

# Senate Journal

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

**Sixty-fifth Legislative Day, Friday, May 26, 2023**

The Senate was called to order by Senator Jech.

Roll Call:

Present: Alvord, Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Montgomery, Murdock, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Standridge, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson (Roger), Treat, Weaver, Woods, and Young.—46.

Excused: Dahm and Stanley.—2.

Senator Jech declared a quorum present.

### REPORT OF ENGROSSED AND ENROLLED MEASURES

**SBs 96, 376, 377, 516, 677, 706, 747, 773, 836, 852 and 1069** were each correctly enrolled, properly signed and ordered transmitted to the Honorable House for signature of the Speaker.

### CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT SUBMITTED

Conference committee report was read on the following bill:

**SB 604**

### RULES SUSPENDED

Senator McCortney moved to suspend Senate Rule 6-6, as it pertains to distribution, Joint Rule 3, as it pertains to availability of legislation, and Joint Rule 5.2 (b), as it pertains to the distribution and availability of conference committee reports, for consideration of the

Conference Committee Report for **SB 604**, which motion was adopted upon roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kidd, Matthews, McCortney, Montgomery, Murdock, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Standridge, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Roger), Treat, Weaver and Woods.--39.

Nay: Hicks, Kirt and Young.--3.

Excused: Bergstrom, Boren, Dahm, Newhouse, Stanley and Thompson (Kristen).--6.

#### **PENDING CONSIDERATION OF CCR**

The **CCR** on **SB 600** was adopted upon motion of Senator Rader.

**SB 600**, as amended in conference, was read at length.

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

Aye: Alvord, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Montgomery, Murdock, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Standridge, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson (Roger), Treat, Weaver, Woods and Young.--44.

Excused: Bergstrom, Dahm, Newhouse and Stanley.--4.

The bill passed.

**SB 600**, together with the conference committee report thereon, was ordered returned to the Honorable House.

#### **PENDING CONSIDERATION OF CCR**

The **CCR** on **SB 604** was adopted upon motion of Senator Rader.

**SB 604**, as amended in conference, was read at length.

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

Aye: Alvord, Brooks, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Montgomery, Murdock, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rosino, Seifried, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson (Roger), Treat, Weaver, Woods and Young.--37.

Nay: Boren, Bullard, Burns, Hamilton, Jett, Rogers and Standridge.--7.

Excused: Bergstrom, Dahm, Newhouse and Stanley.--4.

The bill passed.

**SB 604**, together with the conference committee report thereon, was ordered returned to the Honorable House.

Senator McCortney moved that the Senate recess to the Call of the Chair, which motion was declared adopted.

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The Senate reconvened with Senator Jech presiding.

Senator Jech questioned the presence of a quorum and ordered the roll called, following which a quorum was declared present.

## **EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

The following executive nomination has been approved by the committee named:

Harpe, Steven G., Edmond, as Director of Corrections, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, succeeding Scotty Crow. (Public Safety) Motion to confirm made by Senator Kristen Thompson.

Motion to confirm the above named executive nomination was declared adopted upon roll call as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Murdock, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Standridge, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson (Roger), Treat, Weaver, Woods and Young.--44.

Excused: Bergstrom, Dahm, Montgomery and Stanley.--4.

The following executive nomination has been approved by the committee named:

McQueen, Jr., Kenley H., Tulsa, as Cabinet Secretary of Energy and Environment, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, succeeding Kenneth E. Wagner. (Energy and Telecommunications) Motion to confirm made by Senator Jo Anna Dossett.

Motion to confirm the above named executive nomination was declared adopted upon roll call as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, McCortney, Murdock, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Standridge, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson (Roger), Treat, Weaver, Woods and Young.--43.

Excused: Bergstrom, Dahm, Matthews, Montgomery and Stanley.--5.

The following executive nomination has been approved by the committee named:

Suter, John P., Edmond, as Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, succeeding Steven Harpe. (General Government) Motion to confirm made by Senator Adam Pugh.

