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of the State of Oklahoma

Sixty-fourth Legislative Day, Thursday, May 20, 2010

The House was called to order by Representative Hickman.

The roll was called with 101 Members present.

Representative Hickman declared a quorum present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Father M. Price Oswalt, National Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague

The Journal for the last legislative day was approved.

ENGROSSED AND ENROLLED MEASURE

HJR 1087 was reported correctly enrolled and, after fourth reading, properly signed, in open session, and ordered transmitted to the Honorable Senate.

RESOLUTION

The following was introduced and read:

HR 1098 – By Thomsen.

A Resolution congratulating the Oklahoma City Thunder; encouraging the continuation of their success; and directing distribution.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Transmitting the following measures, together with the conference committee reports thereon, advising adoption of conference committee reports and passage of measures as amended.

SB 1073 (3rd)

SB 1280

SB 1954, Coauthored by Senator Bingman

SB 1964

SB 1989

SB 2203

Conference committee reports were read on the above-numbered measures.

Transmitting engrossed measures

Announcing the passage of engrossed **SCRs 42, 43 and 44**.

The above measures were introduced and read.

SCR 42 – By Burrage of the Senate and Jones of the House.

A Concurrent Resolution authorizing the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma, acting on behalf of Rogers State University, to issue certain revenue bonds pursuant to Section 4002.1 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and directing distribution.

SCR 43 – By Burrage of the Senate and Jones of the House.

A Concurrent Resolution authorizing the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma, acting on behalf of Rogers State University, to issue certain revenue bonds pursuant to Section 4002.1 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and directing distribution.

SCR 44 – By Burrage of the Senate and Jones of the House.

A Concurrent Resolution authorizing the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma, acting on behalf of Rogers State University, to issue certain revenue bonds pursuant to Section 4002.1 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and directing distribution.

Returning CCR

Returning **HB 3290** together with conference committee report thereon, advising adoption of conference committee report and passage of measure as amended.

The above-numbered measure, as amended by the conference committee report, was referred for enrollment.

Concurrence in HAs

Announcing the concurrence of Senate in **HAs** to **SB 1779** and the passage of said measure, as amended thereby.

Conferees changed

Advising the Senate changing conferees as follows:

HB 2247 – Remove GCCA and Name Nichols, Mazzei, Johnson (Mike), Bingman, Ivester, Sparks

HB 3061 – Remove GCCA and Name Justice, Bingman, Schulz, Marlatt, Gumm

Transmitting enrolled measure

Advising fourth reading of and transmitting for signature Enrolled **SB 1779**.

The above-numbered enrolled measure was, after fourth reading, properly signed and ordered returned to the Honorable Senate.

Returning enrolled measure

Announcing that Enrolled **HJR 1087** has been read at length for the fourth time and signed by the Presiding Officer of Senate, in open session.

The above measure was ordered transmitted to the Honorable Governor.

CCRs SUBMITTED

The conference committee reports were read on the following measures:

HB 2274

HB 2310

HB 2686

HB 2720

HB 2971

HB 2983

HB 2991

HB 3167

HB 3231

HB 3261 (2nd)

HB 3382

PENDING CONSIDERATION OF CCR

The **CCR** on **HB 2998** was called up for consideration.

Coauthored by Representative(s) Hamilton

Upon motion of Representative Steele, the **CCR** on **HB 2998** was adopted.

HB 2998, as amended in conference, was read at length for the fourth time and the roll was called on the measure as follows:

Aye: Armes, Auffet, Bailey, Banz, Billy, Blackwell, Brannon, Brown, Buck, Cannaday, Carey, Christian, Collins, Coody, Cooksey, Cox, Dank, Denney, Derby, DeWitt, Dorman, Duncan, Enns, Faught, Fields, Glenn, Hamilton, Hickman, Hilliard, Holland, Hoskin, Inman, Jackson, Jett, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Kirby, Lamons, Liebmann, Luttrell, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), McAffrey, McCullough, McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McNiel, McPeak, Miller, Moore, Morgan, Morrisette, Murphey, Nations, Nelson, Osborn, Ownbey, Peters, Peterson, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett, Renegar, Reynolds, Richardson, Ritze, Roan, Rousselot, Russ, Sanders, Schwartz, Sears, Shelton, Shoemake, Smithson, Steele, Sullivan, Thompson, Thomsen, Tibbs, Trebilcock, Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Wright (Harold), Wright (John), Mr. Speaker.--90.

