

Senate Journal

First Regular Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislature of the State of Oklahoma

Fifty-fifth Legislative Day, Tuesday, May 11, 2021

The Senate was called to order by Senator McCortney.

Roll Call:

Present: Allen, Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Dahm, Daniels, David, Dossett (J.A.), Dossett (J.J.), Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, Leewright, Matthews, McCortney, Merrick, Montgomery, Murdock, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Pugh, Quinn, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Simpson, Standridge, Stanley, Stephens, Taylor, Thompson, Treat, Weaver and Young.—
48.

Senator McCortney declared a quorum present.

The prayer was offered by Senator Greg McCortney.

INTRODUCTION

Senator Garvin introduced her parents, Dr. Miguel and Debra Sabedra, to the Senate.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

The following executive nominations have been approved by the committee named:

Cizek, Janet, Tulsa, to the Forensic Review Board, to serve a five-year term ending December 31, 2026, succeeding Joy Sloan. (Public Safety Committee) Motion to confirm made by Senator Dave Rader.

Cordry, D.O., V. Ray, Hennessey, to the Forensic Review Board, to serve a five-year term ending December 31, 2026, succeeding David Tiller. (Public Safety Committee) Motion to confirm made by Senator Chuck Hall.

Easter, Donald, Yukon, to the Forensic Review Board, to serve an unexpired term ending December 31, 2023, succeeding Edward Cunningham. (Public Safety Committee) Motion to confirm made by Senator Jake Merrick.

Ellison, Wana R., El Reno, to the Forensic Review Board, to serve a five-year term ending December 31, 2026, succeeding Larry Gross. (Public Safety Committee) Motion to confirm made by Senator Lonnie Paxton.

Nayfa, Edie, Oklahoma City, to the Forensic Review Board, to serve a five-year term ending December 31, 2026, succeeding Brent Black. (Public Safety Committee) Motion to confirm made by Senator Julia Kirt.

Sanders, Carrie, Enid, to the Forensic Review Board, to serve an unexpired term ending December 31, 2021, succeeding Robert Sherrer. (Public Safety Committee) Motion to confirm made by Senator Roland Pederson.

Sanders, Carrie, Enid, to the Forensic Review Board, to serve a five-year term ending December 31, 2027, succeeding herself. (Public Safety Committee) Motion to confirm made by Senator Roland Pederson.

Motions to confirm the above named executive nominations were declared adopted upon roll call as follows:

Aye: Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Dahm, Daniels, David, Dossett (J.A.), Dossett (J.J.), Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, Leewright, Matthews, McCortney, Merrick, Montgomery, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Pugh, Quinn, Rader, Rogers, Simpson, Standridge, Stanley, Stephens, Taylor, Treat, Weaver and Young.--44.

Excused: Allen, Murdock, Rosino and Thompson.--4.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Advising rejection of **SAs** to the following bills, requesting conference and naming House Conference Committee on :

- HB 1236** - Conference Committee on States Rights
- HB 1752** - Conference Committee on Elections and Ethics
- HB 2546** - Conference Committee on Judiciary-Criminal

Advising concurrence in **SAs** to and passage of Engrossed **HB 2645**.

PENDING CONSIDERATION OF HAS

HAs to SBs 644 and 841 were rejected upon motion of Senator David, conference requested, and Senate conferees to be named later.

SCs NAMED

Upon motion of Senator David, Senate conferees were appointed as follows:

SB 650 – David, Thompson, Simpson, Leewright, Floyd, Dossett (J.J.)

**PENDING SENATE ACTION
HOUSE REQUEST FOR CONFERENCE**

Upon motion of Senator David, the request of the Honorable House for conference on **HB 1236** was ordered granted and Senate conferees appointed as follows: Senators Treat, David, Thompson, Hall, Daniels, Floyd and Kirt.

CHANGE IN CONFEREES

Advising change in Senate conferees as follows:

HB 2293 – remove Brooks and Matthews, and name Montgomery, Hamilton, Jett, Newhouse, Thompson, Daniels, Rader, Boren and Floyd, and retain Paxton, Quinn, Taylor and Stanley

Senator David moved that when the clerk's desk is clear, the Senate stand adjourned to convene Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., which motion prevailed.

FIRST READING

The following were introduced and read the first time:

SR 20 – By Floyd.

A resolution recognizing May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month; recognizing the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in Oklahoma; and celebrating the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States.

SR 21 – By Weaver.

A resolution recognizing the first Oklahoma Highway Patrol Tactical Team; and directing distribution.

CHANGE IN AUTHORS/COAUTHORS

The following measure was authored/coauthored:

SB 858 - Remove as principal author Representative Talley and substitute with Representative Steagall

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Advising his veto May 11, 2021, of Enrolled **SB 222**.

The veto message reads as follows:

May 11, 2021

To the Honorable President Pro Tempore
And Members of the Oklahoma Senate
First Session of the
Fifty-Eighth Oklahoma Legislature

ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO 222:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Senate Bill 222.

Senate Bill 222 would greatly expand the definition of “bullying.” While the intentions behind this expansion are understandable, the potential for unintended consequences is considerable. Given that many school districts have “zero tolerance” policies in place for bullying, relatively minor offenses could be met with disproportionate consequences. Further, the practically catch-all nature of the expanded definition opens the door to innocent behavior being treated as “bullying” by overzealous authorities. Serious bullying demands our attention and must be addressed. Senate Bill 222, by broadening this definition in such a fashion, risks diverting attention from protecting those most in need of care.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill 222.

By the Governor of the State of Oklahoma
/s/ Kevin Stitt

Pursuant to the David motion, the Senate adjourned at 2:00 p.m. to meet Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.