

SHORT TITLE: A resolution authorizing allocation of space in press room.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 45

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A Resolution relating to the State Capitol Media Press Corps; authorizing the State Capitol Media Press Corps to allocate space in the print media press room; and requiring such allocation be made on a fair and impartial basis.

WHEREAS, the operation of a free and unfettered press is vital to a strong and free society; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Senate has set aside room 430 of the State Capitol Building as a work space for the use of the print media; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the media be as autonomous in its functions as possible; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Oklahoma State Senate that the working members of the State Capitol Print Media Press Corps have responsibility for the allocation of space in room 430 of the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, it is the further desire of the Senate that all applicants for space in the print media press room be treated fairly and impartially.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate sets as acceptable guidelines and standards that the State Capitol Print Media Press Corps, comprised of representatives of all news services granted positions in the House and Senate press galleries by the respective bodies, shall be authorized to allocate space in the print media press room now

located in room 430 of the State Capitol Building in a fair and impartial manner, granting equal access and allocation of space in an equitable manner to newspapers and other publications that cover the activities of state government on a daily and year-round basis and to wire services that provide news to subscribing members of the print media and the public on a daily and year-round basis.

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