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ered and offered a committee substitute, creating the Study Committee for Licensure of Plumbers, the Study Committee for Licensure of Electricians and the Study Committee for Mechanical Licensure. The three studies will continue through Dec. 31, 1997 and consist of members from the various fields. The committee substitute passed with a vote of 10 to 0.

HB2456, by Sen. Trish Weedn, D-Purcell, relates to insurance. It allows for the transmission of countersignatures via FAX. The measure passed with a vote of 10 to 0.

HB2553, a committee substitute by Sen. Brooks Douglass, R-Oklahoma City, changes licensing and continuing education requirements for insurance agents. It also creates a new class of license, the customer service representative license. Designed to aid rural counties with limited populations, the fully licensed agent would be responsible for the customer service representative's actions.

An amendment deleting section six of the bill was adopted. The deleted section provided requirements for becoming an adjuster. After having its enacting clause stricken, the measure passed with a vote of 7 to 4.

HB2623, by Sen. Howard Hendrick, R-Bethany, states that a group or combination of persons or risks shall not be considered a "fictitious" group. The measure passed with a vote of 10 to 0.

HJR1078, a committee substitute by Monson, putting to a vote of the people whether or not to prohibit paid police and firefighters hired by a city or town to strike or engage in any work stoppage or slowdown. It also allows the Legislature to pass laws that provide for collective bargaining agreements. The measure passed with a vote of 9 to 2.

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Celebrations & Awards

OKLAHOMA FARM BUREAU YOUTH SPEECH AND LEADERSHIP CONTEST A SUCCESS

■(OKLAHOMA CITY) The Oklahoma Farm Bureau's first Youth Speech and Leadership Contest on March 21 in Oklahoma City awarded \$1,300 in prize money to six top speakers.

The event, held in conjunction with the Spring Fair and Livestock Exposition at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds, saw Macay Bolay of Noble County in age division 9-13 and Kim Kisling of Alfalfa County in age division 14-17 both take home a first place \$500 savings bond prize.

In addition to the savings bonds, each top division winner and her family received an expense-paid trip to the Oklahoma Farm Bureau convention in November to present her speech.

Second place winners, J.C. Stafford of Comanche County, age division 9-13, and Jacque Carter of Comanche County, age division 14-17, each received a \$100 savings bond. Third place finishers Kimber Helzer of Comanche County, age division 9-13, and Ryan McMullen of Washita County, age division 14-17 each received a \$50 bond.

"This is the first event of its kind that Farm Bureau's YF&R has sponsored," said Mike Schulz, YF&R chairman. "We were pleased to have more than 100 young people participate in our initial contest."

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THREE TU STUDENTS WIN PRESTIGIOUS GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIPS

■(TULSA) Three University of Tulsa sophomores—Mark Berryman, Steve Bauer and Earl Hammon—have each been awarded a \$14,000 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship. Two TU stu-

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