

## **Forty-first Legislative Day**

**Thursday, April 12, 2001**

The House was called to order by Speaker Pro Tempore Matlock.

The roll was called with 97 Members present.

The following Members were excused: Askins, Glover, Hastings, Stanley.—4.

The Speaker Pro Tempore declared a quorum present.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Alton Fannin, First Baptist Church of Ardmore, Ardmore.

The Journal for the last legislative day was approved.

### **MOTION**

Representative Piatt asked unanimous consent that the remarks of Dr. Fannin be printed in the Journal, which was the order.

May we pray together. Father this morning we again praise You for life itself – it's a precious gift from You and we should acknowledge Your gift each day that we live. We remember today those who have special needs. We pray this morning for Jari Askins and the surgery that will be faced today and we pray that success will be given and healing will be accomplished. We also pray for clerk Larry Warden and the family as they face this time of loss and we thank You that You are the great comforter and encourager. Now Father today, give us ears to hear Your leadership and Your direction for our lives. We praise You in Jesus name. Amen

I would like to thank Representative Greg Piatt for the invitation to come and be with you this week. It's been a special privilege and honor and people have certainly shared

with me that Greg has been much better behaved this week since his pastor is here. We are grateful for that. I am also happy this morning to have my brother Ron Fannin with me in the gallery and my daughter LeAnn and her friend Mark. I'd like to have them stand if I could.

I discern from the few moments I just spent with you here this morning that this is much like a church. And I see that you have a youth director also on your staff. One thing we have learned in the church – we don't put a microphone in the hand of the youth director.

At least I am relieved I don't have to tell a joke. I can do the serious part and, as in the congregation, when the preacher gets up, the fun is over.

Let me share with you just very briefly this morning some thoughts from the word of God concerning the word "leadership." I am convinced that Americans believe we are in a leadership crisis. And this began, not necessarily during the leadership terms that you have or that I have, but it began many, many years ago. In fact much of the collapse goes back to the Watergate incident that happened in the early 70's. There was in that event, the unveiling and the uncovering of a more private side of the individual leadership that was very disillusioning. And since that time, Americans have been very prone not to trust their leaders. There is a lack of confidence in leadership. Why should there be confidence when there is embezzlement and lying and immorality and murder and that's just among my profession, which is a preacher. We won't even talk about the other professions. We have come to be a nation that is more concerned about the outward appearance and the image than we are the condition of the heart. Therefore, image making and image breaking is big business because most of life is run on image.

But, I began to ask myself a question a few years ago. How does God build a leader that He wants to use? And I discovered that God's word is filled with principles that tell us how God builds His leaders and perhaps we should go back and look at that and remember that He has built the best leaders that have ever led. You might decide from reading God's word that the way to build a leader is to put them out on the backside of the desert for 40 years with some sheep because God seems to use that pattern frequently. Both in His great leader Moses and His great leader David, He taught them both about Himself and about people by putting them under the heavens and allowing them to look at his vast universe and by putting them with sheep and causing them to observe how sheep relate, not only to their shepherd but to one another. When you come to Psalm 78, you discover in one of those chapters that really gives a summary of the history of the entire nation of Israel that there are three verses that describe God's great leader, David. These verses are in Psalm 78, verses 70-72. "He, that is God, also chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds. From following the yews that had young, he brought him, to shepherd Jacob his people and Israel his inheritance. So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart and guided him by the skillfulness of his hands." There are three important words that are stated here and the first one is the word "servant." God likes that word. Do you know that in the King James Version only six times is the word leader even used? But the word servant is used hundreds and hundreds of times. Jesus gave the ultimate example for being a servant.

And Jesus said humble yourselves and you will be exalted or exalt yourselves and you will be humbled. God honors servant leadership. But then the scriptures say secondly that David led out of the integrity of his heart. Integrity is a word that comes from a Latin word integer, and if you are a math major as I was, you might remember that means a whole number or wholeness. Integrity has to do with wholeness. Wholeness that goes all the way

to the core of your being. Core character that guides and directs. Not cafeteria imaging that takes whatever it likes and discards the rest.

