	Republican	Yukon	9,641
Mike Bockus	Democrat	Edmond	4,637

DISTRICT 42			
Cindy Roe	Republican	Lindsay	9,311
Steve Jarman	Democrat	Pauls Valley	2,431
DISTRICT 43			
Jay W. Steagall	Republican	Yukon	7,858
Cassie Kinet	Independent	Yukon	3,416
DISTRICT 44			
RJ Harris	Republican	Norman	2,635
Jared Deck	Democrat	Norman	6,548
DISTRICT 45			
Teresa Sterling	Republican	Norman	5,827
Annie Menz	Democrat	Norman	6,708
DISTRICT 46			
Kendra Wesson	Republican	Norman	7,315
Jacob Rosecrants	Democrat	Norman	8,763
DISTRICT 47			
Brian Hill	Republican	Mustang	Unopposed
DISTRICT 48			
Tammy Townley	Republican	Ardmore	Unopposed
DISTRICT 49			
Josh Cantrell	Republican	Kingston	Unopposed
DISTRICT 50			
Marcus McEntire	Republican	Duncan	Unopposed
DISTRICT 51			
Brad Boles	Republican	Marlow	Unopposed
DISTRICT 52			
Gerrid E. Kendrix	Republican	Altus	Unopposed
DISTRICT 53			
Mark McBride	Republican	Moore	Unopposed
DISTRICT 54			
Kevin West	Republican	Moore	Unopposed
DISTRICT 55			
Nick Archer	Republican	Elk City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 56			
Dick Lowe	Republican	Amber	Unopposed
DISTRICT 57			
Anthony Moore	Republican	Clinton	Unopposed
DISTRICT 58			
Carl W. Newton	Republican	Cherokee	Unopposed
DISTRICT 59			
Mike Dobrinski	Republican	Okeene	Unopposed
DISTRICT 60			
Rhonda Baker	Republican	Yukon	Unopposed
DISTRICT 61			
Kenton Patzkowsky	Republican	Balko	Unopposed
DISTRICT 62			
Daniel Pae	Republican	Lawton	Unopposed

DISTRICT 63**Trey Caldwell**

Shykira M. Smith

Republican

Democrat

Faxon

Lawton

7,270

1,767

DISTRICT 64**Rande Worthen**

Kyle Emmett Meraz

Zachary A. Walls

Republican

Democrat

Independent

Lawton

Lawton

Lawton

3,818

2,816

363

DISTRICT 65**Toni Hasenbeck****Republican****Elgin****Unopposed****DISTRICT 66****Clay Staires**

James David Rankin

Republican

Democrat

Skiatook

Sand Springs

8,849

3,820

DISTRICT 67**Jeff Boatman****Republican****Tulsa****Unopposed****DISTRICT 68****Lonnie Sims****Republican****Jenks****Unopposed****DISTRICT 69****Mark Tedford****Republican****Tulsa****Unopposed****DISTRICT 70**

Brad Banks

Suzanne E. Schreiber

Republican

Democrat

Tulsa

Tulsa

7,305

9,461**DISTRICT 71**

Mike Masters

Amanda Swope

Republican

Democrat

Tulsa

Tulsa

4,534

7,028**DISTRICT 72****Monroe Nichols****Democrat****Tulsa****Unopposed****DISTRICT 73****Regina Goodwin****Democrat****Tulsa****Unopposed****DISTRICT 74****Mark Vancuren****Republican****Owasso****Unopposed****DISTRICT 75****T. J. Marti****Republican****Tulsa****Unopposed****DISTRICT 76****Ross Ford****Republican****Broken Arrow****Unopposed****DISTRICT 77****John Waldron****Democrat****Tulsa****Unopposed****DISTRICT 78****Meloyde Blancett****Democrat****Tulsa****Unopposed****DISTRICT 79**

Paul Hassink

Melissa Provenzano

Republican

Democrat

Tulsa

Tulsa

5,104

5,496**DISTRICT 80****Stan May****Republican****Broken Arrow****Unopposed****DISTRICT 81****Mike Osburn****Republican****Edmond****Unopposed****DISTRICT 82****Nicole Miller****Republican****Edmond****Unopposed**

DISTRICT 83			
Eric Roberts	Republican	Oklahoma City	7,986
Greg Clyde	Democrat	Oklahoma City	7,334
DISTRICT 84			
Tammy West	Republican	Oklahoma City	5,631
Jeremy Lamb	Democrat	Bethany	4,240
DISTRICT 85			
Donna Rice-Johnson	Republican	Oklahoma City	6,746
Cyndi Munson	Democrat	Oklahoma City	10,069
DISTRICT 86			
David Hardin	Republican	Stilwell	Unopposed
DISTRICT 87			
Gloria A. Banister	Republican	Oklahoma City	3,511
Ellyn Hefner	Democrat	Oklahoma City	5,362
DISTRICT 88			
Mauree Turner	Democrat	Oklahoma City	8,000
Jed Green	Independent	Oklahoma City	2,061
DISTRICT 89			
Arturo Alonso	Democrat	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 90			
Jon Echols	Republican	Oklahoma City	4,789
Nana Abram Dankwa	Democrat	Oklahoma City	2,700
DISTRICT 91			
Chris Kannady	Republican	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 92			
Forrest Bennett	Democrat	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 93			
Mickey Dollens	Democrat	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 94			
Andy Fugate	Democrat	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 95			
Max Wolfley	Republican	Oklahoma City	5,308
Tegan Malone	Democrat	Midwest City	4,530
DISTRICT 96			
Preston Stinson	Republican	Edmond	Unopposed
DISTRICT 97			
Lisa Janloo	Republican	Spencer	3,186
Jason Lowe	Democrat	Oklahoma City	8,367
DISTRICT 98			
Dean Davis	Republican	Broken Arrow	Unopposed
DISTRICT 99			
Ajay Pittman	Democrat	Oklahoma City	Unopposed
DISTRICT 100			
Marilyn Stark	Republican	Bethany	6,285
Chaunté Gilmore	Democrat	Oklahoma City	5,277
DISTRICT 101			
Robert Manger	Republican	Oklahoma City	Unopposed

JUSTICES OF THE OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT	
SUPREME COURT DISTRICT 2	
DUSTIN P. ROWE	Yes: 668,080
	No: 361,278
SUPREME COURT DISTRICT 5	
JAMES R. WINCHESTER	Yes: 653,330
	No: 375,076
SUPREME COURT DISTRICT 6	
DANA KUEHN	Yes: 680,378
	No: 347,435
SUPREME COURT DISTRICT 8	
DOUGLAS L. COMBS	Yes: 628,893
	No: 397,842
JUDGES OF THE OKLAHOMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS	
COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRICT 1 - OFFICE 1	
STACIE L. HIXON	Yes: 688,258
	No: 333,863
COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRICT 3 - OFFICE 1	
GREGORY C. BLACKWELL	Yes: 662,686
	No: 355,364
COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRICT 3 - OFFICE 2	
JOHN F. FISCHER	Yes: 629,552
	No: 388,420
COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRICT 4 - OFFICE 1	
BARBARA G. SWINTON	Yes: 655,328
	No: 363,400
COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRICT 5 - OFFICE 1	
THOMAS E. PRINCE	Yes: 659,375

Upon motion of Representative Echols, the Joint Session was ordered dissolved at 2:10 p.m.

Speaker Pro Tempore Hilbert Presiding**MILEAGE REPORT**

Representative Echols moved adoption of the Mileage Allowance Report prepared in compliance with Sections 291.1 and 456.3 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes and that said report be published in the House Journal and that from this day forward for the duration of the First Regular Session of the 59th Oklahoma Legislature all members be paid the regular amount for mileage unless otherwise established by law, which motion was declared adopted.

Name	Mileage Round Trip	Amount Due
Arturo Alonso-Sandoval, Oklahoma City and return	0	0.00
Nick Archer, Elk City and return	232	151.96
Rhonda Baker, Yukon and return	34	22.27
Chris Banning, Bixby and return	216	141.48
Steve Bashore, Miami and return	382	250.21
Forrest Bennett, Oklahoma City and return	18	11.79
Meloyde Blancett, Tulsa and return	208	136.24
Jeff Boatman, Tulsa and return	220	144.10
Brad Boles, Marlow and return	150	98.25
Ty Burns, Morrison and return	184	120.52
Chad Caldwell, Enid and return	200	131.00
Trey Caldwell, Cache and return	204	133.62
Josh Cantrell, Kingston and return	262	171.61
Sherrie Conley, Newcastle and return	50	32.75
Rusty Cornwell, Vinita and return	330	216.15
Denise Crosswhite Hader, Yukon and return	52	34.06
Bob Ed Culver, Tahlequah and return	330	216.15
Dean Davis, Broken Arrow and return	230	150.65
Jared Deck, Norman and return	41	26.86
Eddy Dempsey, Valliant and return	450	294.75
Mike Dobrinski, Okeene and return	178	116.59
Mickey Dollens, Oklahoma City and return	23	15.07
Collin Duel, Guthrie and return	62	40.61
Jon Echols, Oklahoma City and return	0	0.00
Scott Fetgatter, Okmulgee and return	214	140.17
Ross Ford, Broken Arrow and return	220	144.10
Andy Fugate, Oklahoma City and return	19	12.45
Tom Gann, Inola and return	254	166.37
John George, Newalla and return	44	28.82
Regina Goodwin, Tulsa and return	216	141.48
Jim Grego, Wilburton and return	312	204.36
David Hardin, Stilwell and return	390	255.45
Toni Hasenbeck, Elgin and return	152	99.56

Neil Hays, Checotah and return	246	161.13
Ellyn Hefner, Oklahoma City and return	20	13.10
Kyle Hilbert, Bristow and return	150	98.25
Brian Hill, Mustang and return	44	28.82
Justin Humphrey, Lane and return	300	196.50
Ronny Johns, Ada and return	172	112.66
John Kane, Bartlesville and return	292	191.26
Chris Kannady, Oklahoma City and return	34	22.27
Gerrid Kendrix, Altus and return	290	189.95
Dell Kerbs, Shawnee and return	84	55.02
Mark Lawson, Sapulpa and return	188	123.14
Mark Lepak, Claremore and return	255	167.03
Dick Lowe, Amber and return	92	60.26
Jason Lowe, Oklahoma City and return	0	0.00
Ken Luttrell, Ponca City and return	214	140.17
Robert Manger, Oklahoma City and return	32	20.96
T. J. Marti, Tulsa and return	226	148.03
Ryan Martinez, Edmond and return	0	0.00
Stan May, Broken Arrow and return	220	144.10
Cody Maynard, Durant and return	300	196.50
Mark McBride, Moore and return	22	14.41
Charles McCall, Atoka and return	262	171.61
Kevin McDugle, Broken Arrow and return	236	154.58
Marcus McEntire, Duncan and return	180	117.90
Annie Menz, Norman and return	42	27.51
Nicole Miller, Edmond and return	0	0.00
Anthony Moore, Clinton and return	177	115.94
Cyndi Munson, Oklahoma City and return	10	6.55
Carl Newton, Cherokee and return	310	203.05
Monroe Nichols, Tulsa and return	214	140.17
Terry O'Donnell, Catoosa and return	238	155.89
Jim Olsen, Roland and return	360	235.80
Mike Osburn, Edmond and return	0	0.00
Daniel Pae, Lawton and return	186	121.83
Kenton Patzkowsky, Balko and return	444	290.82
John Pfeiffer, Mulhall and return	86	56.33
Ajay Pittman, Oklahoma City and return	7	4.59
Melissa Provenzano, Tulsa and return	214	140.17
Randy Randleman, Eufaula and return	290	189.95
Trish Ranson, Stillwater and return	124	81.22
Eric Roberts, Oklahoma City and return	30	19.65
Cynthia Roe, Lindsay and return	108	70.74
Jacob Rosecrants, Norman and return	38	24.89
Suzanne Schreiber, Tulsa and return	210	137.55
Lonnie Sims, Jenks and return	200	131.00
David Smith, McAlester and return	226	148.03
Chris Sneed, Ft. Gibson and return	312	204.36
Clay Staires, Skiatook and return	250	163.75

Marilyn Stark, Bethany and return	0	0.00
Jay Steagall, Yukon and return	0	0.00
Danny Sterling, Tecumseh and return	101	66.16
Preston Stinson, Edmond and return	39	25.55
Judd Strom, Copan and return	324	212.22
Amanda Swope, Tulsa and return	204	133.62
John Talley, Stillwater and return	120	78.60
Mark Tedford, Tulsa and return	196	128.38
Tammy Townley, Ardmore and return	202	132.31
Mauree Turner, Oklahoma City and return	6	3.93
Mark Vancuren, Owasso and return	244	159.82
John Waldron, Tulsa and return	220	144.10
Kevin Wallace, Wellston and return	102	66.81
Josh West, Grove and return	408	267.24
Kevin West, Moore and return	0	0.00
Rick West, Heavener and return	440	288.20
Tammy West, Oklahoma City and return	30	19.65
Danny Williams, Seminole and return	116	75.98
Max Wolfley, Oklahoma City and return	35	22.93
Rande Worthen, Lawton and return	184	120.52

OFFICE SUPPLIES AND POSTAGE

Representative Echols moved that each House Member be provided an amount with the Comptroller not to exceed \$2,000 for the acquisition of office supplies, stationery and cards, district mail and office holder expenses until the last working day prior to the 2024 legislative session, and that the Speaker be authorized to conduct the administrative affairs of the House until formally vested with such authority through the adopted House Rules, which motion was declared adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

The following was introduced and read:

HR 1001 – By McCall.
A Resolution relating to House Rules.

RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION

HR 1001 was called up for consideration.

Representative Munson moved to amend **HR 1001**, Page 31, Line 7 by deleting "he or she" and inserting in lieu thereof "the member" and Page 39, Line 16 by deleting "he or she" and inserting in lieu thereof "the member".

Representative O'Donnell moved to table the Munson amendment, which tabling motion prevailed upon a division of the question.

Representative Fugate moved to amend **HR 1001**, Page 52, Line 24 by inserting the following language after "substitute" and before ".": "and shall be published 48 hours prior to consideration of the measure".

Representative O'Donnell moved to table the Fugate amendment, which tabling motion prevailed upon a division of the question.

Upon motion of Representative Echols, **HR 1001** was considered and adopted.

HR 1001 was referred for enrollment.

ENGROSSED AND ENROLLED MEASURES

HR 1001 was reported correctly enrolled, properly signed, in open session, and ordered transmitted to the Secretary of State.

HOUSE RULES

HR 1001 – By McCall

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION
OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

HOUSE RULES

59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

STATEMENT OF AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Article V, Section 30 of the Oklahoma Constitution, the Oklahoma House of Representatives adopts the following rules to govern its operations and procedures. The provisions of these rules shall be deemed the only requirements binding upon the House of Representatives under Article V, Section 30 of the Oklahoma Constitution, notwithstanding any other requirements expressed in statute.

RULE ONE

DUTIES AND RIGHTS OF THE SPEAKER

1.1 – Convening

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) and (c) of this section, the Speaker of the House, or designee, shall convene the House of Representatives on the day and at the hour to which the House was adjourned on the previous legislative day.

(b) Upon taking the chair, the Speaker shall call the House to order and, except in the absence of a quorum, proceed under the customary categories of legislative business set forth in these rules.

(c) The Speaker is authorized to convene the House other than the time the House adjourned to, in times of necessity, as determined by the Speaker.

(d) The Speaker may designate any other member of the House to serve as the presiding officer, but such designation shall not last beyond that day's adjournment.

1.2 – Voting Rights of the Presiding Officer

The Speaker shall have the same right as other members to vote. On all questions on which ayes and nays are taken, the Speaker shall vote under the title "Speaker".

1.3 – Preservation of Order and Decorum

(a) The Speaker shall preserve order and decorum. In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the Hall of the House of Representatives or in other areas of the Capitol assigned to the House, the Speaker shall have the power to order the Hall of the House of Representatives or areas of the Capitol assigned to the House to be cleared or direct any other action necessary to preserve order and decorum.

(b) Appearances or presentations by school or other groups shall not be permitted on the floor of the House during legislative deadline weeks, except as authorized by the Speaker.

1.4 – Referral of Legislation

(a) All proposed legislation, as governed by Rule 8.3 (b), if not referred directly to the General Order category of the House Calendar, shall be referred by the Speaker to an appropriate standing or special committee.

(b) Prior to the time a bill or resolution is taken up for consideration by a committee or subcommittee, the Speaker may reassign such bill or resolution.

1.5 – Speaker to Sign Bills, Resolutions, and Papers

(a) The Speaker, or a member of the House designated by the Speaker, shall sign all bills and resolutions passed by the Legislature.

1. The signatures required by this section shall be executed either by physical signature or by electronic signature as determined by the Speaker.

2. The certifications required by this section shall be made while the House is in session and shall be made a matter of record in the House Journal.

(b) The Speaker shall sign all subpoenas, warrants, writs, vouchers for expenditures chargeable to the House, contracts binding upon the House, or other papers issued by the House. The Speaker may delegate the authority to sign papers authorizing payments and other papers of an administrative nature.

1.6 – Authorization of Counsel

(a) The Speaker may authorize or engage legal counsel on behalf of the House, a committee of the House, a member, or former member of the House in his or her legal capacity as a member, or an officer, employee or agent of the House in their official capacity when the Speaker determines that such action would be in the best interest of the House of Representatives. In compliance with the requirements contained in paragraph (b) of this section, expenses incurred for legal services authorized by these Rules may be paid upon approval of the Speaker.

(b) If a claim arising from allegations of unlawful discrimination, as defined in federal law, is made against the House of Representatives itself or against a committee of the House, a member, or former member of the House in his or her legal capacity as a member, or an officer, employee, or agent of the House in their official capacity, the Speaker shall not enter into a settlement agreement on behalf of the House that requires the expenditure of House funds in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) without first receiving the approval of a committee appointed pursuant to Rule 1.8.

1.7 – Supervision of the House

(a) The Speaker shall have general supervision over the Hall of the House and the areas of the Capitol building assigned to the House of Representatives.

(b) The Speaker shall assign committee rooms to the various standing, special, joint, and standing conference committees.

(c) The Speaker may reserve a portion of the gallery for former members of the House, former members of the Senate, and the families of members of the House and their guests.

1.8 – Standing, Special, and Joint Committees

(a) The Speaker shall create, abolish, and establish the jurisdiction of all standing committees, special committees, and subcommittees of the House of Representatives.

(b) The Speaker shall appoint the chairpersons and vice-chairpersons of all standing committees, special committees, and subcommittees of the House of Representatives and shall appoint the co-chairpersons and co-vice-chairpersons from the House for any joint committees of the Legislature.

(c) The Speaker shall appoint the membership of all standing committees, special committees, and subcommittees of the House of Representatives and shall appoint the members constituting the House's delegation to any joint committees of the Legislature.

(d) All chairpersons, co-chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, co-vice-chairpersons, and members of any House committee, subcommittee, or joint committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Speaker.

(e) The Speaker shall be an ex officio voting member of all standing, special, and joint committees.

1.9 – Conference Committees

(a) The Speaker shall create, abolish, and establish the jurisdiction of all standing and special conference committees of the House of Representatives.

(b) Upon creation of a conference committee, the Speaker shall appoint the chairperson, vice-chairperson, and membership of the conference committee.

(c) The Speaker shall be an ex officio voting member of all conference committees.

RULE TWO

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

2.1 – Convening

(a) In the absence of the Speaker, the Speaker Pro Tempore, as presiding officer, shall convene the House of Representatives on the day and at the hour to which the House was adjourned on the previous legislative day.

(b) Upon taking the chair, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall call the House to order and, except in the absence of a quorum, proceed under the order of business adopted by the House.

(c) In the absence of the Speaker, the Speaker Pro Tempore may designate any other member of the House to serve as the presiding officer, but such designation shall not last beyond that day's adjournment.

2.2 – Duties

(a) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall perform the duties of Speaker in the absence of the Speaker.

(b) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall be an ex officio voting member of all standing, special, and joint committees.

(c) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall be an ex officio voting member of all conference committees.

2.3 – Succession

(a) If, while the House is meeting in regular or special session, the office of Speaker becomes vacant fifteen (15) calendar days or more prior to the date of sine die adjournment, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall serve as Acting Speaker of the House until a new Speaker is elected, which election shall be set by the Acting Speaker and shall be carried out no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the day of the vacancy. If the office of Speaker

becomes vacant less than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the date of sine die adjournment, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall accede to the office of Speaker of the House continuing as Speaker until the conclusion of the present term of office, as established in 14 O.S., Section 145, unless the House shall decide otherwise by electing another member Speaker of the House pursuant to Article V, Section 29 of the Oklahoma Constitution. In the event the office of Speaker becomes vacant after the organizational session required in Article V, Section 26 of the Oklahoma Constitution but before the first Monday in February of the same year, no election for the office of Speaker shall be held prior to the time the House convenes at twelve o'clock noon on the first Monday in February.

(b) When only acting as Speaker pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall not exercise the powers of appointment provided to a Speaker of the House by statute or by House or Joint Rule and shall not be considered the Speaker of the House within the meaning of Article VI, Section 15 of the Oklahoma Constitution establishing the line of succession to the Governor. Upon accession to the office of Speaker of the House, under paragraph (a) of this section, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall take the oath of office as Speaker of the House and shall file said oath with the office of the Secretary of State and shall be authorized to exercise all authority granted to the Speaker of the House under law or by House or Joint Rule including, but not limited to, the powers of appointment and inclusion in the line of succession to the office of Governor as provided by Article VI, Section 15 of the Oklahoma Constitution.

(c) If the House is not meeting in regular or special session and the office of Speaker becomes vacant due to death or resignation, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall become Speaker of the House and shall be authorized to exercise all authority granted to the Speaker of the House under law or by House or Joint Rule including, but not limited to, the powers of appointment and inclusion in the line of succession to the office of Governor as provided by Article VI, Section 15 of the Oklahoma Constitution.

(d) Upon accession to the office of Speaker of the House under paragraph (c) of this section, the member in so doing shall continue as Speaker until such time as the House convenes for the first legislative day of the next regular or special session, or until the conclusion of the present term of office, as established in 14 O.S., Section 145, whichever occurs first, unless earlier removed from office under the provisions of 51 O.S., Section 24.1.

(e) The Speaker Pro Tempore, upon becoming Speaker of the House by operation of paragraph (c) of this section, shall take the oath of office as Speaker of the House and shall file said oath with the office of the Secretary of State.

(f) If the Speaker shall become incapable of performing the duties pertaining to the office of Speaker of the House for reasons other than death or resignation, when the House is not meeting in regular or special session, the powers and duties of the Speaker of the House shall be discharged by the Speaker Pro Tempore as Acting Speaker until the incapacity shall cease. When acting as Speaker pursuant to this provision, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall not exercise the Speaker's powers of appointment nor shall the Speaker Pro Tempore be included in the line of succession to the office of Governor, as provided by Article VI, Section 15 of the Oklahoma Constitution, unless he or she transmits a written declaration establishing the nature of the Speaker's incapacity to perform the duties of the office of Speaker of the House to the members of the House of Representatives and the Chief Clerk of the House. Upon receipt of such a written declaration, the Chief Clerk of the House shall notify the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Governor, and the Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court. Thereafter, when the elected Speaker transmits to the Speaker

Pro Tempore and the Chief Clerk of the House his or her written declaration that no such incapacity exists, he or she shall resume the powers and duties of the office of Speaker of the House.

(g) Regardless of whether the House is in session, whenever the elected Speaker transmits to the Speaker Pro Tempore and the Chief Clerk of the House a written declaration that he or she is unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office of Speaker of the House, and until he or she transmits to them a written declaration to the contrary, such powers and duties shall be discharged by the Speaker Pro Tempore as Acting Speaker. Upon receipt of such a written declaration, the Chief Clerk of the House shall notify the members of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Governor, and the Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court. Thereafter, when the Speaker transmits to the Speaker Pro Tempore and the Chief Clerk of the House his or her written declaration that no inability exists, he or she shall resume the powers and duties of the office of Speaker of the House. When acting as Speaker pursuant to this provision, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall not exercise the Speaker's powers of appointment nor shall the Speaker Pro Tempore be included in the line of succession to the office of Governor, as provided by Article VI, Section 15 of the Oklahoma Constitution.

