Highlights this Week:

Modified general appropriations bill tops House agenda
By Amber Esada - Staff Writer

(LIN) Although most of the House's attention was focused on committee meetings, the members did pass the controversial Senate amended general appropriations budget bill this past week that will provide the base funding to operate state government in FY2005. A sharp division of political affiliation was evident by the final vote of 54-44.


The House passed the original version of the bill, which appropriated $5.346 billion, on Feb. 24 with a vote of 79-18. The Senate did an overhaul on the measure, which now appropriates $5.377 billion and passed the bill on March 10, returning it to the House.

There was much opposition by the minority party before the Senate amendments were approved by a 52-45 vote. Opponents of the amendments said approving the Senate's version would be taking power away from the House. They also criticized the Senate appropriating funds from SB 553, the gaming measure, when the bill had not gone into effect yet.

"Are you in fact gambling on that money?" Rep. Kevin Calvey, R-Del City, asked.

Others contended that the bill was a type of "logrolling," which the Oklahoma Constitution does not allow. Minority Leader Rep. Todd Hiett, R-Kellyville, said the measure was the "wrong way to do business." He said Oklahomans expect better from their legislators and the measure simply continues "business as usual."

"I'm disappointed, Speaker Adair, that you would allow this type of business," he said.
There was also much debate before the measure was passed. Opponents of the bill said the measure, as Senate amended, was not including the representatives' opinions.

"The House of Representatives was dissed by the Senate today," Rep. Leonard Sullivan, R-Oklahoma City, said.

Although both Houses passed the bill, there is uncertainty on whether Gov. Brad Henry will sign the bill into law. Opponents of the measure have indicated they might file a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the bill if the governor signs it.

Immediately after the House passed the GA bill, Paul Sund, Henry's spokesperson, issued a statement, indicating that Henry and his staff would need time to review the bill and will decide on Monday if he will sign the measure.

Sund said the bill contains positive aspects, including Henry's proposal to boost health benefits for teachers and increase pay for state employees, but there were also significant omissions. A few examples mentioned by Sund were early childhood education funding, relocating young children who live near the Tar Creek Superfund Site, capital gains and retiree tax relief, breast and cervical cancer screenings and other initiatives in the governor's executive budget.

"We appreciate legislative leaders' commitment to fund the initiatives omitted from the general appropriations bill," Sund said. "Governor Henry and his legal and budget staffs are currently in the process of reviewing HB 2007 and will make a final decision on Monday. Whether the legislation is signed or vetoed, there will be plenty of budget work ahead for GCCA members."

Even if Henry does sign the measure, the state budget for FY 2005 is expected to be fine-tuned in a series of reconciliation bills that would raise or lower appropriations for some agencies, departments and programs.

Senate President Pro Tempore Cal Hobson, D-Lexington, and House Speaker Larry Adair, D-Stilwell, said they plan to officially appoint members to the General Conference Committee on Appropriations next week to begin the budget reconciliation process.

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Adair added that legislators are now ready to consider budget details.

"The House and Senate have created the framework for the budget and now we can start the process of working out the intricate details," he said.

The House passed a few other bills this week as well, although none were as heavily debated as the GA bill.

SB 587, by Sen. Bernest Cain, D-Oklahoma City, and Rep. Rebecca Hamilton, D-Oklahoma City, would require any health benefit plan that is offered in this state that provides medical and surgical benefits to provide coverage for routine annual obstetrical and gynecological examinations.

Hamilton said the measure would ultimately save insurance carriers money if the proposal becomes law. She said preventing cervical cancer costs less than treating it. The measure passed 65-29.
Resolutions that authorize bonds to be issued to finance capital improvements to two higher education facilities were passed this week.


SCR 41, by Sen. Mark Snyder, R-Edmond, and Pettigrew, would authorize the Board of Regents, on behalf of the University of Central Oklahoma, to make improvements to Wantland Stadium.

The House issued a second complaint against the "No Child Left Behind" federal education law. A similar resolution, HCR 1052, was issued last month.

HR 1037 as amended, by Rep. Ray McCarter, D-Marlow, memorializes Congress and the U.S. president to issue a waiver of the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act for Oklahoma public schools or for the federal government to fully fund the act.

Rep. Odilia Dank, R-Oklahoma City, made an amendment to page four, line 17, adding that U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy also receive a copy of the resolution. The measure passed by a voice vote.

Other measures advancing from the House this week include:


The House will reconvene on Monday at 1:30 p.m.

**Legume research project presented to Senate committees**

By Brian Henderson - Staff Writer

(LIN) Members of the Senate Subcommittee on Natural Resources and the Senate Agriculture and Rural Development Committee were presented with a project presentation March 16 by Oklahoma's Consortium for Legume Research.

"The consortium is a collaboration between the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma," said Larry Pulliam, executive vice president of the Noble Foundation.

The Noble Foundation is a non-profit agricultural research and consultation organization in Ardmore. The consortium is focused on the improvement of legume cash crops, such as alfalfa, soybean and peanuts, through research.

Legumes account for two-thirds of human dietary needs and are especially important as a meat substitute in developing countries. Seed legumes such as peanuts, soybeans and lentils, are comprised of 20 to 50 percent protein which is two to three times that of meat or cereal grains.

Steve Rhines, Noble Foundation director of legal affairs, said the major research initiatives for 2004 are cotton root rot in alfalfa, new aphid pest species and comparative genome sequencing.
"The consortium is in line with Governor Brad Henry's Economic Development Generating Excellence goal of transforming Oklahoma into the research capital of the plains," said Rhines. "The consortium pools the assets of three of the state's top research institutes, creating a critical mass."

Rhines noted cotton root rot is a large factor in Oklahoma's inability to produce enough alfalfa to satisfy its forage and hay needs. Experts in plant pathology and breeding from OSU and the Noble Foundation will address this issue. The project will run three years with a budget of $725,000.

Characterizing alfalfa aphid resistance will address the emergence of new aphid species that are a threat. Analytical biochemistry, molecular biology, plant pathology and entomology specialists will work to determine biochemical mechanisms responsible for resistance to develop new aphid resistant cultivars. The project will run three years with a budget of $620,000.

The project sequencing portions of the alfalfa genome will be based at OU's Advanced Center for Genome Technology. This one-year project has a budget of $500,000 provided by the U.S. Department of Energy and will help develop new alfalfa varieties.

U.S. soybean and alfalfa production accounted for $20 billion in 2000. In 2002, the market value of Oklahoma's legume production for was alfalfa $60 million, peanuts $27 million, and soybeans $31 million.

**Senate Sunset Committee approves 11 bills**

By Brian Henderson - Staff Writer

(LIN) The Senate Sunset Committee recreated the Oklahoma Accountancy Board as it passed 11 measures Thursday.

The committee sped through the bills, stopping only for questions on a measure relating to long-term care and to explain an amendment. Sen. Jay Paul Gumm, D-Durant, joked that other committees needed to be as efficient as the Senate Sunset Committee.

HB 2090, by Rep. Joe Sweeden, D-Pawhuska, and Gumm, deletes reference to the Telemedicine Advisory Council. The measure repeals the council, which is no longer needed. The bill passed 5-0.

HB 2091, by Sweeden and Gumm, extends the sunset date for the Commission on Marginally Producing Oil and Gas Wells. The measure recreates the commission through July 1, 2010. The bill passed 6-0.

HB 2092, by Sweeden and Gumm, extends the sunset date for the Minority Teacher Recruitment Advisory Committee. The measure recreates the committee through July 1, 2010. The bill passed 7-0.

HB 2093, by Sweeden and Gumm, recreates the Long-Term Care Facility Advisory Board and changes its termination date to July 1, 2010.

Sen. Jim Maddox, D-Lawton, raised questions about the board's responsibilities. Board representatives said the body acts in an advisory capacity to the Department of Health. The board studies different issues concerning long-term care facilities and makes recommendations.

The board is comprised of a cross section of individuals throughout the industry, as well as the "over 65 population." The bill passed 7-0.
HB 2094, by Sweeden and Gumm, extends sunset date for the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. The measure recreates the board and was passed 7-0.

HB 2095 as amended, by Sweeden and Gumm, provides sunset limits for certain entities and contains an emergency clause.

Gumm noted the measure cleans up any leftover language from earlier bills, particularly HB 2090 relating to the deletion of the Telemedicine Council.

The bill was amended to save the Task Force on Electronic Commerce. The bill was amended on page 4, line 1, by deleting section 8 and the three subsequent numbered sections, and amending the title to reflect the change.

CS for HB 2096, by Sweeden and Gumm, sets sunset dates for certain entities.

A committee substitute was introduced for HB 2096, which recreates the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, Oklahoma Accountancy Board, Board of Governors of the Licensed Architects and Landscape Architects of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Funeral Board, Commission on Marginally Producing Oil and Gas Wells, and Minority Teacher Recruitment Advisory Committee through July 1, 2010.


HB 2097, by Sweeden and Gumm, recreates the Oklahoma Accountancy Board through July 1, 2010. The measure cleans up the name of the board from the State Board of Public Accountancy to the Oklahoma Accountancy Board. The bill passed 7-0.

HB 2098, by Sweeden and Gumm, recreates the Oklahoma Funeral Board. The measure extends the board through July 1, 2010 and was passed 7-0.

HB 2099, by Sweeden and Gumm, repeals the Eldercare Program Activity Advisory Committee. The measure passed 7-0.

HB 2100, by Sweeden and Gumm, recreates the Board of Governors of the Licensed Architects and Landscape Architects of Oklahoma through July 1, 2010. The measure passed 7-0.

**Geriatricians join OU Physicians Senior Health Center**

From OU Physicians

(OKLAHOMA) Geriatricians Banu Sezginsoy, M.D., and David O. Staats, M.D., have established their practices with OU Physicians Senior Health Center. Geriatricians provide health care services to seniors just as pediatricians specialize in health needs specific to children.
Sezginsoy is board-certified in internal medicine and geriatric medicine and has additional certification in home care medicine from the Institute for Clinical Evaluation. She has specific experience in diagnosing and treating patients with osteoporosis and dementia and has additional training in end-of-life care.

Sezginsoy comes to OU Physicians from Baskent University Hospital, Adana, Turkey, where she was an internist and geriatrician. She completed a fellowship in geriatric medicine at the University of Hawaii John A. Hartford Foundation Center for Excellence in Geriatrics, Honolulu, Hawaii. She completed her residency in internal medicine at McLaren Regional Medical Center, Michigan State University, Flint, Michigan. She is a member of the American Geriatric Society.

Staats, a board-certified geriatrician, is also serving as director of the Geriatric Medicine Fellowship Training Program for the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine. He previously served in a similar capacity at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Staats completed a fellowship in geriatric medicine at Oregon Health & Science University (formerly Oregon Health Sciences University) and Portland VA Medical Center, Portland, Oregon. He served as chief resident in internal medicine at Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois. He completed his medical degree at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. He is a fellow of the American College of Physicians, American Geriatrics Society and the Gerontological Society of America.

In addition to seeing patients, OU Physicians geriatricians also teach other physicians about specialized care for seniors at the OU College of Medicine. The Donald W. Reynolds Department of Geriatrics is one of only four at U.S. medical schools that grant M.D. degrees.

**Budget reconciliation process to begin next week**
By Amber Esada - Staff Writer

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HB 2007, the general appropriations bill, was approved by the Senate on March 10 and passed through the House on March 16.

Paul Sund, Gov. Brad Henry's spokesperson, said the GA bill is long and complex and would require a thorough review. He said the bill contains positive aspects, including Henry's proposal to boost health benefits for teachers and increase pay for state employees, but there were also significant omissions. A few examples mentioned by Sund were early childhood education funding, relo-
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We'll be working to address the governor's concerns in the subcommittees and GCCA process. The GA bill is the big picture. Now it's time to get down to individual programs and give agencies legislative direction," said Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Mike Morgan, D-

Leadership in both Houses said they hope the reconciliation process will answer the governor's concerns, as well as issues raised by legislators.

"There's been some confusion over the GA bill," he said. "The bottom line is the process is only half finished and soon we will have a final product."

The final product will be the result of a series of budget reconciliation bills detailing the appropria-

"Speaker Adair set a precedent last year by involving the entire House in the budget writing proc-

Morgan said every member of the Senate except the president pro tempore, majority floor leader and minority floor leader serve as Senate members of the GCCA.

"This inclusive budget process has worked for us in the past and we're going to utilize the talents of all of our members to ensure that we write the best possible budget for state government," Morgan said.

Adair and Hobson said they are pleased that the appropriation process is moving forward and pre-

Measure to increase scholarship grants for student doctors

A measure that would increase the size of scholarships for university students who desire to practice medicine in rural Oklahoma communities passed the House Committee on Higher Education.

"The idea behind Senate Bill 908 is to offer larger academic grants to make it more attractive for new doctors to start medical practices in rural areas of the state where they are needed the most," said Rep. Tad Jones, R-Claremore, House sponsor of the measure. "I am aware that some other
states offer larger grants to prospective physicians for each successful academic year. We’re trying to level that playing field.”

Rick Ernest, executive director of the state’s Physician Manpower Training Commission, said no new tax dollars would be used for grants from the Rural Medical Education Loan and Scholarship Fund. “We receive an annual appropriation from the Legislature for commission operations, and we will use existing monies for the scholarship fund.”

Although the latest budget appropriations for state agencies would not increase the commission’s budget, Ernest said he is pleased the agency has not received additional cuts in appropriations. “I can live with that.”

Jones told members of the House Higher Education Committee that SB 908 would raise the maximum amount of scholarship grants in the Rural Medical Education Loan and Scholarship Fund from $6,000 the first year and $12,000 for the second through fourth years of study to $15,000 for each of four academic years to qualifying students.

Ernest said raising the total amount of grants from $42,000 to $60,000 for four years of medical study is an effort at making the scholarship fund more attractive to student physicians. For example the armed services offers between $17,000 to $20,000 per academic year, plus a $500 to $700 living stipend, he said.

“Students who choose the military avenue of financial assistance must stay in the armed forces for some period of time to meet that program’s obligations,” Ernest said.

Students who take advantage of Oklahoma’s Rural Medical Education Loan and Scholarship Fund would have to practice medicine in a rural community of 7,500 or fewer residents for the number of years equal to the amount of time the program was used for financial assistance.

An applicant is eligible for the award by demonstrating he or she desires a scholarship to any accredited school of medicine or osteopathic medicine anywhere in the U.S.; is an Oklahoma resident who is unable to pursue the program of study due to the lack of financial resources; has successfully completed a prerequisite program of instruction and has applied for admission to a medical school; and wants to practice medicine in a rural Oklahoma community.

Ernest said the rural Medical Education Loan and Scholarship Fund has been in existence since 1975. Since its inception, Ernest said the program has sent approximately 360 Oklahoma residents through medical school.

“Our statistics are impressive,” Ernest said. “About 75 percent of all student physicians who took advantage of the scholarship fund fulfilled their obligations, and over one-half of those students are still practicing medicine in a rural Oklahoma community. And it’s interesting that hospitals are located in 56 Oklahoma communities that have 7,500 or fewer residents.”

Ernest said the commission requires that money be refunded with interest, and some penalties, from about one-quarter of the students who did not meet program obligations and broke contracts.

“We use monies repaid when contracts are broken to help enhance the scholarship fund program,” he said.

Senate Bill 908 was authored by Sen. Gilmer Capps, D-Snyder.
A Duncan lawmaker wants to continue an initiative and establish a committee to study the feasibility of producing wind power as a renewable source of energy that could be a lucrative industry in Oklahoma.