Excused: Harrison, Key, Kiesel, Kouplen, Ortega, Scott, Shannon, Sherrer, Shumate, Terrill, Williams.--11.

The measure passed.

HB 2998, together with the conference committee report, thereon, was ordered transmitted to the Honorable Senate.

PENDING CONSIDERATION OF CCR

The **CCR** on **HB 2831** was called up for consideration.

Coauthored by Representative(s) Shelton

Upon motion of Representative Peters, the **CCR** on **HB 2831** was adopted.

HB 2831, as amended in conference, was read at length for the fourth time and the roll was called on the measure and emergency as follows:

Aye: Armes, Auffet, Bailey, Banz, Billy, Blackwell, Brannon, Brown, Buck, Cannaday, Carey, Christian, Collins, Coody, Cooksey, Cox, Denney, Derby, DeWitt, Dorman, Duncan, Enns, Fields, Glenn, Hickman, Hilliard, Hoskin, Inman, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kiesel, Kirby, Kouplen, Lamons, Liebmann, Luttrell, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), McCullough, McDaniel (Jeannie), McNiel, Miller, Morgan, Nations, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Peters, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett, Renegar, Richardson,

Roan, Rousselot, Russ, Sanders, Scott, Sears, Shannon, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Shumate, Smithson, Steele, Sullivan, Terrill, Thomsen, Tibbs, Walker, Watson, Wright (Harold), Mr. Speaker.--76.

Nay: Dank, Faught, Hamilton, Holland, Jett, Joyner, Kern, Key, McAffrey, McDaniel (Randy), McPeak, Moore, Morrisette, Murphey, Nelson, Reynolds, Ritze, Schwartz, Thompson, Trebilcock, Wesselhoft, Williams, Wright (John).--23.

Excused: Harrison, Peterson.--2.

The measure and emergency passed.

HB 2831, together with the conference committee report, thereon, was ordered transmitted to the Honorable Senate.

Speaker Pro Tempore Steele Presiding

PENDING CONSIDERATION OF CCR

Upon motion of Representative Sullivan, the **CCR** on **HB 3311** was rejected and further conference requested. The Speaker changed conferees as follows:

HB 3311 – Remove Martin (Scott), Faught, Derby, Murphey, Dorman, Proctor and Name Bengé, Sullivan, Miller

CONFERENCE GRANTED

Upon motion of Representative Jones, the House granted the request of the Honorable Senate for conference on the following measure and the Speaker named conferees:

SB 1936 – Peters, Liebmann, Sullivan, McAffrey, McDaniel (Jeannie)

COMMITTEE REPORT

The following was reported by the committee named, ordered printed and placed on the Calendar unless otherwise indicated:

DO PASS:

HJR 1089 – Administrative Rules and Agency Oversight

MOTION

Representative Jones moved that the House stand in recess until 1:30 p.m., which was the order.

Speaker Pro Tempore Steele Presiding**ENGROSSED AND ENROLLED MEASURE**

HB 3290 was reported correctly enrolled and, after fourth reading, properly signed, in open session, and ordered transmitted to the Honorable Senate.

PENDING CONSIDERATION OF CCR

The **CCR** on **HB 2572** was called up for consideration.

Coauthored by Representative(s) Derby, Tibbs

Upon motion of Representative Wesselhoft, the **CCR** on **HB 2572** was adopted.

HB 2572, as amended in conference, was read at length for the fourth time and the roll was called on the measure as follows:

Aye: Armes, Auffet, Bailey, Banz, Billy, Blackwell, Brannon, Brown, Cannaday, Carey, Christian, Collins, Coody, Dank, Denney, Derby, Dorman, Duncan, Enns, Faight, Fields, Glenn, Hamilton, Harrison, Hickman, Hilliard, Holland, Hoskin, Inman, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Key, Kiesel, Kirby, Kouplen, Lamons, Liebmann, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), McCullough, McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McNiel, McPeak, Miller, Moore, Morgan, Murphey, Nelson, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Peters, Peterson, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett, Renegar, Reynolds, Richardson, Ritze, Roan, Russ, Sanders, Schwartz, Shannon, Sherrer, Steele, Sullivan, Thompson, Thomsen, Tibbs, Trebilcock, Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Williams, Wright (Harold), Wright (John), Mr. Speaker.--84.

Excused: Buck, Cooksey, Cox, DeWitt, Jett, Luttrell, McAffrey, Morrisette, Nations, Rousselot, Scott, Sears, Shelton, Shoemake, Shumate, Smithson, Terrill.--17.