RULE THREE

HOUSE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

3.1 – Employment by House

- (a) The Speaker shall employ and manage qualified personnel to staff the House of Representatives. All House employees work for and serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the House.
- (b) The Speaker shall determine their qualifications, hours of work, and compensation, including benefits.
- (c) The Speaker has the right at any time to transfer any employee to another department or discharge any employee of the House without cause.

3.2 – Chief Clerk of the House

- (a) The Chief Clerk of the House shall be responsible for:
 1. publication of all House calendars and agendas;
 2. publication of bills, resolutions, and amendments;
 3. publication of standing committee reports, special committee reports, and conference committee reports; and
 4. preparation, indexing, and publication of electronic and tangible versions of the House Journal.
- (b) The Chief Clerk of the House shall have custody of and be responsible for the safekeeping of all bills and resolutions pending in the House at the final adjournment of the First Regular Session of the Legislature.
- (c) All official papers, records, reports, testimony presented, and other materials belonging to the House shall be entrusted to the care and custody of the Chief Clerk of the House.
- (d) Official copies of all bills and resolutions and other materials as designated by the Speaker shall not be removed from the Office of the Chief Clerk for any purpose except upon order of the Speaker.
- (e) Communications shall be prepared and signed by the Chief Clerk of the House under the direction of and in the name of the Speaker.
- (f) The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall be the guardian of electronic signatures for the House of Representatives and shall be authorized to make determinations as to validity and authenticity of electronic signatures.

(g) If transmitting bills, resolutions, or messages electronically to the Senate, Governor, or Secretary of State, the Chief Clerk of the House shall establish safeguards to protect against unauthorized users.

3.3 – Chief Sergeant At Arms

(a) It shall be the duty of the Chief Sergeant at Arms to attend the House during each day's session, to maintain order under the direction of the presiding officer, and to execute the commands of the House.

(b) The Chief Sergeant at Arms shall have charge of the Chamber during the sessions, and see that the Chamber is kept in order and at all times ready for use by the House.

(c) The Chief Sergeant at Arms shall, fifteen (15) minutes before the House is to convene, clear the House Floor, anterooms of the House Floor, and House Lounge of all unauthorized persons, as defined in Rule 5, and shall see that no unauthorized persons enter said areas while the House is in session.

3.4 – Chief Parliamentarian

(a) The Chief Parliamentarian, under the direction of the Speaker, shall have general charge and supervision over the legislative procedure of the House.

(b) The Speaker of the House shall appoint a Chief Parliamentarian who shall assist the presiding officer in the making of parliamentary rulings.

(c) The Chief Parliamentarian shall, at the direction of the Speaker, assist the Speaker in publishing a volume of substantive parliamentary rulings.

3.5 – Chaplain

A Chaplain shall attend the commencement of each day's session of the House, open the session with prayer, and may be allotted five (5) minutes during the Thursday session for the purpose of delivering remarks to the House.

3.6 – Pages

The Speaker, or designee, shall promulgate rules and guidelines for the Page program.

RULE FOUR MEMBERS

4.1 – Member Defined

"Member", as used in these Rules, means a member of the House of Representatives.

4.2 – Disclosure of Personal or Private Interest

A member who has a personal or private interest in any bill or resolution, proposed, or pending before the House, shall disclose that fact to the House, and shall not vote on that bill or resolution, as required by Article V, Section 24 of the Oklahoma Constitution.

4.3 – Absence of Members

No member shall be absent from the session of the House without leave.

4.4 – Decorum

(a) No member rising to debate, to give notice, to make a motion, or to present a paper of any kind shall proceed until the member has addressed the presiding officer and has been recognized by the presiding officer as being entitled to the Floor.

(b) While a member is speaking, no other member shall enter into any private conversation or pass between the speaking member and the presiding officer.

(c) The presiding officer may enforce the provisions of House rules by naming the disruptive or disorderly member after requesting order in the Chamber.

(d) Profane, obscene, or indecent language is prohibited in the House and in all committees and subcommittees of the House.

(e) All members shall conduct themselves in a manner becoming a member of the House of Representatives. When the House is in session all members shall, while in the Chamber or

Gallery, be appropriately dressed. Members shall wear appropriate professional business attire; male members shall wear suitcoats, slacks, and ties. No member shall wear jeans, denim pants, t-shirts as outerwear, non-religious head coverings, hoodies, or hats in the House Chamber while the House is in session.

(f) Any member who, while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, appears in the Chamber or in any part of the Capitol Building assigned to the House, shall be in contempt of the House and subject to reprimand, suspension, or expulsion.

(g) Possession of intoxicating liquor shall not be permitted at any time in the Chamber or in any part of the Capitol Building assigned to the House.

(h) Use of tobacco products, including smoking, dipping, or sniffing snuff, shall not be permitted at any time in the Chamber, as governed by Rule 11.5.

(i) No food, including canned or bottled beverages, shall be allowed at any time in the Chamber while the House is in session. Food may be consumed in the lounge and foyer at the west end of the Chamber.

(j) Video recordings or broadcasts, other than those captured by the House or at the discretion of the Speaker, by Members shall be prohibited on the House Floor while the House is in session.

4.5 – Service of Process

Upon being presented with any service of legal process pertaining to the House of Representatives itself or to an individual member of the House of Representatives in his or her official capacity, the member or employee so approached shall inform the Speaker of the House and the House General Counsel prior to attempting to respond.

RULE FIVE

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR AND THE ANTEROOMS

5.1 – Floor Privileges

(a) The following persons shall be entitled to privileges of the Floor when the House is in session:

1. members of the House;
2. members of the Senate;
3. former members of the House except as otherwise provided in Section 5.3 of this Rule;
4. the Governor, except during consideration of a motion to override the veto of the Governor;
5. employees of the House and Senate as designated by the Speaker; and
6. children or grandchildren of members for the purpose only of introduction from the member's desk.

(b) Except as permitted in paragraph (a) of this section, no other person, except upon formal invitation by the House of Representatives, shall enter upon the Floor when the House is convened in session.

(c) The Speaker may revoke the floor privileges for any persons granted privileges by paragraphs (a) and (b) except for members of the House.

5.2 – Anterooms of the House Chamber

(a) While the House is in session, no persons other than those entitled to privileges of the Floor, members of the immediate families of House members, and House employees authorized by the Speaker shall be admitted to the House Lounge and anteroom located at the west end of the House Floor or into the anteroom located at the east end of the House Floor, except at the express invitation of a member, provided the member is present.

(b) The Speaker may prescribe additional policies restricting use of the House Lounge and any rooms adjoining the lounge or the House Chamber.

5.3 – Former Members

(a) Except as authorized by the Speaker, no former member of the House or Senate who is an officer or employee in the executive branch of state government or who is registered or required to be registered as a lobbyist under the Ethics Commission Act shall be entitled to privileges of the Floor when the House is convened in session.

(b) No former member when present on the House Floor pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section shall attempt to influence the passage or failure of any pending motion or legislation.

5.4 – House Parking

When the House is convened in regular or special session, no registered lobbyist under the Ethics Commission Act shall be permitted to park in the parking areas of the Capitol grounds allocated to the House of Representatives.

5.5 – Presentations on House Floor

Except as authorized by the Speaker, no member shall schedule more than five (5) congratulatory presentations on the House Floor during a Regular Session of the biennium.

5.6 – House Gallery

When the House is in session, no person, unless authorized by the Speaker, shall remain standing while in the Gallery.

RULE SIX BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

6.1 – Definition of the Term "Bill"

The term "bill", as used in these Rules, shall mean proposed legislation which in order to become law must pass through the Legislature according to the procedures established by the Oklahoma Constitution, including consideration by the Governor. The term shall include proposed laws of a general nature and proposed special or local laws. The procedures of these Rules applicable to the introduction and passage of bills shall also apply to the introduction and passage of joint resolutions.

6.2 – Filing Deadline

(a) The filing deadlines for introduction of bills and joint resolutions shall be established in consultation between the House of Representatives and the Senate.

(b) Legislative deadlines previously agreed to by the House of Representatives shall be inapplicable to:

1. measures which propose a special or local law as governed by Section 6.10 of this Rule;
2. measures authored by the chairpersons and vice-chairpersons of the House Appropriations and Budget Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee which affect the receipt, expenditure, or budgeting of state funds or funds under the control of an entity created by state law; or
3. measures authored by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and which are deemed by them to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety;
4. measures authored by the chairpersons and vice-chairpersons of the House Redistricting Committee and the Senate Redistricting Committee which affect the legislative apportionment; or
5. measures introduced or authorized by the Speaker.

6.3 – Numbering

(a) Bills and joint resolutions introduced in the Second Regular Session of a Legislature shall be numbered consecutively with the last bill and joint resolution, respectively, introduced in the First Regular Session of the same Legislature.

(b) Simple and concurrent resolutions introduced in the Second Regular Session of a Legislature shall be numbered consecutively with the last simple and concurrent resolution, respectively, introduced in the First Regular Session of the same Legislature.

6.4 – Introduction

(a) All bills and resolutions shall be accompanied by the name or names of the member or members introducing the bill or resolution, shall have a title stating the subject matter contained therein and shall include the request number assigned to the bill or resolution by the staff of the House.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, no member of the House of Representatives shall be the principal author of more than eight (8) House bills or joint resolutions during a session of the Legislature.

(c) The provisions of paragraph (b) of this section shall not apply to:

1. measures containing budgetary matters of which the principal author is the Chairperson of the Appropriations and Budget Committee of the House;
2. measures related to legislative apportionment of which the principal author is the Chairperson of the Redistricting Committee of the House;
3. bills introduced for the purpose specified in 75 O.S., Section 23.1;
4. measures introduced for the purpose of disapproving or approving agency rules pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act;
5. bills introduced for the purpose of implementing the Oklahoma Sunset Law;
6. bills that only repeal or delete, without substantive replacement, provisions of the Oklahoma Statutes;
7. bills that carry over from the First Regular Session to the Second Regular Session pursuant to Rule 6.9;
8. simple or concurrent resolutions; and
9. any other measure authorized by the Speaker.

6.5 – Authorship

(a) Principal Author – A House bill or resolution may have only one Principal Author and shall be the Member that is listed as the Principal Author on a bill or resolution.

(b) Author – An Author is a Member who authors a House bill or resolution prior to the introduction of the House bill or resolution.

(c) Coauthor – A Coauthor is a Member who authors a House bill or resolution after the introduction of the House bill or resolution.

6.6 – Principal Senate Author of a House Bill or Resolution

(a) While a House bill, joint resolution, or concurrent resolution is within the physical control of the House, the principal House author of the bill or resolution shall have full and complete discretion in determining who the principal Senate author of the bill or resolution shall be.

(b) No bill or resolution lacking a principal Senate author shall be scheduled for Floor consideration, unless authorized by the Speaker, except that the withdrawal of the principal Senate author, after the bill or resolution is scheduled for Floor consideration, shall not preclude the House from considering the bill or resolution.

6.7 – Procedures Governing Simple and Concurrent Resolutions

(a) Except as exempted by paragraph (b) of this section, the following classes of simple and concurrent resolutions shall lie over one (1) legislative day after introduction, after which they may be called up for consideration:

1. resolutions requesting information from any of the executive or judicial departments, from county and municipal officers, or from corporate entities or persons; or

2. resolutions giving rise to debate.

(b) The following classes of simple and concurrent resolutions may be taken up the same legislative day they are introduced:

1. resolutions relating to business immediately before the House;
2. resolutions relating to business of the day on which they may be offered;
3. resolutions reported from the House Rules Committee proposing adoption of a special rule or rules; or
4. resolutions relating to adjournment or recess.

(c) Upon taking up a motion to adopt a simple or concurrent resolution, said motion shall be subject to amendment and debate.

(d) A motion to amend shall be in order immediately but amendments proposed to simple and concurrent resolutions shall be electronically submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk prior to consideration by the House.

(e) The House shall not consider any proposed amendments not germane to the subject of a simple or concurrent resolution under consideration.

(f) Debate on the question of adoption of a simple or concurrent resolution shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes, equally divided between the proponents and opponents of the resolution, provided that no member speak for more than ten (10) minutes.

