

Senate Journal

Second Regular Session of the Sixtieth Legislature of the State of Oklahoma

Fifty-third Legislative Day, Wednesday, May 6, 2026

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The Senate was called to order by President Pro Tempore Paxton.

At the time of convening on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, the Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Alvord, Bergstrom, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Guthrie, Haste, Kern, McIntosh, Paxton, Prieto, Standridge and Woods.—13.

Excused: Boren, Brooks, Daniels, Deevers, Dossett, Frix, Gillespie, Gollihare, Goodwin, Green, Grellner, Hall, Hamilton, Hicks, Hines, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kirt, Logan, Mann, Murdock, Nice, Pederson, Pugh, Rader, Reinhardt, Rosino, Sacchieri, Seifried, Stanley, Stewart, Thompson, Weaver and Wingard.—35.

President Pro Tempore Paxton declared a quorum was not present and therefore, pursuant to Senate Rule 8-2(B)(2), the Senate could not convene to conduct business.

President Pro Tempore Paxton announced the Senate will convene at the call of the Chair.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-3, following was the attendance of Senators before the clerk's desk closed for Wednesday, May 6, 2026.

Present: Alvord, Bergstrom, Boren, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Daniels, Deevers, Dossett, Goodwin, Grellner, Guthrie, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kern, Kirt, Mann, McIntosh, Murdock, Nice, Paxton, Pederson, Prieto, Rader, Sacchieri, Standridge, Stewart, Wingard and Woods.—33.

Excused: Brooks, Frix, Gillespie, Gollihare, Green, Hicks, Hines, Logan, Pugh, Reinhardt, Rosino, Seifried, Stanley, Thompson and Weaver.—15.

REPORT OF ENGROSSED AND ENROLLED MEASURES

SBs 171, 1277, 1325, 1679, 1810, 1980, 2018, 2045 and 2095 were each correctly enrolled and after fourth reading, properly signed and ordered transmitted to the Honorable House for signature of the Speaker.

HBs 3021, 3443, 3660, 3718 and 4326 were each correctly engrossed and, together with engrossed **SAs**, properly signed and ordered returned to the Honorable House.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE**HAs TO SENATE BILLS**

Advising passage of and returning the following engrossed bills as amended:

SB 248 - coauthored by Representative Provenzano

SB 423

SB 625

SB 1224

SB 1242 - Remove Representative George as principal House author and substitute with Representative Marti

SB 1264

SB 1319 - coauthored by Representatives Boles and Bashore

SB 1360

SB 1437

SB 1595 - coauthored by Senator Bullard

SB 1632

SB 1687

SB 1726

SB 1894

SB 2069 - Remove Representative Townley as principal House author and substitute with Representative Archer; coauthored by Representatives Townley, West (Josh), and Stinson

House amendments were read on the above-numbered bills.

Advising concurrence in **SAs** to and passage of Engrossed **HBs 1687, 2137, 2749, 2894, 2979, 3000, 3262, 3298, 3369, 3431, 3443, 3462, 3467, 3498, 3500, 3521, 3581, 3649, 3650, 3660, 3673, 3718, 3764, 3767, 3781, 3800, 3831, 3834, 3880, 3941, 3970, 3972, 3979, 3980, 3981, 3996, 4095, 4104, 4191, 4298, 4326, 4338, 4427, 4428 and 4431** and **HJR 1023**.

Advising conference granted on Engrossed **SB** and naming House conferees as follows:

SB 1546 - GCCA

Advising passage of and returning the following Engrossed bills:

SB 65

SB 346

SB 372 - coauthored by Senators Bullard and Wingard and Representatives Banning and Archer

SB 504 - coauthored by Representatives McCane, Deck, Menz, and Fugate

SB 540 - coauthored by Representatives Fetgatter and West (Tammy)

SB 710

SB 904 - Remove Representative Kannady as principal House author and substitute with Representative Harris; coauthored by Representative Maynard

SB 1061

SB 1191

SB 1204 - coauthored by Representative West (Tammy)