The measure passed.

HB 2572, together with the conference committee report, thereon, was ordered transmitted to the Honorable Senate.

PENDING CONSIDERATION OF CCR

The **CCR** on **HB 2973** was called up for consideration.

Upon motion of Representative Sanders, the **CCR** on **HB 2973** was adopted.

HB 2973, as amended in conference, was read at length for the fourth time and the roll was called on the measure as follows:

Aye: Armes, Auffet, Bailey, Banz, Billy, Blackwell, Brannon, Brown, Buck, Cannaday, Carey, Christian, Collins, Coody, Cooksey, Cox, Dank, Denney, Derby, DeWitt, Dorman, Duncan, Enns, Faught, Fields, Glenn, Hamilton, Harrison, Hickman, Hilliard, Holland, Hoskin, Inman, Jackson, Jett, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Key, Kiesel, Kirby, Kouplen, Lamons, Liebmann, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), McCullough, McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McNiel, McPeak, Miller, Moore, Morgan, Murphey, Nelson, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Peters, Peterson, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett, Renegar, Reynolds, Richardson, Ritze, Roan, Russ, Sanders, Schwartz, Scott, Sears, Shannon, Sherrer, Shumate, Steele, Sullivan, Thompson, Thomsen, Tibbs, Trebilcock, Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Williams, Wright (Harold), Wright (John), Mr. Speaker.--92.

Excused: Luttrell, McAffrey, Morrissette, Nations, Rousselot, Shelton, Shoemake, Smithson, Terrill.--9.

The measure passed.

HB 2973, together with the conference committee report, thereon, was ordered transmitted to the Honorable Senate.

CONFEREES CHANGED

The Speaker withdrew **SB 1589** from GCCA and named the following conferees:

SB 1589 – Benge, Miller, Hickman

PENDING CONSIDERATION OF CCR

The **CCR** on **HB 2941** was called up for consideration.

Coauthored by Representative(s) Denney

Representative Denney moved that the House adopt the **CCR** on **HB 2941**, which motion failed of adoption upon roll call as follows:

Aye: Billy, Carey, Coody, Cox, Denney, Hamilton, Hickman, McCullough, McDaniel (Jeannie), Nelson, Osborn, Rousselot, Steele, Mr. Speaker.--14.

Nay: Armes, Auffet, Bailey, Banz, Brannon, Brown, Buck, Cannaday, Christian, Collins, Cooksey, Dank, Derby, DeWitt, Dorman, Duncan, Enns, Faught, Fields, Glenn, Harrison, Holland, Hoskin, Inman, Jackson, Jett, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Key, Kiesel, Kirby, Kouplen, Lamons, Liebmann, Luttrell, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), McAffrey, McDaniel (Randy), McNiell, McPeak, Miller, Moore, Morrisette, Murphey, Ortega, Ownbey, Peters, Peterson, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett, Renegar, Reynolds, Richardson, Ritze, Roan, Russ, Sanders, Schwartz, Scott, Sears, Shannon, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Shumate, Sullivan, Terrill, Thompson, Thomsen, Tibbs, Trebilcock, Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Williams, Wright (Harold), Wright (John).--82.

Excused: Blackwell, Hilliard, Morgan, Nations, Smithson.--5.

Representative Denney moved to reject the **CCR** on **HB 2941** and request further conference, which motion failed of adoption upon roll call as follows:

Aye: Auffet, Banz, Billy, Blackwell, Buck, Carey, Coody, Cooksey, Cox, Denney, DeWitt, Hamilton, Hickman, Jackson, Jones, Lamons, Liebmann, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), McCullough, McDaniel (Jeannie), McNiell, Miller, Nelson, Osborn, Ownbey, Peters, Peterson, Rousselot, Sears, Steele, Sullivan, Terrill, Thomsen, Tibbs, Walker, Watson, Wright (Harold), Mr. Speaker.--39.

Nay: Armes, Bailey, Brannon, Cannaday, Christian, Collins, Dank, Derby, Dorman, Duncan, Enns, Faught, Fields, Glenn, Harrison, Holland, Hoskin, Inman, Jett, Johnson, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Key, Kiesel, Kirby, Kouplen, Luttrell, McAffrey, McDaniel (Randy), McPeak, Moore, Morrisette, Murphey, Ortega, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett, Renegar, Reynolds, Ritze, Roan, Russ, Sanders, Schwartz, Scott, Shannon, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Shumate, Thompson, Trebilcock, Wesselhoft, Williams, Wright (John).--56.