(g) Five (5) minutes of the time allocated to the proponents of the resolution shall be reserved to the principal author, and the principal author shall have the right to close the debate.

(h) Any simple or concurrent resolution may be referred by the Speaker to an appropriate committee.

6.8 – Final Action

(a) The following action shall constitute final action on any bill or resolution:

1. committee recommendation of "Do Not Pass";
2. if a motion to reconsider the vote on Third Reading or Fourth Reading fails to prevail or expires;
3. if a motion to table the motion to reconsider prevails; or
4. if a vote is taken on Third Reading or Fourth Reading and no notice is served to reconsider the vote.

(b) If final action is such as to defeat a bill or resolution, no other bill or resolution having the same effect and covering the same specific subject matter shall be considered by the House of Representatives during either session of the current Legislature.

6.9 – Carry-over Bills and Joint Resolutions

Any bill or joint resolution pending in the House at the sine die adjournment of the First Regular Session of a Legislature shall carry over to the Second Regular Session with the same status as if there had been no adjournment; provided, however, that this Rule shall not apply to bills and joint resolutions pending in a conference committee at the time of sine die adjournment.

6.10 – Special or Local Laws

(a) The House of Representatives shall not consider proposed local or special legislation on subjects prohibited by the Oklahoma Constitution.

(b) No special or local law shall be considered by the House of Representatives unless passage of a general law would be ineffective.

(c) A bill or joint resolution under consideration by the House shall be presumed not to be special or local legislation unless the principal author so declares in writing prior to presentation of the measure on the House Floor.

- (d) Prior to consideration of special or local legislation in the House of Representatives:
1. notice of the intended introduction of a proposed local or special law shall be first published for four (4) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of weekly or general circulation in the city or county affected by the proposed law;
 2. the notice shall state in substance the contents of the proposed law;
 3. verified proof of such publication as required by this section shall be filed with the Office of the Oklahoma Secretary of State; and
 4. verified proof of such publication as required by this section shall be published in the House Journal no later than the legislative day prior to the day the measure is considered on the House Floor.
- (e) The presiding officer shall not entertain points of order, requests for information, or parliamentary inquiries pertaining to whether a bill or joint resolution pending before the House is special or local legislation.

6.11 – Revenue–Raising Measures

- (a) A bill or joint resolution under consideration by the House shall be presumed not to be a revenue–raising measure within the meaning of Article V, Section 33 of the Oklahoma Constitution unless the bill or joint resolution has been designated as a revenue–raising measure by the Majority Floor Leader.
- (b) Prior to consideration of a bill or joint resolution designated as a revenue–raising measure pursuant to this section, the Majority Floor Leader shall rise and announce to the full House the designation of the bill or joint resolution as a revenue–raising measure and the announcement shall be published in the House Journal.
- (c) The presiding officer shall not entertain points of order, requests for information, or parliamentary inquiries pertaining to whether a bill or joint resolution pending before the House is a revenue–raising measure.
- (d) Prior to ordering the vote on final passage of a revenue–raising measure, the presiding officer shall announce the vote required for final passage. As used in this section, final passage shall be defined as the vote on Third Reading or Fourth Reading of a bill or joint resolution.

RULE SEVEN COMMITTEES IN GENERAL

7.1 – Definitions

- (a) A standing committee is a committee appointed by the Speaker of the House pursuant to Rule 1.8 which continues as a distinct entity for the duration of the biennium unless dissolved by the Speaker.
- (b) A standing subcommittee is a subcommittee appointed by the Speaker of the House pursuant to Rule 1.8 which exercises oversight or other specific authority assigned to it by the Speaker and reports directly to a standing committee.
- (c) A special committee is a committee appointed by the Speaker of the House pursuant to Rule 1.8 which carries out a particular task defined at the time of the committee's creation and appointment. Upon completion of the task assigned to the special committee, the special committee is immediately dissolved.
- (d) A conference committee is a committee tasked with resolving differences between the House of Representatives and the Senate. A conference committee consists of members from both chambers with the House members of a conference committee being appointed by the Speaker of the House pursuant to Rule 1.9.

7.2 – Open Meetings

All meetings of all committees shall be open to the public, subject to the authority of the chairperson to maintain order and decorum. A chairperson, with the approval of the Speaker, may close a committee meeting or portion thereof, and the record of such meeting may not disclose the identity of the witness appearing before the committee, if necessary to preserve physical security, including the protection of a witness.

7.3 – Timing, Location, and Deadlines of Meetings

- (a) The Speaker of the House, or designee, shall determine the dates for committee deadlines within the General Order periods of the biennium.
- (b) Committees shall meet at the call of the committee Chair within the dates, times, and locations designated by the Speaker.
- (c) No committee shall sit during a floor session of the House without special leave from the Speaker

CHAPTER A. STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

7.4 – Authority of the Chair

- (a) All standing and special committees and subcommittees shall be governed by the House Rules applicable to committee proceedings.
- (b) Chairpersons shall ensure the efficient operation of the committees or subcommittees. Such authority shall include:
 - 1. presiding over the committees or subcommittees;
 - 2. establishing the calendar for the committees or subcommittees;
 - 3. recognition of members or presenters;
 - 4. deciding all questions of procedure in the committees or subcommittees, subject to appeal; and
 - 5. determining the order in which legislation is considered in a committee or subcommittee. Consent calendars shall not be utilized in committees or subcommittees.
- (c) The chairperson shall exercise all authority necessary to maintain order and decorum, including the authority to require all persons present to silence all electronic devices and to request the Sergeant at Arms to clear the committee room of a person or persons causing disruption.
- (d) In case of a chairperson's absence, the vice-chairperson shall assume all duties of the chairperson until the chairperson's return or replacement.
- (e) The chairperson shall cause to be created an official report recording the ayes and the nays as required by Rule 7.7.
- (f) No person shall address the committee or subcommittee unless first recognized by the chairperson for that purpose and no persons other than members of the House shall be recognized to offer debate.
- (g) All motions offered in a committee or a subcommittee meeting shall require a second to receive further consideration.
- (h) A committee or subcommittee may only take up bills or resolutions for consideration if a quorum of the committee or subcommittee is present. A quorum is a majority of the members of the committee or subcommittee, excluding the ex officio members of the committee or subcommittee, but the ex officio members may count toward the presence of a quorum in a committee or its subcommittees.
- (i) When a bill or resolution is taken up for consideration, the principal House author or another member designated by the principal House author shall be recognized for explanation of the bill or resolution if he or she so desires. In the event the chairperson of

the committee is presenting the measure under consideration, the chairperson shall not also preside over the committee while his or her bill or resolution is under consideration.

(j) The House author shall be given the opportunity to answer questions put by members of the committee or other persons recognized by the chairperson.

(k) The chairperson shall provide opportunity for presentation of amendments to the bill or resolution by the House author, any member of the committee, or any other member of the House, as governed by Rule 7.6.

(l) Amendments shall be considered in the order they appear in the bill or resolution, or in the order they are presented to the committee. The chairperson shall resolve any conflict resulting from claimed priority of presentation.

(m) The author of an amendment shall explain the amendment and be afforded the opportunity to answer questions about the amendment put by members of the committee, the author of the bill or resolution, or other persons recognized by the chairperson.

(n) The chairperson may recognize any person for comment on the proposed legislation or amendments. The chairperson may limit the amount of time for any such comment.

(o) Any questions of procedure not provided for within these Rules shall be governed by the ruling of the chairperson. In making his or her ruling, the chairperson shall rely upon the latest edition of Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure. Where a conflict exists between a provision within these Rules and a provision within Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure, the House Rule shall control.

(p) Any member may rise to a point of order against any other member when, in the member's opinion, such member is proceeding out of order. The member raising the point of order must cite the specific rule the member believes is in conflict. Such point of order shall be decided by the presiding officer without debate.

(q) The decisions of the Chair on questions of procedure and points of order shall be subject to appeal as follows:

1. an appeal must be lodged immediately;
2. an appeal shall not be raised by anyone other than a member of the committee or subcommittee wherein such a question arises;
3. an appeal must be seconded by two other members of the committee or subcommittee to receive further consideration;
4. all appeals shall be decided without debate, except that the member taking said appeal shall be afforded one (1) minute in which to state the reasons for the member's appeal and the Chair may state the reasons for the Chair's decision; and
5. no ruling of the Chair shall be overturned except upon a majority of the members of the committee or subcommittee voting in the negative upon the question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be the decision of the committee [or subcommittee]".

(r) The chairperson of a full committee may refer to a subcommittee or reassign from a subcommittee any legislation, proposal or inquiry; provided, however, no subcommittee shall be permitted to report directly to the House, but rather shall report to the full committee.

(s) Except for legislation recommended by the Rules Committee or the Appropriations and Budget Committee, all legislation originating in the House which is recommended by a committee to the full House shall contain a complete Title and an Enacting or Resolving Clause.

(t) The committee or subcommittee chairperson shall sign all reports required or permitted by these Rules. The committee chairperson shall sign all subpoenas as permitted by Rule 7.13, but shall not sign any subpoena prior to signature by the Speaker of the House.

7.5 – Notice of Meetings

- (a) All committees and subcommittees shall provide at least forty–eight (48) hours notice of a meeting. Notice of the meeting shall be published through an appropriate public medium such as the House website or electronic mail, unless notice requirement is waived by the Speaker.
- (b) A notice shall state the date, time, and place of a meeting and shall include a listing and sufficient title for identification of any and all bills to be considered by the committee or subcommittee holding the meeting. The measure's principal author and the members of the committee or subcommittee shall be provided separate notice.
- (c) If a committee or subcommittee is scheduled for a regular meeting, but does not plan to meet, a notice stating that no meeting is to be held shall be posted.
- (d) Bills or resolutions published on a meeting notice but not considered shall not be taken up in a subsequent committee meeting unless said bills or resolutions are listed on the meeting notice announcing the items of business to be considered in the later meeting.

7.6 – Amendments

- (a) Committees and subcommittees may only consider amendments presented in final written form prior to adoption.
- (b) Any member of the House may offer an amendment to any bill or resolution being considered by any committee or subcommittee and shall be recognized to introduce the amendment. If not a member of the committee or subcommittee, a member who offers an amendment must comply with the amendment filing deadline of this Rule and be present at the meeting at which the amendment is considered. If the member is not present, the amendment may only be considered if taken up and offered by a member of the committee or subcommittee.
- (c) Any member offering an amendment, including a member of the committee or subcommittee, must submit the proposed amendment in electronic form to the chairperson by 4:30 p.m. the legislative day before the meeting of the committee or subcommittee. The chairperson may, at his or her discretion, waive or set a later deadline than contained in this Rule.
- (d) Amendments offered to any House bill or resolution under consideration by a committee or subcommittee shall be germane to the subject of the introduced bill or resolution. Amendments offered to any Senate bill or resolution under consideration by a committee or subcommittee shall be germane to the subject of the engrossed version of the Senate bill or resolution.
- (e) When considering a measure section by section, a motion to strike a section when such section is under individual consideration shall not be subject to the time constraints established by this Rule for consideration of committee amendments.
- (f) When considering a measure section by section, the Title or Enacting or Resolving Clause of a bill or joint resolution may not be stricken except as provided in Rule 7.4(s).
- (g) Amendments approved by any committee shall be incorporated into the bill or resolution the same as if included in the introduced bill or resolution.

7.7 – Voting

- (a) All votes in committees or subcommittees shall be conducted in open public meetings of that committee, except that two-thirds (2/3) of the members of any standing or special committee, including ex officio members, may report a bill or resolution out of committee by signing a written report. If a written report is prepared by a member other than the chairperson of the committee, a written notice that a report is being prepared shall be given to the chairperson prior to the circulation of the report for signatures.

(b) Only the vote on recommendation for final passage out of committee to the full House concerning a bill or resolution shall be by recorded vote. Recommendation for final passage out of committee, such motion need only receive a majority of those voting, a quorum being present.

(c) As used in this section, "recommendation for final passage out of committee" means a "Do Pass", "Do Pass as Amended", or a "Do Not Pass" motion. A "Do Pass" motion takes precedence over any other motions for final passage.

(d) Only those committee members present may vote on any matter. No person shall cast a vote on behalf of any committee member eligible to vote in any House committee.

