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to lump the problems of the previous three governors' administrations on the current governor.

In urging passage of the bill, Snyder said it would ultimately be up to the Senate to decide whether a cabinet appointment was approved, and as a result, the Senate would have a say in the costs resulting from the measure.

"This bill gives any governor," Snyder said, "the ability to organize agencies and departments in a way he feels best for the administration of government."

After the bill's 15-30 defeat, Wright announced plans to possibly bring the proposal back to the floor for reconsideration.

FROM: SHAWN ASHLEY

DATE: 03/06/96

RESOLUTION APPROVED REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING DISPUTES

■(GIT) As law enforcement officials and audience members listened, House members adopted HJR1078 Wednesday. The measure would authorize a governmental entity to submit a dispute resolution decision to its voters for approval or rejection. However, the decision would not go into effect until a revenue measure to accompany the funding decision was also approved by the people.

The Oklahoma Municipal League wrote a letter on March 4 to the resolution's author, Rep. Larry Ferguson, R-Cleveland, describing their opposition to the measure.

Officials of the association told Ferguson that the Oklahoma Supreme Court is currently trying to establish the constitutionality of certain sections in the Fire and Police Arbitration Act. The association encouraged the Legislature to set aside decisions on the matter until the court could render its decision.

Rep. Abe Deutshendorf, D-Lawton, asked Ferguson why the Legislature was dealing with the issue. "Why don't we wait till the court can make a decision?" Ferguson told Deutshendorf that it could take years before the Supreme Court decided and the issue needs to get off the ground now.

Rep. Wayne Pettigrew, R-Edmond, told Ferguson that he believed this resolution would take management decisions away from cities.

The measure was reconsidered and passed with a vote of 54 to 45. It will now go to the Senate for further consideration.

FROM: MARTA MCCLOSKEY

DATE: 03/06/96

OFFICE OF VOLUNTEERISM COULD BE ABOLISHED BY BILL

■(GIT) In session Tuesday, House members voted in favor of abolishing the Office of Volunteerism. The measure would transfer the authority over the office from the Secretary of State to the Department of Civil Emergency Management. It also creates the Oklahoma Commission on Volunteerism. The one full time employee of the office would transfer to the commission.

Author of the bill, Rep. John Bryant, R-Tulsa, agreed to strike the title and explained that the measure was prompted by events following the blast of April 19, 1995. "After the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, the department realized more disaster relief was needed for individuals involved in the bombing," he said.

Sadler said he believed the purpose of the office would be lost when it was absorbed into the proposed commission. Rep. Mark Seikel, D-Harrah, pointed out that he had a similar bill barely pass yesterday because it created a new board. Seikel wanted to know how Bryant's bill was different. Bryant told Seikel and members that he had included a repealer in the bill to dissolve the Oklahoma Volunteerism Advisory Council.

Rep. William Paulk, D-Oklahoma City, wanted Bryant to reassure him that the one full time

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