

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

Advising of his approval of **HBs 1032, 1055, 1057, 1097, 1111, 1126, 1147, 1204, 1208, 1228, 1240, 1244, 1246, 1248, 1252, 1360, 1734, 1953 and 2013** on May 27, 2009.

Advising of his approval of **HBs 1236, 1250, 1264, 1268, 1272, 1274, 1468, 1736, 1952, 1956 and 2149** on May 29, 2009.

Advising of his approval of **HBs 1067, 1121, 1133, 1196, 1216, 1220, 1222, 1224, 1226, 1258, 1260, 1266, 1280, 1284, 1483, 1509, 1579 and 1834** on June 1, 2009.

Advising of his approval of **HBs 1131, 1162, 1170, 1254, 1265, 1275, 1755, 1780, 2015, 2245 and 2250** on June 2, 2009.

Advising of his approval of **HB 1137** on June 4, 2009.

Advising of his approval and line-item veto of **HB 1200** on June 4, 2009. The veto message reads as follows:

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

Enrolled House Bill No. **1200**

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 appropriation bills presented to me, I have VETOED all of Section 9 of House Bill 1200 appropriating the sum of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) to the Oklahoma Institute for Disaster and Emergency Medicine (the "Institute"). This line item is unnecessary because the Institute has sufficient funds on hand for program costs for FY 2010. By vetoing this item, the funds specified therein will remain in the budget of the Oklahoma State Department of Health, and the Commissioner of Health will have the authority and flexibility to further evaluate and respond to the actual funding needs of the Institute if necessary.

By the Governor of the State of Oklahoma

/s/ Brad Henry

Advising of his approval of **HB 1737** on June 5, 2009.

Advising of his veto of **HB 1575** on June 5, 2009. The veto message reads as follows:

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

Enrolled House Bill No. **1575**

By: Banz, 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 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to approve or object to legislation presented to me, I have VETOED House Bill 1575. While I strongly support the Academic Achievement Award program and the proposed improvements in HB 1575, other changes in Section 2 of the bill are problematic, amount to unconstitutional logrolling, and fatally flaw the measure. Without explanation, the legislation arbitrarily increases the time span that a teacher may be held under a temporary contract, changing a longstanding employment provision and eroding educators precious due process rights. I would encourage lawmakers to approve new legislation with Section 2 deleted so I can sign into law the proposed improvements for the Academic Achievement Award program.

By the Governor of the State of Oklahoma

/s/ Brad Henry

Advising of his veto of **HB 2176** on June 5, 2009. The veto message reads as follows:

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

Enrolled House Bill No. **2176**

By: Nelson, et al of the House and Aldridge of the Senate

This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to approve or object to legislation presented to me, I have VETOED House Bill 2176. All citizens, whether they are employed by the public or private sectors, have the constitutional right to express their views on any issue they choose. HB 2176 would prohibit certain state employees from advocating for or against legislation pending before the Oklahoma Legislature and authorize a felony charge and a prison term of up to two years for anyone who runs afoul of the provision. This

legislation is poorly worded, has severe unintended consequences, and clearly stifles freedom of speech in direct conflict with the First Amendment.

By the Governor of the State of Oklahoma

/s/ Brad Henry

Advising of his veto of **HB 2246** on June 5, 2009. The veto message reads as follows:

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

Enrolled House Bill No. **2246**

By: Terrill, et al of the House and Brogdon of the Senate

This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to approve or object to legislation presented to me, I have VETOED House Bill 2246. While HB 2246 is designed to strengthen the initiative petition process and contains several good provisions, the bill is fatally flawed because of Section 3, a provision that grants additional rights to petition circulators at the same time it takes away the rights of other citizens. For example, Section 3 would make it a crime for a person to interrupt a conversation between a circulator and a potential signer, touch a petition or promotional material without the consent of a circulator or shout in the presence of a circulator to express opposition to their initiative. Such prohibitions have the effect of discouraging and even criminalizing such basic constitutional rights as free speech and freedom of assembly. Section 3 also provides unscrupulous circulators with a cash incentive to report such offensive speech or assembly by requiring offenders to pay the complaining circulator \$500 in statutory damages for each violation.

It is critical to have a fair and accessible initiative petition process available to the people, but the meritorious proposals in HB 2246 cannot overcome the harm caused by Section 3. In an effort to enact fair and responsible petition reforms in the next legislative session, I will appoint an interim task force to review the issues addressed in HB 2246 and work on language that strengthens and improves the process without eroding the constitutionally guaranteed rights of individual citizens.

By the Governor of the State of Oklahoma

/s/ Brad Henry