Rep. Jari Askins, deputy majority floor leader and House sponsor of Senate Bill 1212, said it’s her intention that the state Legislature provide funding to continue the Oklahoma Wind Power Initiative (OWPI) “to further the investigation and promotion of wind energy resources in this state.”

The OWPI is located in the Environmental Verification and Analysis Center of the University of Oklahoma. The OWPI works with other higher education system projects, including Oklahoma State University and the Oklahoma Mesonet program, which has made progress in studying wind energy resources in this state.

Armed with such knowledge, Askins said, “Oklahoma could have an advantage in attracting wind power investors, which could result in a multibillion-dollar industry.”

SB 1212 indicates that with continued funding, the OWPI would:

* utilize resource assessment and information sharing abilities to provide information to Oklahoma companies and out-of-state wind farm developers seeking to diversify their energy portfolios;

* continue outreach efforts to enhance public and private sector understanding of wind power through conference, rural community meetings, K-12 and college education initiatives, and information for utilities and rural electric cooperatives;

* leverage state funding to seek federal funds for wind power and other renewable energy research and project development; and

* promote research activities at universities and state economic development groups to help attract the wind industry to this state.

A provision of the measure also would create the Oklahoma Wind Power Assessment Committee. Its function would be to analyze data, such as, cost and customer support of new “wind farms” and make recommendations for legislation to support development of all zero-emission renewable energy in Oklahoma.

An amendment to the measure would authorize participants in the state Wind Power Initiative to serve as technical advisers to the Oklahoma Wind Power Assessment Committee.

The 11-member committee, comprised of legislators, related state agencies and public utilities, “would study data from the Corporation Commission, the Office of the Governor, utility providers and input from residents across the state.”

“The committee would provide the Legislature with an opportunity to review the impact of whether a wind power initiative would be beneficial to Oklahomans,” Askins said. The committee would submit a final report to the Legislature and the Governor by Dec. 1.
SB 1212 passed the House Committee on Higher Education and now goes to the House floor.

*Admission ticket, bombing memorial sales tax exemption passes*
By Amber Esada - Staff Writer

(LIN) A measure that would create an exemption from sales tax for admission tickets to sporting events was passed by the House Revenue and Taxation Committee on Wednesday.

CS for SB 1383 as amended, by Sen. Angela Monson, D-Oklahoma City, and Rep. Clay Pope, D-Loyal, would exempt the sales of admission tickets for any championship sporting event for the Big 12 Conference from state sales taxes. The Senate amended the measure, which had its title restored and includes an emergency clause.

The committee substitute changes Section 45 to read as follows: "45. Sales of tickets of admission by organizations exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501 (c)(3), to events at publicly owned venues which are part of a tournament to determine regional or national championships at the college or university level."

Pope made two amendments to his bill. The first amendment was to pages 13 and 14, section one, on page 13, line 28, striking the word "and", adding "; and" on page 14, line 2, and adding a new Section 46 to read as follows: "46. Sales of tangible personal property or services to or by an organization which is exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501 (c)(3) and is operating the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum, an affiliate of the National Park System."

The last amendment was to page 14, section two, deleting section two, allowing the bill to go into effect when the governor signs the measure.

Pope said the bill was on a fast track through the system because of a deadline in April involving the Oklahoma City National Memorial that it had to meet. The bill was approved.

*Stillwater firm wins federal grant*
From OCAST

(OKLAHOMA) Fort Environmental Laboratories (FEL), the only environmental consulting laboratory in the U.S. to specialize in the toxicological study of amphibians and reptilian species, has been named winner of a $225,000 Small Business Innovation Research award from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

A $15,000 matching award from the state-funded Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST) helped qualify the Stillwater firm for the federal award - the second SBIR Phase II to be won by FEL in the last two years. Since its founding, the company has received $45,000 in incentive funding from OCAST enabling the firm to attract a total of $450,000 in federal SBIR Phase II awards.

Co-founded in December of 2000 by Dr. Douglas and Deanne Fort, FEL enjoys a unique market niche due to a significant increase in interest in the use of animals as indicators of environmental health. Fort introduces small amphibians and reptiles into questionable environmental situations and determines whether or not pollution is present by evaluating the development and reproduction of the animals.
Fort has 15 years experience in this field. His company has more than 25 clients, including government agencies, universities and industries. Clients include the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), S.C. Johnson Wax, U.S. Borax, Weston, Monsanto Company, Eli-Lilly, Abbott Laboratories, Conoco-Phillips, CH2M Hill, Bermuda Zoological Society and Battelle.

FEL received research grants from NIEHS (4), U.S. EPA (4) and OCAST (4) totaling nearly $750,000 dispersed over the next several years. In the spring of 2002, FEL was awarded its first SBIR grant to develop alternative models for evaluating the impact of chemicals on the amphibian reproductive system. Since then, FEL has received an additional Phase I and two Phase II awards. FEL also was awarded a portion of a $34 million contract spread over five years with U.S. EPA and Battelle Memorial Institute to develop and validate test methods evaluating effects of chemicals on the endocrine system of amphibians.

Once validated, these methods will join a host of other test methods developed by FEL to measure potential environmental hazards. FEL won a 2002 National Tibbett’s Award from the U.S. Department of Commerce and was a finalist for the “Most Promising New Business” award from Oklahoma Venture Forum in 2002 and 2003.

Oklahoma is enjoying increasing success in competing for federal SBIR Phase II awards, according to OCAST officials.

“For years Oklahoma lagged far behind the national average in per capita funding for SBIR awards. But as a result of increased outreach efforts by OCAST and the quality research being conducted by SBIR applicant companies like Fort Environmental, we have seen a rapid rise in SBIR funding such that Oklahoma is now very close to the national per capita average. With more small-advanced technology companies like Fort taking advantage of the federal SBIR program, we look forward to exceeding the national average within a few years.”

Eleven federal agencies are required by law to designate a fixed percentage of their R&D budgets for SBIR awards. The program has been influential in many developments ranging from improved weapons and battlefield techniques for U.S. soldiers to better health care delivery systems.

University of Central Oklahoma to hold sculpture contest for civic works
From UCO

(OKLAHOMA) Applications to enter works for the 1st Annual Outdoor Sculpture Competition, designed to further imbue the ideals of civic engagement into the culture of the University of Central Oklahoma, are now being accepted from current and recent graduates of the university.

The project is being organized by the UCO College of Arts, Media and Design as part of the American Democracy Project, for which UCO and a number of other universities across the country have joined in an effort to educate citizens in becoming active and productive members in civic life.

“Civic engagement in both political and non-political realms of American life has markedly declined in recent years,” said UCO College of Arts, Media and Design Dean Christopher Markwood. “This is a concern because vital and successful communities need citizens who can work together for the common good.
“Here at UCO, students, staff, and faculty are leading by example, showing that altruism, community involvement and working for the betterment of society are not clichés, but part of the very fabric of our university.”

The sculpture competition is open to all current and former UCO students.

Students wanting to participate must present a minimum of 10 slides of work completed within the past five years, an application and a written or drawn proposal for the outdoor sculpture they’d like to build.

The sculpture must address the theme of “character, civility and community.”

Markwood said, “We would like to display works of art that exemplify UCO’s commitment to these principles.”

If chosen as one of five finalists, each sculptor will receive $1,000 for materials to build the final sculpture. The five presented sculptures will then be displayed on campus for one year.

A winning piece will then be purchased from the artist for $4000 and will be permanently displayed on campus. Applications, slides and proposals must be delivered or mailed to the College of Arts, Media and Design dean’s office by April 15. For information about the competition, call (405) 974-3770.

**OSU unveils telemedicine program to meet rural healthcare needs**

By Amber Esada - Staff Writer

(LIN) Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine unveiled new technology Monday that offers promise to address the healthcare crisis throughout Oklahoma, especially in rural areas where specialized care is not available.

Telemedicine is a telecommunications network that connects rural community physicians and hospitals with regional and metropolitan medical centers, giving rural Oklahomans access to the same healthcare services available in larger cities.

Dr. John Fernandes, dean and president of OSU’s medical school, said the technology would provide an advantage to not only patients in rural Oklahoma, but also the elderly, those in nursing homes and others who might be too sick to travel to receive care. Specialized healthcare services, he said, would be given to those who might otherwise not be able to acquire care.

"Nowhere does our healthcare crisis hit harder than in rural Oklahoma," Fernandes said. "As a society, we must act swiftly to ensure our rural citizens are guaranteed access to the same effective healthcare as those who live in metropolitan areas. This is an enormous step in solving the healthcare dilemma in our state."

The program has thus far been funded with more than $2 million in federal research grants. Fernandes said the cost would be $278 million to implement the program across the state. This legislative session, he said the state has been asked to appropriate $52 million. A number of additional federal agencies have expressed interest in matching state dollars, if they are received.

The completed telemedicine network would require a multi-year effort, and important progress could be made with incremental funding, Fernandes said. The first phase in the continued devel-
development would be the Rural Health and Telemedicine Center, a 160,000 square-foot facility that would enable physicians to provide clinical and diagnostic services to all Oklahomans, regardless of their proximity to a metropolitan area. Some 150 physicians and specialists would provide daily consultation to rural primary care doctors through the center.

Fernandes said the telemedicine network is crucial to providing a solution to Oklahoma's ailing rural population.

"The fact is, the mortality rate of our state is increasing at a time when the rate for most other states is decreasing," he said. "This is especially true in geographically-remote rates of our state."

In five years, Fernandes said he hopes the program will offer complete service to all 70 rural hospitals and to Oklahomans across the state. He said there would not be a facility in the world that would not have the capabilities to work through telemedicine.

One patient said she does not have to take time off of work, where she used to take a half day to drive to Tulsa to get specialized cardiology service. She also said the program helped her mother, who was unable to make the drive to get specialized care.

"I think this is wonderful," Renee, a patient from Henryetta, said. "This is so much more convenient."

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SB 553 (Hobson/Adair) – STATE-TRIBAL GAMING ACT/OHLAP. Creating the State-Tribal Gaming Act; Section 3 provides portions of certain gaming revenues to be apportioned to the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program (OHLAP) Trust Fund; Section 20 provides for the deposit of certain gaming funds into the OHLAP Trust Fund.
3/08/04 Signed by Governor

SB 587 (Cain/Hamilton) – HEALTH INSURANCE. Requiring insurance coverage for routine annual obstetrical/gynecological examinations, but not requiring that the routine annual examination be performed by obstetrician, gynecologist or obstetrician/gynecologist. (36 § 6060.3a)
2/04/03 Second reading - Referred to Senate Human Resources Committee
http://www.lsbo.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB587_int.rtf
2/20/03 Senate Committee – Do Pass - http://www2.lsbo.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb587_scr.rtf
3/10/03 Floor Amendment Adopted
3/10/03 Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate (31-17) - http://www2.lsbo.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb587_engr.rtf
3/13/03 Second reading - Referred to House Insurance Committee
3/25/03 House Committee – Report Progress
2/17/04 House Committee – Do Pass http://www2.lsbo.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/SB587_hcr.rtf
3/02/04 Bill Passed – House (65-29) - http://www2.lsbo.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/sb587_hasb.rtf

SB 756 (Williams/Roberts) – SUMMER ACADEMIES. Authorizing a teacher to recommend the promotion of a student to the fourth grade contingent upon successful completion of required competencies at a summer academy or other immediate interventions to bring student up to grade level. (70 § 1210.508E)
http://www.lsbo.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB756_int.rtf
2/04/03 Second reading - Referred to Senate Rules Committee
2/04/04 Reassigned to Senate Appropriations Committee
2/18/04 Title Stricken
2/18/04 Senate Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass
http://www2.lsbo.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb756_cs.rtf
3/02/04 Bill Passed – Senate (39-2) - http://www2.lsbo.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb756_engr.rtf
3/04/04 Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee, Education Subcommittee

SB 811 (Williams/McCarter) – INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS/NATIVE FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPEAKERS. Stating legislative intent that Oklahoma’s students receive a world-class education to prepare students to be competitive and cooperative in a global economy; requiring the State Board of Education to implement the Oklahoma International Scholars Program; stating legislative intent that the State Regents develop an incentive program to encourage private participation in efforts to provide world-class education for Oklahoma students that is geared toward preparing them for participation in a global economy; requiring the Teacher Preparation Commission,
subject to the availability of funds, to develop a professional development institute for native
2/04/03 Second reading - Referred to Senate Education Committee
2/17/03 Senate Committee – Laid Over
2/16/04 Title Stricken
2/16/04 Senate Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb811_cs.rtf
3/11/04 Floor Amendment Adopted
3/11/04 Bill and Emergency Passed – Senate (41-1) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-
04SB/sb811_engr.rtf
3/16/04 Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee, Education Subcommittee

SB 814 (Williams/Staggs) – MIDDLE SCHOOL MATHEMATICS TEACHERS. Creating the
Middle School Mathematics Improvement Program; creating the Middle School Mathematics Im-
provement Standards Committee, two members of whom to be appointed by the State Department
of Education, two by the Chancellor of Higher Education, two by the Teacher Preparation Com-
misson, and one appointed by the Governor; providing for professional development, certification,
2/04/03 Second reading - Referred to Senate Education Committee
2/16/04 Title Stricken
2/16/04 Senate Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb814_cs.rtf
3/02/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate (42-1) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-
04SB/sb814_engr.rtf
3/04/04 Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee, Education Subcommittee

SB 864 (Gumm/Sweeden) – MINORITY TEACHER RECRUITMENT ADVISORY COM-
MITTEE. Changes to 2010 the termination date of several entities, including the Minority Teacher
Recruitment Advisory Committee. (74 § 3905) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-
04SB/SB864_int.rtf
2/03/04 Referred to Senate Sunset Committee
2/18/04 Senate Committee – Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-
04SB/sb864_scr.rtf
3/02/04 Bill Passed – Senate (44-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-
04SB/sb864_engr.rtf
3/04/04 Referred to House Govt Ops, Agency Oversight & Admin Rules Committee
3/16/04 House Committee – Do Pass as Amended - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-
04HB/SB864_hcs.rtf

SB 868 (Corn/Paulk) – ETHICS. Allowing appointing authorities to grant requested six-month
unpaid leave of absence for state employees to run for partisan political office; prohibiting the ap-
pointing authority from canceling the leave during the period of requested leave.
http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB868_int.rtf
2/03/04 Referred to Senate General Government Committee
2/16/04 Title Stricken
2/16/04 Senate Committee – Do Pass as Amended http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-
04SB/sb868_scr.rtf
2/25/04 Floor Amendment Adopted
2/25/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate (33-13) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-
04SB/sb868_engr.rtf
3/01/04 Referred to House Govt Ops, Agency Oversight & Admin Rules Committee
SB 889 (Crutchfield/Walker) – ADMINISTRATIVE RULES. Amending the rule for calculation of effective dates for permanent rules. (75 § 250.8) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB889_int.rtf
- 2/03/04 Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee
- 2/03/04 Laid Over
- 2/10/04 Senate Committee – Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb889_scr.rtf
- 2/25/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate (42-1) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb889_engr.rtf
- 3/01/04 Referred to House Govt Ops, Agency Oversight & Admin Rules Committee

SB 896 (Wilcoxson/Coleman) – PRIVATE VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS. Relating to the Oklahoma Board of Private Vocational Schools; excluding certain individuals, businesses and organizations from definition of private school; exempting certain individuals, businesses and organizations from compliance with certain statutory provisions (70 § 21-101)
- 2/03/04 Referred to Senate Education Committee
- 2/16/04 Senate Committee – Do Pass
- 3/10/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate (44-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb896_scr.rtf
- 3/15/04 Referred to House Common Education Committee