I'm afraid that too much of our world is built on the surface cafeteria style integrity instead of core heart integrity. I heard a story that explains it well. There was a man in southern California who drove up with his lady friend to a chicken place and bought a box of chicken. They drove off and went to the park to have a picnic. When they opened the box of chicken he realized something was wrong because instead of chicken he found a box of money – three or four hundred dollars. And he said to his friend, “we need to take this back, they've made a mistake.” So he takes the money back, he walks in and finds the owner and says “Sir, there's been a big mistake. I ordered a box of chicken and I was handed a box that had three or four hundred dollars in it.” The man was just amazed, he said “I can't believe you brought this back.” He said, “I put my money aside in a chicken box because often we get held up and I only give them what's in the cash register and by accident we've given it to you and you returned it to us – you must be the most honest man in southern California.” He gathered his employees around, he said to his wife to go and get the camera, we are going to put this story in the newspaper. The man who brought the money back pulled him to the side and said, “Sir, no pictures. I'm a married man and this is not my wife.” The most honest man in southern California is living a lie.

Could that be true of too many people in our day and time? Looks good on the surface but when you get down to the core, it's not what you thought it was.

But, finally, the scriptures say that David led. In a servant spirit with the integrity of his heart and with the skillfulness of his hand.

Do you understand in God's perspective, our talents, our gifts, our abilities are only valuable when they are built on top of a servant spirit and integrity of the heart. All of our gifts, all of our abilities, all of our talents become nothing if there is nothing at the core. When you put all three of these things together, servant heart, integrity of the heart, skillfulness of hand, what you come up with is excellence.

In 1986 the Statue of Liberty was refurbished at a cost of ten million dollars. The workers who refurbished that great statue were most impressed when they got to the very top of the Statue of Liberty because there they discovered places that could never be seen whether you are looking from above or below. The quality of that statue was just as great as if it was exposed to the whole world. Someone asked why. They said because two hundred years earlier when that statue was built, people believed that it was not just people who looked at your work, it was God who looked at your work.

Let me challenge you as our State House of Representatives. Have a servant's heart. Have a heart of integrity. Use the skillfulness of your hands. Give us an example of excellence and Oklahoma will follow your example. Thank you.

## **ENGROSSED AND ENROLLED MEASURES**

**HAs to SBs 91, 101, 120, 121, 126, 134, 149, 156, 169, 195, 196, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 332, 333, 334, 341, 388, 392, 502, 535, 546, 567, 614, 658, 661, 681, 687, 711, 766, 796 and 808** were reported correctly engrossed, properly signed, in open session, and the measures, as amended, were ordered returned to the Honorable Senate.

**PENDING CONSIDERATION OF SAs**

SAs to HBs 1896 and 1919 were rejected upon motion of Representative Blackburn. Conferees to be named later.

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SAs to HB 1124 were rejected upon motion of Representative Winchester. Conferees to be named later.

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SAs to HBs 1336, 1418 and 1660 were rejected upon motion of Representative Staggs. Conferees to be named later.

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SAs to HBs 1728, 1920 and 1949 were rejected upon motion of Representative Rice. Conferees to be named later.

**PENDING CONSIDERATION OF SAs**

SAs to HB 1332 were rejected upon motion of Representative Calvey. Conferees to be named later.

**PENDING CONSIDERATION OF SAs**

SAs to HB 1671 were rejected upon motion of Representative Davis. Conferees to be named later.

**PENDING CONSIDERATION OF SAs**

SAs to HBs 1933 and 1934 were rejected upon motion of Representative Toure. Conferees to be named later.

**GENERAL ORDER**

SB 475 by Shurden of the Senate and Smith (Dale) of the House was read and considered.

Representative Smith (Dale) moved that **SB 475** be advanced from General Order, which motion was declared adopted.

