

Oklahoma State Senate

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Senate Review by Gary Stanislowski

The pace of session is getting more hectic by the day as we race to complete work on House bills. This week is the deadline for consideration of House bills on the floor. Last week, we were able to get through 83 House bills and joint resolutions leaving us with 87 to get through this week.

The General Conference Committee on Appropriations, of which I'm a member, has begun meeting. This is the committee that consists of members from both chambers who essentially write the final budget for the Legislature. Now that both houses have passed appropriations bills, we meet in order to resolve any differences between the two chambers and to submit, if necessary, compromise versions of the appropriations bills. Our work is done with subcommittees which focus on particular agencies. I'll keep you posted as we begin to make headway on next year's budget.

I'm pleased to say that some more of the House bills that I was the Senate principal author on have been signed into law.

HB 2747 requires that teacher education programs report annually to the Oklahoma commission for Teacher Preparation regarding participation in alternative placement programs and the reception of public input.

HB 2779 modifies the requirements of the Deputy Commissioner of the Banking Department and stipulates procedures of the Commissioner regarding failed banks and savings associations.

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