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of Tulsa and H.E. Reynolds of Coweta to the board.

Members also passed **HB2213**, by Sen. Robert M. Kerr, D-Altus. The measure modifies the description of geographic areas represented by the Red River Boundary Commission. The measure and its emergency clause passed with a vote of 42 to 0.

HB2647, by Sen. Dave Herbert, D-Midwest City, also passed as an emergency measure with a vote of 42 to 0. The measure amends title language relating to The Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority providing funds for repairs to Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department properties.

The Senate is scheduled to convene at 10:30 on Monday, April 1, 1996.

FROM: BRANDON BEARD

DATE: 03/28/96

EMPLOYEE PAY RAISE BILL PASSES IN HOUSE SESSION

■(GIT) After a great deal of debate Thursday, House members voted 95 to 4 in favor of **SB1128**, authored Rep. Dwayne Steidley, D-Claremore. The measure is an act that would raise the salaries of all state employees. The fiscal impact of this move would cost \$21.4 million over a period of six months. The bill was amended by Rep. Loyd Benson, D-Frederick, to begin administering raises January 1 opposed to June 1, 1996. This changes the provision from a fiscal to calendar year. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 53 to 46.

Other measures passed by members today included:

SB876, authored by Rep. Bob Ed Culver, D-Tahlequah, authorizes the Scenic Rivers Commission to acquire additional property for the development and maintenance of scenic river areas. Members voted 76 to 22 in favor of the bill, the emergency clause also passed.

SB907, authored by Rep. Don McCorkell, D-Tulsa, modifies definition and statutory references pertaining to the Oklahoma Jobs Program Act. Members voted 95 to 4 in favor of the bill. However, Rep. Fred Stanley, D-Madill, asked for the bill to be reconsidered. McCorkell tried to suspend the rules and asked for the bill to be reconsidered today, but his motion failed 49 to 50.

SB1147, authored by Benson, prohibits the use of accident reports for commercial purposes. Members voted 98 to 0 in favor of the bill.

Rep. James Hamilton, D-Poteau, motioned to strike all Senate amendments on **HB1138**, and the measure was assigned to General Conference Committee on Appropriations.

FROM: MARTA MCCLOSKEY

DATE: 03/28/96

GOVERNOR KEATING ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

■(OKLAHOMA CITY) Governor Frank Keating announced Tuesday several appointments to state boards and commissions.

The governor reappointed Stephen Jatras, of Tulsa to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to serve a term ending May 16, 2005. Senate confirmation is required.

William Milligan, of McAlester was named to the Board of Regents of Eastern Oklahoma State College to serve a term ending June 1, 2003. Milligan succeeds Dean Thomas. Senate confirmation is required.

Paul Hitch of Guymon was reappointed to the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority to serve a term ending July 1, 2004. Senate confirmation is required.

Albert Kelly of Bristow was reappointed to the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority to serve a term ending July 1, 2004. Senate confirmation is required.

Leslie Rector, of Tulsa was named to the Oklahoma State Credit Union Board to serve a term ending October 11, 1999. Rector succeeds Kenneth Sorrels. Senate confirmation is required.

John West of Elk City and Joe Martin of Weatherford were reappointed to the Oklahoma

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