SB 908 (Capps/Jones) – RURAL MEDICAL EDUCATION LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP. Increasing from $6,000 to $15,000 per academic year the maximum grant amounts from the Rural Medical Education Loan and Scholarship Fund. (70 § 625.5) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB908_int.rtf
- 2/03/04 Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee, Education Subcommittee
- 2/18/04 Title Stricken
- 2/18/04 Senate Committee – Do Pass as Amended http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb908_scr.rtf
- 2/26/04 Title Restored
- 2/26/04 Bill and Emergency Passed – Senate (40-0) http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb908_engr.rtf
- 3/02/04 Referred to House Higher Education Committee
- 3/16/04 House Committee – Do Pass - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/SB908_hcr.rtf

- 2/03/04 S Direct to Calendar
- 2/03/04 General Order – Senate
- 2/25/04 Title Stricken
- 2/25/04 Bill and Emergency Passed – Senate (46-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb913_engr.rtf
- 3/01/04 H Direct to Calendar


2/03/04  S Direct to Calendar
2/03/04  General Order – Senate
2/25/04  Title Stricken
2/25/04  Bill and Emergency Passed – Senate (46-0)  - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb924_engr.rtf
3/01/04  H Direct to Calendar

SB 931 (Morgan/Mitchell) – APPROPRIATIONS.  Appropriating to the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST).  http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB931_int.rtf
2/03/04  S Direct to Calendar
2/03/04  General Order – Senate
2/25/04  Title Stricken
2/25/04  Bill and Emergency Passed – Senate (46-0)  - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb931_engr.rtf
3/01/04  H Direct to Calendar

SB 932 (Morgan/Mitchell) – APPROPRIATIONS.  Providing budgetary limits to the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST).  http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB932_int.rtf
2/03/04  S Direct to Calendar
2/03/04  General Order – Senate
2/25/04  Title Stricken
2/25/04  Bill and Emergency Passed – Senate (46-0)  - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb932_engr.rtf
3/01/04  H Direct to Calendar

SB 981 (Morgan/Mitchell) – APPROPRIATIONS.  Appropriating to the University Hospitals Authority.  http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB981_int.rtf
2/03/04  S Direct to Calendar
2/03/04  General Order – Senate
2/25/04  Title Stricken
2/25/04  Bill and Emergency Passed – Senate (45-0)  - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb981_engr.rtf
3/01/04  H Direct to Calendar

2/03/04  S Direct to Calendar
2/03/04  General Order – Senate
2/25/04  Title Stricken
2/25/04  Bill and Emergency Passed – Senate (45-0)  - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb982_engr.rtf
3/01/04  H Direct to Calendar

SB 1069 (Morgan/Mitchell) – APPROPRIATIONS.  General appropriations bill; appropriating to the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the Physician Manpower Training Commission, the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher
SB 1075 (Morgan/Mitchell) – UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES. This is a shell bill relating to unclassified employees. (74 § 840-5.5) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1075_int.rtf]

SB 1076 (Morgan/Mitchell) – DEFERRED SAVINGS INCENTIVE PLAN. This is a shell bill relating to the Oklahoma State Employee Deferred Savings Incentive Plan. (74 § 1707) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1076_int.rtf]

SB 1078 (Morgan/Mitchell) – AGENCY STRATEGIC PLANS. This is a shell bill relating to the state agency strategic plans. (62 § 45.3) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1078_int.rtf]

SB 1079 (Morgan/Mitchell) – STATE REGENTS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT. Authorizing and unspecified sum for State Regents capital improvement projects. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1079_int.rtf]

SB 1083 (Morgan/Mitchell) – APPROPRIATIONS. Appropriating to the State Regents. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1083_int.rtf]
2/25/04  Title Stricken
2/25/04  Bill and Emergency Passed – Senate  (46-0)  - [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1083_engr.rtf]
3/01/04  H Direct to Calendar

**SB 1086** (Morgan/Mitchell) – **APPROPRIATIONS.** Appropriating to the University Hospitals Authority. [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1086_int.rtf]
2/03/04  S Direct to Calendar
2/03/04  General Order – Senate
2/25/04  Title Stricken
2/25/04  Bill and Emergency Passed – Senate  (47-0)  - [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1086_engr.rtf]
3/01/04  H Direct to Calendar

**SB 1091** (Coffee/Vaughn) – **COMPUTER PORNOGRAPHY.** Requiring the reporting of computer images of child pornography. [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1091_int.rtf]
2/03/04  Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee
2/03/04  Senate Committee – Do Pass [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1091_sflr.rtf]
3/10/04  Floor Amendment Adopted
3/10/04  Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate  (44-0)  - [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1091_engr.rtf]
3/15/04  Referred to House Criminal Justice Committee

**SB 1096** (Gumm/Carey) – **SEX OFFENDERS REGISTRATION.** Relates to registration time limits within the Sex Offenders Registration Act; decreases time to register for certain persons; requires registration for person with spouse in this state. (57 § 583) [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1096_int.rtf]
2/03/04  Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee, Public Safety & Judiciary Subcommittee
2/11/04  Title Stricken
2/11/04  Senate Committee – Do Pass As Amended [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1096_scr.rtf]
3/04/04  Referred to House Criminal Justice Committee
3/16/04  House Committee – Do Pass - [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/SB1096_hcr.rtf]

**SB 1101** (Capps/Bonny) –**SPACE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS/TAX CREDIT.** Relating to income tax credits for qualified space transportation vehicle providers; modifying years for which certain tax credit allowed; modifying types of tax for which credit may be given; modifying date for certain notification. (68 § 2357.42) [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1101_int.rtf]
2/03/04  Referred to Senate Rules Committee
2/10/04  Reassigned to Senate Aerospace & Technology Committee
2/12/04  Senate Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass
2/18/04  Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate  (47-0)  - [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1101_engr.rtf]
SB 1105 (Gumm/Carey) – STATE EMPLOYEE ADVOCACY RIGHTS. Creating the State Employee Advocacy Rights Act; requiring agencies to allow employee organizations to hold meetings outside of working hours on state property, permit communication between employees and the employee organization representatives via e-mail, and allow employee organizations to provide certain information in new employee packets. http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1105_int.rtf
2/03/04 Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee, Gen Gov & Finance Subcommittee
2/18/04 Title Stricken
2/18/04 Senate Committee – Do Pass as Amended http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1105_scr.rtf
3/02/04 Bill Passed – Senate (33-12) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1105_engr.rtf

SB 1106 (Corn/Adair) – EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL. Increasing the flexible benefit allowance for school district employees to 100 percent of the premium amount for the HealthChoice option plan for an individual offered by the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board.
2/03/04 Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee, Education Subcommittee
2/18/04 Title Stricken
2/18/04 Senate Committee – Do Pass as Amended http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1106_scr.rtf
4/26/03 Floor Substitute Adopted
4/26/03 Bill Amended and Passed - Senate (40-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1106_sflr.rtf
3/02/04 Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee, Education Subcommittee

SB 1111 (Cain/Blackburn) – CHILD CARE FACILITIES LICENSING. Modifying complaint investigation and notification procedures under the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act. (10 §§ 403, 404, 406) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1111_int.rtf
2/03/04 Referred to Senate Human Resources Committee
2/12/04 Senate Committee – Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1111_scr.rtf
3/08/04 Bill Passed – Senate (25-17) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1111_engr.rtf
3/10/04 Referred to House Human Services Committee

SB 1112 (Corn/Ray Miller) – TECHNOLOGY CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD TERM LIMITS. Limiting the length of district board members terms of office for technology center school districts; requiring the State Board of Career and Technology Education to establish performance audit procedures for districts; provides that special audits can be performed on request. (70 § 14-108, 74 § 213) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1112_int.rtf
2/03/04 Referred to Senate Education Committee
2/09/04 Title Stricken
2/09/04 Senate Committee – Committee Substitute Passed http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1112_cs.rtf
2/25/04 Bill and Emergency Passed – Senate (41-2) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1112_engr.rtf
SB 1115 (Fisher/Staggs) – SCHOOL READINESS. Modifying the membership of the Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness Board; allowing the governor to appoint a member; providing for initial term. (10 § 640.11)  
2/03/04  Referred to Senate Education Committee  
2/09/04  Senate Committee – Do Pass  
2/24/04  Bill Passed – Senate  (38-0)  
3/18/04  House Committee – Do Pass (Committee Report Pending)  

SB 1119 (Gumm/Braddock) – TELECOMMUNICATIONS. Clarifying statutory reference for the Oklahoma Telecommunications Act of 1997; amending telephone rates; modifying companies exempt from certain regulations; changing type of service affected by certain provisions; limiting Corporation Commission regulation; limiting certain rate increase. (17 §§ 131, 137, 139.102, 139.103, 139.110)  
2/03/04  Referred to Senate Rules Committee  
2/12/04  Senate Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass  
3/08/04  Floor Amendment Adopted  
3/08/04  Bill Passed - Senate  (42-4)  
3/10/04  Referred to House Energy & Utility Regulation Committee

SB 1125 (Ford/DeWitt) – MENTOR TEACHERS/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. Relates to the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act; modifying selection process for mentor teachers; requiring selection of professional development institute instructors to be based on criteria adopted by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation. (70 § 6-182)  
2/03/04  Referred to Senate Education Committee  
2/10/04  Senate Committee – Do Pass  
2/23/04  Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate  (35-9)  
2/25/04  Referred to House Common Education Committee

SB 1131 (Corn/Ferguson) – RETIREMENT. Deleting references to periodic payments under the Teachers' Retirement System; deleting certain retirement and death benefits; amending definition of annual compensation. The House amendment deletes Section 2 on page 11 of the bill.  
2/03/04  Referred to Senate Retirement & Group Health Committee  
2/10/04  Title Stricken  
2/10/04  Senate Committee – Do Pass as Amended  
2/25/04  Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate  (43-0)  
3/01/04  Referred to House Retirement Laws Committee
SB 1134 (Corn/Ferguson) – RETIREMENT BENEFIT INCREASE. Providing benefit increases for certain persons receiving benefits from the various retirement systems, including the Teachers’ Retirement System.  

2/03/04 Referred to Senate Retirement & Group Health Committee  
2/10/04 Title Stricken  
2/10/04 Senate Committee – Do Pass as Amended  
2/25/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate (44-0) -  
3/01/04 Referred to House Retirement Laws Committee  
3/15/04 House Committee – Do Pass as Amended  

SB 1135 (Corn/Rice) – PURCHASING. Amending the authority of the State Purchasing Director regarding state purchase cards; requiring joint creation of rules and payment procedures; assessing certain fees under the State Use Committee; providing for investment of the State Use Committee Revolving Fund. (74 §§ 85.5, 3003, 3004.1, 3004.2) The House committee substitute amends Section 87 of HB 2725, which is a clean-up bill for duplicate sections.  

2/03/04 Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee, General Gov & Transportation Subcommittee  
2/11/04 Title Stricken  
2/11/04 Senate Committee – Do Pass as Amended  
3/01/04 Bill Passed – Senate (43-0) -  
3/03/04 Referred to House Govt Ops, Agency Oversight & Admin Rules Committee  
3/16/04 House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass  

SB 1136 (Corn/Smithson) – REDUCTION IN FORCE. Providing for veteran preference if an agency implements a reduction in force; requiring veteran's preference over affected non-veterans who have equal retention points to the affected veteran.  

2/03/04 Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee, General Gov & Transportation Subcommittee  
2/11/04 Title Stricken  
2/11/04 Senate Committee – Do Pass as Amended  
3/01/04 Bill Passed – Senate (42-4) -  
3/03/04 Referred to House Govt Ops, Agency Oversight & Admin Rules Committee  
3/16/04 House Committee – Do Pass  

SB 1143 (Corn/Hilliard) – RETIREMENT/HEALTH INSURANCE. Creates the Oklahoma State Employees Medical Savings Trust Program for eligible state employees to help pay for future qualified medical expenses after termination or retirement from state service; providing for the de-
posi of certain amount of accumulated annual leave and sick leave balance into an individual retiree savings account. (74 § 840-2.20) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1143_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to Senate Rules Committee
2/16/04 Reassigned to Senate Retirement & Group Health Committee
2/17/04 Title Stricken
2/17/04 Senate Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1143_cs.rtf
3/11/04 Bill Passed – Senate (40-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1143_engr.rtf
3/16/04 Referred to House Govt Ops, Agency Oversight & Admin Rules Committee

SB 1144 (Corn/Covey) – HEALTH INSURANCE/RETIREMENT. Amending provisions under the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Act; clarifying the Teachers’ Retirement System eligibility. The House committee substitute amends Section 103 of HB 2725, which is a clean-up bill for duplicate sections. (74 §§ 1303, 1306, 1308, 1315, 1316.2 and 1316.3) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1144_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to Senate Retirement & Group Health Committee
2/10/04 Title Stricken
2/10/04 Senate Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1144_cs.rtf
3/02/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate (45-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1144_engr.rtf
3/04/04 Referred to House Govt Ops, Agency Oversight & Admin Rules Committee
3/16/04 House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/SB1144_hcr.rtf

SB 1152 (Wilkerson/Harrison) – ATTORNEY FOR STATE AGENCIES. Requiring the Attorney General to notify the Governor of the disqualification in any civil action or proceeding in which the state or an agency or employee of the state is a party and the Attorney General’s office is disqualified for any reason other than misconduct by the party and the Governor shall appoint an attorney to represent the state, agency or employee. http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1152_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee
2/10/04 Senate Committee – Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1152_scr.rtf
4/24/03 Floor Amendment Adopted
4/24/03 Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate (43-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1152_engr.rtf
2/26/04 Referred to House Judiciary Committee

SB 1160 (Helton/Askins) – HEALTH INSURANCE. Relating to vision insurance plans; requiring providers to be actively engaged in certain services. (74 § 1374) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1160_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to Senate Retirement & Group Health Committee
2/17/04 Title Stricken
2/17/04 Senate Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1160_cs.rtf
3/18/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate (46-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1160_engr.rtf
SB 1162 (Lerblance/Sweeden) – HEALTH INSURANCE. Allowing State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board to offer point of service plan; allowing certain vendors to offer the plans. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1162_int.rtf]

- 2/03/04 Referred to Senate Retirement & Group Health Committee
- 2/10/04 Title Stricken
- 2/10/04 Senate Committee – Do Pass as Amended [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1162_scr.rtf]

- 3/02/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate (41-0) - [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1162_engr.rtf]
- 3/16/04 House Committee – Do Pass - [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/SB1162_hcr.rtf]

SB 1172 (Corn/Smithson) – MANUFACTURING METHAMPHETAMINES NEAR COLLEGES. Prohibiting manufacture of methamphetamine within 2,000 feet of an elementary or secondary school, public vocational school, public or private college or university, or other institution of higher education or certain other properties; providing for penalties. (21 § 852.1, 63 § 2-415.1) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1172_int.rtf]

- 2/03/04 Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee, Public Safety & Judiciary Subcommittee
- 2/11/04 Senate Committee – Laid Over
- 2/18/04 Title Stricken
- 2/18/04 Senate Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1172_cs.rtf]

- 03/02/04 Laid Over
- 03/04/04 Floor Amendment Adopted
- 03/03/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate (46-0) - [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1172_scr.rtf]

- 3/08/04 Referred to House Appr & Budget Committee, Public Safety Subcommittee

SB 1206 (Price/Covey) – OKLAHOMA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD. Adds Secretary of Agriculture to the Oklahoma Science and Technology Research and Development Board. (74 § 5060.6) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1206_int.rtf]

- 2/03/04 Referred to Senate Aerospace & Technology Committee
- 2/19/04 Senate Committee – Do Pass [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1206_scr.rtf]

- 2/24/04 Bill Passed – Senate (45-0) - [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1206_engr.rtf]

- 2/26/04 Referred to House Science & Technology Committee
- 3/17/04 House Committee – Do Pass (Committee Report Pending)

SB 1207 (Crutchfield/Staggs) – SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS/SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS/AUDIOLOGISTS. Providing that, subject to the availability of fund, the State Board of Education shall provide a $5,000 annual salary bonus to eligible school psychologists, speech-language pathologists and audiologists; creating the Oklahoma School Psychologist, Speech-Language Pathologist, and Audiologist National Certification Revolving Fund. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1207_int.rtf]

- 2/03/04 Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee, Education Subcommittee
SB 1212 (Maddox/Askins) – WIND POWER. Stating legislative intent to provide funding for the continuation of the Wind Power Initiative which is located in the Environmental Verification and Analysis Center of the University of Oklahoma, and which works with other higher education system programs including Oklahoma State University and the Oklahoma Mesonet program; providing that the OWPI will be a joint project of the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University; providing that with continued funding the OWPI would continue outreach efforts through college education initiatives and promote research activities at universities to help attract the wind industry to the state; creating a Wind Power Assessment Committee. The committee substitute no longer provides for the OWPI to be a joint project of OU and OSU. It provides that OWPI participants would serve as technical advisors to the assessment committee.

