

SENATE TOURISM PASSES THREE MEASURES

■(GIT) The Senate Tourism and Recreation Committee passed a measure Thursday, creating the Oklahoma Recreation and Development Act. Though it contains no figures, **HB2114**, by Sen. Kevin Easley, D-Broken Arrow, is an initiative to fund the state's parks in the absence of federal funding.

The measure received a do pass motion, passing with a vote of 7 to 0.

HB2084, by Committee Chairman Dave Herbert, D-Midwest City, clarifies language relating to the selling of advertising in *Oklahoma Today* magazine. It states negotiations for such advertising will not fall under the Public Competitive Bidding Act of 1974 or the Administrative Procedures Act. The measure, with a restored title, passed with a vote of 7 to 0.

HCR1070, by Sen. Ben Robinson, D-Muskogee, declares the City of Muskogee as the seat of the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame and recognizing it as a focal point for tourism in eastern Oklahoma.

One senator found fault with the measure, saying it was contradictory to work being done with the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame in Tulsa. Sen. Maxine Horner, D-Tulsa, amended the measure, limiting the Muskogee facility's scope to country music only.

In what some staff members are calling a first for a resolution, the measure's title was stricken. It passed with a vote 7 to 1.

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Transportation

SENATE TRANSPORTATION PASSES OVERSIZED SHIPPING BILL

■(GIT) Members of the Senate Transportation Committee passed a measure Tuesday prohibiting oversized vehicles to move on any state highway at night unless proper lighting is attached.

HB2414, by Sen. Robert Kerr, D-Altus, is an attempt to correct an existing conflict in state law. According to Scott Bulling, Oklahoma Farm Bureau, an earlier section of Chapter 14 of the Oklahoma Statutes states that nothing within that chapter shall apply to farm equipment.

The bill was amended, deleting section one. The section contained language relating to protocol when approaching an intersection with a county section line road. It was deemed unclear by committee members.

Another amendment states that the fee for qualifying equipment registered in other states and utilized for emergency or temporary service shall be calculated for no longer than 30 days.

The measure passed with a vote of 15 to 0.

HB1860, by Sen. Rick Littlefield, D-Grove, doubles the fine for speeding in a construction zone. It passed with a vote of 11 to 0.

HB1215, by Rep. Joe Hutchison, D-Jay, designates the stretch of roadway from the intersection of State Highways 20 and 82 (Spavinaw "Y") south to Spavinaw Creek as the Mickey Mantle Memorial Highway. The measure passed with a vote of 10 to 0.

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SPEED LIMITS, PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE AND DEREGULATION LEGISLATION RECEIVE APPROVAL

■(GIT) Thursday, members of the House Transportation Committee approved seven measures involving issues relating to speed limits, passenger rail service and the abolishment of the Transportation division of the Corporation Commission, as well as the Motor Vehicle Enforcement

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