SB 1213 - coauthored by Senator Nice

SB 1216

SB 1226

SB 1238 - coauthored by Representative Moore

SB 1266 - coauthored by Representatives Deck and Menz

SB 1286

SB 1303

SB 1307 - coauthored by Representative Hill

SB 1326

SB 1390

SB 1400

SB 1410

SB 1423

SB 1425

SB 1448 - coauthored by Representatives Deck, Menz, and Stewart

SB 1489

SB 1502

SB 1534

SB 1553

SB 1555

SB 1557

SB 1562 - coauthored by Representative Waldron

SB 1593

SB 1597

SB 1630

SB 1633 - coauthored by Senator Jett and Representative Eaves

SB 1651
SB 1670 - coauthored by Representatives Archer, Blancett, and Deck
SB 1684
SB 1725 - coauthored by Representative Hill
SB 1732
SB 1734
SB 1772
SB 1775
SB 1794 - coauthored by Representative Hefner
SB 1796 - coauthored by Representative Hill
SB 1827
SB 1832
SB 1876
SB 1877
SB 1916
SB 1920
SB 1944 - Remove Representative Newton as principal House author and substitute with Representative Travis; coauthored by Representative Newton
SB 1946
SB 1983 - coauthored by Representatives Hill and Ranson
SB 1989
SB 2011
SB 2049
SB 2084
SB 2104
SB 2110 - Remove Representative Newton as principal House author and substitute with Representative Worthen; coauthored by Representative Newton and Senator Nice
SB 2139
SB 2180

The above-numbered measures were referred for enrollment.

REPORT OF ENGROSSED AND ENROLLED MEASURES

SBs 65, 346, 372, 504, 540, 710, 904, 1061, 1191, 1204, 1213, 1216, 1226, 1238, 1266, 1286, 1303, 1307, 1326, 1390, 1400, 1410, 1423, 1425, 1448, 1489, 1502, 1534, 1553, 1555, 1557, 1562, 1593, 1597, 1630, 1633, 1651, 1670, 1670, 1684, 1725, 1732, 1734, 1772, 1775, 1794, 1796, 1827, 1832, 1876, 1877, 1916, 1920, 1944, 1946, 1983, 1989, 2011, 2049, 2084, 2104, 2110, 2139 and 2180 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 fourth reading of and transmitting for signature Enrolled **HBs 1185, 1687, 1752, 2137, 2153, 2166, 2749, 2894, 2959, 2961, 2979, 3000, 3262, 3298, 3369, 3413, 3431, 3443, 3462, 3467, 3498, 3500, 3501, 3521, 3581, 3644, 3649, 3650, 3660, 3661, 3673, 3718, 3764, 3767, 3781, 3800, 3831, 3834, 3880, 3940, 3941, 3970, 3972, 3979, 3980, 3981, 3986, 3996, 4095, 4104, 4113, 4142, 4143, 4191, 4237, 4268, 4275, 4294, 4298, 4302, 4322, 4326, 4338, 4359, 4427, 4428, 4431, 4484** and **HJR 1023**.

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

Transmitting herewith Enrolled **HB 3003** together with the Governor's veto message thereon, and advising that under the provisions of Article V, Section 58, 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 88, Nays 3.

Transmitting herewith Enrolled **HB 3004** together with the Governor's veto message thereon, and advising that under the provisions of Article V, Section 58, 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 88, Nays 2.

Transmitting herewith Enrolled **HB 4324** 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 69, Nay 18.

Transmitting herewith Enrolled **HB 4342** 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.

Transmitting herewith Enrolled **HB 4432** 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 68, Nays 15.

Transmitting herewith Enrolled **HB 4434** 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 86, Nays 4.

Advising fourth reading of and returning Enrolled **SBs 65, 171, 346, 372, 504, 540, 710, 904, 1061, 1191, 1204, 1213, 1216, 1226, 1238, 1266, 1277, 1286, 1303, 1307, 1325, 1326, 1390, 1400, 1410, 1423, 1425, 1448, 1489, 1502, 1534, 1553, 1555, 1557, 1562, 1593, 1597, 1630, 1633, 1651, 1670, 1679, 1684, 1725, 1732, 1734, 1772, 1775, 1794, 1796, 1810, 1827, 1832, 1876, 1916, 1920, 1944, 1946, 1980, 1983, 1989, 2011, 2018, 2045, 2049, 2084, 2095, 2104, 2110, 2139 and 2180.**

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

Advising rejection of SAs and requesting conference and naming House conferees on:

HB 1728 - GCCA

Advising rejection of SAs to Engrossed **HB 3021** requesting conference and naming House conferees:

HB 3021 - Special Conference Committee on **HB 3021**, Lowe (Chair), Caldwell (Chad) (Vice-Chair), Speaker Hilbert, Kerbs, Sterling, Pogemiller, and Moore

Advising passage of and transmitting for consideration Engrossed **HCR 1028**.