SB 1255 (Robinson/Vaughn) – PHYSICAL THERAPY. Amending sections which relate to the Physical Therapy Practice Act; making physician assistants subject to loss of license; allowing referrals by physician assistants. (59 §§ 887.13, 887.17)

SB 1263 (Robinson/Staggs) – SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS/AUDIOLOGISTS. Amending the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act; modifying definitions; adding eligibility requirement for licensure as a speech-language pathologist; providing eligibility requirements for licensure as an audiologist.
3/08/04  Referred to House Public Health Committee

**SB 1271** (Coffee/Winchester) – TECHNOLOGY CENTER SCHOOLS/COLLEGE PREP COURSES. Authorizing technology center school districts to offer programs designed in cooperation with higher education institutions that have an emphasis on a focused field of career study upon approval of the State Board of Education and the independent district board of education; allows tenth-grade students to attend the programs for up to one-half of a school day. (70 § 11-103.6) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1271_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1271_int.rtf)

- 2/03/04  Referred to Senate Education Committee
- 2/09/04  Senate Committee – Do Pass As Amended [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1271_scr.rtf](http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1271_scr.rtf)
- 2/25/04  Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate  (47-0) [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1271_engr.rtf](http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1271_engr.rtf)
- 3/01/04  Referred to House Common Education Committee
- 3/18/04  House Committee – Do Pass (Committee Report Pending)

**SB 1272** (Corn/Harrison) – TEACHER SALARY INCREASE. Increasing minimum salaries; adding additional year steps to the minimum salary schedule. (70 § 18-114.7) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1272_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1272_int.rtf)

- 2/03/04  Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee, Education Subcommittee
- 2/18/04  Title Stricken
- 2/18/04  Senate Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1272_cs.rtf](http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1272_cs.rtf)
- 3/03/04  Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate  (46-0) - [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1272_engr.rtf](http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1272_engr.rtf)
- 3/08/04  Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee, Education Subcommittee

**SB 1288** (Shurden/Hamilton) – EMPLOYMENT SECURITY. Relates to the Oklahoma Security Act of 1980; excluding services performed by certain agricultural laborers from definition of employment; defining terms; providing for benefits for educational employees for non-educational employment under certain circumstances; adding additional initial claim to procedures for claims and notices; modifying procedures for certain appeals; providing additional exception to certain benefit wages charged to certain employers; adding employees to the list of acquisitions of certain acquiring employers.

- 2/03/04  Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
- 2/18/04  Title Stricken
- 2/18/04  Senate Committee – Do Pass As Amended
- 2/24/04  Title Restored
- 2/24/04  Bill Passed – Senate  (29-15) - [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1288_engr.rtf](http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1288_engr.rtf)
- 2/26/04  Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

**SB 1300** (Price/Covey) – BEEF IMPROVEMENT AND MARKETING. Creating the Oklahoma Beef Improvement and Market Development Act; providing for legislative intent; creating Oklahoma Beef Council; providing that the Council may conduct or contract for scientific research with any accredited university, college, or similar institution and enter into other contracts or agreements that aid in carrying out the purposes of the Oklahoma Beef Improvement and Market Development Act, including but not limited to contracts for the purchase or acquisition of facilities, advertising, or equipment.

- 2/03/04  Referred to Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee
SB 1310 (Branan/Winchester) - TEACHER BONUS. Requiring the Department of Education to establish a program for performance bonuses.  http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1310_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee, Education Subcommittee
2/18/04 Title Stricken
2/18/04 Senate Committee – Do Pass as Amended  http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1310_scr.rtf
3/03/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate (40-4)  -  http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1310_engr.rtf
3/08/04 Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee, Education Subcommittee

SB 1347 (Williams/Wells) – ART IN PUBLIC PLACES. Creating the Oklahoma Art in Public Places Act; declaring the Oklahoma Historical Society as the administrative agency; creating an Art in Public Places Oversight Committee, membership of which includes the Chancellor or designee; requiring all state agencies, including State System institutions to allocate a certain portion of capital project expenditures to the Oklahoma Historical Society for the purpose of funding the Oklahoma Art in Public Places Act; providing for exception; requiring that State System institutions remain in complete administrative control of certain assessment.  http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1347_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to Senate Appro Committee, Natl Resources & Reg Svcs Subcommittee
2/18/04 Title Stricken
2/18/04 Senate Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass  http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1347_cs.rtf
2/25/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate (35-11)  -  http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1347_engr.rtf
3/01/04 Referred to House Appro & Budget Com, Natl Res & Reg Svcs Subcommittee

SB 1373 (Myers/Ron Peterson) – SEALED INFORMATION. Providing procedures for expungement of certain victim protective orders; prohibiting denial of application by employers, educational institutions, state and local government agencies, etc., for failure to disclose sealed information.  http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1373_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee
2/10/04 Senate Committee – Laid Over  http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1373_sflr.rtf
2/17/04 Senate Committee – Do Pass  http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1373_scr.rtf
3/03/04 Bill Passed – Senate (44-1)  -  http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1373_engr.rtf
3/08/04 Referred to House Criminal Justice Committee

SB 1382 (Monson/Stanley) – HEPATITIS A IMMUNIZATIONS/TAX CREDIT. Removing the time limit on the tax credit allowed persons operating food service establishments for immunizations against Hepatitis A for their employees.  (68 § 2357.33)  http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1382_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to Senate Finance Committee
2/17/04 Senate Committee – Do Pass  http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1382_scr.rtf
2/25/04 Bill Passed – Senate (45-0)  -  http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1382_engr.rtf
SB 1383 (Monson/Pope) – SALES TAX EXEMPTION/EVENT TICKETS. Creating a sales tax exemption for tickets of admission by tax-exempt organizations to events at publicly owned venues which are part of a tournament to determine regional or national championships at the college or university level. The House committee substitute amends Section 66 of HB 2725, which is a clean-up bill for duplicate sections, creating a sales tax exemption for “tickets for admission to a collegiate athletic event that is held in a facility owned or operated by a municipality or a public trust of which the municipality is the sole beneficiary and that actually determines or is part of a tournament or tournament process for determining a conference tournament championship, a conference championship, or a national championship”. It also creates a tax exemption for the organization that operates the Oklahoma City National Memorial Museum. (68 § 1356)

http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1383_int.rtf

2/03/04  Referred to Senate Finance Committee
2/10/04  Title Stricken
2/10/04  Senate Committee – Do Pass as Amended  http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1383_scr.rtf

3/09/04  Floor Substitute Adopted
3/09/04  Title Restored
3/08/04  Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate (44-0) -  http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1383_engr.rtf

3/11/04  Referred to House Revenue & Taxation Committee
3/17/04  House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass -
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/SB1383_hcs.rtf

SB 1385 (Capps/Braddock) – PERSONNEL/UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS/LEAVE/STATE EMPLOYEE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS. Relating to the Oklahoma Personnel Act; making certain information confidential and not subject to the Open Record Act; expanding Administrator’s duties to include establishing a quality management function; providing gender-neutral language; clarifying language; correcting language; deleting obsolete references to the University Hospitals Authority; moving language concerning skill-based adjustments; removing exemptions related to the University Hospitals Authority Model Personnel System; amending references; providing for discretionary leave accrual above limits; providing for treatment of excess accrual; clarifying use of leave provision; deleting obsolete language; clarifying condition upon which leave may be donated; clarifying references to leave, clarifying period to rate employees; clarifying procedure for reporting compliance with the performance management process; amending sections relating to the Oklahoma State Employee Charitable Contribution Act.

http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1385_int.rtf

2/03/04  Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
2/18/04  Title Stricken
2/18/04  Senate Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1385_cs.rtf

2/26/04  Title Restored
2/26/04  Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate (40-1) -  http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1385_engr.rtf

3/08/04  Referred to House Govt Ops, Agency Oversight & Admin Rules Committee
3/16/04  House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass -
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/SB1385_hcs.rtf
SB 1445 (Cain/Askins) – PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS. Requiring the State Board of Education to establish health and physical education program for all public school students in kindergarten through eighth grade; requiring minimum time of instruction; specifying components. 

http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1445_int.rtf

2/03/04  Referred to Senate Education Committee
2/16/04  Title Stricken
2/16/04  Senate Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass

http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1445_cs.rtf

3/02/04  Bill Passed – Senate (28-16) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1445_engr.rtf

3/04/04  Referred to House Common Education Committee
3/18/04  House Committee – Report Progress

SB 1449 (Wilcoxson/Coleman) – LIFELONG LEARNING. Creating until December 31, 2005, the Oklahoma Lifelong Learning Account Act; creating a Task Force on Lifelong Learning; providing that the task force shall be led by the State Regents and chaired by the Chancellor or designee. 

http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1449_int.rtf

2/03/04  Referred to Senate Education Committee
2/16/04  Title Stricken
2/16/04  Senate Committee – Do Pass as Amended http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1449_scr.rtf

3/09/04  Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate (44-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1449_engr.rtf

3/11/04  Referred to House Higher Education Committee
3/16/04  House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/SB1449_hcs.rtf

SB 1457 (Kerr/Covey) – INVENTORS TRADE SHOW. Requiring the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST) to establish an annual Made in Oklahoma and Oklahoma Inventors Trade Show. (74 § 5064.4) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1457_int.rtf

2/03/04  Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee, Education Sub Com
2/18/04  Title Stricken
2/18/04  Senate Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass

http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1457_cs.rtf

3/04/04  Bill Passed – Senate (42-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1457_engr.rtf

3/09/04  Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee, Education Subcommittee

SB 1470 (Williams/Blackburn) – STUDENT SUCCESS/TEACH FOR OKLAHOMA. Creating the Student Success in High Priority Schools Act; establishing the Teach for Oklahoma program designed to provide bonuses to certain teachers; providing that criteria for qualification for teachers and administrators in the program will be determined by State Board of Education in cooperation with the Teacher Preparation Commission, the State Regents and the Secretary of Education, or designee of the Governor representing the private sector. http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1470_int.rtf

2/03/04  Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee, Education Subcommittee
2/18/04  Title Stricken
2/18/04  Senate Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass

http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1470_cs.rtf
SB 1473 (Williams/Nations) – TEACHER PREPARATION. Requiring the Teacher Preparation Commission and the State Regents to adopt a common set of professional teaching competencies and performance levels for teachers; providing that the teaching competencies and performance levels shall be considered in determining the adequacy of the professional performance of a teacher. (70 § 6-101.21) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1473_int.rtf
2/03/04 Referred to Senate Education Committee
2/16/04 Title Stricken
2/16/04 Senate Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1473_cs.rtf
03/02/04 Bill Failed – Senate (22-19)
03/02/04 Motion to Reconsider - Senate
03/03/04 Reconsideration Motion Passed
3/03/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate (38-7) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1473_engr.rtf
3/08/04 Referred to House Common Education Committee

SB 1474 (Aldridge/Cargill) – CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION. Requires school district boards of education to ensure that at least one teacher and one support staff member at each school receive training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation each year. (70 § 1210.199) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1474_int.rtf
2/03/04 Referred to Senate Rules Committee
2/05/04 Reassigned to Appropriations, Education Subcommittee
2/18/04 Title Stricken
2/18/04 Senate Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1474_cs.rtf
3/08/04 Floor Amendment Adopted
3/08/04 Bill Failed - Senate (24-19)
3/11/04 Reconsideration Motion Adopted
3/16/04 Referred to House Common Education Committee

SB 1488 (Fisher/Askins) – ACCOUNTANCY ACT. Amending sections relating to the Oklahoma Accountancy Act; modifying requirements for examinations; deleting and modifying certain educational and experience requirements for the certificate of certified public accountant. http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1488_int.rtf
2/03/04 Referred to Senate Business & Labor Committee
2/16/04 Senate Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1488_cs.rtf
2/25/04 Bill Passed – Senate (43-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1488_engr.rtf
3/01/04 Referred to House Commerce, Industry & Labor Committee

SB 1489 (Fisher/Askins) – BOND FUNDS/GIFTS TO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS. Authorizing the state treasurer to invest in short-term bond funds; authorizing higher education institutions, certain constituent agencies or entities to accept gifts, grants or contracts. (62 § 89.2, 70 § 4306) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1489_int.rtf
SB 1501 (Snyder/Peters) – SCHOOL OF ARTS. Creating the Oklahoma School of the Arts; providing for a board of trustees, members of which include the Chair of the State Regents, or designee, the Chancellor, or designee, and a president of a State System institution; stating terms, powers and duties of board; creating the Oklahoma School of the Arts Revolving Fund; stating purposes for which funds may be used. http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1501_int.rtf

SB 1507 (Fisher/Carey) – PUBLIC CONTRACTS. Relating to the execution of public contracts; providing that a single irrevocable letter of credit may be used for complying with certain requirements. (61 § 113) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1507_int.rtf

SB 1534 (Wilcoxson/Pam Peterson) – EDUCATION LEADERSHIP OKLAHOMA/TEACHER PREPARATION/MENTOR TEACHERS. Requiring the Commission for Teacher Preparation to inform teachers of the Education Leadership Oklahoma program emphasizing recruiting efforts toward teachers at high-poverty schools, low-achieving schools and in counties with the lowest percentage of teachers who have achieved National Board certification; directing the selection of scholarship applicants from a certain number of teachers from schools on the school improvement list; amending section pertaining to bonuses for board-certified teachers; directing the Board of Education to ensure National Board-certified teachers serve as mentors to certain teachers; requiring the Commission to contract for an independent evaluation of the impact of National Board certification on measured student achievement. http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1534_int.rtf
SB 1537 (Capps/Deutschendorf) – NANOTECHNOLOGY. Expanding goals of the Science and Technology Research and Development Act to include nanotechnology.  
http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1537_int.rtf
2/03/04 Referred to Senate Aerospace & Technology Committee
2/19/04 Senate Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1537_cs.rtf
2/24/04 Bill Passed – Senate (45-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1537_engr.rtf
2/26/04 Referred to House Science & Technology Committee
3/17/04 House Committee – Do Pass (Committee Report Pending)

