

# HOUSE JOURNAL

**First Regular Session of the Fifty-fifth Legislature**

**of the State of Oklahoma**

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Day, Thursday, May 14, 2015**

The House was called to order by Representative Russ.

The roll was called with 99 Members present.

District 73, District 85.—2.

Representative Russ declared a quorum present.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Joe Ligon, First Baptist Church, Marlow. Dr. Ligon was sponsored by Representative Biggs.

The Journal for the last legislative day was approved.

## **MOTION**

Representative Nelson moved that the House stand in recess until 9:30 a.m., which was the order.

## **Representative Russ Presiding**

## **SECOND READING**

The following were read for the second time and referred to committee:

**HB 2238** – Joint Committee on Appropriations and Budget

**HB 2239** – Joint Committee on Appropriations and Budget

**HB 2240** – Joint Committee on Appropriations and Budget

**HJR 1032** – Administrative Rules

**HJR 1033** – Administrative Rules

**HJR 1034** – Administrative Rules

**GENERAL ORDER**

**HB 2236** by Sears et al of the House and Jolley et al of the Senate was read and considered.

Representative McCall moved adoption of the Joint Committee Report on **HB 2236**, which motion was declared adopted.

**THIRD READING**

**HB 2236** was read at length for the third time. On passage of the measure and emergency, the roll call was as follows:

Aye: Banz, Bennett, Biggs, Billy, Brown, Brumbaugh, Caldwell, Calvey, Cannaday, Casey, Christian, Cleveland, Cockroft, Condit, Coody (Ann), Coody (Jeff), Cooksey, Cox, Denney, Derby, Dunlap, Dunnington, Echols, Enns, Faught, Fisher, Fourkiller, Grau, Griffith, Hall, Hardin, Henke, Hoskin, Johnson, Jordan, Joyner, Kannady, Kern, Kirby, Kouplun, Leewright, Lepak, Lockhart, Loring, Martin (Scott), McBride, McCall, McCullough, McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McPeak, Montgomery, Moore, Morrissette, Mulready, Murdock, Murphey, Nelson, Nollan, O'Donnell, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Park, Perryman, Peterson, Pfeiffer, Proctor, Pruett, Renegar, Roberts (Dustin), Roberts (Sean), Rogers, Rousselot, Russ, Sanders, Sears, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Stone, Strohm, Tadlock, Thomsen, Vaughan, Virgin, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Wesselhoft, Williams, Wood, Young, Mr. Speaker.--94.

Excused: Inman, Newell, Ritze, Scott, Wright.--5.

Vacancy: District 73, District 85.--2.

The measure and emergency passed.

**HB 2236** was referred for engrossment.

**MOTION**

Upon motion of Representative Cockroft, Dr. Joe Ligon was confirmed as House Chaplain for this legislative week.

**MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Advising the signing of and transmitting for signature Enrolled **SCR 15**.

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

**Conferees named**

Advising naming Senate Conferees as follows:

**SB 592** – Anderson, Newberry, Barrington, Crain, Smalley, Wyrick, Sparks

**ENGROSSED AND ENROLLED MEASURES**

**HB 2236** was reported correctly engrossed, properly signed, in open session, and ordered transmitted to the Honorable Senate.

**CCRs SUBMITTED**

The conference committee reports were read on the following measures:

**HB 1037** – Coauthored by Senator(s) Matthews

**HB 1116**

**HB 1693**

**HB 1904**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

DO PASS:

**HB 2237** – Joint Committee on Appropriations and Budget

**FIRST READING**

The following were introduced and read for the first time:

**HB 2241** – By Sears and Casey of the House and Jolley and Treat of the Senate.

An Act relating to revenue and taxation; amending 68 O.S. 2011, Section 6005, which relates to aircraft excise tax; modifying distribution of revenue above a certain amount; and providing an effective date.

**HB 2242** – By Sears and Casey of the House and Jolley and Treat of the Senate.

An Act relating to general appropriations for the expenses of various agencies of the executive, legislative and judicial departments of the state; making appropriations to the State Board of Education, the Oklahoma Arts Council, the State Board of Career and Technology Education, the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability, the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the Commissioners of the Land Office, the Oklahoma Department of Libraries,