Excused: Brown, Hilliard, Morgan, Nations, Richardson, Smithson.--6.

Representative Kiesel moved to reject the **CCR** on **HB 2941** and request further conference with instructions as follows: Page 37, Section 2, by deleting lines 6-8 and renumbering subsequent sections”.

Representative Reynolds moved to advance the question, which motion was ruled out of order.

Representative Denney moved to table the Kiesel motion to reject the **CCR** with instructions.

Representative Reynolds raised a point of inquiry as to why the motion to advance the question was out of order.

The Presiding Officer stated that the motion to advance the question, if adopted, would limit debate to fifteen (15) minutes. The debate time allotted for a motion to reject a **CCR** with instructions was fifteen (15) minutes as well. As such, the motion to advance the question was ruled out of order because it would have no procedural effect.

Representative Denney pressed her motion to table the motion to reject the **CCR** with instructions.

Representative Reynolds raised a point of inquiry as to the precedence of motions pursuant to House Rules 10.1 and 10.2.

The Presiding Officer stated that the motion to table is of a higher rank and as such, the motion to table was of higher priority than the motion to advance the question.

The Presiding Officer ordered the Reading Clerk to read the instructions placed on the Clerk's desk by Representative Kiesel.

Representative Dorman raised a point of inquiry as to whether it was proper to request to have papers read.

The Presiding Officer stated that the business presently before the House was the reading of the proposed instructions so that the House would be informed of the nature of the motion to which the pending motion to table would be applied.

Representative Denney pressed her motion to table the Kiesel motion, which tabling motion was declared adopted upon roll call as follows:

Aye: Armes, Bailey, Banz, Billy, Blackwell, Christian, Coody, Cooksey, Cox, Dank, Denney, Derby, DeWitt, Dorman, Duncan, Enns, Faught, Fields, Hamilton, Holland, Jackson, Jett, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Key, Kirby, Lamons, Liebmann, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McNiel, Miller, Moore, Murphey, Nelson, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Peters, Peterson, Pruett, Reynolds, Ritze, Russ, Sanders, Schwartz, Sears, Shannon, Steele, Sullivan, Terrill, Thompson, Thomsen, Tibbs, Trebilcock, Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Wright (Harold), Wright (John), Mr. Speaker.--66.

Nay: Brannon, Brown, Cannaday, Carey, Collins, Glenn, Harrison, Hoskin, Inman, Kiesel, Kouplen, Luttrell, McAffrey, McPeak, Morrisette, Pittman, Proctor, Renegar, Roan, Rousselot, Scott, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Williams.--25.

Excused: Auffet, Buck, Hickman, Hilliard, McCullough, Morgan, Nations, Richardson, Shumate, Smithson.--10.

VETO CONSIDERATION

Representative Duncan moved that the House agree to pass Enrolled **HB 3354** causing the same to become law, the objection of the Governor notwithstanding.

Pursuant to *Mason's Manual*, Sections 293-300, Representative Lamons objected to the consideration of the main question of overriding the Governor's veto of **HB 3354**.

“The question is shall the House allow consideration of the main motion of **HB 3354** becoming law the objection of the Governor notwithstanding?”, which question was affirmed as the will of the House upon roll call as follows:

Aye: Armes, Banz, Billy, Blackwell, Christian, Cooksey, Cox, Dank, Denney, Derby, DeWitt, Dorman, Duncan, Enns, Faught, Fields, Hamilton, Hickman, Holland, Jackson, Jett, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Key, Kirby, Liebmann, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), McCullough, McDaniel (Randy), McNiel, Miller, Moore, Murphey, Nelson, Ortega, Osborn, Peters, Proctor, Pruett, Reynolds, Ritze, Russ, Sanders, Schwartz, Sears, Shannon, Sherrer, Steele, Terrill, Thompson, Thomsen, Tibbs, Trebilcock, Walker, Wesselhoft, Wright (Harold), Wright (John), Mr. Speaker.--62.

Nay: Auffet, Bailey, Brannon, Brown, Buck, Cannaday, Carey, Collins, Coody, Glenn, Harrison, Hoskin, Inman, Kiesel, Kouplén, Lamons, Luttrell, McAffrey, McDaniel (Jeannie), McPeak, Morrisette, Ownbey, Peterson, Pittman, Renegar, Roan, Rousselot, Scott, Shelton, Shoemake, Shumate, Sullivan, Watson, Williams.--34.