SB 1554 (Robinson/Hilliard) – TRAUMA SYSTEMS. Creating a Trauma Systems Improvement and Development Act; providing for rules by the State Board of Health; providing for a Trauma System Improvement and Development Advisory Council and Medicaid Audit Committee.  
http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1554_int.rtf
2/03/04 Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee, Health & Soc Svcs Subcommittee
2/18/04 Title Stricken
2/18/04 Senate Committee – Do Pass as Amended http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1554_scr.rtf
3/09/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate (42-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1554_engr.rtf
3/11/04 Referred to House Appro & Budget Com, Health & Health & Soc Svcs Subcom

SB 1557 (Kerr/McCarter) – NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL AUTHORITY. Permitting the Commerce Department and other government agencies to assist the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority; allowing removal of authority members for excessive failure to attend meetings; authorizing the Authority to contract with other state agencies to assist in the administration of the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority Fund.  
http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1557_int.rtf
2/03/04 Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee, Natural Resources & Reg Svcs Subcommittee
2/18/04 Title Stricken
2/18/04 Senate Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1557_cs.rtf
3/02/04 Bill Passed – Senate (29-11) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1557_engr.rtf
3/04/04 Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

SB 1580 (Fisher/Askins) – DIRECT DEPOSIT. Relating to public finance and state government; amending sections which relate to the Oklahoma State Employees' Direct Deposit Act; modifying definitions; requiring the Office of Personnel Management to implement direct deposit system for certain employees; requiring certain employees, including State Regents employees and employees of State System institutions, to participate in a direct deposit system by certain time period; providing for limited exception.  
http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1580_int.rtf
2/03/04 Referred to Senate Appro Committee, Genl Govt & Transportation Subcommittee
2/18/04 Title Stricken
2/18/04 Senate Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1580_cs.rtf
2/24/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate (42-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1580_engr.rtf
2/26/04 Referred to House Govt Ops, Agency Oversight & Admin Rules Committee
SB 1616 (Cain/Lindley) – EMERGENCY RESPONSE. Expanding legislative findings and declarations under the Oklahoma Emergency Response Systems Development Act.
http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1616_int.rtf
2/03/04 Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee, Health & Social Services Subcommittee
2/18/04 Title Stricken
2/18/04 Senate Committee – Do Pass as Amended http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1616_scr.rtf

SB 1626 (Maddox/Armes) – VOLUNTEER MEDICAL LICENSURE. Relating to volunteer medical licensure for physicians and dentists; requiring specified list of medical services for which the volunteer medical license may be used; providing that the list may include, but need not be limited to, service at a volunteer clinic or at an educational sporting event; providing exemption from liability for civil damage for doctors who render medical care on a voluntary basis at a free medical clinic or an educational sporting event. http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1626_int.rtf
2/03/04 Referred to Senate Human Resources Committee
2/19/04 Title Stricken
2/19/04 Senate Committee – Do Pass as Amended http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1626_scr.rtf
3/10/04 Floor Amendment Adopted
3/10/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate (43-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1626_engr.rtf
3/15/04 Referred to House Public Health Committee

SB 1627 (Cain/Askins) – HEALTH AND FITNESS CURRICULUM. Creating the Healthy and Fit Kids Act of 2004; stating legislative intent that public schools, families and communities work together to ensure that the school’s curriculum, instruction and after-school programs reflect community values; providing for the establishment of local Safe and Healthy School Advisory Committees which shall study and make recommendations concerning changes to education curriculum and instruction requirements. http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1627_int.rtf
2/03/04 Referred to Senate Education Committee
2/09/04 Title Stricken
2/09/04 Senate Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1627_cs.rtf
3/02/04 Bill Passed – Senate (32-13) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sb1627_engr.rtf
3/04/04 Referred to House Common Education Committee
3/18/04 House Committee – Do Pass as Amended (Committee Report Pending)

SCR 36 (Riley/Carey) – BREAST FEEDING. Memorializes the Governor to declare by executive order that all female State of Oklahoma employees shall be provided with adequate facilities for breast-feeding or expressing milk. http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SCR36_int.rtf
2/02/04 Senate Introduced

SCR 37 (Corn/Brannon) – TERESA FARRINGTON. Designating Teresa Farrington, who teaches art classes for adults at Carl Albert State College, the unofficial State Caricature Artist of Oklahoma. http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SCR37_int.rtf
2/02/04 S Introduced
SCR 39 (Maddox/Deutschendorf) – CAMERON UNIVERSITY/REVENUE BONDS. Authorizing the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma, acting on behalf of Cameron University, to issue certain revenue bonds. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SCR39_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SCR39_int.rtf)

3/15/04 Adopted – House

SCR 41 (Snyder/Pettigrew) – UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA/REVENUE BONDS. Authorizing the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges to issue revenue bonds for the University of Central Oklahoma. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SCR41_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SCR41_int.rtf)

2/24/04 Adopted – Senate [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/scr41_engr.rtf](http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/scr41_engr.rtf)
3/16/04 Adopted – House -

SCR 43 (Hobson/Nations) – JASON WHITE, HEISMAN TROPHY WINNER. Commending and congratulating Jason White upon winning the Heisman Trophy and the Davey O’Brien National quarterback Award.


SCR 44 (Fisher/Ferguson) – HENRY & SHIRLEY BELLMON HISTORY CENTER. Directing the site of the new Oklahoma History Center be named “The Henry and Shirley Bellmon Oklahoma History Center Park”. Henry Bellmon was the first graduate from Oklahoma State University to be elected Governor of Oklahoma. Henry Bellmon lectured at Oklahoma City University, Central State University, the University of Oklahoma, and Oklahoma State University and founded the Oklahoma Alliance for Public Policy Research, an organization for forming university research teams on public policy.

2/26/04 S Introduced [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/scr44_engr.rtf](http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/scr44_engr.rtf)
3/01/04 Referred to House Tourism & Recreation Committee

SCR 50 (Maddox/McCarter) – READING CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION. Creating the Task Force on Reading Curriculum and Instruction, membership of which includes, among others, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or designee, the chair of the Teacher Preparation Commission, or designee, two representatives of the business community to be appointed by the Chancellor, one representative from the private sector who provides professional education to teachers in reading to be appointed by the Chancellor and the Chancellor, who shall serve as chair of the task force.

3/11/04 Adopted – Senate [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/scr50_engr.rtf](http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/scr50_engr.rtf)
3/16/04 Referred to House Common Education Committee
3/18/04 House Committee – Laid Over

SJR 54 (Gumm/Roan) – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GUNSMITH CURRICULUM. Directing the Department of Agriculture to collaborate with an Oklahoma higher education institution that offers a gunsmith curriculum to develop strategies to attract a firearms manufacturer; requiring economic incentives. The committee substitute directs a collaboration between the Commerce Department and a higher education institution that offers a gunsmith curriculum to develop strategies to attract a firearms manufacturer to locate in close proximity to such institution; requiring the in-
stitution to designate a liaison with the Commerce Department to coordinate said efforts; authorizing certain economic incentives. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SJR54_int.rtf]

2/03/04  Referred to Senate Commerce Committee

2/12/04  Senate Committee – Do Pass [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sjr54_scr.rtf]

3/02/04  General Order – Senate

3/08/04  Title Stricken

3/08/04  Bill Passed – Senate (43-0) - [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/sjr54_ engr.rtf]

3/10/04  Referred to House Economic Development Committee

3/17/04  House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass - [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/SJR54_hcs.rtf]

SR 36 (Leftwich) – DERRICK STRAIT. Praising and commending 2003 Jim Thorpe Award Winner Derrick Strait, record-setting football player at the University of Oklahoma.

2/05/04 To Secretary of State - [http://www.sos.state.ok.us/documents/Legislation/49th/2004/2R/SR/36.pdf]

SR 42 (Nichols) – OKLAHOMA MESONET DAY. Designating March 11, 2004, “Oklahoma Mesonet Day”; thanking Dr. Ken Crawford of the University of Oklahoma and Dr. Ron Elliott of Oklahoma State University who provided the leadership at their individual institutions of higher education to design and implement the Oklahoma Mesonet.


HOUSE BILLS

HB 1018 (Leist/Shurden) – ADMINISTRATIVE RULES. Authorizing agencies to promulgate emergency rules provided certain conditions are met; prohibiting an emergency from being found to exist when the primary cause of the emergency is a delay or inaction caused by the agency involved and the emergency situation could have been averted by timely compliance with the permanent rule-making provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act. (75 § 253)

[http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1018_int.rtf]

2/04/03 Second reading - Referred to House Gov Ops, Oversight, Admin Rul Committee

2/09/04  House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass

2/23/04  Bill and Emergency Passed - House (99-0) - [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb1018_ engr.rtf]

3/17/04  Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

HB 1136 (Greenwood/Wilcoxson) – TEACHER CERTIFICATION/MIDDLE LEVEL. Prohibiting school districts from employing teachers to teach English, science or social studies in grades seven or eight unless the teacher is licensed or certified to teach such subject at the middle or secondary level or has received a middle level endorsement; providing exception; providing procedure for obtaining such certification or endorsement. (70 § 6-189.2)

[http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1136_int.rtf]

2/04/03 Second reading - Referred to House Common Education Committee

2/10/04 Rereferred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee, Education Subcommittee

2/18/04  Title Stricken

2/18/04  House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass

[http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1136_cs.rtf]
HB 1418 (Hutchison/Easley) – PURCHASING/EMERGENCY RESPONSE AGREEMENTS. Relating to the Central Purchasing Act; exempting agreements between state agencies and the United States Army Corp of Engineers for emergency response and protection from certain requisition and competitive bidding requirements. (62 § 139.47; 74 §§ 85.7, 85.44B)

2/20/03 House Committee – Do Pass - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1418_hcr.rtf
3/04/03 Bill Passed - House (99-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb1418_engr.rtf
3/26/03 Senate Committee – Do Pass as Amended
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/hb1418_scr.rtf
4/15/03 Bill Passed - Senate (44-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/hb1418_sahb.rtf

5/19/03 CCR Adopted, Bill Passed – House (60-37), Emergency Passed (68-31) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1418_ccr.rtf

HB 1437 (Brannon/Corn) – RETIREMENT/HEALTH INSURANCE PAYMENT BENEFIT. Increasing the maximum health insurance premium payment benefit amount payable by the Teachers’ Retirement System. (74 § 1316.3) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1437_int.rtf

2/04/03 Second reading - Referred to House Retirement Laws Committee
2/17/03 House Committee – Report Progress
2/16/04 House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1437_cs.rtf

3/11/04 Title Stricken
3/17/04 Referred to Senate Retirement & Group Health Committee

HB 1571 (Harrison/Rabon) – HEALTH INSURANCE RATES. Modifying premium rates allowed for certain active and retired employees in regard to the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Act. (74 § 1306) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1571_int.rtf

2/04/03 Second reading - Referred to House Govt Ops, Oversight, Admin Rul Committee
2/19/04 House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1571_cs.rtf

3/08/04 Title Stricken
3/08/04 Bill Passed – House (87-13) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb1571_engr.rtf
3/16/04 Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
3/18/04 Reassigned to Senate Appro Com, Genl Govt & Transportation Subcommittee

HB 1577 (Dorman/Leftwich) – PERFORMANCE AUDITS. Modifying duties of the Performance Audit Division of the Office of the State Auditor and Inspector; providing for distribution of
copies of examinations; modifying procedure for requesting a performance audit; providing for payment of costs; requiring submission of cost estimates. (74 §§ 213.2, 213.3)

3/12/03 Bill and Emergency Passed - House (100-0) - [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb1577_engr.rtf](http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb1577_engr.rtf)

4/22/03 Bill and Emergency Passed - Senate (45-0) - [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/hb1577_sahb.rtf](http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/hb1577_sahb.rtf)

5/30/03 CCR Submitted to House - [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1577_ccs.rtf](http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1577_ccs.rtf)

2/09/04 CCR Adopted, Bill Passed - House (98-1) - [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1577_engr.rtf](http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1577_engr.rtf)

**HB 1822** (Sweeden/Shurden) – **TUITION INCREASES**. Requiring State System institutions to provide the State Regents with various reports regarding proposed tuition and fee increases prior to Feb. 1 of each year; requiring the Chancellor and a representative of the institution proposing a tuition increase to meet with the House and Senate appropriations committees. (70 § 3218.2) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1822_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1822_int.rtf)

2/03/04 Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee, Education Subcommittee

2/18/04 House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1822_cs.rtf](http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1822_cs.rtf)

3/02/04 Title Stricken

3/02/04 Motion to Amend

3/02/04 Amendment Failed

3/02/04 Bill Passed – House (54-42), Emergency Failed (56-39) - [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb1822_engr.rtf](http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb1822_engr.rtf)

3/02/04 Motion to Reconsider - House

03/08/04 Motion to Reconsider - Time Expired, Engrossed – House [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb1822_engr.rtf](http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb1822_engr.rtf)

3/16/04 Referred to House Appropriations Committee

**HB 1846** (Hilliard/Crutchfield) – **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**. This is a shell bill enacting the "Oklahoma Capital Improvements and Finance Act of 2004". [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1846_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1846_int.rtf)

2/03/04 Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee

2/18/04 House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1846_cs.rtf](http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1846_cs.rtf)

3/09/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - House (73-16) - [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb1846_engr.rtf](http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb1846_engr.rtf)

3/16/04 Referred to Senate Rules Committee

**HB 1849** (Reynolds/Myers) – **PURCHASING COMPUTER SOFTWARE**. Prohibiting state agencies from entering into contracts for certain computer software unless the source code is provided; requires certain documentation; directs the State Purchasing Director to provide advice and assistance. (62 § 41.5t) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1849_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1849_int.rtf)

2/03/04 Referred to House Govt Ops, Agency Oversight & Admin Rules Committee


3/04/04 Title Stricken

3/04/04 Emergency Clause Stricken

3/04/04 Bill Passed – House (75-20) - [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb1849_engr.rtf](http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb1849_engr.rtf)

3/16/04 Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
HB 1851 (Pettigrew/Dunlap) – HEALTH INSURANCE. Allowing educational entities to cease participation in State and Education Employees Group Insurance Act but provide health insurance coverage through another insurance carrier; requiring subsequent carrier be responsible for certain coverage. (74 § 1308.1) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1851_int.rtf
2/03/04 Referred to House Govt Ops, Agency Oversight & Admin Rules Committee
2/10/04 House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1851_cs.rtf
2/19/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - House (99-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb1851_engr.rtf
3/17/04 Referred to Senate Retirement & Group Health Committee

HB 1853 (Turner/Wilkerson) – VIOLENT OFFENDERS REGISTRATION. Creating the Mary Rippy Violent Crime Offenders Registration Act; requiring violent crime offenders to register with local law enforcement officials, including the security department of a higher education institution where the offender is enrolled as a student, is employed or resides; prohibiting registrants from working with children, on school premises, or as a peace officer. http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1853_int.rtf
2/03/04 Referred to House Corrections Committee
2/03/04 House Committee – Committee SUBSTITUTE Do Pass
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1853_cs.rtf
3/08/04 Floor SUBSTITUTE Adopted
3/08/04 Bill Amended and Passed - House (95-5) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb1853_engr.rtf
3/16/04 Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
3/18/04 Reassigned to Senate Appropriations Committee, Public Safety & Judiciary

2/03/04 Referred to House Retirement Laws Committee
2/03/04 House Committee – Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1857_hcr.rtf
2/24/04 Title Stricken
2/24/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - House (93-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb1857_engr.rtf
3/10/04 Referred to Senate Retirement & Group Health Committee

