

# HOUSE JOURNAL

**Second Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Legislature**

**of the State of Oklahoma**

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Day, Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

The House was called to order by Representative Echols.

The roll was called with 94 Members present.

The following Members were excused: Archer, Boatman, Burns, Grego, Lowe (Jason), Stinson, Tedford.—7.

Representative Echols declared a quorum present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Joel Harder, House Chaplain.

The Journal for the last legislative day was approved.

## **ENGROSSED AND ENROLLED MEASURES**

**HB 1349** was reported correctly enrolled and, after fourth reading, properly signed, in open session, and ordered transmitted to the Honorable Senate.

**PENDING CONSIDERATION OF SAs**

**SAs to HB 2185** were called up for consideration.

Upon motion of Representative Lowe (Dick), the House concurred in the **SAs to HB 2185**.

**HB 2185**, as amended by the Honorable Senate, was read at length for the fourth time and the roll was called on the measure and emergency as follows:

Aye: Baker, Banning, Bashore, Bennett, Blancett, Boles, Caldwell (Chad), Cantrell, Conley, Cornwell, Crosswhite Hader, Culver, Davis, Dempsey, Dobrinski, Dollens, Duel, Echols, Fugate, George, Goodwin, Hardin, Harris, Hasenbeck, Hays, Hefner, Hilbert, Hill, Humphrey, Johns, Kane, Kannady, Kendrix, Kerbs, Lawson, Lepak, Lowe (Dick), Luttrell, Manger, Marti, May, Maynard, McBride, McDugle, McEntire, Miller, Moore, Munson, O'Donnell, Olsen, Osburn, Pae, Patzkowsky, Pfeiffer, Pittman, Randleman, Roberts, Roe, Rosecrants, Schreiber, Sims, Smith, Sneed, Staires, Stark, Steagall, Sterling, Strom, Talley, Townley, West (Josh), West (Kevin), West (Tammy), Williams, Wolfley, Mr. Speaker.--76.

Nay: Alonso-Sandoval, Deck, Gann, Menz, Provenzano, Ranson, Swope, Waldron, West (Rick), Worthen.--10.

Excused: Archer, Boatman, Burns, Caldwell (Trey), Fetgatter, Ford, Grego, Lowe (Jason), Newton, Nichols, Stinson, Tedford, Turner, Vancuren, Wallace.--15.

The measure and emergency passed.

Senate amendments were properly signed, in open session, and the above-numbered measure was referred for enrollment.

**PENDING CONSIDERATION OF SAs**

**SAs to HB 3240** were called up for consideration.

Upon motion of Representative Lawson, the House concurred in the **SAs to HB 3240** upon a division of the question.

**HB 3240**, as amended by the Honorable Senate, was read at length for the fourth time and the roll was called on the measure as follows:

Aye: Alonso-Sandoval, Baker, Banning, Bashore, Bennett, Blancett, Boles, Caldwell (Chad), Caldwell (Trey), Cantrell, Conley, Cornwell, Crosswhite Hader, Culver, Davis, Deck, Dempsey, Dobrinski, Dollens, Duel, Echols, Fetgatter, Fugate, George, Goodwin, Hardin, Harris, Hasenbeck, Hays, Hefner, Hilbert, Hill, Humphrey, Johns, Kane, Kannady, Kendrix, Kerbs, Lawson, Lepak, Lowe (Dick), Luttrell, Manger, Marti, May, Maynard, McBride, McDugle, McEntire, Menz, Miller, Moore, Munson, Newton, O'Donnell, Osburn, Pae, Patzkowsky, Pfeiffer, Pittman, Provenzano, Randleman, Ranson, Roberts, Roe,

Rosecrants, Schreiber, Sims, Smith, Sneed, Staires, Stark, Steagall, Sterling, Strom, Swope, Talley, Townley, Turner, Vancuren, Waldron, Wallace, West (Josh), West (Kevin), West (Tammy), Williams, Wolfley, Mr. Speaker.--88.

Nay: Gann, Olsen, West (Rick), Worthen.--4.

Excused: Archer, Boatman, Burns, Ford, Grego, Lowe (Jason), Nichols, Stinson, Tedford.--9.

The measure passed.

Senate amendments were properly signed, in open session, and the above-numbered measure was referred for enrollment.

## **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Advising fourth reading of and transmitting for signature Enrolled **SBs 102, 1296, 1670 and 1943**.

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

### **Concurrence in HAs**

Announcing the concurrence of Senate in **HAs** to **SBs 1548, 1668, 1920 and 1941** and the passage of said measures, as amended thereby.

### **Conferees named**

Advising naming Senate Conferees as follows:

**SB 1903** - Hall, Garvin, Stewart, Seifried, Weaver, Floyd

### **Returning enrolled measures**

Announcing that Enrolled **HB 1349** has been read at length for the fourth time and signed by the Presiding Officer of Senate, in open session.

The above measure was ordered transmitted to the Honorable Governor.

**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

Advising of his approval of **HBs 1547, 2528, 2995, 3035, 3190, 3278, 3304, 3376, 3467, 3567, 3595, 3668, 4012, 4066 and 4072** on May 15, 2024.

Advising of his veto of **HB 3039** on May 15, 2024. The veto message reads as follows:

To the Honorable Speaker of the House  
and Members of the House of Representatives  
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Enrolled House Bill No. **3039**

By: Stinson of the House and Rader of the Senate

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill **3039**.

House Bill **3039** would double the law library fee from \$6 to \$12 for all civil court filings in any county that has a population greater than 500,000. While I appreciate the work of county law libraries and their staffs, these libraries are already up and running. As I understand it, their current budgets already allow them to staff the libraries and provide many free resources. Accordingly, there's no reason to saddle litigants with a 100% fee increase to finance the maintenance of existing libraries. Fee increases restrict access to the courts and make little sense in this context.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill **3039**.

By the Governor of the State of Oklahoma

/s/ Kevin Stitt

Advising of his veto of **HB 3274** on May 15, 2024. The veto message reads as follows:

To the Honorable Speaker of the House  
and Members of the House of Representatives  
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Enrolled House Bill No. **3274**

By: Baker of the House and Pugh of the Senate

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill **3274**.

House Bill **3274** would grow government and increase spending as it would allow the State Board of Education to pay for high school students to retake a nationally recognized college and career readiness assessment. Current law already provides an avenue for high school students to take these tests once at no cost to the student. Although many high school students will continue on to college, many won't. So, rather than mandate that all high schoolers take college or career readiness assessment tests, the state should offer students that want to take them the opportunity to do so at no cost. If the mandate were removed, the savings would pay for retakes.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill **3274**.

By the Governor of the State of Oklahoma

/s/ Kevin Stitt

Representative Pfeiffer moved that when the clerk's desk is clear, the House stand adjourned to reconvene at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 16, 2024, which was the order.

Pursuant to the motion of Representative Pfeiffer, the House was adjourned at 2:40 p.m., to reconvene Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.