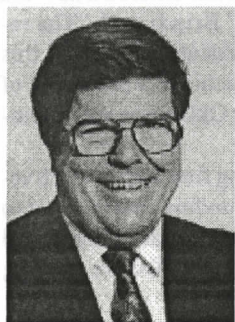


## MCCORKELL TO ANNOUNCE FUTURE PLANS

By Shawn Ashley  
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■(GIT) Rep. Don McCorkell is expected on Tuesday to announce his plan to seek the US Senate seat currently held by Jim Inhofe.



Rep. Don  
McCorkell

Capitol Network News was the first to report in April that McCorkell was considering the race. At that time, a source close to McCorkell told Capitol Network News, the 48-

year-old attorney was "meeting with advisors" about entering the race, and any announcement concerning the Tulsa representative's plans was expected to be delayed until the 1996 legislative session concluded.

"Representative McCorkell's first priority is this legislative session and his constituents at home," the source said in April. "He was elected by the people of his district to do a job and he plans to fulfill that contract."

Since that time, McCorkell has filed papers with the Federal Election Commission, setting in place the framework for a campaign and fundraising effort. On Friday, the last day of the legislative session, a nearly-tearful McCorkell bid farewell to his fellow House members, reflecting on a myriad of events since he took office in 1978.

Ironically, Inhofe announced Friday that he will seek a second term in Congress. Inhofe must face Republican challenger Dan Lowe, of Tulsa, in the Republican primary. Lowe announced his plan to seek the seat last month.

Even before his Friday announcement, Inhofe was considered the odds-on favorite to win the Republican nomination for the office.

Inhofe won the seat in 1994, following a bitter campaign against former Fourth Dis-

trict Representative David McCurdy. Before winning a place in the Senate, Inhofe was a representative for the First Congressional District.

If he enters the race as expected, McCorkell will join Jeffrey Tollett and Jim Boren on the campaign trail to become the Democratic candidate for the Senate seat.

Tollett, a minister from Oklahoma City, unsuccessfully challenged US Representative Frank Lucas for the Sixth District Congressional seat in 1994. Jim Boren is the cousin of University of Oklahoma President David Boren, who held the seat until he resigned before the end of his term to become president of the university. Jim Boren is a professor at Northeastern Oklahoma State University in Tahlequah.

## VETO SEVERE BLOW TO CATTLE INDUSTRY

From Senate Media

■(OKLAHOMA CITY) By vetoing \$370,000 in SB814, intended for the Oklahoma's Center for International Trade, Governor Frank Keating may cost state cattle ranchers more than \$75 million, the chairman of the state Senate's Agriculture Committee said on Friday.

Senator Paul Muegge, D-Tonkawa, said the veto derailed a trade agreement that would have allowed the sale of 1.5 million head of breeding stock to Mexico's Confederacion Nacional Ganadera, their equivalent to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

"I guess the governor doesn't get out of the city enough to know that times are tough for Oklahoma cattlemen. He obviously didn't understand the implications of this veto," said Muegge.

Muegge said Oklahoma's Center for International Trade was chosen to run the project because of its association with Oklahoma State University and the center's access to satellite communications.

"Cattlemen, state trade officials and legislators have all worked very hard to develop the infrastructure to support this kind of foreign trade," he said. "After hearing his promises of concentrating on international development, it's disappointing that the governor chose not to support our efforts to expand the markets for agricultural exports and to bring new money into Oklahoma's economy."

## TRIAL LAWYERS APPLAUD END TO ACCIDENT VICTIM SOLICITATION

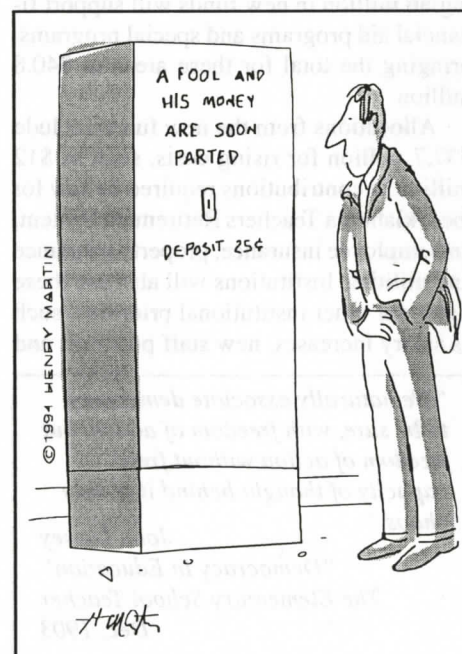
From OK Trial Lawyers Assoc.

■(OKLAHOMA CITY) The Oklahoma Trial Lawyers Association Friday applauded the signing of SB1147 into law. The bill which takes effect Nov. 1, 1996, puts a stop to direct mail solicitation of accident victims in Oklahoma.

"Accident victims are receiving 15 or 16 pieces of solicitation from lawyers, chiropractors and others immediately following an accident," stated Ted Sherwood, president of the Oklahoma Trial Lawyers Association. "By passing SB1147, which prohibits the use of accident reports for solicitation, we are taking a step toward protecting the privacy of accident victims and their families at a time when they are least prepared to deal with such intrusive behavior."

SB1147, which was sponsored by Sen. Bernice Shedrick, D-Stillwater, and Rep. Loyd Benson, D-Frederick, makes it a misdemeanor to obtain or use information from an accident report for the purpose of commercial solicitation. The bill passed both houses of the Legislature and was signed by the governor on May 23rd.

"After Nov. 1, and hopefully before, individuals suffering great trauma following an accident will no longer find their mailboxes stuffed with unwanted pieces of solicitation at a time when they are least prepared to deal with such things," Sherwood concluded.



*"Reading about one's failings in the daily papers is one of the privileges of high office in this free country of ours."*

Nelson A. Rockefeller  
Speech in Syracuse, NY  
Nov. 29, 1972