

STATE NEWS WEEKLY SUMMARY CONTINUED



City officials and MAPS consultants said Tuesday that the program only has about \$60,000 in funding left which should carry the program through another four months. MAPS officials said they may recommend that the City take over the LBU process, although City officials said nothing has been determined at this point. It would take a contract amendment and additional funding for the LBU to continue under the stewardship of FSB and Oklahoma City-based TVR Communications.

TVR is the FSB subconsultant that originally set up the program and has been running it since the beginning of MAPS.

—CITYnet
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFIRMS NOMINATIONS

■(GIT) The Senate Committee on Economic Development met Thursday to confirm more of Governor Frank Keating's executive nominations.

Confirmed to both the Oklahoma Industrial Finance Authority and the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority, John D. Goad, of Edmond, will serve a six year term at each post, expiring Oct. 11, 2001.

Sponsored by Sen. Mark Snyder, R-Edmond, Goad was confirmed unanimously.

Ron Mercer of Bethany, was confirmed to the Oklahoma Futures. He will finish the remainder of an unexpired term, ending July 1, 1996, and then serve a four year term which ends July 1, 2000.

Sponsored by Sen. Howard Hendrick, R-Bethany, Mercer was confirmed with a vote of 9 to 0.

Leo Presley, Keating nominee to be the director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce was sponsored by Sen. Bernice Shedrick, D-Stillwater.

With a vote of 9 to 0, Presley was confirmed.

Ronnie Rosenfeld was confirmed as Keating's cabinet secretary of commerce, also with a vote of 9 to 0.

"Removing the faults in a stagecoach may produce a perfect stagecoach, but it is unlikely to produce the first motor car."

Edward de Bono

Calling Presley and Rosenfeld "a dynamic team," Senate President Pro Tempore Stratton Taylor, D-Claremore, offered his "personal recommendation" for the two men in a rare committee room appearance.

The next stop in the process is the full Senate, as all confirmations must go before the entire body before becoming final.

—BRANDON BEARD
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GOVERNOR KEATING ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

The Governor reappointed John Groendyke, of Enid to the Wildlife Conservation Commission to serve a term ending July 1, 2004. Senate confirmation is required.

Gordona Duca, of Tulsa and Marolyn Pryor, of Oklahoma City were reappointed to the Oklahoma Real Estate Commission to serve terms ending July 1, 1999. Senate confirmation is required.

Charlotte Dobson, of Oklahoma City, Kathryn Richardson, of Harrah, Linda Frazier, Tulsa, Dr. Patrick Lester, of Tulsa, and Fran Merrick, of Oklahoma City were named to the State Arts Council of Oklahoma to serve terms ending July 1, 1999. Dodson replaces Josephine Hinojosa. Richardson succeeds Ludmila Robson. Frazier succeeds Alice Goebel. Lester succeeds Mary Watson. Merrick succeeds Djelal Kadir. Senate confirmation is required.

Clifton Taulbert, of Tulsa was named to the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority to serve a term ending June 30, 2002. He succeeds Eddie Gates. Senate confirmation is required.

Carl Lyons, of Tulsa was reappointed to the State Board of Pharmacy to serve a term ending June 30, 2001. Senate confirmation is required.

Curt Hamburger, of Weatherford, Ralph Reynolds of Norman and Gary Robbins of Idabel were named to the Oklahoma Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission to serve terms ending June 30, 2002. Hamburger succeeds Sandy Beard. Reynolds succeeds Harold Coffelt. Robbins succeeds Jack McGahey. Senate confirmation is required.

Governor Keating also named Derek McCammon, of Oklahoma City to the Real

Estate Appraiser Board to serve a term ending July 1, 2001. He succeeds Dorset Story.

—THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

COALITION FILES SUIT AGAINST STATE OFFICIALS TO COMPEL COMPLIANCE WITH ABORTION REGULATIONS; AG SAYS SUIT MISDIRECTED

■(GIT) A coalition of state legislators, a doctor, and a woman who has had two abortions filed suit Monday against the state Attorney General and the state Board of Health, alleging they have abrogated their responsibility to enforce state laws on abortion. Upon learning of the lawsuit in a press release, Attorney General Drew Edmondson accused those involved of "grandstanding."

The lawsuit was filed in Oklahoma County District Court by Rep. Bill Graves, R-Oklahoma City, a persistent opponent of abortion. The plaintiffs include 21 GOP legislators and one Democrat lawmaker, an Oklahoma City physician and an Oklahoma City woman. The plaintiffs contend that state health administrators and the state's chief law enforcement officer have refused to enforce two statutes adopted in 1963 to regulate abortions, particularly those performed in abortion clinics.

One regulation decrees, "No person shall perform or induce an abortion upon a pregnant woman subsequent to the end of the first trimester of her pregnancy, unless such abortion is performed or induced in a general hospital." The other statute cited by the plaintiffs declares, "An abortion otherwise permitted by law shall be performed only in a hospital ... which meets standards set" by the Health Department. The statutory definition of hospital encompasses abortion clinics, the plaintiffs contend.

The defendants have refused to honor their legal obligations to enforce the two laws because of an opinion issued 12 years ago by then-Attorney General Mike Turpen, the plaintiffs allege.

In 1984, Turpen asserted that both statutes were unconstitutional in light of the US Supreme Court ruling in Roe v. Wade in 1973 and City of Akron v. Akron Center for Reproductive Health in 1983. Another attorney general preceding incumbent Drew

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