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Also adopted was SCR36, by Sen. Jerry Smith, R-Tulsa, which authorizes the Board of Regents of Tulsa Junior College to issue revenue bonds, not to exceed the sum of \$12 million.

SCR54, by Sen. Bruce Price, D-Hinton, memorializes the US Congress to enact laws or otherwise cause the IRS to provide relief for farmers regarding agricultural production deferral agreements and directing distribution.

The resolution was adopted.

SJR37, by Sen. Keith Leftwich, D-Oklahoma City, designates a twenty mile radius emanating from the relative intersection of I-35, I-40 and I-44 as "America's Corner."

Members adopted the House amendments which on page 1, line 26 after the number "69", and before the letter "U." insert "U.S. 81,"

The resolution was also adopted.

The conference committee report to SB622 was rejected and further conference requested.

## INHOFE TESTIFIES ON CHILD PILOT SAFETY

From U.S. Senator James Inhofe, R-Okla.

■(WASHINGTON) U.S. Senator James M. Inhofe, R-Oklahoma, told the House Aviation Subcommittee Wednesday that existing regulations concerning pilot qualifications were adequate to address legitimate safety concerns which had been raised in the wake of the recent crash which took the life of seven-year-old Jessica Dubroff and two others.

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Inhofe, a former member of the Subcommittee, is an active commercial pilot who has been involved in aviation for more than 30 years. In his testimony, he said he would not oppose HR3267, The Child Pilot Safety Act, which seeks to stop non-pilots from manipulating the controls of an airplane in an attempt to set an aeronautical record. He pointed out, however, that the public perception of young Jessica as being a "pilot" with full responsibility for the airplane was incorrect.

"Despite public perception, Jessica was not flying that airplane," Inhofe said. "Her instructor...was the pilot in command and Jessica was a passenger who manipulated the

controls when the pilot determined the conditions were safe to do so.

"I suspect that the investigation will conclude, as I believe the

evidence suggests, that the cause of the crash was pilot error. We cannot legislate pilot error because pilots are humans and humans make mistakes. HR3267 will not prevent this kind of tragedy, but it may help prevent a more restrictive bill from passing. My concern is that we not push young people away from pursuing their interest in flying."

"My interest is to enhance the safest mode of transportation—flying. I do not want Jessica's tragedy to make the public believe our regulations are inadequate because they are not."

## STATE REGENTS CHAIRMAN SPEAKS OUT ON ENID HIGHER EDUCATION

From Regents for Higher Education

■(OKLAHOMA CITY) Stating that the time had come to set the record straight, Frederick McCann, Chairman of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, Wednesday released a statement clarifying the role of the state's higher education system relating to higher education in Enid.

"Two separate proposals relating to higher education in Enid have been brought forward. The first would abolish the Enid Higher Education Program and create a campus of Northwest-ern Oklahoma State University in its place. The NWOSU-Enid campus would be housed in the current Enid Higher Education Program facility and would be a sister campus to the campus in Alva.

"This proposal would require approval by the Oklahoma Legislature.

"A second and totally separate proposal has been brought forward by the City of Enid. The City has stated that it is prepared to purchase the Phillips University campus, should the university not be able to overcome its current financial difficulties. If the sale were approved, the City of Enid would own the

Phillips University campus.

"These two proposals are not linked. The approval or implementation of one is not dependent upon the other. Unfortunately, because these two proposals came forward at approximately the same time, some impressions have been given that each depends upon the other. That's just not the case.

"I want to stress that neither of these proposals recommends that Phillips University — as an institution — become a part of NWOSU or of the state system of higher education.

"It is my understanding that Phillips University supporters are attempting to identify funds to support the university. We hope they are successful and that Phillips University will be able to continue its long and noteworthy tradition of providing a well rounded liberal arts education.

"The State's system of higher education is also dedicated to providing quality education and to ensuring that the citizens of Enid and North-Central Oklahoma have access to the programs and courses that will enable them to fulfill their personal and professional goals."

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*"Well, we made it through conference committee reports, now let's hit the budget."*

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