Motion to confirm the above named executive nomination was declared adopted upon roll call as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Murdock, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Standridge, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson (Roger), Treat, Weaver, Woods and Young.--44.

Excused: Bergstrom, Dahm, Montgomery and Stanley.--4.

The following executive nomination has been approved by the committee named:

Suter, John P., Edmond, as Cabinet Secretary of Operations and Government Efficiency, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor ending January 11, 2027, a new position. (General Government) Motion to confirm made by Senator Adam Pugh.

Motion to confirm the above named executive nomination was declared adopted upon roll call as follows:

Aye: Alvord, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Murdock, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Standridge, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson (Roger), Treat, Weaver, Woods and Young.--44.

Excused: Bergstrom, Dahm, Montgomery and Stanley.--4.

#### **PENDING CONSIDERATION OF CCR**

The **CCR** on **HB 2236** was adopted upon motion of Senator Floyd.

**HB 2236**, as amended in conference, was read at length.

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

Aye: Alvord, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Murdock, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Standridge, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson (Roger), Treat, Weaver, Woods and Young.--44.

Excused: Bergstrom, Dahm, Montgomery and Stanley.--4.

The bill passed.

**HB 2236**, together with the conference committee report thereon, was ordered returned to the Honorable House.

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE**

Transmitting the following bills, together with conference committee reports thereon, advising adoption of conference committee reports and passage of measures as amended.

**HB 2239** - coauthored by Senator Bullard and Representative Patskowsky  
**HB 2312**

Conference committee reports were read on the above-numbered bills.

**PENDING CONSIDERATION OF CCR**

The **CCR** on **HB 2312** was adopted upon motion of Senator Gollihare.

**HB 2312**, as amended in conference, was read at length.

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

Aye: Alvord, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Murdock, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Standridge, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson (Roger), Treat, Weaver, Woods and Young.--44.

Excused: Bergstrom, Dahm, Montgomery and Stanley.--4.

The bill and emergency passed.

**HB 2312**, together with the conference committee report thereon, was ordered returned to the Honorable House.

**PENDING CONSIDERATION OF CCR**

The **CCR** on **HB 2239** was adopted upon motion of Senator Jech.

**HB 2239**, as amended in conference, was read at length.

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

Aye: Alvord, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Murdock, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Standridge, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson (Roger), Treat, Weaver, Woods and Young.--44.

Excused: Bergstrom, Dahm, Montgomery and Stanley.--4.

The bill passed.

**HB 2239**, together with the conference committee report thereon, was ordered returned to the Honorable House.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST  
DIRECT TO CALENDAR**

Senator Treat asked unanimous consent to refer **SR 21** direct to the Calendar for consideration, which was the order.

**GENERAL ORDER**

**SR 21** by Treat was called up for consideration.

**SR 21** was adopted upon motion of Senator Treat and referred for enrollment.

**MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE**

Advising the Honorable Senate that the House suspended Joint Rule 3 for the remainder of the legislative day.

Returning herewith Enrolled **SB 249** together with the Governor's veto message thereon, and advising that under the provisions of Article V, Section 58, and Article VI, Section 11, of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, the House of Representatives has reconsidered and passed said measure, over the Governor's veto, by a three-fourths vote of all members elected to and constituting the House, said vote being as follows - Ayes 93, Nays 0.

Enrolled **SB 249** was ordered filed with the Secretary of State.

Returning herewith Enrolled **SB 291**, together with the Governor's veto message thereon, and advising that under the provisions of Article VI, Section 11, of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, the House of Representatives has reconsidered and passed said measure, over the Governor's veto, by a two-thirds vote of all members elected to and constituting the House, said vote being as follows - Ayes 93, Nays 0.

Enrolled **SB 291** was ordered filed with the Secretary of State.

