

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFIRMS NOMINATIONS

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■(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.

Former president of Xerox Canada 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.

"Oklahoma Futures has the opportunity to set strategic direction for Oklahoma," he said.

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

"We are snagging him back from the private sector," was the comment from Sen. Bernice Shedrick, D-Stillwater, about Leo Presley, Keating nominee to be the director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. "He will be a great ambassador for Oklahoma in terms of economic development." Shedrick carried Presley's nomination, a requirement for the confirmation process.

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.

A lawyer by education, though he never practiced, Rosenfeld has done business in investment banking and shopping center and apartment development.

Formerly with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Rosenfeld met Governor Keating at a political function for former presidential candidate Jack Kemp.

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

## GOVERNOR KEATING ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

From the Governor's Office

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

The Governor reappointed John Groendyke, 51, of Enid to the Wildlife Conservation Commission to serve a term ending July 1, 2004. Senate confirmation is required.

Gordona Duca, 55, of Tulsa and Marolyn Pryor, 56, of Oklahoma City were reappointed to the Oklahoma Real Estate Commission to serve terms ending July 1, 1999. Senate confirmation is required.

Charlotte Dobson, 70, of Oklahoma City, Kathryn Richardson, 45, of Harrah, Linda Frazier, 55, Tulsa, Dr. Patrick Lester, 56, of Tulsa, and Fran Merrick, 40, 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 re-

quired.

Clifton Taulbert, 50, 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, 65, of Tulsa was reappointed to the State Board of Pharmacy to serve a term ending June 30, 2001. Senate confirmation is required.

Curt Hamburger, 33, 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, 46, of Oklahoma City to the Real Estate Appraiser Board to serve a term ending July 1, 2001. He succeeds Dorset Story.

## FROM THE SENATE FLOOR, THURSDAY, MAY 9

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■(GIT) The Senate considered the following measures Thursday:

**HB2170**, by Sen. Frank Shurden, D-Henryetta, changes the quail season hunting dates to the first Saturday in November to Jan. 31.

The adopted conference committee report removed a provision that would have allowed the hunting dates to be set by the Legislature. Under the new bill, the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission would set the dates.

"I have had more calls on this piece of legislation than anything we've done this year," said Sen. Dave Herbert, D-Midwest City. "I urge you to defeat this thing and let's let the people who are closest to the people back home set the dates for quail season in the state of Oklahoma."

With a narrow vote of 26 to 17, the measure passed. Shurden lodged a motion to reconsider, giving him three days to re-address the measure. Later in the day, he brought the bill back up on the same motion, which was immediately tabled.

**HB2323**, by Sen. Brad Henry, D-

Shawnee, creates the School District Budget Act.

After adopting the bill's conference committee report, members passed the measure and its emergency clause with a vote of 42 to 3.

**HB2348**, by Sen. Penny Williams, D-Tulsa, provides additional coverage requirements for health benefit plans as they relate to maternity coverage.

The bill requires every health benefit plan in the state that offers maternity benefits to provide coverage for a minimum 48 hours of inpatient care for the mother of a child born through vaginal birth and 96 hours for delivery by cesarean section.

The measure has been nicknamed the "drive-through delivery" bill, as currently, most insurance policies only offer coverage for a 24 hour hospital stay.

Questions arose relating to the effect of the new requirements on insurance premiums, an area not covered in the bill.

"It is totally irresponsible to bring this to the floor without knowing how much an extra day will cost," said Sen. Charles Ford, R-Tulsa.

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