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## Special session on hold, Governor and legislative leaders say

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ever the Legislature is called into special session to address an appropriation measure, it must be in session for at least five days. Since the Legislature never officially adjourned from the session, it is possible for any further appropriation measures to be addressed quickly.

"We are relieved there will not have to be a special session," said Senate President Pro Temore Stratton Taylor, D-Claremore. "The Oklahoma Employment Securities Commission and the Department of Rehabilitative Services appear to be in line for the funding necessary to keep them operating."

## Prefiled bill to tax municipalities real-estate

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■(GIT) "Municipalities that own land outside their counties should have to pay some kind of taxes," said Rep. Joe Hutchison, D-Jay, author of HB 2069, requiring municipalities owning real-estate outside of their counties to pay ad valorem taxes equal to similar land located within the county.

Hutchison said people in his district cannot build within 10 acres of the lake in their area. "Lake Eucha, (located in Delaware County), has a buffer zone around it. People cannot build within 10 acres of the lake," said Hutchison. "I want a compromise so that people can build nearer to the lake if they want to," he said.

However, Danny George, assistant executive director for the Oklahoma Municipal League, said cities and towns are prohibited from paying property tax.

"School, county or city owned property is exempt from paying ad valorem tax," he said. "It doesn't make sense for one government entity to tax another."

George said he believes this idea of taxing property owned by municipalities came from a recommendation from the Governor's Performance Team that suggested school property be taxed.

"Cities have to sometimes go outside their boundaries to retain a clean and adequate water supply mandated by the government," he said. "This property is used to supply water to Oklahoma citizens."

"The cost of the tax would ultimately go directly to the people, which if the legislation is passed, could end up costing taxpayers across the state millions of dollars," George said.

George said Hutchison only singles out municipalities. "In order to access water, the taxpayers would end up paying more than they already do," he said, referring to set recreational-type taxes.

George said this is a conflict between public and private entities that would benefit only a few

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