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**SB1111**, by Pope, modifies estate tax deduction for the estate of a decedent who dies before Jan. 1, 1997. The exemption shall be \$175,000. The amount increases by \$100,000 each year up to the year 2001. The bill was amended to clarify Oklahoma law, and the title was restored.

**SB1133**, also by McCorkell, exempts sales of tangible personal property or services to certain organizations from sales taxes.

**SB679**, authored by Rep. Jack Bonny, D-Burns Flat, gives a tax credit to individuals who convert their automobiles to electric.

The last bill, **SB1258**, authored by Rep. Loyd Benson, D-Frederick, provides for direct payment of sales tax to the Oklahoma Tax Commission. The bill received several amendments, mostly clarification. One amendment restored the bill's title. All were offered by Cotner.

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## Science & Technology

### SENATE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATION COMMITTEE MEETS

■(GIT) Members of the Senate Science, Technology and Telecommunication held a concise meeting Tuesday, and approved the committee substitute for **HB2445**. The bill develops extended area telephone service and wide areas calling plans where arbitrary boundaries divide communities and school districts. The bill was authored by Rep. Sean Voskuhl, D-Marshall.

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### LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SPONSORS TELECOMMUNICATIONS DAY AT CAPITOL

■(OKLAHOMA CITY) Lt. Governor Mary Fallin held a News Conference Wednesday, March 27 to kick off Telecommunications Day, which includes the first ever live broadcast of the House and Senate proceedings on the Internet. Various participants displayed and demonstrated their technology in the areas of telemedicine, telecommunication, distance learning and the latest in Internet technology.

"One of our greatest assets is the degree of technology which we have developed in this state. When companies come to Oklahoma, they can see that we are well on our way to the 21st century, and that we have a bright future ahead of us," said Fallin.

Oklahoma's predominantly rural environment is particularly benefited by the development of various technologies.

"One fact that most people might not know is that Oklahoma has one of the largest telemedicine networks in the country. This fact alone helps attract businesses to rural communities, because they know that their employees can receive quality health care via telemedicine technology," Fallin said.

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### REPRESENTATIVES PUSH ACCESS IDEA

■(GIT) To the unprepared it might have looked like Super Bowl Sunday on the rotunda of the state capitol Wednesday—Groups of men and women gathered around televisions, talking, laughing and sometimes shouting.

That, however, was not the case.

Wednesday was Telecommunications Day at the capitol, and the rotunda was filled with

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