7.8 – Committee Recommendations

(a) When any committee returns a bill or resolution with the recommendation of "Do Pass" or "Do Pass as Amended", the bill or resolution shall be published on the House Calendar in numerical order by bill or resolution number under the heading "Bills on General Order" or "Joint Resolutions on General Order".

(b) If a committee does not return a bill or resolution with the recommendation of either "Do Pass", "Do Pass as Amended", or "Do Not Pass", the bill or resolution shall remain the property of the committee, unless the bill or resolution is placed directly on the House Calendar by the Speaker or is discharged pursuant to Rule 7.7 or 7.12.

7.9 – Final Action

When any committee returns a bill or resolution with the recommendation of "Do Not Pass", this shall constitute final action only if the recommendation was adopted by a majority of the members of the committee.

7.10 – Petition for Committee Hearing

(a) After assignment to a standing or special committee, the principal author of a bill or resolution shall be entitled to have such bill or joint resolution considered by a vote of the committee at least four (4) legislative days prior to the final date for Third Reading in either regular session. Such a petition must be electronically signed by a majority of the members of the committee. Ex officio members of a committee may electronically sign such petitions and shall count towards the necessary signatures as required by this section.

(b) The petitions provided for by this section shall be electronically submitted to the Chief Clerk of the House. The Chief Clerk shall determine if the petition contains the necessary signatures. If the petition contains the necessary signatures, the Chief Clerk shall forward the petition to the appropriate committee chair.

7.11 – Bill Summary

(a) All bills and joint resolutions shall be accompanied by a bill summary and, if adoption of the measure will have a fiscal impact, including the affecting of revenues, expenditures or fiscal liability, the summary shall contain a fiscal analysis. The bill summary shall include a description of any repealers contained in a bill or joint resolution. The fiscal analysis contained within a bill summary shall state the estimated increase or decrease in revenues or expenditures and the present and future fiscal implications of the bill, if applicable.

(b) All bills affecting any retirement system authorized by law shall be accompanied by a bill summary which shall include an estimate of the cost and actuarial analysis of the measure upon being reported favorably by any standing committee unless the actuarial analysis for the bill is governed by the Oklahoma Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act. The estimate and actuarial analysis shall be prepared by an actuary engaged by the House of Representatives.

(c) If any measure of the type delineated in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section is scheduled for floor consideration without a bill summary having been prepared, it shall be the right of any member to raise a point of order on the Floor and the presiding officer may, in his or her discretion, withdraw the measure from further consideration until a summary is made available.

(d) The accuracy of the bill summary or a fiscal or actuarial analysis contained within the bill summary shall not be a basis for a point of order under these Rules.

(e) The principal House author may publish what he or she believes to be the "legislative intent" of the measure in question. Such a document shall not be drafted by persons employed within the Legal, Fiscal, or Research Divisions of the House Staff; however, the principal House author may consult with such employees as needed.

7.12 – Discharge from Committee

(a) Any bill or resolution may be discharged from any standing committee of the House upon a request electronically signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the House.

(b) The bill or resolution in question shall be identified on the face of the petition and an electronic copy of the measure shall be attached to the discharge petition.

(c) The request for discharge of a bill or resolution and the attached measure shall be electronically submitted to the Chief Clerk of the House. No other person except the principal House author of the measure in question shall submit a discharge petition to the Chief Clerk. The Chief Clerk shall determine if the discharge petition contains the necessary signatures as required by this section. If the discharge petition contains the necessary signatures, the Chief Clerk shall forward the petition to the Speaker of the House, or designee.

(d) Upon receipt of the discharge petition from the Chief Clerk of the House, the Speaker of the House, or designee, shall place the bill or resolution on the daily House floor agenda. The Chief Clerk of the House shall cause the discharge petition, along with the attached measure, to be published upon the House website.

(e) The Speaker of the House, or designee, shall not place a bill or resolution on the daily House floor agenda if the discharge petition pertaining to the bill or resolution was filed after 12:00 noon on the Tuesday immediately prior to the final date for Third Reading in either regular session.

7.13 – Oversight Powers and Responsibilities of Committees and Subcommittees

(a) Committees and subcommittees are authorized:

1. to maintain a continuous review of the work of the state agencies concerned with their subject areas and the performance of the functions of government within each subject area;
2. to invite public officials, public employees, and private individuals to appear before the committees or subcommittees to submit information;
3. to request reports from departments and agencies performing functions reasonably related to the committees' jurisdictions;
4. to complete the interim projects assigned by the Speaker; and
5. to conduct such other business as directed by the Speaker.

(b) Each committee or subcommittee has the reasonable right and authority to inspect and investigate the books, records, papers, documents, data, operation, and physical plant of any public agency in this state.

(c) The chairperson, vice-chairperson, or a member designated by the chairperson or vice-chairperson may administer all oaths and affirmations to witnesses who appear before such committees to testify in any matter requiring evidence.

(d) In order to carry out the duties of the committee, and its subcommittees, the chairperson of each committee with approval of the Speaker, may issue subpoenas and other necessary process to compel the attendance of witnesses either before the committee or subcommittee or at deposition and the production of any books, letters, or other documentary evidence required by such committee.

(e) In the event a committee must subpoena a witness or witnesses, or otherwise subpoena production of documents, materials, or other evidence, such subpoenas shall be limited to matters reasonably related to the areas of legislative responsibility delegated to the committee and shall be within the reasonable scope of the committee's investigation.

(f) If the committee shall require the deposition of witnesses, either residing within or without the state, such depositions shall be taken in the manner prescribed by law for the taking of depositions in civil actions in the district courts. Witnesses shall be paid the same fees and mileage as are paid in civil cases in district courts.

CHAPTER B. CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

7.14 – Appointment of Conference Committees

(a) The House chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, and members of a conference committee shall be appointed by the Speaker pursuant to Rule 1.9.

(b) Once a measure is in conference, the chairperson of the standing conference committee to which the measure is assigned shall, if requested by the principal author, schedule presentation of the measure.

(c) No measure shall be assigned to a standing conference committee which does not include among its membership the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the standing committee from which the same measure was reported during General Order.

7.15 – Presentation and Signatures on Conference Committee Reports

(a) A conference committee report, other than one which proposes only restoration of the Title and/or Enacting Clause or states that conferees are unable to agree, shall be presented to a standing conference committee subject to the following requirements:

1. the presentation shall not be scheduled earlier than the next calendar day after electronic publication;
2. the presentation shall be made in person;
3. no person except the principal House author of the measure or another House member designated by the principal House author shall present the report;
4. no member of the standing conference committee shall add their electronic signature to the report until such report is presented in person; and
5. the chairperson of the standing conference committee shall determine the procedures of the presentation, except as otherwise specifically provided for in these Rules.

(b) Upon being opened for signature by the chairperson of the standing conference committee, a conference committee report which proposes only to restore the Title and/or Enacting Clause of a measure or states that conferees are unable to agree may be electronically signed by members of the standing conference committee.

(c) Members of a standing conference committee may add or remove their electronic signatures at any time prior to the time a House conference committee report is closed for submission or withdrawn by the principal House author.

(d) Members of a standing conference committee may add or remove their electronic signatures at any time prior to the time a Senate conference committee report ceases to be in possession of the House of Representatives.

7.16 – Presentation Before Standing Conference Committee

- (a) All presentations made before standing conference committees shall be open to the public, subject to the authority of the chairperson to maintain order and decorum.
- (b) All standing conference committees shall provide reasonable public notice of a presentation.
- (c) The notice shall state the date, time, and place of a presentation.
- (d) The notice shall include a listing and sufficient title for identification of the bills to be presented to the standing conference committee.

7.17 – Timing of Presentations

- (a) The chairperson of a conference committee shall schedule a presentation of conference committee reports within the dates, times, and locations designated by the Speaker.
- (b) The chairperson of a conference committee shall not schedule presentation of a proposed conference committee report during a floor session of the House without special leave from the Speaker.

7.18 – Submission of House Conference Committee Reports

Upon receipt of the electronic signatures of a majority of House conferees and the signatures of a majority of Senate conferees, the principal House author may submit the recommended House conference committee report to the Chief Clerk of the House.

RULE EIGHT

LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

CHAPTER A. FIRST AND SECOND READING

8.1 – Reading Defined

"Reading" means the stage of consideration of a bill or joint resolution after reading or publishing of a portion of the title sufficient for identification, as determined by the Speaker.

8.2 – First Reading

The publication of a bill or joint resolution by its title and bill number in the House Journal shall satisfy the requirements of First Reading.

8.3 – Second Reading

- (a) After the First Reading of a bill or joint resolution, the bill or joint resolution shall be placed on the House Calendar under "Bills on Second Reading" or "Joint Resolutions on Second Reading", as the case may be.
- (b) On the Second Reading of a bill, the bill shall be read by Title only, unless otherwise ordered by the House, and shall be referred by the Speaker to an appropriate committee or directly to the House Calendar under the heading "Bills on General Order" or "Joint Resolutions on General Order", as the case may be.
- (c) Measures lacking substantive language shall be assigned to a committee designated to receive them and prior to being scheduled for a committee hearing, substantive language must be electronically filed, unless waived by the Speaker.
- (d) No bill or joint resolution on First or Second Reading shall be subject to amendment or debate.

8.4 – Management of Legislation and Committee Deadlines

- (a) The Speaker of the House, or designee, shall publish a list of measures to be considered by the House of Representatives, and the Speaker of the House, or designee, shall determine the order of their consideration.
- (b) No measure shall be scheduled for consideration unless the measure has been reported from a standing or special committee or has been referred directly to the General Order category of the House Calendar pursuant to Rule 1.4. No measure shall be considered

reported from a standing or special committee until the electronically signed committee report is filed with the Chief Clerk of the House.

(c) Upon adoption by the House of a motion to commit any measure to the House Rules Committee, a measure so committed shall not be subsequently returned by the Rules Committee with a favorable recommendation unless accompanied by a Special Rule adopted pursuant to Rule 8.5 prescribing how the measure will be considered by the House. A measure so returned shall not be taken up for consideration prior to the Special Rule required herein being adopted by the House.

CHAPTER B. BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON GENERAL ORDER

8.5 – Special Rules

(a) The House Rules Committee may adopt a "special rule" for a measure scheduled or to be scheduled for consideration on the House Floor.

(b) A special rule may limit the offering of amendments, may prescribe the time and conditions of debate, may govern floor consideration on Third or Fourth Reading of the bill, or may contain any other provisions deemed appropriate.

(c) A special rule shall not become operational unless first presented to the full House in the form of a House resolution. A House resolution reported by the Rules Committee for this purpose shall not be subject to amendment on the House Floor.

8.6 – Special Orders

(a) After a measure is scheduled for consideration on the House Floor, a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the House may vote to designate a measure as a "special order" to be taken up on a specific date or at a specific time. Such a vote shall be recorded in the House Journal.

(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply on the final date for Third Reading in either regular session or on the date of sine die adjournment.

8.7 – Reading and Explanation

(a) A bill or joint resolution on General Order shall first be read by title, or read and considered by sections, unless otherwise ordered.

(b) The member presenting a bill or joint resolution shall be allowed a reasonable length of time in which to explain the bill or resolution, but said explanations shall not include a discussion of the merits of the proposition.

(c) No bill or joint resolution on General Order shall be considered until all opportunities provided by this Rule for filing proposed amendments shall be afforded the House.

(d) In such case where no main floor amendment shall be timely filed as defined in Rule 8.8 (b) or where no main floor amendments shall be offered except those amendments permitted under Rule 8.8 (f) and (g), such measure shall become eligible for floor consideration upon the expiration.

8.8 – Amendments

(a) All House and Senate bills and joint resolutions when initially published on the Floor Calendar shall be subject to amendment beginning at the time of such publishing.

(b) A main floor amendment must be filed no later than twenty-four (24) hours after a bill or joint resolution is initially published on the Floor Calendar, to be eligible for consideration.

(c) An amendment to a main floor amendment must be filed no later than forty-eight (48) hours after a bill or joint resolution is initially published on the Floor Calendar, to be eligible for consideration.

(d) Calendar days not concurrently designated as legislative days shall not be considered when calculating the beginning and ending dates and times for bills initially published on the Floor Calendar and passing through the amendment cycle.

(e) No amendment purporting to strike the Title or the Enacting or Resolving Clause of any bill or joint resolution shall be in order except as provided in paragraphs (f) and (g) of this section.