By unanimous consent, upon request of Representative Smith (Dale), **SB 475** was considered engrossed and placed on Third Reading and Final Passage.

### **THIRD READING**

**SB 475** was read at length for the third time. On passage of the measure, the roll call was as follows:

Aye: Begley, Benson, Blackburn, Bonny, Braddock, Corn, Covey, Cox, Deutschendorf, Dunegan, Eddins, Erwin, Fields, Gilbert, Hefner, Hutchison, Ingmire, Kirby, Leist, Lindley, Mass, Matlock, McCarter, Miller (Ray), Nations, Newport, Perry, Pettigrew, Plunk, Pope (Clay), Rice, Roan, Ross, Smith (Dale), Staggs, Steele, Stites, Sweeden, Toure, Turner, Walker, Wells, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.--44.

Nay: Adkins, Balkman, Bengel, Calvey, Cargill, Claunch, Coleman, Dank, Davis, Easley, Ericson, Ferguson, Friskup, Graves, Greenwood, Hiatt, Hilliard, Jones, Langmacher, Liotta, Maddux, Miller (Doug), Mitchell, Morgan, Nance, O'Neal, Paulk, Peters, Peterson, Piatt, Pope (Tim), Reese, Roach, Roberts, Roggow, Smaligo, Smith (Hopper), Sullivan (John), Sullivan (Leonard), Taylor, Tibbs, Tyler, Vaughn, Webb, Wilt, Winchester, Worthen, Wright, Young.--49.

Excused: Askins, Case, Ervin, Glover, Gray, Hastings, Phillips, Stanley.--8.

The measure failed.

Representative Smith (Dale) served notice to reconsider the vote whereby **SB 475** failed.

### **GENERAL ORDER**

**SB 480** by Shurden of the Senate and Smith (Dale) of the House was read and considered.

Representative Smith (Dale) moved that **SB 480** be advanced from General Order, which motion was declared adopted.

By unanimous consent, upon request of Representative Smith (Dale), **SB 480** was considered engrossed and placed on Third Reading and Final Passage.

**THIRD READING**

**SB 480** was read at length for the third time. On passage of the measure, the roll call was as follows:

Aye: Begley, Benge, Benson, Blackburn, Bonny, Braddock, Corn, Cox, Davis, Deutschendorf, Dunegan, Easley, Eddins, Erwin, Fields, Friskup, Gilbert, Hefner, Hilliard, Hutchison, Ingmire, Kirby, Leist, Lindley, Mass, Matlock, McCarter, Miller (Ray), Mitchell, Nations, Newport, Pettigrew, Plunk, Rice, Roach, Roan, Roberts, Ross, Smith (Dale), Staggs, Steele, Stites, Sweeden, Taylor, Toure, Turner, Tyler, Walker, Wells, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.--51.

Nay: Adkins, Balkman, Calvey, Cargill, Claunch, Coleman, Covey, Dank, Ericson, Ferguson, Graves, Greenwood, Hiatt, Jones, Langmacher, Liotta, Maddux, Miller (Doug), Morgan, Nance, O'Neal, Paulk, Perry, Peters, Peterson, Phillips, Piatt, Pope (Clay), Pope (Tim), Reese, Roggow, Smaligo, Smith (Hopper), Sullivan (John), Sullivan (Leonard), Tibbs, Vaughn, Webb, Wilt, Winchester, Worthen, Wright, Young.--43.

Excused: Askins, Case, Ervin, Glover, Gray, Hastings, Stanley.--7.

The measure passed.

