

# STATE NEWS WEEKLY SUMMARY CONTINUED

A nursing home owner, Hardin will serve a five year term, ending June 5, 2001. She was sponsored by Sen. Ed Long, D-Enid.

Ruth Ann Harp, of Tulsa, was also confirmed to the Oklahoma Human Rights Commission.

Also sponsored by Rubottom, she will serve a three year term, ending July 15, 1997.

Dr. John Huser, of Weatherford, was also confirmed to the Physicians Manpower Training Commission.

Sponsored by Sen. Robert M. Kerr, D-Altus, Huser will serve an unexpired term, ending June 5, 2000.

Ammon P. Jenkins was confirmed to the State Board of Licensed Social Workers.

Sponsored by Sen. Angela Monson, Jenkins will serve a three year term, ending June 1, 1999.

LaVersa Holder Lowerance, of Blackwell, was confirmed to the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators.

Sponsored by Sen. Paul Muegge, D-Tonkawa, she will serve a three year term, ending July 1, 1998.

Elmer Manatowa, of Sulphur, was confirmed to the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission.

Sponsored by Sen. Darryl Roberts, D-Ardmore, Manatowa will serve a three year term, ending Aug. 15, 1998.

Netty Rogers, of Oklahoma City, was confirmed to the Oklahoma Human Rights Commission.

Sponsored by Sen. Howard Hendrick, R-Bethany, Rogers will serve a three year term, ending July 15, 1998.

Tim Tallchief, of Jones, was confirmed to the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission.

Sponsored by Sen. Enoch Kelly Haney,

D-Seminole, Tallchief will serve a vacant position, ending Aug. 15, 1997.

Dr. Mark Woody, of Oklahoma City, was confirmed to the Board of Examiners for Speech Pathology and Audiology.

Also sponsored by Hendrick, Woody will serve an unexpired term, ending Aug. 17, 1997.

Curtis Zunigha, of Bartlesville, was confirmed to the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission.

Sponsored by Sen. Jerry Pierce, R-Bartlesville, Zunigha will serve a three year term, ending Aug. 15, 1998.

The names of the nominees will now go before the full Senate for confirmation there.

—BRANDON BEARD  
05/21/96

## TREASURER ANNOUNCES HIRING OF NICEWANDER AS INTERNAL AUDITOR

■(OKLAHOMA CITY) State Treasurer Robert Butkin Tuesday announced the hiring of the Oklahoma City Auditor Susan Nicewander as the Treasurer's internal auditor. She will leave her current position with Oklahoma City government and assume her new duties with the State Treasurer on July 8.

Nicewander will fill the vacancy created by the departure of Brenda Bolander, internal auditor since February 1995. Bolander is moving with her family to the northeastern Oklahoma community of Fairland.

The Treasurer's internal audit monitors all Treasury financial operations which handle some \$9 billion each year. The internal auditor ensures that all laws and rules are properly followed and that appropriate safeguards are in place to protect the people's tax dollars. She answers directly to the Treasurer.

Nicewander, Oklahoma City Auditor since 1988, developed a comprehensive audit plan for the municipal government and she developed and established the city's first performance auditing program. She also served as trustee to the Oklahoma City Employee Retirement System and the Emergency Medical Services Authority.

Butkin said he looks forward to working with Nicewander. "Susan brings with her a sterling reputation and very high professional and ethical standards," he said. "I know she will serve the state well as internal auditor."

—OKLAHOMA STATE TREASURER  
05/21/96

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE APPROVES EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

■(GIT) The Senate's Economic Development Committee on Wednesday gave confirmation recommendations to the following executive nominations:

William Cameron, Oklahoma City, to the Oklahoma Futures, to serve a four year term ending July 1, 1999, succeeding himself;

Jim Goodwin, Tulsa, to the Oklahoma Futures, to serve a four year term ending July 1, 1999, succeeding Hans Helmerich;

Sharon K. Gowdy, Elk City, to the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority, to serve a term ending October 11, 1999, succeeding Malcolm Deisenroth and to serve a six year term ending October 11, 1999, succeeding David Roberts.

—STAFF WRITERS  
05/22/96

## EDUCATION SECRETARY SAYS OEA FLYER CLAIMS FALSE CREDIT FOR KEATING VICTORIES

■(OKLAHOMA CITY) Secretary of Education Floyd Coppedge said Wednesday he is "astonished" that a flyer distributed by the Oklahoma Education Association this week apparently claims OEA credit for two vital pieces of school legislation that originated with the Keating administration.

"I was really astonished to see the OEA trying to take credit for the midterm school funding solution and our efforts to save the teacher retirement fund from insolvency," Dr. Coppedge said. "They know very well those were central parts of the Governor's education agenda from day one of the legislative session."

On Wednesday, the Governor signed a midterm bill, **HB2055**, that included most of his original proposals, and funding for teacher retirement is expected to emerge from the Legislature during final budget votes.

The OEA flyer, headlined "Here's what we've done," claims OEA efforts led to the midterm bill. It also claims that "OEA has secured an additional \$45 million" for teacher retirement.

"As I recall, Governor Keating was out front on these two issues long before the OEA, and the OEA played very minimal roles in winning legislative passage," Dr.

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