Excused: Hilliard, Morgan, Nations, Richardson, Smithson.--5.

Representative Duncan pressed his motion and the roll was ordered called and resulted as follows:

Aye: Armes, Banz, Billy, Blackwell, Brannon, Brown, Christian, Cooksey, Cox, Dank, Denney, Derby, DeWitt, Dorman, Duncan, Enns, Faught, Fields, Hamilton, Harrison, Hickman, Holland, Jackson, Jett, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Key, Liebmann, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), McCullough, McDaniel (Randy), McNiel, Miller, Moore, Murphey, Nelson, Ortega, Osborn, Peters, Proctor, Pruett, Reynolds, Richardson, Ritze, Russ, Sanders, Schwartz, Sears, Shannon, Sherrer, Steele, Terrill, Thompson, Thomsen, Tibbs, Trebilcock, Walker, Wesselhoft, Wright (Harold), Wright (John), Mr. Speaker.--65.

Nay: Auffet, Bailey, Cannaday, Carey, Collins, Coody, Glenn, Hoskin, Inman, Kiesel, Kouplén, Lamons, Luttrell, McAffrey, McDaniel (Jeannie), McPeak, Ownbey, Peterson, Pittman, Renegar, Roan, Rousselot, Scott, Shelton, Shoemake, Shumate, Sullivan, Watson, Williams.--29.

Excused: Buck, Hilliard, Kirby, Morgan, Morrisette, Nations, Smithson.--7.

The Duncan motion, having not received a two-thirds majority vote of the Members elected to and constituting the House, as required by Article VI, Section 11, Oklahoma Constitution, was declared to have failed.

MOTION

Representative McAffrey asked that the Journal reflect that had he been present in the Chamber, he would have voted aye on **HBs 2941** and **2973**, which was the order.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Announcing that Enrolled **HB 3290** has been read at length for the fourth time and signed by the Presiding Officer of Senate, in open session.

The above measure was ordered transmitted to the Honorable Governor.

Further conference granted, conferees changed

Advising further conference granted and the Senate changing conferees as follows:

HB 3311 – Remove Sparks, Johnson (Mike), Myers, Jolley, Crutchfield, Schulz, Mazzei and Name Coffee, Johnson (Mike), Lamb, Laster.

Returning CCRs

Returning **HBs 1741**, Coauthored by Senator Ivester, **1786**, Coauthored by Representative Coody, **2171, 2958**, Coauthored by Representative Walker, **3021, 3028** (2nd), Coauthored by Senator Johnson (Constance), **3126** and **3286** together with conference committee reports thereon, advising adoption of conference committee reports and passage of measures as amended.

The above-numbered measures, as amended by the conference committee reports, were referred for enrollment.

Transmitting CCRs

Transmitting the following measures, together with the conference committee reports thereon, advising adoption of conference committee reports and passage of measures as amended.

SB 1267
SB 1592
SB 1714, Coauthored by Representative Morgan
SB 1871
SB 1876
SB 1889
SB 1905
SB 2034
SB 2319
SJR 61

Conference committee reports were read on the above-numbered measures.

Concurrence in HAs

Announcing the concurrence of Senate in **HAs** to **SBs 1659** and **1772** and the passage of said measures, as amended thereby.

Further conference requested

Advising rejection of **CCR** to **HB 2290** and requesting further conference thereon, the Senate naming same conferees as follows:

HB 2290 – Aldridge, Bingman, Johnson (Mike), Ballenger, Sweeden

FURTHER CONFERENCE GRANTED

Upon motion of Representative Jones, the House granted the request of the Honorable Senate for further conference on the following measure and the Speaker named the same conferees:

HB 2290 – Wright (John), Faught, Auffet, Brown, Buck, Dorman, Kirby, Martin (Steve), Murphey, Reynolds, Sears

CCRs SUBMITTED

The conference committee reports were read on the following measures:

HB 2625 (2nd)

HB 3061

HB 3161, Coauthored by Representative(s) Ritze, Wright (Harold)

HB 3311 (2nd) , Remove Representative Martin (Scott) as principal House author and substitute with Representative Benge, Remove Senator Sparks as principal Senate author and substitute with Senator Coffee, and Coauthored by Senator(s) Sparks

HB 3383 (2nd)

REMARKS

Upon request of Representative Morgan, the remarks by Reverend Father M. Price Oswald were ordered printed in full as follows:

“Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the introduction and I have appreciated the opportunity to spend time this week serving this distinguished body as the Chaplain. I want to thank Representative Danny Morgan, of Prague, where my parish and National Shrine are located, for sponsoring me this week as well. What some of the members may not know is that Representative Morgan and I are old friends; in fact we are fraternity brothers from our days at the then, Central State University, now the University of Central

Oklahoma, in Edmond. What I know of Danny and our days together a quarter of a century ago, I will not disclose, as I now consider them to be 'under the seal of the confessional.' As for Mr. Morgan, I think his attitude would be on the level of 'mutual annihilation treaty.' So, you're not getting the dirty details out of either one of us.

