

MORE KEATING NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED

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■(GIT) The Senate Committee on Human Resources met Tuesday to confirm seven of Governor Frank Keating's nominations to boards and commissions.

Ed Glineski, of Oklahoma City, was confirmed to a position on the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators. Sponsored by Sen. Helen Cole, R-Oklahoma City, he will serve an unexpired term, ending July 1, 1998.

Jerry Allen, of Weatherford, was confirmed to a position on the Board of Pharmacy. Practicing in pharmacy since 1959, Allen has also served as the president of the profession's state organization.

Sponsored by Sen. Robert M. Kerr, D-Altus, he will serve a five-year term, ending June 30, 2000.

Also sponsored by Kerr, Don Black, of Weatherford, was confirmed to a position on the State Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators.

"Not being in the health field," Black said, "I have the advantage of being able to ask 'why'."

Black said when a group of people in the

same business get together, they tend to take things for granted.

He will serve a three year term, ending Oct. 1, 1998.

JoAnn Bullard, of Edmond, was confirmed to a position on the Board of Examiners for Speech Pathology and Audiology. With 25 years of experience in the field, she said she is uniquely qualified to fill the position.

"I am the only one, to my knowledge, who has provided services in every field that pathology is offered," she said, commenting on her experience, which ranges from work in elementary schools to private practice.

Sponsored by Sen. Mark Snyder, R-Edmond, she will serve a three year term, ending Aug. 17, 1998.

Also sponsored by Snyder, Stephen Dudley, of Edmond, was confirmed to a position on the State Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators.

He will serve a three year term, ending July 1, 1998.

Also appointed to the Nursing Home Board, Sharon Parker, of Norman, brings

with her 29 years of experience as a practicing registered nurse.

Also a practicing attorney, she has developed many continuing education programs, which she said will prove helpful in her work with the board.

Sponsored by Sen. Cal Hobson, D-Lexington, she will serve a three year term, ending Oct. 1, 1998.

Ed Vendley, of Tulsa, was confirmed to a position on the Oklahoma Human Rights Commission.

He said his community work with the Williams Companies will aid him in his three year term which expires July 15, 1998.

He was sponsored by Sen. Charles Ford, R-Tulsa.

Following confirmations, committee members adopted **HCR1092**, by Sen. Ben Robinson. The measure memorializes Congress to amend the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to facilitate the development and approval of new drugs and biologics.

Members then adjourned to take up the business of the day's awaiting legislative session.

AT & T APPROVED TO PROVIDE LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICE

From Okla. Corporation Commission

■(OKLAHOMA CITY) The Oklahoma Corporation Commission Tuesday approved an application by AT&T Communications of the Southwest to provide local-exchange telecommunications services in Oklahoma.

The federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 signed into law on Feb. 8 authorizes local-exchange telecommunications competition. AT&T is the first com-

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pany to win approval to compete for local-exchange telephone customers in Oklahoma under terms of Corporation Commission local service competition rules adopted March 7.

The commission's rules are awaiting approval by the Oklahoma Legislature. They are expected to become effective before June 1.

In its application, AT&T sought approval to compete in local-exchange territories served by Southwestern Bell Telephone and GTE Southwest. Southwestern Bell serves about 82 percent and GTE serves about 6 percent of local-exchange telephone custom-

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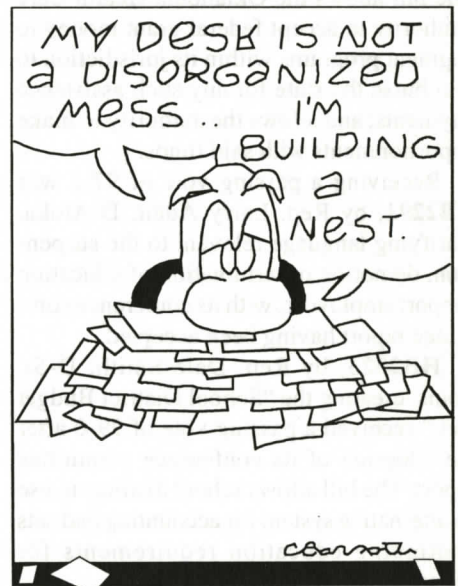
ers in Oklahoma.

Forty-four rural telephone companies, as defined by the federal Telecommunications Act, that serve the remaining 12 percent of the Oklahoma local-exchange customers are not affected by the commission order.

The Corporation Commission order issued Tuesday clears the way for AT&T to begin preparations for competing for local-exchange business, but the start of service is several months away.

Before offering local-exchange service, AT&T must negotiate agreements with Southwestern Bell and GTE Southwest regarding the purchase of services and interconnection of networks in the territories where AT&T plans to compete, and file proposed tariffs and proposed service territory designations with the Corporation Commission 90 days prior to offering local-exchange service.

Startup of local-exchange service by AT&T could be delayed further if objections are filed to AT&T's proposals.



"The fact is that the possession of a highly social conscience about large-scale issues is not guarantee whatever of reasonable conduct in private relations."

Lewis Hastings