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the media. This is no way for the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee to represent his constituents. Unfortunately Senator Long is a regressive member of the State Senate and is accustomed to acting in this manner," Cox said.

FROM: THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

DATE: 03/26/96

HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE APPROVES 7 BILLS, 2 RESOLUTIONS

■(GIT) During a short meeting Tuesday, members of the House Education Committee approved seven bills and two resolutions. **HCR1073**, supports and encourages safety education in the classroom. The measure authored by Rep. Mark Seikel, D-Harrah, received an unanimous approval from members. In addition, **SCR36**, authored by Sen. Jerry Smith, R-Tulsa, also received unanimous approval. The resolution authorizes the Board of Regents of Tulsa Junior College to issue revenue bonds not to exceed the sum of \$12 million.

Bills approved by members included:

SB425, authored by Rep. Robert Weaver, D-Shawnee, prohibits adverse action against a student because of the student's service on jury duty.

SB740, authored by Rep. Bill Case, R-Midwest City, requires the State Department of Education to recognize for purposes of certification and salary increments, teachers certified in Oklahoma and employed by the Department of Human Services Child Study Center at University Hospital.

Committee substitute for **SB797**, authored by Rep. Michael Tyler, D-Sapulpa, allows school districts to prohibit dogs from running at large within one thousand feet of specified property.

SB1070, authored by Rep. Dwayne Steidley, D-Claremore, authorizes boards of education to enter into contracts for the purpose of implementing energy conservation measures designed to reduce the energy consumption or operating costs of school facilities.

SB1071, authored by Rep. Larry Adair, D-Stilwell, lists student suspension options for students guilty of immorality or violation of school regulations. It states that the suspended pupil may not return to the teacher's classroom without the teacher's consent or unless a district appeals committee determines that placement is appropriate.

SB1163, authored by Rep. Don McCorkell, D-Tulsa, the Educational Deregulation Act. It removes some requirements for eligibility and state limits for deregulation. It also limits the number of districts and school sites subject to deregulation.

FROM: MARTA MCCLOSKEY

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HOUSE COMMON EDUCATION MEMBERS MEET, APPROVE ONE RESOLUTION

■(GIT) Tuesday, members of the House Education Subcommittee on Common Education met and approved a resolution. **HCR1085**, authored by Rep. Glen Johnson, D-Okemah, declares April 1, 1996, as "Alternative Education Day." The resolution was approved unanimously. **SB1161**, authored by Rep. Larry Ferguson, R-Cleveland, was not heard.

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COPPEDGE TO PRESENT '4 BY 4' GRADUATION PLAN TO BOARD

■(OKLAHOMA CITY) Secretary of Education Floyd Coppedge will urge the State Board of Education on Thursday to adopt Gov. Frank Keating's plan to increase Oklahoma's high school graduation requirements to four years each of math, science, English, and social studies.

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