(f) The Chairperson of the Rules Committee or the Majority Floor Leader shall be permitted to offer amendments to strike the Title or the Enacting or Resolving Clause of measures not affecting revenue or appropriations. Amendments offered under this paragraph shall not be subject to the time constraints established by paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, nor shall they be subject to the constraints on amending previously amended language established by Rule 8.9(b).

(g) The Chairperson of the Appropriations and Budget Committee, or the Vice-chairperson of the Appropriations and Budget Committee in the absence of the Chairperson, shall be permitted to offer amendments to strike the Title or the Enacting or Resolving Clause of measures affecting revenue or appropriations. Amendments offered under this paragraph shall not be subject to the time constraints established by paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, nor shall they be subject to the constraints on amending previously amended language established by Rule 8.9(b).

(h) In the event a bill or joint resolution is published on the Floor Calendar and then subsequently removed while time remains for filing floor amendments as provided in this Rule, such bill or joint resolution, if published again on the Floor Calendar, shall not be considered by the House until the remaining time for filing floor amendments is concluded.

(i) When considering a measure section by section pursuant to Rule 8.7(a), a motion to strike a section when such section is under individual consideration shall not be subject to the time constraints established by this Rule for consideration of regularly filed floor amendments.

(j) When considering a measure section by section, the Title or Enacting or Resolving Clause of a bill or joint resolution may not be stricken except as provided in paragraphs (f) and (g) of this section.

8.9 – Consideration and Presentation

(a) The House shall not consider more than one amendment at a time and amendments shall be taken up only as sponsors gain recognition from the presiding officer to move their adoption.

(b) The adoption of an amendment to a section shall not preclude further amendment of that section so long as subsequent amendments do not purport to amend the same language previously amended. If a bill is being considered section by section or item by item, only amendments to the section or item under consideration shall be in order.

(c) For the purpose of this Rule, an amendment shall be deemed pending only after its author has been recognized by the presiding officer and has moved its adoption.

(d) The body of a bill or joint resolution shall not be defaced or interlined, but all proposed amendments shall be separately submitted, noting the page and line, and shall be considered timely filed only if the principal author of the amendment has electronically submitted such amendment in completed form to the Office of the Chief Clerk within the time constraints provided in Rule 8.8 (b) and (c).

(e) Any measure of the type delineated in Rule 7.11 (a) and (b) that is scheduled for floor consideration shall have a bill summary prepared prior to its consideration.

8.10 – Floor Substitutes

(a) The House of Representatives shall not consider any amendment to a main floor amendment offered in the form of a floor substitute. An amendment to a main floor amendment shall be deemed a floor substitute only if adoption of the proposed amendment

to a main floor amendment would result in replacement of all sections of the measure in question other than the section containing the effective date or emergency clause.

(b) Floor substitutes shall be accompanied by a summary which shall include a description of the differences between the floor version and the floor substitute.

8.11 – Amendment of General Appropriations Bill

Whenever an amendment is offered to a General Appropriations Bill that would increase any line item of such bill, such amendment shall show the amount by line item of the increase and shall decrease a line item or items within the same bill in an amount or amounts equivalent to or greater than the increase required by the amendment.

8.12 – Amendment Summary

(a) All proposed amendments to bills or joint resolutions shall be accompanied by a written summary and, if adoption of the amendment will have a fiscal impact, including the affecting of revenues, expenditures or fiscal liability, the summary shall contain a fiscal analysis upon being filed with the Office of the Chief Clerk. The fiscal analysis shall state the estimated increase or decrease in revenues or expenditures and the present and future fiscal implications of passage of the amended bill, if applicable. The summary shall not express comment or opinion relative to the merits of the amendment proposed. The requirements of this section shall not apply to amendments purporting to strike the Title or the Enacting or Resolving Clause of any bill or joint resolution.

(b) Except as may be otherwise required by the Oklahoma Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act, all amendments to bills or joint resolutions affecting any retirement system authorized by law shall be accompanied by a summary which shall include an estimate and actuarial analysis of the present and future fiscal implications of passage of the amended bill. The estimate and actuarial analysis contained in the summary shall be prepared by an actuary engaged by the House of Representatives.

(c) The accuracy of an amendment summary or a fiscal or actuarial analysis contained within the written summary shall not be a basis for a point of order under these Rules.

8.13 – Germaneness of House Amendments

The House shall not consider any proposed amendment not germane to the subject of the House bill or resolution. An amendment to a main amendment must be germane to both the main amendment and the measure which it purports to amend.

8.14 – Amendments Out of Order

An amendment is out of order if it is the principal substance of a bill or resolution that has received an unfavorable committee report, has been withdrawn from further consideration by the principal author, or has not been reported favorably by the committee of reference in either session of the current Legislature and may not be offered to a bill or resolution on the Floor Calendar and under consideration by the House. Any amendment that is substantially the same, and identical as to specific intent and purpose, as the bill or resolution residing in the committee of reference is covered by this Rule, unless the bill or resolution under amendment is substantially the same as the bill or resolution residing in the committee of reference.

8.15 – Reconsideration

A motion to reconsider any vote on the adoption or rejection of an amendment, or the adoption or rejection of a section of any bill or joint resolution, may be made by any member prior to the advancement of such measure from General Order, which motion shall be subject to debate. The motion to reconsider may be laid on the table without affecting the question in reference to which the motion is made, thereby resulting in a final disposition of the motion.

8.16 – Motion to Commit

A motion may be made during the reading or consideration of any bill or joint resolution on General Order to commit the bill to a standing or special committee, with or without instructions. A motion to commit with instructions shall be electronically submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk prior to consideration by the House.

8.17 – Motion to Advance from General Order

A motion to advance a bill or joint resolution from General Order shall not be in order until all opportunities provided by this Rule for filing proposed amendments shall be afforded the House. Once a motion to advance from General Order has been adopted, the bill or resolution shall be considered engrossed and on Third Reading.

CHAPTER C. BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON THIRD
READING OR FOURTH READING

8.18 – Consideration and Debate

(a) After Third Reading or Fourth Reading of a bill or joint resolution, the presiding officer shall put the question in the following manner: "The Question Before the House is, shall the Bill or Joint Resolution Pass?"

(b) After Third Reading or Fourth Reading but before the vote is ordered, unless prohibited by Rule 8.21, the question shall be subject to debate.

(c) As governed by paragraph (b) of this section, debate shall be limited to one (1) hour, equally divided between the proponents and opponents of the question, provided that no member may speak for more than ten (10) minutes.

(d) As governed by paragraph (b) of this section, debate shall be limited to ten (10) minutes, equally divided between the proponents and opponents of the question, provided that no member may speak for more than one (1) minute, if the measure lacks a title or enacting clause.

(e) Five (5) minutes of the time allocated to the proponents of the bill or joint resolution shall be reserved to the principal author, and the principal author shall have the right to close the debate.

(f) The question of passage of a bill or joint resolution on Third or Fourth Reading shall be decided by recorded vote after declaration of the question by the presiding officer.

(g) Any measure of the type delineated in Rule 7.11 (a) and (b) that is scheduled for floor consideration shall have a bill summary prepared prior to its consideration.

8.19 – Amendments

No bill or joint resolution on Third or Fourth Reading shall be subject to amendment.

8.20 – Consideration of Emergency Clause

(a) When any bill or joint resolution containing a title and enacting clause is being considered on Third Reading or Fourth Reading, and such a bill or joint resolution contains an emergency clause, the emergency clause shall constitute a separate question and shall be subject to debate.

(b) When any bill or joint resolution lacking a title or enacting clause is being considered on Third Reading and such a bill or joint resolution contains an emergency clause, the House shall not consider the emergency clause. The vote on Third Reading shall be considered the vote on the emergency clause and shall be recorded as such in the House Journal.

8.21 – Consideration of Conference Committee Reports and Senate Amendments

(a) Motions to accept or reject Senate amendments or to adopt or reject conference committee reports may be arranged on a calendar or upon such calendars as may be directed by the Speaker of the House, or designee.

(b) The House shall not consider adoption of a conference committee report or a joint committee report until a majority of both the House and Senate members constituting the conference committee or joint committee have adopted or signed the report. Ex officio members of a House conference committee may electronically sign a conference committee report and shall count towards a majority of signatures as required by this paragraph; however, such ex officio members shall not be included when calculating the number of signatures required to constitute a majority of the membership of a House conference committee.

(c) The House shall not consider a motion to adopt a Senate amendment, a House conference committee report, or a House joint committee report unless it is limited to matters germane to the bill or resolution.

(d) A motion to adopt or reject a Senate amendment, conference committee report, or a joint committee report shall be subject to debate. Debate shall be limited to one (1) hour, equally divided between the proponents and the opponents of the motion, provided that no member may speak for more than ten (10) minutes.

(e) A consent calendar may be used for rejection of Senate amendments provided it shall not consist of more than twenty (20) bills, it shall be published forty-eight (48) hours prior to consideration, and any member shall have the right to remove any bill for separate consideration at any time prior to consideration of the consent calendar.

(f) If debate is requested and entertained on the question of adoption of a Senate amendment or a conference committee report, no further debate shall be permitted on Fourth Reading and final passage of the same measure.

(g) If debate is requested and entertained on the question of adoption of a joint committee report, no further debate shall be permitted on Third Reading and final passage of the same measure.

8.22 – Transparency in Conference

(a) A summary of the changes contained in a conference committee report shall be made available prior to consideration of the report by the House.

(b) All conference committee reports whose adoption will have a fiscal impact shall be accompanied by a fiscal analysis.

(c) A conference committee report may be considered for adoption only if said report has been published on the joint conference calendar twenty-four (24) hours before consideration of the report.

(d) A motion to reject a joint committee report with instructions or a motion to reject a conference committee report with instructions shall not be considered unless said instructions are electronically submitted to the Chief Clerk of the House prior to the time the principal House author of the measure is initially recognized to present the joint committee report or the conference committee report to the House of Representatives.

RULE NINE

CHAMBER PROTOCOL

9.1 – Daily Order of Business

(a) The following Order of Business shall be followed each day:

1. Roll Call;
2. Prayer, the timing of which shall be left to the discretion of the Majority Floor Leader;
3. Inspirational Message by Chaplain on Thursday mornings, the timing of which shall be left to the discretion of the Majority Floor Leader;
4. Introduction of the Veteran of the Week on Monday mornings, the timing of which shall be left to the discretion of the Majority Floor Leader;

5. Pledge of Allegiance, the timing of which shall be left to the discretion of the Majority Floor Leader;
6. Introduction of a Doctor and/or Nurse of the Day, the timing of which shall be left to the discretion of the Majority Floor Leader;
7. Correction of the Previous Day's Journal;
8. House and Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading, the timing of which shall be left to the discretion of the Majority Floor Leader;
9. Assignment or Reassignment of Bills and Resolutions, the timing of which shall be left to the discretion of the Majority Floor Leader;
10. Bills, Resolutions, Conference Committee Reports, and Joint Committee Reports scheduled by the Speaker of the House, or designee; and
11. Motions placing new business before the House. The Majority Floor Leader may schedule said motions at his or her discretion.

(b) If no measure is pending before the House, the Presiding Officer shall give the Majority Floor Leader preference for recognition.

9.2 – Enforcement of House Rules, Order, and Decorum

(a) The presiding officer shall enforce, apply, and interpret the Rules of the House in all deliberations. While in the Chamber, the presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum, shall prevent personal reflections or the impugning of the motive of any member, and shall at all times confine members to the question under discussion.

(b) When two (2) or more members seek recognition at the same time, the presiding officer shall name the one entitled to the floor. The presiding officer shall not recognize any member who has risen or remains standing while another member is speaking. No member shall be entitled to be recognized to speak unless the member seeks recognition from the member's own desk.

(c) On all questions relative to the transgression of these Rules, the presiding officer shall call the members to order. In such case the member so called to order shall sit down and shall not rise except to explain said member's actions or to proceed in order.

(d) Any member may rise to a point of order against any other member when, in the member's opinion, such member is proceeding out of order. The member raising the point of order must cite the specific rule the member believes is in conflict. Such point of order shall be decided by the presiding officer without debate.