the Physician Manpower Training Commission, the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics, the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology, the Office of the State Auditor and Inspector, the Office of the State Bond Advisor, the State Election Board, the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management, the Ethics Commission, the Office of the Governor, the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the Legislative Service Bureau, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, the Oklahoma Merit Protection Commission, the Military Department of the State of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma State Senate, the Oklahoma Tax Commission, the Office of the State Treasurer, the Oklahoma Space Industry Development Authority, the Department of Transportation, the State Department of Health, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, the J.D. McCarty Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the Oklahoma State University Medical Authority, the University Hospitals Authority, the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, the Office of Disability Concerns, the Department of Human Services, the Office of Juvenile Affairs, the State Department of Rehabilitation Services, the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, the Rural Economic Action Plan Fund, the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, the Corporation Commission, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Oklahoma Historical Society, the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission, the Insurance Department, the J.M. Davis Memorial Commission, the Department of Labor, the Department of Mines, the Scenic Rivers Commission, the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, the Will Rogers Memorial Commission, the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission, the Department of Corrections, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training, the Board of Medicolegal Investigations, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, the Department of Public Safety, the Office of the Attorney General, the Court of Criminal Appeals, district attorneys and the District Attorneys Council, the Supreme Court, the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System, the Pardon and Parole Board, the Workers' Compensation Commission and the Workers' Compensation Court of Existing Claims; stating amounts of the appropriations; stating purposes and restrictions; authorizing transfers; and providing an effective date.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

The following were introduced and read:

**HR 1030** – By Moore.

A Resolution celebrating the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Sister-State relationship between the State of Oklahoma and Taiwan; expressing support for Taiwan's growing role in the international community; recognizing the May 2014 mutual agreement on the Reciprocal Issuance of Driver Licenses; commending Taiwan for its East China Sea Peace Initiative; and directing distribution.

**HR 1031** – By Fisher and Moore.

A Resolution urging the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation to resist passage and implementation of the Trans-Pacific Partnership; and directing distribution.

## **REMARKS**

Representative Biggs moved that the remarks by Dr. Joe Ligon be printed in full as follows, which motion was declared adopted:

“Before I start, I need to find out who has the offering plates. Seriously, it has been a remarkable privilege to have been able to pray for you and your work this week. And it is a most high honor to have been given a few minutes to speak to you.

Of course telling a Baptist preacher he only has a few minutes is like telling a pig he can fly. It doesn't matter how sincere you are when you say it, it ain't going to make much difference.

For many years, I have been a student of leadership. I read about leadership. I talk to leaders. And I watch leaders in action. Interestingly enough, the Bible actually has quite a bit to say about leadership. And I have committed myself to learning those principles as well.

One of the things that I have learned is that every organization: the federal government, our state government, our county governments and schools, our businesses, our families, and even our churches rise and fall on leadership. Every organization thrives or fails based on leadership. So, as the leaders go, so goes the organization. Among other things, that means the value of leadership can never be underestimated.

I would like to take a couple of minutes and share with you a couple of characteristics of quality leadership from the Bible.

One of those is vision. In Proverbs 29:18, the Bible says, ‘Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint.’

Biblically, vision is much more than being able to see. In many ways, vision is the ability to see what is not visible yet. It is the ability to see over the hill a little bit. It is the ability to see things not for what they are but for what they could be, what they should be. Vision is to have a picture of what tomorrow should be.

Leaders don't manage what is. They see what could be. And true leaders always move forward with that vision toward what they see.

Some of you may wonder what the value of vision really is. The Bible says where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint. They go off in a million different directions doing a million different things. Where there is no vision, there is no unity, no boundaries, no parameters. As Judges 25:21 says, everybody just does what he or she thinks is right.

I have to tell you that as I look at our country, I see a growing lack of vision and a subsequent loss of moral boundaries. We have taken it upon ourselves to redefine marriage. We have devalued the life of the most defenseless among us, the baby in a mother's womb. We have families wasting paychecks determined to get rich by gambling. We are attacking law enforcement and defending law breakers. We have replaced the common good with public opinion and political expediency. And a government of the people, by the people, and for the people is being usurped by a federal judiciary that is more about legislating than it is adjudicating. We live in a country that was founded on Christian values and Biblical principles. And now Christians are the most persecuted religious group in our country.

Our country is starving for visionary leadership. We desperately need men and women with a clear view of what our country could be tomorrow. We need men and women who can cast a vision so compelling that people will rally to it, a vision that will bring unity to a

country that seems deeply divided, a vision not based on the platforms of political parties but on the unchanging, holy, righteous word of God.

Now let me quickly give you the second characteristic of quality leadership. It is courage.

Vision without courage is just a pipe dream. Courage is what engages the vision and moves it forward.

The Bible has much to say about courage. In Deuteronomy 31:6 we read, ‘Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified of them, for the Lord your God goes with you. He will never leave you nor forsake you.’

We need men and women of great courage who will lead this great country forward to great things. We need men and women of great courage who will lead this great country to do the right things.

We need men and women with great vision and great courage to lead us. I am convinced that an overwhelming number of people long for that kind of leadership and will follow it. I know I will.

Let me encourage you to lead with vision and lead with courage.

May I pray for you?”

Representative Nelson moved that when the clerk’s desk is clear, the House stand adjourned to reconvene at 9:00 a.m., Friday, May 15, 2015, which was the order.

Pursuant to the motion of Representative Nelson, the House was adjourned at 10:05 a.m., to reconvene Friday, May 15, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.