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"It was both costly in time and money," he said.

West said additional money should be spent on the facility. He added, also, that the state should consider looking into private industry funding for the state's lodges, saying it would be better to look to people who would be willing to spend "more money than we [the state] would."

Additional resistance came from Sen. Maxine Horner, D-Tulsa. She cited reports from sources in Elk City that point to West's tendency to "micro-manage" staff members.

West denied the reports, saying no one from Elk City had ever contacted him on any issue related to tourism.

Senate Majority Leader Billy Mickle, D-Durant, was present to support the West nomination, casting his vote against the tabling motion.

After receiving only three votes, from Kerr, Sen. Gerald "Ged" Wright, R-Broken Arrow, and Committee Chairman Sen. Dave Herbert, D-Midwest City, the tabling motion was defeated. Horner abstained from the vote.

Sponsored by Sen. Gilmer Capps, D-Snyder, West was confirmed to the post. His term ends July 1, 2002. He succeeds himself.

Other Keating appointees include Joanna Champlin, of Oklahoma City. She was confirmed to a position on the State Arts Council. Sponsored by Sen. Brooks Douglass, R-Oklahoma City, she will serve a three year term, ending July 1, 1999.

Charlotte Dodson, of Oklahoma City, was also confirmed to the State Arts Council. Sponsored by Sen. Keith Leftwich, D-Oklahoma City, she will serve a three year term, ending July 1, 1999.

Linda Frasier, of Tulsa, was also appointed to the Arts Council. Sponsored by Sen. Penny Williams, D-Tulsa, she will serve a three year term, ending July 1, 1999.

Also sponsored by Williams, Patrick D. Lester, of Tulsa, was appointed to the State Arts Council. He will serve a three year term, ending July 1, 1999.

Kathryn Walker, of Richardson, will also serve a three year term on the Arts Council. Sponsored by Herbert, her term will expire July 1, 1999.

Frank Merrick, of Oklahoma City, withdrew his nomination to the Arts Council.

"Character is long-standing habit."
Plutarch

SENATE EDUCATION CONFIRMS KEATING APPOINTEES

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■(GIT) Members of the Senate Committee on Education met Monday to confirm several of Governor Frank Keating's appointees to related agencies. The confirmations came in two parts, as the committee met in the morning and again in the afternoon.

Brad Barron, of Talala, was confirmed to a position on the Board of Regents of University Center at Tulsa and Rogers State College. Sponsored by Sen. Stratton Taylor, D-Claremore, he will serve a nine year term, ending June 30, 2005.

Beverly Carter, of Oklahoma City, was confirmed to the board of Regents for the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. Sponsored by Sen. Brooks Douglass, R-Oklahoma City, she will serve a seven year term, ending June 30, 2003.

Mary Gates, of Stigler, was confirmed to a position on the Board of Regents of Carl Albert State College. Sponsored by Sen. Gene Stipe, D-McAlester, she will serve a seven year term, ending July 1, 2003.

David R. Guthery, of Tulsa, was confirmed to the Board of Regents of Tulsa Junior College. Sponsored by Sen. Penny Williams, D-Tulsa, he will serve an unexpired term, ending June 30, 1997.

Ernest Hellwege, of Kingfisher, was confirmed to a position on the Board of Regents of Redlands Community College. Sponsored by Sen. Bill Gustafson, R-El Reno, he will serve a seven year term, ending April 22, 2003.

William Miligan, of McAlester, was confirmed to a position on the Board of Regents

of Eastern Oklahoma State College. Also sponsored by Stipe, he will serve a seven year term, ending June 1, 2003.

Raymond Ray Polk, of Lawton, was confirmed to a position on the Oklahoma Board of Private Vocational Schools. Sponsored by Sen. Jim Maddox, D-Lawton, he will serve an unexpired term, ending July 1, 2000.

Tulio Ramirez, of Norman, was confirmed to a position on the Oklahoma Board of Private Vocational Schools. Sponsored by Sen. Trish Weedn, D-Purcell, he will serve an unexpired term, ending July 1, 2000.

Don S. Reynolds, of Del City, was confirmed to the Board of Regents of Rose State College. Sponsored by Sen. Ben. Brown, D-Oklahoma City, he will serve a seven year term, ending July 1, 2003.

All nominees were confirmed unanimously and will go before the full Senate for final confirmation.

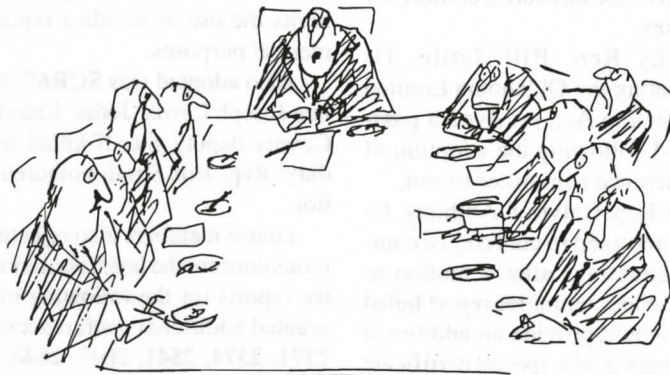
SENATE AGRICULTURE CONFIRMS ONE

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■(GIT) In a brief meeting Wednesday, members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture confirmed one of Governor Frank Keating's appointees.

Paul Henry Hitch, of Guymon, was confirmed to a position on the State Board of Agriculture. Succeeding himself, he will serve a five year term, ending April 26, 2001.

Hitch was sponsored by Sen. Don Williams, D-Balko, and was confirmed by the full Senate later in the day.



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