On passage of the emergency, the roll call was as follows:

Aye: Adkins, Balkman, Begley, Benge, Benson, Blackburn, Bonny, Braddock, Cargill, Corn, Covey, Cox, Davis, Deutschendorf, Dunegan, Eddins, Ericson, Erwin, Ferguson, Fields, Friskup, Gilbert, Hefner, Hilliard, Hutchison, Ingmire, Jones, Kirby, Lindley, Liotta, Mass, Matlock, McCarter, Miller (Ray), Nations, Newport, Peters, Peterson, Pettigrew, Phillips, Piatt, Plunk, Pope (Clay), Pope (Tim), Rice, Roach, Roan, Roberts, Roggow, Smaligo, Smith (Dale), Smith (Hopper), Staggs, Steele, Stites, Sweeden, Taylor, Tibbs, Toure, Turner, Tyler, Walker, Wells, Wilson, Wilt, Winchester, Young, Mr. Speaker.--68.

Nay: Calvey, Claunch, Coleman, Dank, Easley, Graves, Greenwood, Hiatt, Langmacher, Leist, Maddux, Miller (Doug), Mitchell, Morgan, Nance, O'Neal, Paulk, Perry, Reese, Sullivan (John), Sullivan (Leonard), Vaughn, Webb, Worthen, Wright.--25.

Excused: Askins, Case, Ervin, Glover, Gray, Hastings, Ross, Stanley.--8.

The emergency passed.

**SB 480** was referred for engrossment.

**GENERAL ORDER**

**SB 810** by Williams of the Senate and Roberts of the House was read and considered.

Representative Roberts moved to amend **SB 810** by striking the enacting clause, which amendment was declared adopted.

Representative Roberts moved that **SB 810** be advanced from General Order, which motion was declared adopted.

By unanimous consent, upon request of Representative Roberts, **SB 810** was considered engrossed and placed on Third Reading and Final Passage.

### **THIRD READING**

**SB 810** was read at length for the third time. On passage of the measure and emergency, the roll call was as follows:

Aye: Adkins, Balkman, Begley, Benge, Benson, Blackburn, Bonny, Braddock, Calvey, Cargill, Claunch, Coleman, Corn, Covey, Cox, Dank, Davis, Deuschendorf, Dunegan, Easley, Eddins, Ericson, Erwin, Ferguson, Fields, Friskup, Gilbert, Graves, Greenwood, Hefner, Hiatt, Hilliard, Hutchison, Ingmire, Jones, Kirby, Langmacher, Leist, Lindley, Liotta, Maddux, Mass, Matlock, McCarter, Miller (Doug), Miller (Ray), Mitchell, Morgan, Nance, Nations, Newport, O'Neal, Paulk, Perry, Peters, Peterson, Pettigrew, Phillips, Piatt, Plunk, Pope (Clay), Pope (Tim), Reese, Rice, Roach, Roan, Roberts, Roggow, Ross, Smaligo, Smith (Dale), Smith (Hopper), Staggs, Steele, Stites, Sullivan (John), Sullivan (Leonard), Sweeden, Taylor, Tibbs, Turner, Tyler, Vaughn, Walker, Webb, Wells, Wilson, Wilt, Winchester, Worthen, Wright, Young, Mr. Speaker.--93.

Excused: Askins, Case, Ervin, Glover, Gray, Hastings, Stanley, Toure.--8.

The measure and emergency passed.

**SB 810** was referred for engrossment.

### **Speaker Adair Presiding**

### **MOTION EXPIRED**

Time expired for consideration of the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the emergency section on **SB 168** failed.

**SB 168** was referred for engrossment.

**RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced and read:

**HCR 1022** – By Kirby of the House and Helton of the Senate.

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing Congress to enact H.R. 303 and S. 170 of the 1st Session of the 107th Congress which eliminate the provisions addressed in Sections 5304 and 5305 of Title 38 of the United States Code, relating to offsetting dollar for dollar of retirement pay for every dollar that is drawn in Department of Veterans Affairs Compensation; and directing distribution.

Representative Hilliard moved that when the clerk's desk is clear, the House stand adjourned to reconvene at 1:00 p.m., Monday, April 16, 2001, which was the order.

Pursuant to the motion of Representative Hilliard, the House was adjourned at 9:22 a.m., to reconvene Monday, April 16, 2001, at 1:00 p.m.