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is not the DPS, but rather the fees involved, Howard Hendrick, R-Bethany said, "I don't think the bill is as complicated as we are making it out to be. There are still the duties of the DPS and those of the wrecker service. All this bill does is take out the unnecessary \$10.00 notice fee."

Leftwich said, "First of all, the idea for this bill did not come from the wreckers, but it came from me. They came to me asking for a way to increase their fees to compensate for the money they have to pay to the state. Rather than change the regulated wrecker fees, by taking out the \$10.00 to the state, the wreckers won't need to raise their cost."

Leftwich admitted that under current law the system is not working.

Members accepted the Conference Committee Report to delete the \$10.00 fee to the wrecker services with a vote of 30-6. The bill received a passing vote of 36-2 with an emergency clause.

—HEATHER MYERS
04/30/96

HOUSE REPUBLICANS' "FUNERAL" FOR TAX CUT CALLED PREMATURE

■(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.

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 budget, 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.

—HOUSE MEDIA
05/02/96

GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

The Governor reappointed Don Reynolds, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, and Kathleen Maher, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, of Enid and David Hitzman, 48, of Jenks were reappointed to the Physician Manpower Training Commission to serve terms ending June 5, 2001. Senate confirmation is required.

Meribeth Slagell, of Hydro was reappointed to the Air Quality Advisory Council to serve a term ending June 15, 2003. Senate confirmation is required.

Governor Keating also named Neil Worster, of Norman and reappointed Linda Brown, of Mustang to the Real Estate Appraiser Board to serve terms ending July 1, 2001. Worster succeeds Dorset Story.

—THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

GOVERNOR AND FIRST LADY TO ASSIST WITH OKLAHOMA FOSTER CARE SUMMIT

■(OKLAHOMA CITY) Governor Frank Keating and First Lady Cathy Keating will assist with the first Oklahoma Foster Care Summit Thursday, May 2 in the Blue Room at the State Capitol. The summit is sponsored jointly by the Governor's office and Citizens Caring for Children.

"Foster families do a vital and heroic job in our state, however, foster care is the responsibility of the entire community. There are several private organizations which work directly with foster children and there are many areas for involvement. These children are the future of our state and we cannot sit by while this precious resource is diminished. I have proclaimed May as Foster Care Awareness month and the mayors of Tulsa and Oklahoma City have joined me in this effort," the Governor said.

The First Lady commented, "...This is such an important issue in today's society and I challenge each Oklahoman to join me in making a difference in the lives of