HCR 1028 – By West (Josh).

A Concurrent Resolution authorizing the Oklahoma House of Representatives or the Oklahoma State Senate to amend or modify legislative deadlines applicable to the 2nd Session of the 60th Oklahoma Legislature pursuant to Joint Rule 7(c).

The above-numbered measure was read the first time.

PENDING SENATE ACTION HOUSE REQUEST FOR CONFERENCE

Upon motion of President Pro Tempore Paxton, the request of the Honorable House for conference on the following bills was ordered granted and Senate conferees appointed as follows:

HB 1728 – Murdock, Pederson, Green, Kern, Woods, Hicks

HB 3021 – Pugh, Paxton, Daniels, Haste, Kirt

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS SUBMITTED

Conference committee reports were read on the following bills:

SB 2 (2nd CCR)

SB 215 (2nd CCR)

CHANGE IN AUTHORS/COAUTHORS

The following measures were authored/coauthored:

SB 2 - Coauthored by Representative Marti

SB 237 - Coauthored by Senator Pederson

HB 1082 - Coauthored by Senator Kirt

HB 4227 - Coauthored by Senator McIntosh

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Advising his approval May 6, 2026, of Enrolled **SBs 330, 444, 933, 985, 1246, 1365, 1484, 1565, 1644, 1812, 1826, 1975, 1976, 2026, 2067, 2072, 2117, 2159** and **2184**.

Advising that on May 6, 2026, in accordance with Article VI, Section 11, of the Oklahoma Constitution, **SBs 1255, 1447, 1455, 1456, 1457, 1463, 1465, 1466, 1567, 1735** and **2155** has become law without the Governor's signature.

Advising his veto of Enrolled **SBs 378, 1428, 1500** and **1805**.

Veto messages read as follows:

May 6, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA SENATE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE
SIXTIETH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE
ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 378:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 378.

Senate Bill 378 gives bail bondsman a uniquely favorable deal for their deposit to lending ratio. Oklahoma's bail bondsman ratio is currently in line with, or even more favorable than, national standards. All this bill does is give a special interest group a boon without either a demonstrated need in the industry or a benefit to Oklahomans. I oppose cutting interest groups a special deal at the expense of Oklahomans.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 378.

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

May 6, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA SENATE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE
SIXTIETH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE
ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 1428:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 1428.

The Department of Health already employs an individual whose position is funded by federal dollars to address the needs of the Alzheimer's community. This bill would create a duplicative, unfunded position in the Department. The goal of this position is better met by the non-profit community.

As medical needs continue to change, it is unreasonable to expect that a new, taxpayer funded position is created to solely focus on each one. The Department should focus on the health of the people of Oklahoma as a whole.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 1428.

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

May 6, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA SENATE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE
SIXTIETH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE
ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 1500:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 1500.

Senate Bill 1500 is government interference with private transactions. This bill loops discount cards and similar types of vouchers into a category with insurers and pharmacy benefit managers, which is both inaccurate and would place an unreasonable burden on those companies. Long term, this would discourage those companies from doing business in Oklahoma which would raise prices on Oklahomans. The state has no business interjecting itself into private business contracts.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 1500.

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

May 6, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA SENATE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE
SIXTIETH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE
ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 1805:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 1805.

Senate Bill 1805 ties the hands of agencies to hire temporary staff for short-term needs. Looking back to the pandemic, temporary employees helped ensure that state agencies could continue to serve Oklahomans without permanently growing government. A perceived gap in the Open Records Act should be addressed by amending that act, not creating new restrictions on agencies.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 1805.

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

Under Senate Rule 8-2(B)(2), pursuant to the Paxton announcement, the Senate adjourned at 9:35 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

The clerk's desk being clear at 3:22 a.m., the clerk's desk closed for Wednesday, May 6, 2026, the Fifty-third Legislative day, at 3:22 a.m., on Thursday, May 7, 2026.