2/03/04 Referred to House Environment & Natural Resources Committee
2/17/04 House Committee – Committee SUBSTITUTE Do Pass
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1877_cs.rtf
3/10/04 Title Stricken
3/10/04 Bill Passed – House (96-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb1877_engr.rtf
HB 1894 (Bonny/Capps) – SPACE TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE PROVIDERS. Relating to income tax credits for qualified space transportation vehicle providers; modifying years for which certain tax credit allowed; modifying types of tax for which credit may be given; modifying date for certain notification.  http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1894_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to House Small Business Committee
2/18/04 House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass

http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1894_scr.rtf
3/08/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - House (84-16) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb1894_engr.rtf
3/15/04 Senate Committee – Do Pass - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/hb1894_scr.rtf
3/16/04 Bill Passed – Senate (40-0) - 03/17/04 To Governor - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb1894_enr.rtf

HB 1903 (Mitchell/Morgan) – APPROPRIATIONS. Appropriating to the State Regents, including the Office of Accountability. http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1903_int.rtf

2/03/04 H Direct to Calendar
2/03/04 General Order – House
2/23/04 Senate Committee – Laid Over
2/24/04 Title Stricken
2/24/04 Bill and Emergency Passed – House (93-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb1903_engr.rtf
3/10/04 S Direct to Calendar
3/10/04 General Order – Senate


2/03/04 H Direct to Calendar
2/03/04 General Order – House
3/09/04 Title Stricken
3/17/04 S Direct to Calendar
3/17/04 General Order – Senate

HB 1911 (Mitchell/Morgan) – APPROPRIATIONS. Appropriating to the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST). http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1911_int.rtf

2/03/04 H Direct to Calendar
2/03/04 General Order – House
2/24/04 Title Stricken
2/24/04 Bill and Emergency Passed – House (91-5) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb1911_engr.rtf
3/10/04 S Direct to Calendar
3/10/04 General Order – Senate

HB 1912 (Mitchell/Morgan) – APPROPRIATIONS. Providing budgetary limits to the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST). http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1912_int.rtf

2/03/04 H Direct to Calendar
2/03/04 General Order – House
3/09/04    Floor Substitute Adopted
3/09/04    Bill Amended and Passed - House (96-3) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb1912_engr.rtf
3/16/04    S Direct to Calendar
3/16/04    General Order – Senate

HB 1937 (Mitchell/Morgan) – APPROPRIATIONS. Appropriating to the University Hospitals Authority. http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1937_int.rtf
2/03/04    H Direct to Calendar
2/03/04    General Order – House
3/09/04    Floor Substitute Adopted

HB 1938 (Mitchell/Morgan) – APPROPRIATIONS. Appropriating to the University Hospitals Authority. http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1938_int.rtf
2/03/04    H Direct to Calendar
2/03/04    General Order – House
3/09/04    Floor Substitute Adopted
3/09/04    Bill Amended and Passed - House (93-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb1938_engr.rtf
3/17/04    S Direct to Calendar
3/17/04    General Order – Senate

HB 1958 (Mitchell/Morgan) – ASBESTOS ABATEMENT. Providing budgetary limitations for the Department of Labor; requiring certain state agencies, including the State Regents, to cooperate with the Labor Department to provide information required pursuant to asbestos abatement.
2/03/04    H Direct to Calendar
2/03/04    General Order – House
3/11/04    Floor Substitute Adopted

HB 1990 (Mitchell/Morgan) – APPROPRIATIONS. Appropriating to the University Hospitals Authority. http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1990_int.rtf
2/03/04    H Direct to Calendar
2/03/04    General Order – House
3/04/04    Title Stricken
3/16/04    S Direct to Calendar
3/16/04    General Order – Senate

2/03/04    H Direct to Calendar
2/03/04    General Order – House
3/04/04    Title Stricken
3/16/04    S Direct to Calendar
HB 2002 (Mitchell/Morgan) – CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT. This is a shell bill relating to the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority and to suitable space for offices and other necessary uses for all state departments and agencies. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2002_int.rtf]

2/03/04  H Direct to Calendar
2/03/04  General Order – House
3/08/04  Title Stricken

HB 2004 (Mitchell/Morgan) – PERSONNEL. Relating to the Oklahoma Personnel Act; adding “competitive job” to definitions. (74 § 840-1.3) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2004_int.rtf]

2/03/04  H Direct to Calendar
2/03/04  General Order – House
3/08/04  Title Stricken
3/08/04  Floor Amendment Adopted
3/08/04  Bill and Emergency Passed - House (91-9) - [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2004_engr.rtf]

3/16/04  S Direct to Calendar
3/16/04  General Order – Senate


2/03/04  H Direct to Calendar
3/08/04  Title Stricken
3/08/04  Floor Amendment Adopted

3/10/04  S Direct to Calendar
3/15/04  Floor Substitute Adopted
3/15/04  Bill Amended and Passed - Senate (41-0) - [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/hb2005_sahb.rtf]

HB 2007 (Mitchell/Morgan) – APPROPRIATIONS. General appropriations bill which appropriates to various entities including the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority (Section 23), the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (Sections 12-18 and 140); Office of Accountability (Section 18), the Physician Manpower Training Commission (Sections 26-27), the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation (Section 31), and University Hospitals Authority (Sections 71 and 144). Sections 16 and 140 appropriate to the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program (OHLAP); Section 17 appropriates to the endowed chairs program. The Senate floor substitute proposes a $2 billion appropriation to common education; proposes $800 million for higher education; provides for ad valorem reimbursement for school districts to make up for property tax exemptions; provides for a state employee pay raise. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2007_int.rtf]

2/03/04  H Direct to Calendar
2/03/04  General Order – House
2/24/04  Floor Substitute Adopted
HB 2012 (Mitchell/Morgan) – APPROPRIATIONS. Apportions appropriations to common education made by HB 2007, providing funds for, among other expenditures, a teacher salary increase, Teacher Retirement credit, Summer Arts Institute, Education Leadership Oklahoma, the Vision Project, scholarships to the Great Expectations Summer Institutes for Teachers, funding to ensure school district participation in the National Assessment of Educational Progress, and for contracting with the Oklahoma Alliance for Geographic Education.

+ 2/03/04  H Direct to Calendar
+ 2/03/04  General Order – House
+ 3/11/04  S Direct to Calendar

HB 2014 (Mitchell/Morgan) – APPROPRIATIONS. Appropriating to the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority (OETA).

+ 2/03/04  H Direct to Calendar
+ 2/03/04  General Order – House
+ 3/01/04  Title Stricken
+ 3/01/04  Bill and Emergency Passed – House (88-10) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2014_engr.rtf
+ 3/10/04  S Direct to Calendar
+ 3/10/04  General Order – Senate

HB 2015 (Mitchell/Morgan) – APPROPRIATIONS. Providing budgetary limits for the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority (OETA).

+ 2/03/04  H Direct to Calendar
+ 2/03/04  General Order – House
+ 3/09/04  Floor Substitute Adopted
+ 3/09/04  Title Stricken
+ 3/16/04  S Direct to Calendar
+ 3/16/04  General Order – Senate

HB 2016 (Mitchell/Morgan) – APPROPRIATIONS. Appropriating to the Physician Manpower Training Commission.

+ 2/03/04  H Direct to Calendar
+ 2/03/04  General Order – House
+ 3/01/04  Title Stricken
+ 3/01/04  Bill and Emergency Passed – House (92-6) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2016_engr.rtf
+ 3/10/04  S Direct to Calendar
+ 3/10/04  General Order – Senate

- 2/03/04  H Direct to Calendar
- 2/03/04  General Order – House
- 3/09/04  Floor Substitute Adopted
- 3/09/04  Title Stricken
- 3/09/04  Bill and Emergency Passed – House (100-0) [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2017_engr.rtf](http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2017_engr.rtf)

- 3/16/04  S Direct to Calendar
- 3/16/04  General Order – Senate


- 2/03/04  H Direct to Calendar
- 2/03/04  General Order – House
- 3/01/04  Title Stricken
- 3/01/04  Bill and Emergency Passed – House (89-9) [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2020_engr.rtf](http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2020_engr.rtf)

- 3/10/04  S Direct to Calendar
- 3/10/04  General Order – Senate


- 2/03/04  H Direct to Calendar
- 2/03/04  General Order – House
- 3/09/04  Floor Substitute Adopted

- 3/16/04  S Direct to Calendar
- 3/16/04  General Order – Senate

HB 2090 (Sweeden/Gumm) – TELEMEDICINE ADVISORY COUNCIL. Repealing the Telemedicine Advisory Council, membership of which includes the Chancellor. (63 § 1-2701) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2090_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2090_int.rtf)

- 2/03/04  Referred to House Govt Ops, Agency Oversight & Admin Rules Committee
- 2/10/04  House Committee – Do Pass [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2090_hcr.rtf](http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2090_hcr.rtf)

- 2/17/04  Bill Passed - House (98-0) [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2090_engr.rtf](http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2090_engr.rtf)

- 3/10/04  Referred to Senate Sunset Review Committee
- 3/18/04  Senate Committee – Do Pass (Committee Report Pending)

HB 2092 (Sweeden/Gumm) – MINORITY TEACHER RECRUITMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Changes to 2010 the termination date of the Minority Teacher Recruitment Advisory Committee. (70 § 6-129.1) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2092_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2092_int.rtf)

- 2/03/04  Referred to House Govt Ops, Agency Oversight & Admin Rules Committee
- 2/03/04  House Committee – Do Pass [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2092_hcr.rtf](http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2092_hcr.rtf)

- 2/17/04  Bill Passed - House (74-22) [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2092_engr.rtf](http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2092_engr.rtf)
HB 2095 (Sweeden/Gumm) – REPEALING TASK FORCES. Repealing various obsolete agencies, boards and commissions, including the Nursing Workforce Task Force, the Certified School Professional Nurse Staff Task Force, and the Telemedicine Advisory Council; amending section which relates to a statewide Oklahoma telemedicine network; deleting obsolete language; repealing the Task Force on Electronic Commerce, the Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Task Force, the State Architectural Act Task Force, and the Task Force on Hospital Emergency Services and Trauma Care. (59 §§ 575, 576, 63 §§ 1-2701, 1-2702; 74 § 8121)
http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2095_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to House Govt Ops, Agency Oversight & Admin Rules Committee
2/03/04 House Committee –Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2095_hcr.rtf
2/17/04 Bill Passed - House (98-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2095_engr.rtf
3/10/04 Referred to Senate Sunset Review Committee
3/18/04 Senate Committee – Do Pass as Amended (Committee Report Pending)

HB 2096 (Sweeden/Gumm) – MINORITY TEACHER RECRUITMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Changes to 2010 the termination date of several statutory entities, including the Minority Teacher Recruitment Advisory Committee. (74 § 3905) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2096_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to House Govt Ops, Agency Oversight & Admin Rules Committee
2/03/04 House Committee –Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2096_hcr.rtf
2/17/04 Bill Passed - House (96-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2096_engr.rtf
3/10/04 Referred to Senate Sunset Review Committee
3/18/04 Senate Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass (Committee Report Pending)

HB 2122 (Ellis/Shurden) – FIREARMS. Prohibiting establishment of a policy that prohibits transporting and storing firearms in a locked vehicle on property set aside for a vehicle, except by a convicted felon. http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2122_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to House Criminal Justice Committee
2/10/04 House Committee – Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2122_hcr.rtf
2/24/04 Bill Passed – House (92-4) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2122_engr.rtf
3/10/04 Referred to Senate Vets, Military & Public Safety Committee
3/15/04 Senate Committee – Do Pass - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/hb2122_scr.rtf


2/03/04 Referred to House Banking & Finance Committee
2/19/04 House Committee – Do Pass as Amended http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2135_hcr.rtf
3/08/04 Floor Amendment Adopted
3/08/04  Bill Passed - House (93-5) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2135_engr.rtf
3/10/04  Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

2/03/04  Referred to House Economic Development Committee
2/18/04  House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2137_cs.rtf
3/03/04  Title Stricken
3/03/04  Bill and Emergency Passed - House (97-1) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2137_engr.rtf
3/10/04  Referred to Senate Rules Committee

HB 2145 (Lindley/Leftwich) – HISPANIC STUDENTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION. Creating the Advancement of Hispanic Students in Higher Education Task Force; providing for termination of task force; stating purpose; providing for membership; requiring annual report; providing for staffing; providing for reimbursement of travel expenses. http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2145_int.rtf
2/03/04  Referred to House Higher Education Committee
2/17/04  House Committee – Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2145_hcr.rtf
3/02/04  Bill Passed – House (62-36), Emergency Failed (55-41) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2145_engr.rtf
3/10/04  Referred to Senate Education Committee

2/03/04  Referred to House Economic Development Committee
2/10/04  House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2164_cs.rtf
2/23/04 BILL PASSED - HOUSE (98-1) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2164_engr.rtf
3/17/04  Referred to Senate Finance Committee

HB 2165 (Young/Reynolds) – AUDITS/STATE AGENCIES. Authorizes the State Auditor and Inspector to perform audits of any state agency; requiring scope to be determined by State Auditor and Inspector; specifying types of audits; providing for payment of costs; requiring submission of cost estimates; prohibiting certain actions; providing who may request an audit; providing for methods of payment. (74 § 212) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2165_int.rtf
2/03/04  Referred to House Govt Ops, Agency Oversight & Admin Rules Committee
2/18/04  House Committee – Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2165_hcr.rtf
3/11/04  BILL PASSED - HOUSE (97-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2165_engr.rtf
3/17/04  Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
3/18/04  Reassigned to Senate Appro Com, Genl Govt & Transportation Subcommittee
HB 2197 (Deutschendorf/Capps) – ELECTRONIC AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACCESSIBILITY. Adding accessibility compliance as a component of state agencies’ long-range electronic data processing plans; requiring the Information Services Division and the Department of Central Services to provide in partnership with Oklahoma Able Tech, the state assistive technology project located at Oklahoma State University, training and technical assistance for state agencies to assure procurement of information technology that meets adopted accessibility standards; requiring state agencies to make information technology accessible; creating an Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Advisory Council, membership of which would include a representative of OneNet and the project manager of Oklahoma Able Tech; providing that the Oklahoma Able Tech staff shall serve as primary staff for the Advisory Council. (62 § 41.5e)

http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2197_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to House Science & Technology Committee
2/11/04 House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass

http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2197_cs.rtf

2/23/04 Bill Passed - House (98-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2197 engr.rtf

3/17/04 Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
3/18/04 Reassigned to Senate Appro Com, Genl Govt & Transportation Subcommittee

HB 2210 (Case/Dunlap) – EMPLOYEE BENEFITS/MILITARY RETIREES. Modifying provisions related to purchase of benefits through the Employees Benefits Council; setting the employer's contribution at half the flexible benefit allowance for any participant retired from a branch of the U.S. Military. (74 § 1370) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2210_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to House Govt Ops, Agency Oversight & Admin Rules Committee
2/17/04 House Committee – Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2210_hcr.rtf


3/16/04 Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
3/18/04 Reassigned to Senate Appro Com, Genl Govt & Transportation Subcommittee

HB 2212 (Blackburn/Rozell) – COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN/INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS. Allowing income tax deductions for contributions to Oklahoma College Savings Plan accounts to be taken until April 15 of the succeeding year or the due date of the state return excluding extensions, whichever is later. (68 § 2358) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2212_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to House Revenue & Taxation Committee
2/18/04 House Committee – Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2212_hcr.rtf

HB 2217 (Maddux/Shurden) – CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS. Authorizing a concentrated animal feeding operation to exceed the statutory or permitted animal unit capacity for certain reasons and for a specified period; requiring notice; providing for contents; prohibiting certain actions; providing exceptions; requiring certain tests; specifying certain procedures. http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2217_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to House Agriculture & Rural Development Committee
2/09/04 House Committee – Laid Over
2/16/04 House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass

http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2217_cs.rtf

2/24/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - House (95-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2217 engr.rtf

3/10/04 Referred to Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee
HB 2219 (Maddux/Coates) – GRAPE RESOURCES/WINE PRODUCTION. Enacting an Oklahoma Grape Resources and Wine Production Act to develop programs to enhance production, research, marketing and profitability; creating a 9-member commission, membership of which includes a member employed by an institution of higher education with experience in the production of grapes, grape juice or wine who shall be an ex officio member of the Commission.  

