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Examples of how Kirkpatrick Foundation assistance has fostered the preservation of Oklahoma heritage include:

- Preservation El Reno's rehabilitation plans for historic Canadian County Jail and Stables.
- The Washita County Commission's plans for rehabilitation of the Washita County Courthouse.
- Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association's preparation of a National Register nomination for the historic Oklahoma City area.
- A Preservation Oklahoma Inc. heritage education program in conjunction with the State Historic Preservation Office.
- Cherokee National Historical Society's education outreach program to school children.

"The Kirkpatrick Foundation certainly is a valued preservation partner," said Heisch. "The concern of the foundation that Oklahoma's heritage be preserved and that high standards should be met in the accomplishment of this work make it clear that the foundation is worthy of the Shirk Award."

INHOFE SAYS CLINTON VETO BLOCKS "BIGGEST JOBS BILL IN DECADES"

From US Senator James Inhofe, R-Okla.

■ (WASHINGTON) U.S. Senator James M. Inhofe (R-Okla.) said today that President Clinton stopped "the biggest jobs bill in decades" when he vetoed the Product Liability Reform bill last Thursday.

"Product liability reform is the biggest job creating bill to come up in years, if not decades," Inhofe said. "It means ending frivolous lawsuits and unleashing real economic growth. By vetoing this bill, President Clinton has sacrificed thousands of jobs and helped stifle what the American people desperately want: the resurgence of our domestic manufacturing base and our international competitiveness."

Inhofe, an original co-sponsor of product liability reform legislation in the Senate, had previously pushed through a similar aviation liability reform bill in the House. That measure, which was enacted into law, helped put America back in the aviation manufacturing business after years of decline. It was also one of the first bills to benefit from Senator Inhofe's successful effort in 1993 to end secrecy in the House's dis-

COBURN PRAISES MOVE BY OKLAHOMA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

From U.S. Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okla.

■ (MUSKOGEE, OK) U.S. Rep. Tom Coburn on Friday praised a resolution by the state medical association which calls for "mandated HIV testing for pregnant women." He said Oklahoma is taking the lead in saving the lives of infants.

The move by the Oklahoma State Medical Association comes on the heels of congressional approval of the Coburn amendment, which may lead to mandatory testing of newborn infants.

Mandatory infant testing will occur if states fail to meet the stringent requirements set forth by the conference. The amendment was part of the Ryan White Care Act, which funds AIDS research.

"I think the move by the state medical association in Oklahoma demonstrates where health care policy is moving in this nation. It needs to move as quickly as possible so we can save the lives of as many infants as possible."

"With the President's signature of the Ryan White Care Act, and with these new requirements, I think we will see many state medical associations follow suit," Coburn said.

Coburn was the author of the House version that required mandatory infant testing.

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"Our aviation liability bill has had a tremendous effect," Inhofe said. "Thousands of jobs were created in the manufacturing of single-engine aircraft. It boosted the economy and reversed the decline of a major American industry. This is exactly what bipartisan majorities in both the House and Senate are trying to do with product liability reform. The current bill broadens the protections to cover other manufactured items in other industries. It seeks to unleash the same kind of economic growth on a much bigger scale."

The Product Liability Reform bill passed Congress with strong bipartisan votes: 59-40 in the Senate and 259-158 in the House. Opposition to the bill was spearheaded largely by one special interest group—the trial lawyers—which has contributed heavily to Clinton's campaigns. Recently, Clinton's

The Senate version had only voluntary testing of the mother. A compromise was reached last week that supports Coburn's position. The Ryan White Act was then approved by the House and Senate. It now awaits the President's official signature.

The measure will compel states to enact the Center for Disease

Control guidelines regarding HIV and pregnant women. If the guidelines fail to make dramatic reductions in the number of AIDS babies within 18 months, states who receive Ryan White Care Act funds would be required to enact mandatory HIV testing of newborns.

In a May 2 memorandum from Mary Anne McCaffree, vice-president of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, she wrote that the group's original resolution recommended "routine" rather than "mandated" testing.

"The evidence that AZT given to HIV positive mothers reduces the incidence of infected babies from 25 percent to eight percent proved very compelling to the OSMA House of Delegates. Therefore, the resolution was amended into its current form which calls for mandatory testing for HIV in all pregnant women," McCaffree wrote.

threat to veto the bill was sharply criticized by a Democrat Senator who said: "Unfortunately, special interests and raw political considerations in the White House have overridden sound policy judgment."

Inhofe said he will help lead efforts in the Senate to override the President's veto.

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"Life is the only art that we are required to practice without preparation, and without being allowed the preliminary trials, the failures and botches, that are essential for the training of a mere beginner."

Lewis Mumford