I should explain my attire for today, as it is not what you have seen me in these last four days; but it is the request of Representative Steve Martin from Bartlesville. He asked me yesterday, whether I was a Catholic Priest and whether or not I had 'robes to wear.' I replied in the affirmative, and then he told me that it would be good to see them, since the only people who wear robes in these chambers are the justices of the courts. So, Representative Martin, this is all for you.

This is not my freshman time to serve the legislature as a chaplain, as I have served three times in the 'other body,' across the rotunda. In fact, speaking of the justices, I had the high honor to have been asked to be the chaplain when the Senate set as a court of impeachment for the former insurance commissioner. When Chief Justice Watt wore his robes, maybe I should have worn mine. I might also comment that in that other body, the chaplains get to sit up next to the presiding officer, Mr. Speaker...I'm just saying... something to think about!

The text that has come to my mind of these days, is Matthew 6:34, which has the Lord Jesus saying to His Apostles: 'So, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'

You and I live in a world where trouble is on the horizon every moment of every day. I think of the challenges that NYPD faces on a constant strain of these past few weeks after the would-be attempt to blow up Times' Square. Now, every little package gets the bomb-squad called. Is it too much? Or is it enough? How long before the Aesop's Fable of the 'Boy Who Cried Wolf,' will come true again for us? The fear of terrorism is ever present to us for these last nine years. We are on a constant edge and maybe that is the goal of the terrorists, I don't know?

Most of you are facing re-election and I know that has to be in the forefront of your minds. Will you be back here next year or will someone else be sitting in that desk? Will you have enough money to run your campaign?

The work that you must accomplish in the next week is weighty as well. Can you get it all done in time to adjourn - and I'm going to be a Latin Scholar here - in time for 'sine die.' I don't want to put the Okie Twang to it, of 'siney die.' For the Latin of course, does mean 'without another day and it is pronounced, 'sine die.' But there are still days to come before that gavel can come down and you can all return to your districts and to your homes and families. Much has to be done. But for today, you are here and there is work to be done. For now, you have today.

I have also been very aware in this last year of the shortness of life. As we all know, none of us is promised tomorrow. Thus, we must do what we can today. None of us knows the shortness of life as does my dear friend Danny, who as you know lost his dear wife, Debbie, so unexpectedly and far too early. Within that same year, Danny and I lost a fraternity brother of the same blood clot illness, at the age of 46; I have buried three people this past year from pancreatic cancer all under 50; within the last few weeks one of my brother priests has been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer and he is only 50 and his diagnosis is 4 to 6 months. Life is very short upon this earth, so it behooves us to do what we can - here and now - while we can. For tomorrow is still a day away.

You were all sent here to do the people's work and you have labored for months doing it. Do what you can today to accomplish the people's work. But speaking of worrying, I

leave you with the immortal words of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, for they are so fitting and so beneficial to humanity. Mother Teresa used to tell her nuns, that they had every right to worry, as long as it was only for five minutes a day, the rest was worthless anxiety.

So, if you will now stand I will offer today's prayer and give you my priestly blessing:

Let us pray: Almighty and ever living God, we come before you this day, recognizing that you have given us this day and only this day, to do what we can to serve you, our God. We have many worries about today Lord, but we know that you will guide us by the right road, though we may know nothing about it, we will not fear, for you will not leave us to face our perils alone. Deliver us O Lord and grant us peace in our day; keep us free from all anxiety as we await the joyful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is to come again as judge of the world. We make our prayer in His Holy Name for it is the name above all other names. And now may almighty God bless you all, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

May God bless the great State of Oklahoma.”

Representative Jones moved that when the clerk's desk is clear, the House stand adjourned to reconvene at 9:00 a.m., Friday, May 21, 2010, which was the order.

Pursuant to the motion of Representative Jones, the House was adjourned at 4:00 p.m., to reconvene Friday, May 21, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.