HB 2226 (Ingmire/Mike Morgan) – RETIREMENT/ALTERNATE PLAN. Relating to the Teachers' Retirement System; enacting the Alternate Retirement Plan for Eligible Employees of Participating State Institutions of Higher Education Act of 2004; authorizing boards of regents to establish Alternate Retirement Plans; providing for authority to establish plans and procedures related thereto; providing for selection of certain entities; authorizing delegation of authority; providing for designation of certain annuities providing services; providing certain employees ineligible for participation in Teachers' Retirement System; prescribing requirements related to participation in certain retirement systems; providing for irrevocable elections; prescribing effect of election; providing for transfer of certain amounts to Alternate Retirement Plans; providing for effect of transfer of funds; authorizing options for employee with vested benefits in Teachers' Retirement System; prescribing effect of options; providing for effect of elections related to service credit; providing for payment by Participating Institutions to Teachers' Retirement System; providing for effect of payment; requiring review of payment amount; providing for adjustment of payment amount; providing for acknowledgment by certain employees; amending sections which relate to the Teachers' Retirement System; modifying definitions; modifying provisions related to retirement system membership; modifying provisions related to eligibility for membership in Teachers' Retirement System; authorizing termination of membership for certain persons; modifying provisions related to benefit computations for members employed by State System entities or institutions; authorizing recalculation of benefits under certain circumstances.  (70 §§ 17-101, 17-103, 17-116.2B)  

HB 2246 (Perry/Brogdon) – PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS. Relates to payroll deductions; allowing school employees to make certain request; requiring school districts to cease certain payroll deductions upon request of employee; prohibiting certain payment of future dues.  (70 § 6-182)
HB 2247 (Perry/Cain) – ELECTRONIC COMMERCE. Extending until June 1, 2007, the termination date for the Task Force on Electronic Commerce, membership of which includes the Chancellor or designee; adding membership; deleting certain reporting requirement; modifying staffing requirements; repealing 74 O.S. 2001, § 5060.51, which relates to electronic signature certification. (74 § 8121) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2247_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to House Science & Technology Committee
2/11/04 House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2247_cs.rtf

3/01/04 Floor Amendment Adopted
3/01/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - House (96-4) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2247_engr.rtf

3/17/04 Referred to Senate Commerce Committee

HB 2277 (Rice/Corn) – PURCHASING CARD. Relating to the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act; authorizing the State Purchasing Director to permit agencies to use a state purchase card for acquisitions on statewide contracts with no limit on the transaction amount. (74 § 85.5) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2277_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to House Govt Ops, Agency Oversight & Admin Rules Committee
2/10/04 House Committee – Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2277_hcr.rtf


3/17/04 Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
3/18/04 Reassigned to Senate Appro Com, Genl Govt & Transportation Subcommittee

HB 2280 (Paulk/Wilkerson) – HOMELAND SECURITY. Enacting the Oklahoma Homeland Security Act; creating an Office of Homeland Security and providing for appointment of a director; directing the cooperation of all state agencies and all officers and employees of those agencies. (74 §§ 10.6, 500.18, 840-5.5) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2280_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to House Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee
2/09/04 Title Stricken
2/09/04 House Committee – Do Pass as Amended http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2280_hcr.rtf

3/04/04 Title Stricken
3/04/04 Emergency Clause Stricken
3/04/04 Floor Amendment Adopted
3/04/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - House (57-41) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2280_engr.rtf

3/16/04 Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
3/18/04 Reassigned to Senate Appro Com, Public Safety & Judiciary Subcommittee

HB 2288 (Turner/Gumm) – RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Creating the Rural Action Partnership Program; providing that the Department of Commerce, in support of the mission of the Rural Action Partnership Program, may request the assistance of various entities, including the State Regents; providing for an Advisory Team consisting of persons selected by various entities,
including one to be selected by the State Regents.  http://www.lsbo.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2288_int.rtf
2/03/04  Referred to House Economic Development Committee
2/18/04  House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass
http://www2.lsbo.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2246_cs.rtf
3/10/04  Floor Substitute Adopted
3/10/04  Title Stricken
3/10/04  Emergency Clause Stricken
3/10/04  Bill and Emergency Passed - House  (93-3)  - http://www2.lsbo.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2288_engr.rtf
3/16/04  Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
3/18/04  Reassigned to Senate Appro Com, Natural Resources & Reg Svcs Subcommittee

HB 2289 (Turner/Gumm) – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.  Relating to the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act; modifying provisions related to payroll; providing for eligibility based upon location and certain per capita income information.  http://www.lsbo.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2289_int.rtf
2/03/04  Referred to House Economic Development Committee
2/18/04  House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass
http://www2.lsbo.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2289_cs.rtf
3/03/04  Title Stricken
3/03/04  Bill and Emergency Passed - House  (94-2)  - http://www2.lsbo.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2289_engr.rtf
3/10/04  Referred to Senate Finance Committee

HB 2290 (Turner/Shurden) – HEALTH INSURANCE/RETIREMENT.  Increasing the health care premium payment amounts payable to certain persons retired from the Teachers’ Retirement System.  (74 § 1316.3)  http://www.lsbo.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2290_int.rtf
2/03/04  Referred to House Retirement Laws Committee
2/16/04  House Committee – Do Pass  http://www2.lsbo.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2290_hcr.rtf
3/03/04  Title Stricken
3/03/04  Bill and Emergency Passed - House  (94-0)  - http://www2.lsbo.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2290_engr.rtf
3/16/04  Referred to Senate Retirement & Group Health Committee

HB 2292 (Sullivan/Coffee) – SALES TAX EXEMPTION/ADMISSION TICKETS.  Providing for a sales tax exemption on tickets for admission to a collegiate athletic event that is held in a facility owned or operated by a municipality or a public trust of which the municipality is the sole beneficiary and that actually determines or is part of a tournament or tournament process for determining a conference tournament championship, a conference championship, or a national championship.  (68 § 1356)  http://www.lsbo.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2292_int.rtf
2/03/04  Referred to House Revenue & Taxation Committee
2/04/04  House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass  http://www2.lsbo.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/2292_cs.rtf
2/24/04  Bill and Emergency Passed - House  (96-1)  - http://www2.lsbo.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2292_engr.rtf
3/10/04  Referred to Senate Finance Committee

HB 2320 (Wilson/Maddox) – GOVERNMENT BID ASSISTANCE.  Enacting the Oklahoma Government Bid Assistance Act; providing that "government contract" means a bid by a state
agency, including State System institutions; requiring the creation of the Oklahoma Government Bid Assistance Database. (74 §§ 80, 80.1, 80.2)  http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2320_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to House Govt Ops, Agency Oversight & Admin Rules Committee
2/10/04 House Committee – Do Pass  http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2320_hcr.rtf
2/16/04 Bill Passed - House  (100-0)  -  http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2320_engr.rtf

3/10/04 Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
3/16/04 Reassigned to Senate Approp Com, General Government & Transportation

HB 2332 (Staggs/Lawler) – COMMON SCHOOLS. This is a comprehensive common education bill that relates to issuance of bonds, invoices, incurring new indebtedness, issuance of alternate checks, temporary appropriations, activity funds, petty cash funds, school district budget procedures, automated payment systems, and state aid formula. (70 §§ 16-102, 1210.508b, 1210.508C)

2/03/04 Referred to House Common Education Committee
2/19/04 House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass  http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2332_cs.rtf
3/08/04 Floor Substitute Adopted
3/08/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - House  (99-0)  -  http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2332_engr.rtf

3/16/04 Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
3/18/04 Reassigned to Senate Appropriations Committee, Education Subcommittee

HB 2334 (Staggs/Lawler) – MATHEMATICS INITIATIVE. Establishing an Oklahoma Mathematics Initiative for development of training modules and administration of summer math academies; requiring all math teachers to be certified to teach mathematics at the grade level being taught; requiring the State Board of Education to establish an Oklahoma Mathematics Initiative - Education to adopt certain mathematics training modules; providing for peer coaching.

http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2334_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to House Common Education Committee
2/19/04 House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass  http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2334_cs.rtf
4/25/03 Floor Amendment Adopted
4/25/03 Bill and Emergency Passed - House  (89-9)  -  http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2334_engr.rtf

3/10/04 Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
3/16/04 Reassigned to Senate Appropriations Committee, Education Subcommittee

HB 2335 (Staggs/Rabon) – TELECOMMUNICATIONS/CELLULAR TOWERS. Excluding construction and installation of cellular towers from the definition of telecommunications services for sales tax purposes.  http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2335_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to House Revenue & Taxation Committee
2/18/04 House Committee – Do Pass  http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2335_hcr.rtf
2/25/04 Title Stricken
2/25/04 Bill Passed – House  (99-0)  -  http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2335_engr.rtf

3/10/04 Referred to Senate Finance Committee
HB 2350 (Benge/Smith) – COMMUNITY HOSPITALS AUTHORITY. Modifying language relating to community hospital public trust authorities; modifying and adding powers and duties; adding definition; modifying procedures and requirements for form hospital districts and community hospital public trust authorities; clarifying language; modifying procedures and method for certain deposits and transfers of certain funds. (63 § 3250.6)  http://www.lsbs.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2350_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to House Public Health Committee
2/11/04 Reassigned to House Judiciary Committee
2/16/04 House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass

http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2350_cs.rtf

3/08/04 Title Stricken
3/08/04 Bill and Emergency Passed – House (98-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2350_engr.rtf

3/16/04 Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

HB 2351 (Benge/Maddox) – FUEL CELL INITIATIVE. Depending on federal funding, creating the Fuel Cell Initiative Task Force; establishing membership which includes one representative each from the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University and the executive director of Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology or a designee.

2/03/04 Referred to House Economic Development Committee
2/18/04 House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass

http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2351_cs.rtf

3/09/04 Floor Amendment Adopted

3/16/04 Referred to Senate Energy, Env. & Communications Committee

HB 2370 (Jones/Wilcoxson) – RETIREMENT/SALARY CAP. Providing a salary cap for retired members of the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma who return to teach in a public school after retirement. (70 § 17-116.10) http://www.lsbs.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2370_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to House Retirement Laws Committee
2/16/04 House Committee – Do Pass  http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2370_hcr.rtf

3/09/04 Title Stricken
3/09/04 Emergency Clause Stricken
3/09/04 Floor Amendment Adopted
3/09/04 Laid Over
3/10/04 Floor Amendment Adopted
3/10/04 Bill Failed - House (44-44)
3/10/04 Motion to Reconsider
3/11/04 Reconsideration Motion Adopted

3/17/04 Referred to Senate Retirement & Group Health Committee

HB 2372 (Hutchison/Corn) – FIREFIGHTER TRAINING. Creating an Oklahoma Volunteer Firefighter Training Incentive Act of 2004; authorizing income tax exemption for certain volunteer firefighters; requiring documented credit hours toward the Volunteer Firefighter Practices program offered by Oklahoma State University Fire Service Training.

2/03/04 Referred to House County & Municipal Government Committee
HB 2373 (McCarter/Leftwich) – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Creating the Quality Investment Act to provide appropriate incentives to support retention of manufacturing establishments that would be susceptible to closure or transfer out-of-state; creating a Quality Investment Committee whose membership consists of the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, the Dean of Engineering of Oklahoma State University, the Director of the Oklahoma Alliance for Manufacturing Excellence, the Dean of the Price Business College of the University of Oklahoma, the President for the Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology, two business representatives from the Board of the Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology, and the State Director of Career Technology Education.

HB 2375 (Gilbert/Cain) – CHILD ABUSE EXAMINERS/DOCTOR AND NURSE TRAINING. Expanding the duties and responsibilities of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth; adding professions to those trained as child abuse examiners; amends Child Death Review Board.

HB 2382 (Pettigrew/Robinson) – TRAUMA CARE. Establishing components of the Oklahoma Trauma Care Services Act; requiring an annual report to the legislature detailing the disbursements from the Trauma Care Assistance Revolving Fund; creating the Trauma Care System Advisory Council; providing for membership and terms of office for the council; requiring assessments for the Fund from persons convicted of certain offenses.
HB 2384 (Cox/Monson) – ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX/SCHOOL TESTING/EDUCATIONAL INDICATORS. Prohibiting the inclusion of Academic Performance Index data on secondary school students in certain districts; prohibiting reporting the data on high school transcripts; prohibiting inclusion of data on Oklahoma Educational Indicators report.
http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2384_int.rtf
2/03/04 Referred to House Common Education Committee
2/12/04 House Committee – Laid Over
2/19/04 House Committee – Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2384_hcr.rtf
3/10/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - House (91-8) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2384_engr.rtf
3/16/04 Referred to Senate Education Committee

HB 2393 (Staggs/Crutchfield) – POST-RETIREMENT TEACHERS. Requiring forfeiture of career status by a retired teacher who elects to continue to teach; modifying the amount of allowed earnings for a retired employee; making the minimum salary schedule the maximum for certain purposes. http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2393_int.rtf
2/03/04 Referred to House Retirement Laws Committee
2/16/04 House Committee – Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2393_hcr.rtf
3/04/04 Title Stricken
3/04/04 Floor Amendment Adopted
3/04/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - House (92-6) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2393_engr.rtf
3/17/04 Referred to Senate Retirement & Group Health Committee

HB 2395 (Harrison/Corn) – WORKPLACE HARASSMENT. Authorizing employers to petition for injunctions prohibiting workplace harassment; specifying requirements. http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2395_int.rtf
2/03/04 Referred to House Judiciary Committee
2/16/04 House Committee – Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2395_hcr.rtf
3/02/04 Floor Amendment Adopted
3/02/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - House (99-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2395_engr.rtf
3/10/04 Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

HB 2396 (Harrison/Laster) – WORKERS’ COMPENSATION. Requiring confidentiality of an employer’s first notice of injury in workers’ compensation cases, unless the employee files an employee’s first notice with claim for workers’ compensation. (85 § 24.1) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2396_int.rtf
2/03/04 Referred to House Rules Committee
2/19/04 House Committee – Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2396_hcr.rtf
3/09/04 Floor Amendment Adopted
3/09/04 Bill Passed House (94-3) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2396_engr.rtf
3/16/04 Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

HB 2411 (Phillips/Dunlap) – ETHICS/E-MAIL FOR ELECTION PURPOSES. Creating an Oklahoma Ethics Reform Act of 2004; amending ethics rules that relate to use of public funds,
property, time and personnel to influence elections. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2411_int.rtf]

2/03/04 Referred to House Rules Committee
2/19/04 House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2411_cs.rtf]
3/09/04 Bill Passed – House (70-27) - [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2411_engr.rtf]
3/16/04 Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

HB 2437 (Rice/Helton) – ENERGY DEVELOPMENT. Creating an Oklahoma Energy Program to package and market Oklahoma’s extensive energy knowledge that exists in the private sector, higher education institutions, and governmental agencies; creating an Oklahoma Renewable Energy Development Program to seek out and use research funding through Oklahoma’s higher education institutions to accelerate the development of a renewable energy resource base in Oklahoma; providing incentives for enhanced oil recovery and unconventional gas recovery projects. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2437_int.rtf]

2/03/04 Referred to House Energy & Utility Regulation Committee

HB 2477 (Harrison/Laster) – READING SUFFICIENCY ACT. Relating to the Reading Sufficiency Act; limiting certain students who are excluded from the reading goals and program of reading instruction; modifying reading skills; amending section which relates to demonstration of reading proficiency for driver licenses; deleting option to retake certain reading test; limiting alternative documentation option to certain students. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2477_int.rtf]

2/03/04 Referred to House Common Education Committee
2/18/04 House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2477_cs.rtf]
3/08/04 Floor Amendment Adopted
3/08/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - House (92-5) - [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2477_engr.rtf]
3/16/04 Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
3/18/04 Reassigned to Senate Appropriations Committee, Education Subcommittee

HB 2488 (Liotta/Brogdon) – EMPLOYEE INFORMATION. Prohibiting employers to post or disclose employees social security numbers in certain circumstances. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2488_int.rtf]

2/03/04 Referred to House Judiciary Committee
2/03/04 And also referred to House Commerce, Industry & Labor Committee
2/16/04 House Judiciary Committee – Do Pass [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2488_hcr.rtf]
2/17/04 Referred to House Commerce, Industry & Labor Committee
3/08/04 House Commerce, Industry & Labor Committee – Do Pass
3/11/04 Bill Passed – House (97-0) - [http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2488_engr.rtf]
3/17/04 Referred to Senate Business & Labor Committee

HB 2489 (Brannon/Corn) – RETIREMENT. Relating to Teachers' Retirement System post-retirement earnings limitations; modifying period of time required for applicability of certain limits. The amendment on page 3, Section 1, Line 32, adds after the word months "and who has re-
tired from the system by having attained a combined age and years of service equal to or greater than ninety (90)”.  