(e) Any decision by the Speaker on a point of order is subject to an appeal to the House made in a timely manner by any member should the member or the House be aggrieved by such decision. Such appeal must be seconded by a minimum of one-fifteenth (1/15) of the membership of the House. Members desiring to second an appeal shall signify by rising.

(f) The question of an appeal shall be put in the following form: "The question is, shall the decision of the presiding officer be the decision of the House? All those in favor signify by voting 'Aye'; those opposed 'Nay'. The vote is now in progress."

(g) All appeals shall be decided by a recorded vote and without debate, except that the member taking said appeal shall have one (1) minute within which to state the reasons for the member's appeal and the Chair may state the reasons for the Chair's decision. The member's appeal must relate to the decision in question and may not pertain to the merits of any matter or legislation not related to the decision of the Chair.

(h) When a point of order is called, no member shall approach the presiding officer or the Chief Parliamentarian until after the presiding officer has ruled. If requested by the presiding officer, the Majority Floor Leader may confer with the presiding officer regarding matters not pertaining to the point of order.

- (i) The presiding officer shall not entertain points of order pertaining to the constitutionality of a measure itself nor shall the presiding officer entertain points of order pertaining to the constitutionality of a measure's title.
- (j) While a question is pending, Members are prohibited from referencing visitors in the House Gallery.
- (k) The presiding officer may direct a Member's vote to be removed from the electronic voting machine if the Member is in breach of House Rules while the vote is open.

9.3 – Procedure

- (a) When the ayes and nays are ordered, the presiding officer shall put the question in the following form: "All those in favor signify by voting 'Aye'; those opposed 'Nay'. The vote is now in progress."
- (b) As governed by Rules 6.7 (e), 7.6 (d), 8.13, and 8.21 (c), the House shall not consider in either session of the current Legislature any measure originating in the House of Representatives if said measure has been amended by the insertion of matter not germane to the subject of the bill or resolution. Points of order related to germaneness must be raised at the time the amendment is considered.

9.4 – Debate

- (a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in these Rules, when a debatable question is before the House, such debate shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes, equally divided between the proponents and opponents of the question. Under no circumstances shall a member debate twice on the same question, nor shall any member speak longer than ten (10) minutes on the same question.
- (b) When a debatable question is before the House, any member may move that the time for debate on such question be extended. For adoption, such motion need only receive a majority of those voting, a quorum being present.
- (c) No member debating any question shall be interrupted by questions until said member has finished the member's remarks, and all time taken in asking and answering questions shall be deducted from the time allotted to said member.
- (d) Debate offered in the House of Representatives shall in all cases be directed to the presiding officer in the form of Mister or Madam Speaker as the case may be.

9.5 – Privileges

- (a) Questions and motions of privilege shall be: First, those affecting the rights of the House collectively, its safety, dignity, and the integrity of its proceedings; Second, the right, reputation, and conduct of its members individually in their representative capacity only, and shall have precedence over all other questions, except motions to adjourn.
- (b) No member who obtains the floor on a question of personal privilege, or on a question of privileges of the House, shall debate any question, matter, or measure then pending in the House, or in any standing or special committee of the House, nor shall the member be allowed to yield the floor for questions from other members.

9.6 – Voting and Division

- (a) The electronic voting machine shall be used to record the vote whenever the ayes and nays are required or ordered. The machine shall also be used to determine the presence of a quorum or to determine the numerical count where a division is requested and ordered. In the event the machine is not operating properly, all votes and determinations of quorums may be taken by calling the roll. If a member's voting device is out of order, the member shall rise and so announce to the presiding officer and cast said member's vote orally prior to the declaration of the result of the vote. Every member shall vote providing the member is in the Chamber at the time the vote is in progress.

(b) The electronic voting machine shall be under the control of the presiding officer and shall be operated by such clerk as the presiding officer so designates. At a reasonable time prior to any vote being taken, the presiding officer shall announce that a vote is about to be taken. When any member other than the Speaker is presiding, the member shall use the roll call switch located at the presiding officer's position upon the dais. When the Speaker is not presiding, the Speaker may direct the presiding officer to activate the Speaker's roll call switch in the manner requested by the Speaker. Any member who is present in the Chamber or is within the view of the presiding officer while a vote is in progress may direct another member to activate said member's roll call switch in the manner requested by that member. The presiding officer, while a vote is in progress, may at his or her discretion, direct the clerk to activate another member's roll call switch if the member is within the view of the presiding officer while a vote is in progress.

(c) When sufficient time has elapsed for each member to vote, the presiding officer shall ask if any members present desire to vote or change their vote. Following such inquiry and before the electronic voting machine is locked, any member may be excused from voting, pursuant to the provisions of Article V, Section 24 of the Oklahoma Constitution.

(d) The presiding officer shall then lock the machine and instruct the clerk to record the vote. The clerk shall immediately activate the recording equipment and, when the vote is completely recorded, shall advise the presiding officer of the result, and the presiding officer shall announce the result to the House. No vote may be changed after it has been recorded.

(e) No member may vote for another member, nor may any person cast a vote for a member, except as otherwise provided in this rule. A member who votes for another member, except as herein provided, may be punished in a manner the House determines. A person voting for a member, when not authorized by this rule, shall be barred from the Chamber and may be further punished as the House considers proper.

(f) When a division is requested and ordered, those in the affirmative or the negative, as the case may be, shall cast their votes accordingly and the clerk shall activate the electronic voting machine so as to reflect the individual ayes and nays and the numerical count, but no permanent record thereof shall be made. When the vote is completed, the clerk shall advise the presiding officer of the result, and the presiding officer shall announce the result to the House. In the event the machine is not operating properly, those in the affirmative shall arise from their seats and stand until they are counted aloud by the clerk, then those voting in the negative shall arise and stand until they are counted, and the presiding officer shall announce the result.

(g) Except as provided in Rule 8.20 (b), all votes on final passage of bills and resolutions, or the emergency clause thereof, shall be by recorded votes. One-fifteenth (1/15) of the members present, a quorum being present, may demand a recorded vote on any proposition, or the presiding officer may order a recorded vote upon the presiding officer's own initiative. All such recorded votes shall be published in the House Journal.

9.7 – Conduct During Voting

(a) While a vote is in progress and until the completion of a vote, and the announcement of the result, no member shall be recognized and no other business shall be transacted.

(b) No explanation of any vote shall be permitted while a vote is in progress or after a vote has been cast, except pursuant to Article V, Section 24, of the Oklahoma Constitution.

(c) No member, House employee, or other person shall visit or remain by the Reading Clerk or his or her assistant while a vote is in progress.

9.8 – Previous Question

When a debatable question is before the House, any member may move the Previous Question. It shall be put in the following form: "The Previous Question has been moved. The Question is, shall the House cease debate and vote immediately on the pending question?" If the motion for the Previous Question passes, the pending question shall be put immediately and no member shall be heard to debate it further or seek to amend it.

9.9 – Motion to Advance Question

When a debatable question is before the House, any member may move to Advance the Question. If the motion to Advance the Question passes, no further amendments to the matter considered shall be allowed and debate shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes, equally divided between the proponents and opponents of the question, provided that no member may speak for more than five (5) minutes. After debate is concluded, the question shall be put immediately.

9.10 – Reconsideration

(a) The final vote on Third Reading or Fourth Reading on any bill or joint resolution, or on the emergency clause thereof, or the final vote on adoption of a simple or concurrent resolution, may be reconsidered only if a member serves notice immediately after such final vote is taken prior to the consideration of any other business, of said member's intention to present a motion to reconsider such action, and the presiding officer shall afford any member such opportunity prior to proceeding to consideration of any other business.

(b) Unless presented and considered within three (3) legislative days, including the day upon which notice is served, a motion to reconsider shall be considered as having failed of adoption and the measure shall be treated as if the notice had never been lodged.

(c) A motion to reconsider may be offered immediately or upon the same day the final vote is taken by the member who served notice, or by another member with said member's consent. On the last day of the reconsideration period, any member may seek recognition for a motion to reconsider.

(d) Motions to reconsider shall be disposed of before the close of business on the last day of the time period specified for Third Reading and final passage for House and Senate measures.

(e) On the last day of the time period specified for Third Reading and final passage for House and Senate measures, a motion to reconsider, lodged either upon that same day or upon the two (2) prior legislative days, may be offered by any member upon being recognized for such motion by the presiding officer.

(f) On any day established as a deadline in Joint Rule 7, no motion to reconsider shall be recognized except immediately after a final vote is taken and prior to the consideration of any other business. A member may move to reconsider which motion shall be taken up immediately.

(g) For adoption, a motion to reconsider must receive a majority vote of those elected to and constituting the House. Only one (1) reconsideration of the final vote on a bill, resolution, or emergency clause shall be allowed. Except as otherwise specifically provided in Rule 8.15, no question shall be subject to reconsideration in the House.

9.11 – Measures Vetoed By The Governor

(a) When a bill or joint resolution is returned to the House because of a veto by the Governor, a motion to vote to override the veto shall be in order.

(b) A motion to vote to override a veto by the Governor is debatable. Such debate shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes, equally divided between the proponents and opponents of the question; provided, that no member may speak for more than ten (10) minutes.

(c) Prior to consideration of a motion to override the Governor's veto, if the returned bill or joint resolution was accompanied by a message of explanation, such message shall be published to the House of Representatives as determined by the presiding officer.

9.12 – Quorum

(a) At any time during the daily sessions of the House, a member recognized by the presiding officer may raise a question as to the presence of a quorum. If the presiding officer cannot ascertain whether or not there is a quorum, he or she shall, without debate, forthwith direct that the electronic voting machine be activated to determine the presence or absence of a quorum, and shall announce the result.

(b) Whenever it shall be ascertained that a quorum is not present, the members present may, by motion adopted by a majority of those voting, direct the Chief Sergeant at Arms to request and, if necessary, to compel the presence of absent members, which motion shall be considered without debate. Pending its execution and until a quorum shall be present, no motion or debate, except to adjourn to a day and time certain, shall be in order.

RULE TEN MOTIONS

10.1 – Precedence of Motions

Pending questions shall rank in precedence as set forth below in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section. Questions or motions not listed in this section shall be treated in the same manner as other motions of the same class.

(a) Privileged Motions

Call of the House, quorum not present (not amendable – not debatable; see Rule 10.5 (c); not subject to motion to table)

To adjourn (not amendable – not debatable; see Rule 12.1 (b); not subject to motion to table)

To adjourn to a time certain (amendable – not debatable; not subject to motion to table)

To recess (amendable – not debatable; not subject to motion to table)

(b) Questions of Privilege

Questions and motions of privilege (as governed by Rule 9.5; subject to motion to table)

Call of the House, quorum present (not amendable – debatable; see Rule 10.5; subject to motion to table)

To work under the Call of the House (not amendable – debatable; see Rule 10.5; subject to motion to table)

Question of presence of quorum (not amendable – debatable; subject to motion to table)

(c) Incidental Motions

Appeals (not amendable – not debatable, except as governed by Rule 9.2; subject to motion to table)

Points of Order (not amendable – not debatable; not subject to motion to table)

Parliamentary inquiries or like requests for information (not amendable – not debatable; not subject to motion to table)

Requests for leave to withdraw a motion or question under consideration (not amendable – not debatable; see Rule 10.4; not subject to motion to table)

Suspension of the Rules (not amendable – not debatable; not subject to motion to table)

Objection to consideration of a question (not amendable – not debatable; not subject to motion to table)

Divide the Question (amendable – not debatable; subject to the motion to table)

Method of consideration (amendable – not debatable; not subject to motion to table)

Question of priority (not amendable – not debatable; not subject to motion to table)

Reading of papers (not amendable – not debatable; not subject to motion to table)

(d) Subsidiary Motions

To advance from General Order (not amendable – not debatable; not subject to motion to table)

To table (not amendable – not debatable; not subject to itself)

To put the previous question (not amendable – not debatable; the motion to put the previous question is applicable to all debatable questions regardless of rank; subject to motion to table)

To Advance the Question (not amendable – not debatable; subject to motion to table)

To extend time allocated for debate (amendable – not debatable; subject to motion to table)

To postpone to a time certain (amendable – debatable; not subject to motion to table)

To commit without instructions (not amendable – not debatable, except as to propriety of committing bill, resolution or main question; not subject to motion to table)

To amend (amendable – debatable; subject to motion to table)

To postpone indefinitely (not amendable – debatable; subject to motion to table)

(e) Main Motions

A main motion shall be defined as a substantive proposal such as a bill, resolution, or any other question which requires passage, adoption, rejection, approval, or disapproval by the House of Representatives.

