

MORE FROM THE HOUSE FLOOR, TUESDAY, MAY 21

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■(GIT) Efforts to move bills from the House to the Senate and ultimately to the governor's desk picked up steam in the House on Tuesday with members considering a wide range of issues, including:

HB1088, by Rep. Russ Roach, D-Tulsa, providing for the deduction from state adjusted gross income any medical expenses incurred in the process of adoption of a minor, received a 97-0 passing vote following the adoption without debate of its conference committee report.

House members also gave a 62-34 passing vote without debate to **HB2101**, by Rep.

Jack Begley, D-Goodwell, allowing officers or employees of a municipality with a population of more than 2,500 to conduct business with said municipality; allowing members of any board of education of a municipality with a population of over 2,500 to furnish materials or supplies to said municipality; and allowing members of any board of education within a municipality with a population of more than 2,500 to vote on contracts between area vocational-technical schools and the entity by which the member is employed. The vote followed the adoption of the bill's second conference committee report.

HB2294, by Rep. Larry Adair, D-

Stilwell, authorizing Wildlife Conservation to sell advertising in any publication, media production or other informational material it produces, received a passing vote of 99-0 following the adoption of its second conference committee report.

HB2362, by Rep. Fred Morgan, R-Oklahoma City, received a passing vote of 93-7 following the adoption of its second conference committee report. The bill provides exemptions from notice and challenge procedures, provides for customer non-notification and sets standards for the calculation of reasonable fees by banks.

House members adopted the second conference committee report for and gave a 99-0 passing vote to **HB2501**, by Rep. Calvin Anthony, D-Stillwater, modifying the powers and duties of the Department of Human Services, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority and the Oklahoma Medicaid Program Integrity Act.

Receiving a 99-1 passing vote following the adoption of its second conference committee report was **HB2692**, by Rep. Loyd Benson, D-Frederick. The bill places the Juvenile Justice Advisory and Oversight Committee under the supervision of the Office of Juvenile Affairs; states that the amount of a juvenile's earnings designated for restitution to victims shall be placed in the Juvenile Restitution Revolving Fund; states that acquisitions or purchases of clothing for juveniles or acquisitions of food for group homes under the custody of the Office of Juvenile Affairs shall be exempt from the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act; and expands provisional scope to include purchases from such funds received by offices administered by the Office of Juvenile Affairs.

HB2755, by Rep. Carolyn Coleman, R-Moore, requiring the Department of Juvenile Justice to provide a uniform system of assessment of the reading ability of each juvenile upon initial placement in an institution or facility, received a passing vote of 97-2 following the adoption of its conference committee report.

Much of the debate, led by Rep. Ron Kirby, D-Lawton, focused on whether the program was needed, rather than on a provision that allows phonics based programs to be used. The latter provision sparked considerable debate earlier in the session.

HB2806, by Rep. Debbie Blackburn, D-Oklahoma City, received a passing vote of

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sion since February and is director of the Great Plains Improvement Authority.

Sponsored by Sen. Jim Maddox, D-Lawton, he will serve a three year term, ending July 15, 1998.

Janet Hardin, of Enid, was confirmed to the Physician Manpower Training Commission.

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.

She has been appointed to the board's education committee. She also served a previous term on the board under former Governor Henry Bellmon.

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.

Manatowa has been attending the commission's meetings since December and spoke briefly about free trade zones and the environment.

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.

Chief of the Delaware Tribe, he said he wants to strive for more communication between the tribes and the Legislature and the governor.

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.