**HB 2506** (Roberts/Corn) – HEALTH INSURANCE.  Repeals language relating to the maximum insurance allowed for certain persons under the State and Education Group Insurance Plan.  (74 § 1319)  

2/03/04  Referred to House Govt Ops, Agency Oversight & Admin Rules Committee  
2/10/04  House Committee – Do Pass  
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2506_int.rtf  
2/25/04  Bill and Emergency Passed - House  (99-0)  -  
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2506_engr.rtf  
3/10/04  Referred to Senate Retirement & Group Health Committee

**HB 2516** (Blackwell/Wilcoxson) – HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT.  Requiring the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board to include an option that allows an employee the ability to open a Health Savings Account.  (74 § 1306)  

2/03/04  Referred to House Govt Ops, Agency Oversight & Admin Rules Committee  
2/18/04  House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass  
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2516_cs.rtf  
3/09/04  Bill Passed – House  (95-1)  -  
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2516_engr.rtf  
3/16/04  Referred to Senate Retirement & Group Health Committee

**HB 2527** (Vaughn/Cain) – CHILD SUPPORT/INCOME ASSIGNMENT/HEALTH INSURANCE.  Clarifying the procedures for child support payment; removing priority and equal treatment for certain actions; authorizing exceptions for immediate income assignments; modifying requirement of insurers regarding enrollment of child under the health care plan of non-custodial parent; amending section which relates to child support requirements for health coverage; repealing section which relates to garnishment for collection of child support.  

http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2527_int.rtf  
2/03/04  Referred to House Common Judiciary Committee  
2/09/04  House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass  
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2527_cs.rtf  
2/18/04  Bill and Emergency Passed - House  (98-0)  -  
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2527_engr.rtf  
3/10/04  Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee  
3/16/04  Title Stricken  
3/16/04  Senate Committee – Do Pass as Amended  -  
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/hb2527_scr.rtf

**HB 2536** (Walker/Corn) – RETIREMENT STUDY.  Creating the Task Force for the Study of Public Retirement Systems Benefits Design and Equity; providing for membership of task force;
requiring analysis of matters related to the public retirement systems.

HB 2537 (Winchester/Branan) – STUDENT RECORD SYSTEM. Directing the State Board of Education to develop and implement a paperwork reduction and simplification plan; providing dates for development of the plan; stating goal of the plan; providing for input from school districts and school district personnel; requiring identification of all requirements and data; providing for coordination of reporting dates and use of electronic data processing.

HB 2542 (Carey/Gumm) – SCHOOL LANDS. Authorizing the Commissioners of the Land Office to invest in certain property under the Tourism Department jurisdiction; limiting the amount of investment; authorizing Commissioners to acquire certain real property.

HB 2561 (Nations/Nichols) – PUBLIC COMPETITIVE BIDDING. Relating to the Public Competitive Bidding Act of 1974; modifying the definition of "public improvement". (61 § 102)

HB 2567 (Greenwood/Wilcoxson) – SCHOOL TESTING. Creates the Middle School Mathematics Task Force, the membership of which includes the Chancellor or designee and other members appointed by the Chancellor; requiring the State Regents, the State Department of Education and
the Commission for Teacher Preparation to provide staffing for the Task Force.

http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2567_int.rtf

2/03/04  Referred to House Common Education Committee
2/18/04  House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass

http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2567_cs.rtf

3/04/04  Floor Amendment Adopted
3/16/04  Referred to Senate Education Committee

HB 2571 (Fred Morgan/Coffee) – PAYROLL DEDUCTION. Allowing an employee to terminate a voluntary payroll deduction agreement for payment of a third-party debt; providing procedure for termination of a voluntary payroll deduction agreement; allowing a creditor to proceed with garnishment in certain circumstances. http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2571_int.rtf

2/03/04  Referred to House Judiciary Committee
2/16/04  House Committee – Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2571_hcr.rtf
2/26/04  Bill Passed – House (97-0) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2571_ engr.rtf
3/15/04  Referred to Senate Business & Labor Committee

HB 2572 (Fred Morgan/Williams) – OFFICE OF ACCOUNTABILITY/PERFORMANCE REVIEW. Authorizing the Office of Accountability and Education Oversight Board to select school districts annually for review; providing procedure for requesting a performance review; providing that funds appropriated to the State Regents for the Office of Accountability may be expended for reviews; directing the Office of Accountability to engage in certain outreach and technical assistance. (70 § 3-118.1) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2572_int.rtf

2/03/04  Referred to House Common Education Committee
2/12/04  House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2572_cs.rtf
2/25/04  Bill and Emergency Passed - House (87-12) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2572_ engr.rtf
3/10/04  Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
3/16/04  Reassigned to Senate Appropriations Committee, Education Subcommittee

HB 2607 (Peterson/Smith) – SALES TAX/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. Authorizing a sales tax for certain economic development projects; modifying provisions for voter approval. (68 § 1370.7) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2607_int.rtf

2/03/04  Referred to House Revenue & Taxation Committee
2/11/04  House Committee – Do Pass as Amended http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2607_hcr.rtf
2/25/04  Title Stricken
2/25/04  Bill and Emergency Passed - House (95-2) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2607_ engr.rtf
3/10/04  Referred to Senate Finance Committee

HB 2613 (Sweeden/Monson) – HEALTH INSURANCE/OB/TOBACCO CESSATION. Requiring health insurance plans that provide medical and surgical benefits to provide coverage for comprehensive tobacco dependence treatment programs. http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2613_int.rtf

2/03/04  Referred to House Insurance Committee
HB 2619 (Peterson/Pruitt) – WORKERS’ COMPENSATION. This is a comprehensive workers’ compensation bill; provides that Workers’ Compensation Court may elect to hold hearings by video conference to occur exclusively at a technology center school; requiring all technology center schools to make quarters and technology available for hearings, as necessary.

2/03/04 Referred to House Judiciary Committee
2/18/04 House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2619_cs.rtf
3/11/04 Title Stricken
3/11/04 Floor Amendment Adopted
3/11/04 Bill Passed - House (95-1) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2619_engr.rtf
3/18/04 Referred to Senate Human Resources Committee
3/18/04 Senate Committee – Do Pass as Amended (Committee Report Pending)

HB 2620 (Covey/Price) – BEEF IMPROVEMENT AND MARKETING. Creating the Oklahoma Beef Improvement and Market Development Act; providing for legislative intent; creating Oklahoma Beef Council; providing that the Council may conduct or contract for scientific research with any accredited university, college, or similar institution and enter into other contracts or agreements that aid in carrying out the purposes of the Oklahoma Beef Improvement and Market Development Act, including but not limited to contracts for the purchase or acquisition of facilities, advertising, or equipment.

2/03/04 Referred to House Agriculture & Rural Development Committee
2/17/04 House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2620_cs.rtf
2/25/04 Floor Amendments Adopted
2/25/04 Bill Passed – House (96-3) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2620_engr.rtf
3/10/04 Referred to Senate Agriculture & Rural Development Committee
3/16/04 Senate Committee – Do Pass - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/hb2620_sflr.rtf

HB 2623 (Covey/Laughlin) – CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS/ODOR ABATEMENT/OSU/OPSU. Adding to determinations by the Department of Agriculture regarding the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations Act and Odor Abatement Plan; creating an advisory committee; requiring the State Board of Agriculture to coordinate with Oklahoma State University and Oklahoma Panhandle State University to conduct research, investigation and interpretive programs pertaining to odor abatement, reduction and control methods for animal maintenance, waste storage, land application and carcass disposal. (2 § 9-205.3a)
http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2623_int.rtf
2/03/04 Referred to House Agriculture & Rural Development Committee
2/10/04 House Committee – Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2623_hcr.rtf
3/02/04 Floor Substitute Adopted
HB 2624 (Askins/Lawler) – CAMERON UNIVERSITY BRANCH CAMPUS IN DUNCAN.
Directing the State Regents to establish a branch campus of Cameron University in Duncan; requiring the Duncan Economic Development Trust Authority to provide the facilities; authorizing the State Regents to provide the resources for maintenance and operations.

http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2624_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to House Higher Education Committee
2/18/04 House Committee – Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2624_hcr.rtf

3/15/04 Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
3/16/04 Reassigned to Senate Appropriations Committee, Education Subcommittee

HB 2630 (Braddock/Helton) – RESIDENCY POLICIES/MILITARY DEPENDENTS. Stating legislative intent for the State Regents for Higher Education to review and change its policies on residency for certain military dependents.

http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2630_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to House Higher Education Committee
2/18/04 House Committee – Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2630_hcr.rtf

3/16/04 Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
3/18/04 Reassigned to Senate Appropriations Committee, Education Subcommittee

HB 2642 (Staggs/Corn) – CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION/AUDITS/BOARD TERMS. Authorizing the Board of Career and Technology Education to conduct performance audits of technology center school districts; establishing term of office of technology center district boards of education; prohibiting administrators and board members from using district employee or student labor on privately owned property.

http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2642_int.rtf

2/03/04 Referred to House Career and Technology Education Committee
2/11/04 House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2642_cs.rtf

3/15/04 Referred to Senate Education Committee
3/16/04 Reassigned to Senate Appropriations Committee, Education Subcommittee

HB 2643 (Staggs/Crutchfield) – RETIREMENT/DEATH BENEFITS. Modifying provisions related to eligibility for payment of death benefits under the Teachers' Retirement System; modifying certain definition related to post-retirement earnings computations.

http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2643_int.rtf
HB 2645 (Covey/Crutchfield) – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Relating to the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act; modifying definition; providing for payment of incentives based upon certain jobs related to payroll of specified establishments; providing for payment based upon critical retention effort. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2645_int.rtf]

HB 2660 (Adair/Hobson) – CIGARETTE TAX/CANCER CENTER/HEALTH CARE. Ordering a legislative referendum to create a “Comprehensive Cancer Center Bond Fund” and a “Special Health Care Revolving Fund.” [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2660_int.rtf]

HB 2680 (Carey/Kerr) – SCHOOL LANDS. Making capital gains on investments of the permanent school funds interest and income for purposes of calculating distributions; allowing Commissioners of the Land Office to distribute capital gains. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2680_int.rtf]
HB 2682 (Hefner/Kerr) – SCHOOL LANDS. Directing the Commissioners of the Land Office to annually transfer certain funds to the State Land Reimbursement Fund. (64 § 194)
http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2682_int.rtf

HB 2692 (Ferguson/Corn) – RETIREMENT/COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES/FUNDING OF SYSTEMS. Requiring cost-of-living increases for specified public retirement systems, including the Teachers’ Retirement System, to be approved by board of trustees; requiring certain communications with the Governor, Speaker, Pro Tempore and Office of State Finance; enacting the Pension System Dedicated Revenue Reallocation Act of 2004; providing for reallocation of certain dedicated revenues to certain public retirement systems; prescribing methodology for determination of reallocation period; providing for termination of reallocation of dedicated revenue based upon funded status of retirement systems; modifying composition of the boards of trustees for the retirement systems. http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2692_int.rtf

HB 2724 (Stanley/Shurden) – CHIROPRACTIC LICENSE REQUIREMENTS. Relating to chiropractors; modifying membership of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners; modifying licensing; modifying requirements for continuing education; modifying requirements for training providers; modifying administration of Chiropractic Education Scholarship Program by allowing rather than requiring education scholarships to be awarded each fiscal year. (59 § 161.16) http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB2724_int.rtf
3/10/04 Bill and Emergency Passed - House (92-6) - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hb2724_engr.rtf
3/16/04 Referred to Senate Business & Labor Committee

http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HCR1046_int.rtf
2/03/04 Referred to House Judiciary Committee
2/18/04 House Committee – Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HCR1046_hcr.rtf
3/03/04 Adopted – House http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hcr1046_engr.rtf
3/10/04 Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

HCR 1048 (Lindley/Leftwich) – LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS CIVIL RIGHTS CONFERENCE. Congratulating the League of United Latin American Citizens for sponsoring their first Civil Rights Conference in this state, which is being held at Oklahoma City Community College; encouraging Oklahomans to participate.
http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HCR1048_int.rtf

HCR 1050 (Pettigrew) – UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA/REVENUE BONDS. Authorizing the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges to issue revenue bonds for the University of Central Oklahoma. http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HCR1050_int.rtf
2/10/04 Introduced
2/12/04 Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee, Education Subcommittee

HCR 1052 (Staggs/Lawler) – NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND. Memorializing the Congressional Delegation to support legislation and regulations that modify certain requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; requesting the United States Congress to repeal the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.
2/12/04 Referred to House Common Education Committee
2/19/04 House Committee – Do Pass http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HCR1052_hcr.rtf
2/24/04 Adopted – House http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hcr1052_engr.rtf

HCR 1058 (Wells/Morgan) – OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY COWBOYS. Commending and congratulating the Oklahoma State University Cowboys basketball team and wrestling team for achieving the rank of champions in the regular big 12 Conference season.

HCR 1061 (Paulk) – HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE. Expressing legislative support for the establishment of a Center for Health Care Workforce Resources which would coordinate statewide health care workforce efforts.
3/18/04 Referred to House Public Health Committee

HJR 1039 (Adair/Hobson) – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT. Proposed constitutional amendment authorizing the state to become indebted for certain capital projects. (Art. X, § 45)
http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HJR1039_int.rtf
2/03/04 Referred to House Appropriations & Budget Committee
2/18/04 House Committee – Committee Substitute Do Pass
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HJR1039_cs.rtf
3/17/04 S Direct to Calendar
3/17/04 General Order – Senate

HR 1036 (McCarter) – GLOBAL AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION. Supporting Dedication Day of the Global Agriculture Organization during International Student Awareness Week. The organization was founded and developed by Brady Sidwell at Oklahoma State University.

HR 1037 (McCarter) – NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND FUNDING. Memorializing Congress and the President of the United States to issue a waiver of the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act for Oklahoma public schools or failing that, to fully fund the Act.
3/16/04 Floor Amendment Adopted
3/16/04 House Adopted - http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/hr1037_enr.rtf
3/17/04 To Secretary of State -

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