Returning herewith Enrolled **SB 617**, together with the Governor's veto message thereon, and advising that under the provisions of Article VI, Section 11, of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, the House of Representatives has reconsidered and passed said measure, over the Governor's veto, by a two-thirds vote of all members elected to and constituting the House, said vote being as follows - Ayes 94, Nays 0.

Enrolled **SB 617** was ordered filed with the Secretary of State.

Returning herewith Enrolled **SB 711**, together with the Governor's veto message thereon, and advising that under the provisions of Article VI, Section 11, of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, the House of Representatives has reconsidered and passed said measure, over the Governor's veto, by a two-thirds vote of all members elected to and constituting the House, said vote being as follows - Ayes 76, Nays 0.

Enrolled **SB 711** was ordered filed with the Secretary of State.

Returning herewith Enrolled **SB 772**, together with the Governor's veto message thereon, and advising that under the provisions of Article VI, Section 11, of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, the House of Representatives has reconsidered and passed said measure, over the Governor's veto, by a two-thirds vote of all members elected to and constituting the House, said vote being as follows - Ayes 70, Nays 18.

Enrolled **SB 772** was ordered filed with the Secretary of State.

Returning herewith Enrolled **SB 841**, together with the Governor's veto message thereon, and advising that under the provisions of Article VI, Section 11, of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, the House of Representatives has reconsidered and passed said measure, over the Governor's veto, by a two-thirds vote of all members elected to and constituting the House, said vote being as follows - Ayes 94, Nays 0.

Enrolled **SB 841** was ordered filed with the Secretary of State.

Returning following bills, together with conference committee reports thereon, advising adoption of conference committee reports and passage of measures as amended.

**SB 27**

**SB 67**

**SB 290**

**SB 437** - Remove Representative Echols as principal House author and substitute with Representative Pfeiffer

**SB 509**

**SB 600**

**SB 604**

**SB 621**

**SB 813**

**SB 871** - coauthored by Representative Hefner

**SB 907**

**SB 984**

The above-numbered measures, as amended in conference, were referred for enrollment.



Advising passage of and returning the following Engrossed measure:

**SJR 22**

The above-numbered measure was referred for enrollment.

Advising fourth reading of and returning Enrolled **SBs 96, 376, 377, 516, 677, 706, 747, 773, 836, 852 and 1069.**

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

**REPORT OF ENGROSSED AND ENROLLED MEASURES**

**SJR 22** was correctly enrolled, properly signed and ordered transmitted to the Honorable House for signature of the Speaker.

**SBs 27, 67, 290, 437, 509, 600, 604, 621, 813, 871, 907, 984** were each correctly enrolled and after fourth reading, properly signed and ordered transmitted to the Honorable House for signature of the Speaker.

**MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE**

Advising the signing of and returning Enrolled **SJR 22.**

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

Advising fourth reading of and returning Enrolled **SBs 27, 67, 290, 437, 509, 600, 604, 621, 813, 871, 907 and 984.**

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

Advising fourth reading of and transmitting for signature Enrolled **HBs 1715, 1929, 1956, 2053, 2180, 2236, 2239, 2312, 2359, 2456, 2459, 2663, 2679, 2747 and 2794.**

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

**CHANGE IN AUTHORS/COAUTHORS**

The following measures were authored/coauthored:

**SB 368** - Remove as coauthor Representative Provenzano

**HB 2239** - Coauthored by Representative Sims

**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

Advising that on May 26, 2023, in accordance with Article 2, Section 11, of the Oklahoma Constitution, **Senate Bills 1186, 1187, 1188** and **1189** have become law without the Governor's signature and has been filed with the Office of the Secretary of State.

Senator Floyd moved that pursuant to Article V, Section 26 of the Oklahoma Constitution, that the First Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Legislature adjourn sine die.

Pursuant to the Floyd motion, the First Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Legislature adjourned sine die at 3:40 p.m., Friday, May 26, 2023.