

FINAL ACTION ON MEASURES AFTER SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

Advising of his approval of **HB 1739** on May 23, 2008.

Advising of his approval of **HBs 2074, 2239, 2400, 2460, 2564 and 2725** on May 27, 2008.

Advising of his approval of **HBs 1387, 1453, 1546, 1897, 1903, 2196, 2215, 2231, 2241, 2242, 2250, 2272, 2296, 2348, 2351, 2381, 2384, 2406, 2469, 2474, 2501, 2530, 2566, 2568, 2587, 2631, 2643, 2695, 2699, 2726, 2793, 2941, 3070, 3132, 3135, 3148, 3162, 3275, 3326, 3335** and **HJR 1108** on June 2, 2008.

Advising of his approval of **HBs 2333, 2386, 2402, 2410, 2446, 2703, 2704, 2713, 2715, 2732, 2821, 2833, 2862, 2891, 2935, 2970, 3003, 3112, 3229, 3239, 3268, 3336, 3352, 3394 and 3395** on June 3, 2008.

Advising of his approval and line-item veto of **HB 2286** on June 6, 2008. The veto message reads as follows:

To the Honorable Speaker of the House
and Members of the House of Representatives
Second Regular Session, Fifty-first Oklahoma Legislature

Enrolled House Bill No. **2286**

By: Miller, et al of the House and Johnson (Mike), et al of the Senate

This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 12 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to approve or object to items in appropriations bills presented to me, I have VETOED all of Section 3 in House Bill **2286**. This line item unnecessarily restricts the Ethics Commission's ability to manage its own budget and could, in fact, cost the commission significant funds to modify the referenced software. In order to fulfill its constitutional duties, the commission should be given the flexibility to direct these funds where they are most needed.

By the Governor of the State of Oklahoma
/s/ Brad Henry

Advising of his veto of **HB 2633** on June 6, 2008. The veto message reads as follows:

To the Honorable Speaker of the House
and Members of the House of Representatives
Second Regular Session, Fifty-first Oklahoma Legislature

Enrolled House Bill No. **2633**

By: Kern, et al of the House and Jolley, et al of the Senate

This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 and 12 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to approve or object to legislation presented to me, I have VETOED House Bill **2633**. Under current state and federal law, Oklahoma public school students are already allowed to express their faith through voluntary prayer and other activities. While well intended, this legislation is vaguely written and may trigger a number of unintended consequences that actually impede rather than enhance such expression. For example, under this legislation, schools could be forced to provide equal time to fringe organizations that masquerade as religions and advocate behaviors, such as drug use or hate speech, that are dangerous or offensive to students and the general public. Additionally, the bill would presumably require school officials to determine what constitutes legitimate religious expression, subjecting them to an explosion of costly and protracted litigation that would have to be defended at taxpayers' expense.

By the Governor of the State of Oklahoma
/s/ Brad Henry

Advising of his veto of **HB 2642** on June 6, 2008. The veto message reads as follows:

To the Honorable Speaker of the House
and Members of the House of Representatives
Second Regular Session, Fifty-first Oklahoma Legislature

Enrolled House Bill No. **2642**

By: Peters, et al of the House and Ford of the Senate

This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 and 12 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to approve or object to legislation presented to me, I have VETOED House Bill **2642**. While I support increasing the number of home health care workers to assist the elderly and disabled, this legislation reduces the training requirements for such personnel and may inadvertently put patients at risk. We must be very vigilant when it comes to caring for the elderly and infirm, and this legislation falls short of providing necessary safeguards.

By the Governor of the State of Oklahoma
/s/ Brad Henry

Advising of his veto of **HB 2791** on June 6, 2008. The veto message reads as follows:

To the Honorable Speaker of the House
and Members of the House of Representatives
Second Regular Session, Fifty-first Oklahoma Legislature

Enrolled House Bill No. **2791**

By: Jackson, et al of the House and Schulz of the Senate

This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 and 12 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to approve or object to legislation presented to me, I have VETOED House Bill **2791**. While this legislation is well-intended, it contains two critical flaws. First, it makes felons out of otherwise innocent hunters who commit a simple trespass. The current laws on trespass, which provide for a misdemeanor, jail time and steep fines, as well as damages for injury or waste to property, are sufficient. Second, the measure could endanger public health by authorizing the hunting of animals from helicopters and airplanes. It would be best to thoroughly and thoughtfully study this concept in an interim study before enacting a law.

By the Governor of the State of Oklahoma
/s/ Brad Henry