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state for \$80, the approximate cost of diverting the return flight to Enid.

The GOP Senate PAC will also be asked to reimburse the state approximately \$200 for a Sept. 24 governor's trip to Ardmore for a fund-raiser. The trip following Keating's trip earlier in the day to Duncan, where he visited two schools and spoke to the Kiwanis club.

In other cases, the governor's office will not ask the following candidates at whose events Keating appeared for reimbursement:

✓ Rep. Mike Thornbrugh, R-Tulsa: On April 25, Keating flew to Tulsa, from which he drove to Owasso to visit National Steak and Poultry for a ribbon cutting, met with the Owasso newspaper and attended a Thornbrugh fund-raiser. The governor remained overnight in Tulsa, staying at his mother-in-law's home, and spoke the following morning to the Oklahoma State Medical Association in Tulsa.

✓ Rep. Flint Breckinridge, R-Tulsa: The governor flew June 4 to Tulsa for a bill signing ceremony, attended a Sovereignty Symposium later in the day and held meetings in the state's Tulsa office. Sandwiched between those events was a fundraising luncheon for Breckinridge. The governor returned to Oklahoma City that afternoon.

✓ House candidate Jon Mullican, R-Tulsa: After attending an Aug. 23 Tourism Department meeting at the Shangri-La resort, holding meetings in the state's Tulsa office and speaking to the Oklahoma Academy for State Goals, the governor attended an Mullican fund-raiser in the afternoon.

✓ House candidate Greg Piatt, R-Ardmore: While in Ardmore on Sept. 12 for a United Way speech, a cabinet meeting, a tour of the Ardmore Higher Education Center and a meeting at Uniroyal, Keating attended a luncheon fund-raiser for Piatt.

✓ Senate candidate Jay Franklin, R-Vinita: Keating flew to Vinita on Sept. 19 for a rural economic summit and visits of the Cinch Plant, Northeast Corrections, Eastern State Hospital, Equi-Trans Aluminum Trailers, Inc. Before leaving the area, the governor attended a fund-raiser for Franklin.

✓ House candidates Shirley Forsythe, R-Tulsa, and Mark Liotta, R-Tulsa: The governor began Oct. 2 in Oklahoma City with an address to the Highway Patrol Association and a meeting with the media. After those events, the governor flew to Tulsa to deliver a keynote speech before the Tulsa Rotary Club, followed by a meeting with the Oklahoma Municipal League and office meetings. That evening, Keating attended

fund-raiser events for Forsythe and Liotta.

✓ Rick Webb, R-Custer City: On Oct. 9, Keating flew to Clinton for a Clinton Chamber of Commerce luncheon and visits to the Clinton Middle School and Arapaho School. Before flying home, the governor attended a fundraising event for Webb.

✓ House candidates Dan Chepkauskus, R-Muskogee, and Phyllis McLemore, R-Muskogee: After flying to Muskogee for an interview with the newspaper, a tour of Griffin Foods and Coburn Optical, the governor attended evening fundraising events for Chepkauskus and McLemore.

✓ Senate candidate James Williamson, R-Tulsa: Keating began the day in Tulsa with a Republican Party breakfast, followed by speeches to the Southern Conference of Bar Associations, the Oklahoma Nurses Association and the Society of Energy Advocates. That evening, Keating attended a fund-raiser for Williamson.

Also not receiving a request for reimbursement will be the Capitol PAC. On May 22, Keating attended a World Trade Conference luncheon in Tulsa and conducted several meetings in his Tulsa office. That evening, he attended a fund-raiser for the political action committee and spent the night at the home of his mother-in-law.

According to Mahoney, the reimbursement requests will not be issued until after the Nov. 5 general election. That, he explained, is because the governor may make additional trips on behalf of the candidates, potentially increasing the amount for which reimbursement will be requested.

★★ Important Date ★★

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asking, "Do we need to build it at all on that one highway?" Driving up the cost is the absence of water anywhere near the site. The bid price includes a lift station to pump water over the turnpike to the site, plus piping over the highway.

There was no disagreement among commissioners that Oklahoma needs first-class welcome centers. They mentioned the Texas center, just south of the Red River on I-35, compared to Oklahoma's small facility just north of the River. Commissioners requested a copy of the bid and breakout of all costs.

The prototype center from which the others will be modeled is open at NE 122nd and I-35 in Oklahoma City, with antlered chandeliers and extensive use of marble.

Bids on the welcome centers are awarded by either the Oklahoma Department of Transportation or the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, depending on whether the center will be near a highway or turnpike. Sites for the welcome centers are chosen by the legislature, based, Marks said, on the policy of providing information at the borders of the state and major metropolitan areas.

