

MORE FROM THE HOUSE FLOOR, MONDAY, MAY 20

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■(GIT) House members considered and took action on the following measures during Monday's session:

Rep. Bill Graves, R-Oklahoma City, expressed concerns over a provision of **HB2143**, that would create the Advisory Commission on Latin American and Hispanic Affairs. The bill, by Rep. Gary Taylor, D-Dewey, modifies the sunset date from July 1, 1996, to July 1, 2002, for the Plumbing Examiners, Water and Wastewater Works Advisory Council; recreates the Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and OETA; stating legislative intent; provides for appointments and responsibilities; and codification, in addition to creating the commission.

The commission, Taylor said, was created first in 1994 and reaffirmed in 1995. Graves challenged the germaneness of the commission's inclusion in the bill, saying it was not a part of the original legislation.

The provision was ruled germane, and the bill's conference committee report was adopted by a 61-29 vote. The bill then received a passing vote from the House of 67-28.

HB2483, by Rep. M.C. Leist, D-Morris, updating language pertaining to the powers of the State Board of Agriculture, received a passing vote of 77-19 following the adoption of its conference committee report. Despite a significant number of nay votes, no one debated against the measure.

The House also gave a 96-0 passing vote to **HB2701**, by Rep. Shelby Satterfield, D-Tulsa, modifying the acceptable bell types for locomotives to include air horns, following the adoption of the measure's conference committee report.

HB2893, by Rep. Bill Settle, D-Muskogee, creating the Oklahoma Limited Liability Partnership Act, received a passing vote of 96-1 following the adoption of its second conference committee report.

SB1002, by Rep. Calvin J. Anthony, D-Stillwater, was returned to conference committee with instructions after a motion to adopt the conference committee report failed 9-88. The bill would provide an additional basis for the issuance of a special certificate from the Oklahoma Corporation Commission for telecommunication services.

What was in the bill, as well as what was not, led to the report's demise. Rep. Wanda Jo Peltier, D-Oklahoma City, objected to the

report because it repealed a section of law giving the Corporation Commission the authority to enforce certain regulations over cable television companies offering local phone service. Rep. Mark Seikel, D-Harrah, objected because a provision requiring churches to be charged residential phone rates rather than commercial phone rates had been dropped.

Instructions for the bill's return to conference committee call for the repealer to be dropped and for Seikel's concern to be included.

SB1031, by Rep. Al Sadler, D-Ardmore, broadening the authority of the Oklahoma Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission to levy specified administrative fines against used car dealers, defining consignment sales and redefining used car salesmen, was returned to conference committee with instructions by unanimous consent.

A motion to adopt the bill's second conference committee report failed by a vote of 13-76 after objections were raised about the elimination of a \$1,000 bond for individual used car salesmen.

Instructions to the conference committee call for that portion of the law to be reinstated.

SB1080, requiring that a complete disclosure of name, mailing address and finding address of every stockholder with at least five percent ownership shall be included with each hospice license application, by Rep. Mark Seikel, D-Harrah, receiving a passing vote of 92-0 following the adoption of its conference committee report.

House members also gave **SB1147**, by Rep. Loyd Benson, D-Frederick, a passing vote following the adoption of its second conference committee report. The bill prohibits the use of accident reports for commercial purposes.

Also adopted was **SCR65**, honoring the late Joseph Lewis 'Jodie' Latimer, a Cotton County deputy sheriff killed in the line of duty. Rep. Bill Smith authored the resolution.

House members also rejected by unanimous consent the latest conference committee reports for the following measures and granted additional conferences: **HBs 2164, 2271, 2374, 2541, 2647, 2648, 2698, 2969** and **3008**, as well as **SBs 854** and **1071**.

"Delay is preferable to error."

Thomas Jefferson, 1792

FROM THE SENATE FLOOR, MONDAY, MAY 20

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■(GIT) The Senate considered the following measures on Monday, May 20, 1996:

HB1238, by Sen. Kevin Easley, D-Broken Arrow, prevents elected officials from participating in tax exempt bond transactions.

Brought about as a result of suspected impropriety with Oklahoma Congressman J.C. Watts.

"When you run for office, you give up a lot of your rights," Easley said.

"Anytime somebody takes away some of my rights for belonging to this body, I get a little nervous," said Sen. Dave Herbert, D-Midwest City.

Division was requested on the adoption of the bill's conference committee report, resulting its rejection. The bill was sent back for further conference.

HB2143, by Sen. J. Berry Harrison, D-Fairfax, modifies the sunset date for the Plumbing Examiners, Water and Wastewater Works Advisory Council. It also recreates the Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority. It creates the Advisory Commission on Latin American and Hispanic Affairs.

After adopting the bill's conference committee report, members passed the measure with a vote of 46 to 2.

HB2483, by Sen. Frank Shurden, D-Henryetta, updates language relating to the State Board of Agriculture.

The bill was laid over for further questioning.

HB2701, by Sen. Dave Herbert, D-Midwest City, modifies acceptable bell types for locomotives to include air horns.

After adopting the bill's conference committee report, members passed the measure with a vote of 48 to 0.

HB2893, by Sen. Ted Fisher, D-Sapulpa, creates the Oklahoma Limited Liability Partnership Act.

The difference in the latest version of the bill is language requiring \$1 million in liability insurance to be a limited liability partnership.

After adopting the bill's conference committee report, members passed the measure with a vote of 44 to 2.

SB1123, by Sen. Sam Helton, D-Lawton, modifies the list of prescription and non-prescription drugs.

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