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control over persons required to be licensed to also possess a license as a real estate broker.

Bastin said the bill was unchanged from its last appearance before the House.

Also receiving approval was **SCR59**, by Rep. Sean Voskuhl, D-Marshall, asking the Surface Transportation Board to place conditions upon the proposed merger of the Union Pacific Corporation and the Southern Pacific Rail Corporation.

A parliamentary move by Voskuhl prevented the consideration of some amendments to the measure, which he said were on the clerk's desk. Voskuhl moved "previous question," essentially asking that the measure be voted on immediately. The motion passed 64-21, effectively eliminating consideration of the amendments and debate on the resolution, and then the resolution received a 79-9 passing vote.

In other action on the House floor, the conference committee reports for the following measure was rejected and further conference requested: **HB1238**.

GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

From the Governor's Office

■(OKLAHOMA CITY) Governor Frank Keating Wednesday announced appointments to state boards and commissions.

The Governor reappointed Don Reynolds, 80, of Del City to the Board of Regents of Rose State College to serve a term ending July 1, 2003. Senate confirmation is required.

Wade Burleson, 34, of Enid was named to the Board of Trustees for the Enid Education Program to serve a term ending June 30, 2005. Burleson succeeds Elizabeth Evans. Senate confirmation is required.

Dwayne Morris, 32, of Hugo was named to the Board of Trustees for the McCurtain County Higher Education Program to serve a term ending June 30, 2005. Morris succeeds Hayden Haynes. Senate confirmation is required.

Lyle Roggow, 34, of Shawnee was named to the Board of Regents for Seminole Junior

College to serve a term ending July 1, 2003. Roggow succeeds Mary Byrd. Senate confirmation is required.

Ernest Hellwege, 67, of Kingfisher was named to the Board of Regents of Redlands Community College to serve a term ending April 22, 2003. He succeeds Aaron Bollenbach. Senate confirmation is required.

Mary Gates, 65, of Stigler was reappointed to the Board of Regents of Carl Albert State College to serve a term ending July 1, 2003. Senate confirmation is required.

G. Bridger Cox, 43, and Kathleen Maher, 34, both of Ardmore were named to the Board of Trustees for the Ardmore Higher Education Program to serve terms ending June 30, 2005. Cox succeeds Helen Owens and Maher succeeds John Harness. Senate confirmation is required.

Bill Poiloin, 47, of Ardmore was named to the Board of Regents of Murray State College to serve a term ending June 1, 2003. Poiloin succeeds Aaron Dry. Senate confirmation is required.

Max Swartz, 65, of Sulphur was named to the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to serve a term ending May 9, 2001. Swartz succeeds Ralph Buckner. Senate confirmation is required.

Carl Hamilton, 41, of Yukon was named to the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission to serve a term ending June 23, 2002. He succeeds Jack Black. Senate confirmation is required.

Bill Burkett, 70, of Oklahoma City was named to the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System to serve a term ending July 1, 2001. Burkett succeeds Douglass Parr. Senate confirmation is required.

Ammon Jenkins, 58, of Oklahoma City was reappointed to the State Board of Licensed Social Workers to serve a term ending June 1, 1999. Senate confirmation is required.

Janet Hardin, 55, of Enid and David Hitzman, 48, of Jenks were reappointed to the Physician Manpower Training Commis-

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HOUSE REPUBLICANS' "FUNERAL" FOR TAX CUT CALLED PREMATURE

From House Media

■(OKLAHOMA CITY) A "funeral" staged by state House Republicans for the \$5,5000 exemption for private-sector retirees is premature and phony, according to a key lawmaker working on the proposal.

Rep. Ron Kirby, a Lawton Democrat, said the Republicans have apparently given up on the tax cut proposal.

"Either they have given up or they are more interested in playing political games than in getting an agreement on the exemption," Kirby said. "To paraphrase Mark Twain, 'The rumors of this bill's death are greatly exaggerated'."

Kirby said a bill he and Rep. Russ Roach, a Tulsa Democrat, are sponsoring is still alive. **House Bill 1088** is being held until an agreement is reached.

Apparently, the governor's budget does not contain enough money for the retiree issue. Kirby said that unlike the federal bud-

get, Oklahoma's budget must be balanced.

"It doesn't make sense to me why Republicans want to put on some media circus to try and bury a body that isn't dead yet," Kirby said. "That is, unless they plan on killing it themselves and try to blame the Democrats."

The lawmakers said they are working hard to get an agreement with the Governor's Office and that the Democratic leaders in the Legislature have set aside money to pay for the tax cut.

"I think all of us on this side of the aisle would welcome the GOP's help to get an agreement with the governor," Kirby noted. "If they are serious about seeing this tax cut enacted, I would encourage them to high-tail it to the governor's office to work on a viable agreement."

Kirby said there is likely one reason the Republicans would rather put on their show than do the nuts-and-bolts work of lawmaking.

"Behind-the-scenes hard work rarely gets the kind of media coverage a public spectacle does," he related. "It seems to me the Republicans would rather get press clippings than an agreement on this important issue."



Rep. Ron Kirby

"In American, any boy may become president, and I suppose it's just one of the risks he takes."

Adlai Stevenson