Main questions include but are not limited to the following and shall rank in precedence as set forth below. All main motions shall be subject to motion to table.

To fix the date and time to adjourn sine die (amendable – debatable)

To reconsider (not amendable – debatable)

To rescind (not amendable – debatable)

To adopt a Senate amendment (not amendable – debatable)

To reject a Senate amendment (not amendable – debatable)

To reject a Senate amendment with instructions (not amendable – instructions not amendable – debatable)

To adopt a conference committee report/joint committee report (not amendable – debatable)

To reject a conference committee report/joint committee report (not amendable – debatable)

To reject a conference committee report/joint committee report with instructions (not amendable – instructions not amendable – debatable)

To commit with instructions (instructions amendable – debatable)

To override the veto of the Governor (not amendable – debatable)

To schedule a special order (amendable only as to time – debatable only as to question of setting the special order – measure itself not open to debate)

Any other main question not specifically listed shall be taken up in the order offered.

10.2 – Motions in Writing

Every motion shall be rendered in writing as ordered by the presiding officer and may be read by the clerk before debate or vote if so ordered by the presiding officer. All motions shall be put by the presiding officer prior to debate and prior to ordering the vote.

10.3 – Vote Required for Adoption of Motions

Except as otherwise specifically required by these Rules, or required by the Oklahoma Constitution, any motion, for adoption, need only receive a majority of those voting, a quorum being present.

10.4 – Withdrawal of Motions

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, prior to commencement of debate thereon, or prior to action being taken thereon if there be no debate, any motion may be

withdrawn by the member offering the motion. Otherwise, such motion may be withdrawn only upon adoption of a motion to withdraw.

(b) When a bill or resolution is under consideration within the House, the principal author or the member designated to present the bill or resolution on behalf of the principal author may withdraw said measure at any time prior to the vote being ordered on final passage of the bill or resolution.

10.5 – Call of the House

(a) Call of the House may be moved at any time by any member, but must be seconded by fifteen (15) members. If there are more than three-fourths of the House present at the time the motion is made, the motion must be seconded by thirty (30) members. If such motion prevails, the business pending shall be suspended, the roll shall be taken, and the names of the absentees ascertained. The Chief Sergeant at Arms shall then be directed by the presiding officer to compel the attendance of the absent members. After one (1) hour has expired, the roll shall again be taken and absent members noted in the Journal, and the business suspended upon the roll call shall proceed. If, however, before the expiration of the hour, all absent members, not otherwise excused, shall appear, the business pending shall then proceed.

(b) If a Call of the House be ordered, a motion to "work under the Call of the House" shall be in order and, if adopted, the House shall proceed with any other business at hand except that interrupted by a Call of the House.

(c) The Speaker, seconded by five (5) members, may move a Call of the House and send for absent members, provided there not be a quorum present. In all cases where an absent member shall be sent for and fails to attend in obedience to the summons, the report of the Chief Sergeant at Arms shall be entered in the Journal.

RULE ELEVEN GENERAL PROVISIONS

11.1 – Investigations

(a) No special committee established for the purpose of considering articles of impeachment or any other type of investigation shall be formed unless first authorized by a House resolution or by the Speaker.

(b) If authorized by House resolution, the resolution shall define the duties and time period during which the committee shall exist. Any member or members requesting the investigation shall not serve as chairperson of the special committee.

(c) Special committees established under this section shall, upon convening, adopt such rules and procedures as shall be determined by the committee to be in the best interest of the House of Representatives.

11.2 – Distribution Within House of Representatives

(a) No object or item of literature shall be distributed on the House Floor in anticipation of or while the House is meeting in session except upon the sponsorship of a member of the House of Representatives whose name shall appear on each individual object or item of literature to be distributed.

(b) All objects or items of literature distributed within the areas of the Capitol Building assigned to the House of Representatives shall display the name of the person or entity distributing such materials.

11.3 – Honorary Appointments

No honorary appointments shall be recorded in the House Journal.

11.4 – Lobbying

(a) All lobbying activities directed at the House shall be governed by 74 O.S. Sections 4249 through 4255 and such other applicable rules lawfully promulgated by the Oklahoma Ethics Commission.

(b) No monetary contributions shall be accepted by any member or his or her staff on Capitol property at any time.

11.5 – Designated Smoking Areas

No person shall smoke or vape within those parts of the Capitol Building assigned to the House.

11.6 – Members of the Press

No persons shall be admitted to the designated press area in the House Gallery except members, House staff authorized by the Speaker, members of the press bearing permits signed by the Speaker, or designee, and the chairpersons of the Capitol Press organizations and guests with the written permission of the Speaker and the chairpersons of the Capitol Press organizations.

11.7 – Legislative Records

(a) Records that are required to be created by these Rules or that are of vital, permanent, or archival value shall be maintained in the Office of the Chief Clerk.

(b) Other records that are no longer needed for any purpose and that do not have sufficient administrative, legal, or fiscal significance to warrant their retention shall be disposed of systematically.

(c) A digital recording shall be made of each day's session by the Office of the Chief Clerk which shall be compiled and stored on a digital device suitable for archival purposes.

(d) The committee staff assigned to each existing committee shall ensure compliance with this Rule for all records created or received by the committee or for a former committee whose jurisdiction has been assigned to the committee.

(e) The Speaker and all House officers under the direction of the Speaker shall ensure compliance with this Rule for all records created or received by their respective offices and their predecessors in office.

(f) All records required by Rule Seven shall be made available on the House website at least for the duration of the Session.

(g) Members shall submit a written request to the Chief Clerk and Chief Parliamentarian to have the House Journal reflect a Member's voting intention within one legislative day of the original vote.

11.8 – Technical Corrections

(a) The Office of Engrossing and Enrolling is authorized to correct misspelled words, citations, doublets, grammatical errors, or repeated words when engrossing House bills or joint resolutions, or House amendments to engrossed Senate bills or joint resolutions.

(b) When engrossing or enrolling House bills or joint resolutions, preparing House amendments to engrossed Senate bills or joint resolutions, and when preparing committee reports, the House staff is authorized to:

1. remove sections from a bill or joint resolution labeled as amendatory 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 legislation enacted previously during the same legislature and amending the same sections of law and repeal such previous versions of the section at issue if, in the opinion of the House legal staff, the incorporation of such amendments and repeal of the

previous version would clearly not conflict with the amendments contained in the legislation at issue;

3. modify sections of such measures which provide for a measure to become effective on July 1 or on a date earlier than ninety (90) days after the date of anticipated sine die adjournment to read to reflect an effective date of ninety (90) days after the date of actual 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 language in such sections of such measures which provide for a measure to become effective on a date prior to such engrossment or enrollment; and
5. draft a referendum clause and ballot title if a measure is deemed a Revenue Raising measure pursuant to Rule 6.11 and is adopted but fails to receive a three-fourths (3/4) vote in both Chambers.

11.9 – Convening Restrictions

No legislative day shall begin between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 8:00 a.m. on any calendar day.

11.10 – Security

Upon convening in regular or special session, no member of the House of Representatives, without the express permission of the Chief Sergeant at Arms, shall enter upon the roof of the Capitol building within the areas adjacent to the hall of the House.

RULE TWELVE

ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS

12.1 – Motion to Adjourn or Recess

- (a) When a motion to adjourn or recess is adopted, no member or officer shall leave said member's or officer's place until the adjournment or recess shall be declared by the presiding officer.
- (b) When the House adjourns it shall be to 1:30 p.m. of the succeeding legislative day unless another day and/or hour be specifically named, which day and/or hour shall be entered in the Journal.
- (c) A motion to adjourn or recess shall always be in order when the floor can be obtained for that purpose. When a vote is being taken, a motion to adjourn or recess shall not be in order. When it is apparent to the presiding officer that the motion to adjourn or recess is being made for the purpose of delay and such motion has been voted in the negative, within the next preceding ten (10) minutes, the presiding officer, in the discretion of the presiding officer, may rule the motion out of order as being dilatory.
- (d) In the event of fire, riot, or other extreme emergency, if the presiding officers believes taking the time for a vote on recessing or adjourning would be dangerous to those present, the presiding officer may declare the House recessed or adjourned to a call of the chair.
- (e) A legislative day shall be adjourned no later than 12:00 midnight of the calendar day that it began.

12.2 – Absence of a Quorum

In the absence of a quorum, the Speaker with three (3) members shall be a sufficient number to adjourn to a time certain.

12.3 – Sine Die Adjournment

- (a) The date and time of sine die adjournment of each Regular Session of the Legislature shall be established by motion or resolution except that Regular Session shall be finally adjourned sine die at 5:00 p.m. on the last Friday in May of each year by operation of the Oklahoma Constitution. Upon arrival of 5:00 p.m. on the last Friday in May, no further

business shall be conducted by the House and the presiding officer shall declare the House adjourned sine die.

(b) A Special or Extraordinary Session shall be finally adjourned sine die no later than the fifteenth day succeeding the General Election unless the date and time of sine die adjournment shall be otherwise established by motion or resolution at an earlier date and time.

RULE THIRTEEN INTERIM STUDIES

13.1 – Interim Studies

(a) When the Legislature is not in session, the Speaker shall have the authority to direct committees to make interim studies for such purposes as the Speaker may designate.

(b) The Speaker shall provide to the Chief Clerk of the House a copy of interim charges made to a standing or select committee.

(c) The committees shall meet as often as necessary to transact effectively the business assigned to them and may continue to exercise the oversight and investigatory powers granted in Rule 7.13.

13.2 – Requests for Interim Studies

No resolution requesting or authorizing an interim study of any matter or proposition by the House, or a committee thereof, shall be introduced in or considered by the House. All such requests for interim study shall be submitted on request forms available to any member in the office of the Chief Clerk of the House.

13.3 – Quorum

During a legislative interim, no committee shall take any final action unless a quorum of the membership of the committee is present.

13.4 – Meeting Notice

During a legislative interim, published notice of any interim committee meeting shall be given at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. The staff of the House shall publish the meeting notices required by this section. The ten-day notice requirement of this section shall not apply to a committee or subcommittee meeting with a Senate committee or subcommittee on an interim study assigned for joint study.

RULE FOURTEEN RULES

14.1 – Suspension or Amendment of Rules

(a) These Rules may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those elected to and constituting the House; provided, any amendment to the Rules recommended by the Committee on Rules shall be effective if approved by a majority of the members elected to and constituting the House.

(b) If the Committee on Rules shall recommend revisions or amendments to the Rules, the House shall be given one (1) day's prior notice before consideration of the recommended changes may commence.

(c) Two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to and constituting the House may suspend the Rules, or a portion thereof, but a motion for that purpose shall be decided without debate. The motion shall include the specific rule to be suspended.

14.2 – Parliamentary Authorities

Any parliamentary questions not provided for by the Oklahoma Constitution or these Rules shall be governed by the ruling of the Speaker. The Speaker shall publish these substantive rulings in a volume of precedents. In making his or her ruling, the Speaker may rely upon,

but is not bound by, these published rulings or other parliamentary authorities, including, but not limited to, the latest edition of Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure.

14.3 – Rules Effective

- (a) These Rules shall be in full force and effect for the duration of the 59th Oklahoma Legislature unless amended, as provided herein.
- (b) Upon convening for a Special or Extraordinary Session, the time constraints in Rule 8.8 for filing main floor amendments and amendments to main floor amendments shall not be applicable.

APPOINTMENTS

Speaker McCall announced the following interim appointments:

October 3, 2022 – Representatives Dobrinski, McBride and Munson appointed as Members of the Jim Thorpe Repair Expenditure Oversight Committee. (73 O.S. § 382)

Pursuant to Article V, Section 26 of the Oklahoma Constitution, Representative Echols moved that when the clerk's desk is clear, the House stand adjourned to reconvene at 12:00 noon, Monday, February 6, 2023, which was the order.

Pursuant to the motion of Representative Echols, the House was adjourned at 3:45 p.m., to reconvene Monday, February 6, 2023, at 12:00 noon.