

HOUSE JOURNAL

First Regular Session of the Fifty-fifth Legislature

of the State of Oklahoma

Twenty-eighth Legislative Day, Monday, March 23, 2015

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

The roll was called with 98 Members present.

The following Members were excused: Cockroft, Lockhart, Williams.—3.

The Speaker Pro Tempore declared a quorum present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Toby Walker, First Baptist Church, Lawton. Pastor Walker was sponsored by Representative(s) Coody (Ann), Coody (Jeff) and Park.

The Journal for the last legislative day was approved.

MEASURES REASSIGNED

The following measure was reassigned:

SB 831 – Withdrawn from Rules and referred Direct to Calendar.

GENERAL ORDER

SB 180 by Griffin et al of the Senate and Newell of the House was read and considered.

Representative Newell moved that **SB 180** be advanced from General Order, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

SB 180 was read at length for the third time. On passage of the measure, the roll call was as follows:

Aye: Bennett, Biggs, Billy, Brown, Caldwell, Calvey, Cannaday, Casey, Christian, Cleveland, Condit, Coody (Ann), Coody (Jeff), Cooksey, Dank, Denney, Derby, Dunlap, Dunnington, Echols, Enns, Faught, Fisher, Fourkiller, Grau, Griffith, Hall, Hardin, Henke, Hoskin, Inman, Johnson, Jordan, Joyner, Kannady, Kern, Kirby, Kouplén, Leewright, Lepak, Loring, Martin (Scott), Matthews, McCall, McCullough, McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McPeak, Montgomery, Moore, Mulready, Murdock, Murphey, Nelson, Newell, Nollan, O'Donnell, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Park, Perryman, Peterson, Pfeiffer, Proctor, Pruett, Renegar, Ritze, Roberts (Dustin), Roberts (Sean), Rogers, Rousselot, Russ, Sanders, Scott, Sears, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Stone, Strohm, Tadlock, Thomsen, Vaughan, Virgin, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Wesselhoft, Wood, Wright, Young, Mr. Speaker.--93.

Excused: Banz, Brumbaugh, Cockroft, Cox, Lockhart, McBride, Morrissette, Williams.--8.

The measure passed.

SB 180 was referred for engrossment.

GENERAL ORDER

SB 111 by Jolley of the Senate and O'Donnell of the House was read and considered.

Representative O'Donnell moved that **SB 111** be advanced from General Order, which motion was declared adopted.

THIRD READING

SB 111 was read at length for the third time. On passage of the measure, the roll call was as follows:

Aye: Banz, Billy, Brown, Caldwell, Cannaday, Casey, Christian, Cleveland, Condit, Coody (Ann), Coody (Jeff), Cox, Dank, Denney, Derby, Dunlap, Dunnington, Enns, Faught, Fourkiller, Grau, Griffith, Hall, Henke, Hoskin, Inman, Johnson, Joyner, Kannady, Kirby, Kouplén, Leewright, Lepak, Loring, Martin (Scott), McBride, McCall, McCullough, McDaniel (Jeannie), Montgomery, Mulready, Murdock, Nelson, Nollan, O'Donnell, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Perryman, Peterson, Pfeiffer, Pruett, Renegar, Rogers, Rousselot, Russ, Sanders, Scott, Sears, Sherrer, Shoemake, Tadlock, Thomsen, Vaughan, Virgin, Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Wood, Wright, Young, Mr. Speaker.--72.

Nay: Bennett, Brumbaugh, Calvey, Cooksey, Echols, Fisher, Hardin, Jordan, Kern, McDaniel (Randy), McPeak, Moore, Murphey, Park, Proctor, Ritze, Roberts (Sean), Shelton, Stone, Strohm, Wallace.--21.

Excused: Biggs, Cockroft, Lockhart, Matthews, Morrissette, Newell, Roberts (Dustin), Williams.--8.

The measure passed.

The Presiding Officer signed, in open session, Engrossed **SB 111** and ordered same returned to the Honorable Senate.

RESOLUTIONS

The following was introduced and read:

HR 1012 – By Kern.

An Act proclaiming April 2015 as National Poetry Month; and directing distribution.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

DO PASS:

SB 346 – State Government Operations, Coauthored by Senator(s) Allen

SB 685 – Criminal Justice and Corrections

DO PASS, As Amended:

CS for **SB 292** – Children, Youth, and Family Services

CS for **SB 417** – Agriculture and Rural Development

REMARKS

Representative Strohm moved that the remarks by Reverend/Dr. Stephen Wiley from Wednesday, March 18, 2015, be printed in full as follows, which motion was declared adopted:

“Don't Be Distracted

Trust God, your faith will see you through.

Romans 4:19 - And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead.

When he was about a hundred years old, neither that the deadness of Sarah's womb. He wavered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God.

And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

God promised to make Abraham a father, not just a father but the father of not 'A' nation but many nations.

Immediately distractions could have taken Abraham's eyes off of God's promise to him. Distraction number one, a hundred years old. Distraction number two, my wife is 90 years old. Scriptures say her womb was dead. He did not allow those real distractions to cause him to stagger, waver or lose faith in the promise of God.

Story of Two Angels

Two angels sent on assignment to earth, one older, wiser and one younger in training. The first night they came to visit a wealthy man in a castle asking for rest for the evening. Instead of giving them the nice, warm guest chamber, he took them to the cold, dark and damp basement. In the middle of the night the older angel noticed a hole in the wall of the basement which he promptly repaired. The younger angel complained as to why. The older angel said, 'Have faith, don't be distracted, Things are not always as they appear.'

The next night they came to rest at the home of a poor farmer and his elderly wife. The farmer shared with them a meal and provided his own bed for the travelers to have a good night's sleep before their journey the next day. When they arose the next day they found the farmer's wife in tears, because their only source of income, a milk cow had died during the night.

The young angel was furious. Why did you let this happen to them? They gave us their best, and their cow died, while the wealthy man put us in the cold basement and you repaired his house. The older angel replied, 'Have faith, don't be distracted, Things are not always as they appear.'

When we were in the basement of the wealthy man, I looked in the hole and saw gold hidden inside. So I closed and covered the hole so the greedy homeowner would not find it. The next night as we slept in the warm bed of the farmer, the Death angel came for the wife and I gave him the cow instead. That is why I say to you 'Have faith, don't be distracted, Things are not always as they appear.'

Just have faith, don't be distracted, things are not always as they appear.

Today no matter what we see or have in the media, God's world remains the same that needs to be our daily focus.

I grew up in the era of one TV in the house with only three channels ABC, NBC and CBS. The television was black and white.

Tell me is it a distraction today to have a television in every room in the house, bedroom, living room, family room, kitchen, bathroom and garage (Color TV, plasma, or high definition)?

I grew up in the era of one telephone and that was at the neighbor's house. My grandparents in the county had a party line (five other families shared a phone line).

Today everybody has a personal phone (two or three).

All these things are great, but don't allow them to distract you from the reality of reading, studying, meditating on God's word."

Representative Billy moved that when the clerk's desk is clear, the House stand adjourned to reconvene at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2015, which was the order.

Pursuant to the motion of Representative Billy, the House was adjourned at 2:10 p.m., to reconvene Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.