

Oklahoma Alliance on Aging
Strategy Committee Notes, March 06, 2006

Location: Aging Services Division Conference Room in Shepherd Mall

Present: Vivian Smith, John Terneus, James Crowder, Esther Houser, Janine McCullough, Helen Patrick, Marjean Mitchell, Leo Orsi, Dorothy Cassel and Luann Cox

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m.

James Crowder handed out a list of the priority bills of the Oklahoma Alliance on Aging for the 2006 Legislation Session. There are ten bills: SB1793, SB1850, SB1738, SB1434, SB 1640, HB2484, SB1748, SB1707, SB1754 and HB2830. The full report can be found on page 11.

Dorothy Cassel handed out a list of bills that the Oklahoma Silver Haired Legislature Alumni Association is watching. There are seven bills: SB809, SB1793, SB1841, SB1349, SB1818, HR1075 and HR2459. The full report is on 12.

John Terneus handed out a list that the NSHC have selected as their top five seniors priorities from 70 of their resolutions. They are as follows: The full report is on page 10.

1. Reauthorization and funding of the Older Americans Act (OAA)
2. Extending the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan deadline to Dec. 31.
3. Seniors dental care integrated with primary Health Care.
4. National Background Check and Registry for Health Caregivers
5. Action on recommendations from the Whitehouse Conference on Aging last December.

Many of the bills that will have an impact on seniors are discussed at length in these meetings. You will learn a lot of very important information and also get an overall view of how our legislation works. The meetings are informal and interesting. The next meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, March 13, 2006, at the Aging Services Conference Room at Shepherd Mall. Please plan to be with us.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

House bills are:

<u>HB1389</u>	2/7/2005	Public health and safety; Oklahoma Drug Price Disclosure Act; Oklahoma Consumer Protection Act; codification; effective date. 2-08-06 Second Reading referred to Health and Human Services	Morrisette(H)
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<u>HB2073</u>	2/6/2006	Revenue and taxation; income tax deduction; effective date. Pass Revenue and Taxation Committee. Coauthored by Representative(s) Dorman. Authored by Senator Wilson (principal Senate author) Referred for engrossment 03-08 Second Reading referred to Finance	Smithson(H), Wilson(S)
<u>HB2148</u>	2/6/2006	Revenue and taxation; tax credit for certain origination fees; codification; effective date; emergency. Do Pass, amended by committee substitute Revenue and Taxation Committee Coauthored by Representative(s) Braddock, Dank, Roan, Miller (Doug), Dorman, Kiesel, Covey, Blackwell, Brannon, Nance, Nations, Brown, Peters, Armes, Mass, Denney Authored by Senator Gumm (principal Senate author) 2-08-06 Coauthored by Senator(s) Jolley, Lerblance, Garrison, Myers, Coffee, Corn	Carey(H), Gumm(S)
<u>HB2360</u>	2/6/2006	Revenue and taxation; relating to federal retirement benefits; providing for graduated exemption amounts for income tax. Effective date. 03-08 Second Reading referred to Finance	Banz(H), Leftwich(S)
<u>HB2399</u>	2/6/2006	Public health and safety; criminal arrest checks; effective date. Second Reading referred to Health and Human Services 2-28-06 Do Pass Health and Human Resources Committee Authored by Senator Crain (principal Senate author)	Hastings(H)
<u>HB2410</u>	2/6/2006	Public health and safety; requiring criminal history background checks and sex offender registration inquiry for certain employees; codification; effective date. 2-07-06 Second Reading referred to Health and Human Services.	Balkman(H)
<u>HB2459</u>	2/6/2006	Revenue and taxation; relating to income tax deduction; providing for those providing care for elderly persons. Effective date. Engrossed, signed, to Senate. First Reading. SHL Bill- 2-21-06 Changed to SB1646 03-08 Second Reading referred to Finance	Peterson(H), Anderson(S)

<u>HB2484</u>	2/6/2006	Professions and occupations; allowing certain entities to transfer unused prescription drugs to certain pharmacies; effective date. Do Pass Health and Human Resources Committee. Coauthored by Representative(s) Lindley, Gilbert, Shelton. Authored by Senator Nichols (principal Senate author) General Order Coauthored by Representative(s) Smithson, Brannon Third Reading, Measure passed: Ayes: 101 Nays: 0 Referred for engrossment 3-08-06 Second Reading referred to Health and Human Resources	Nance(H), Nichols(S)
<u>HB2649</u>	2/6/2006	Insurance; relating to Health Savings Act; modifying definitions; providing for tax treatment. Emergency. 03-08-06 Second Reading referred to Finance	Steele(H), Laughlin(S)
<u>HB2674</u>	2/6/2006	Healthcare planning; Uniform Wishes Document Act; form; codification; effective date. 2-07-06 Second Reading referred to Judiciary	Staggs(H)
<u>HB2675</u>	2/6/2006	Public health and safety; requiring nursing home protocol; codification; (cameras in nursing homes) effective date. 2-07-06 Second Reading referred to Health and Human Services	Staggs(H)
<u>HB2713</u>	2/6/2006	Criminal procedure; modifying penalty; emergency. 2-15-06 Do Pass, amended by committee substitute Corrections and Criminal Justice Committee. Coauthored by Representative(s) Worthen, Perry, Blackwell, Nance. Authored by Senator Eason McIntyre (principal Senate author)	Shelton(H), Eason McIntyre(S)
<u>HB2759</u>	2/6/2006	Revenue and taxation; short title; Long-Term Care and Health Care Gap Insurance Tax Incentive Act of 2006; noncodification; effective date; emergency. 2-07-06 Second Reading referred to Revenue and Taxation	Askins(H)

<u>HB2812</u>	2/6/2006	Revenue and taxation; ad valorem tax exemption for continuum of care retirement community; effective date. 2-08-06 Do Pass Revenue and Taxation Committee Coauthored by Representative(s) Dank, Nance, Blackwell, Armes, DeWitt Authored by Senator Johnson (Mike) (principal Senate author)	Denney(H), Johnson(S)
<u>HB2820</u>	2/6/2006	Public health and safety; licensing of persons who provide companion or sitter services; codification; effective date. 03-07-06 CR; Do Pass, amended by committee substitute Health and Human Resources Committee Coauthored by Representative(s) Shelton Authored by Senator Williamson (principal Senate author)	Peterson(H)
<u>HB2821</u>	2/6/2006	Crimes and punishments; relating to asking or receiving unauthorized reward for official act; effective date. (interim Study) 2-27-06 Do Pass, amended by committee substitute Rules Committee Authored by Senator Ford (principal Senate author)	Peterson(H), Ford(S)
<u>HB2830</u>	2/6/2006	Sex offenders; providing time limitation for issuance of identification card to certain persons; effective date. 3-1-06 CR; Do Pass, amended by committee substitute Corrections and Criminal Justice Committee Coauthored by Representative(s) Blackwell, Nance, Roan, Richardson Authored by Senator Eason McIntyre (principal Senate author)	Billy(H), Eason McIntyre(S)
<u>HB2842</u>	2/6/2006	Public he; Medicaid Reform Act; codification; effective date. 2-28-06 Do Pass, amended by committee substitute Health and Human Resources Committee Coauthored by Representative(s) Balkman Authored by Senator Crain (principal Senate author)	Steele(H), Crain(S)
<u>HB2843</u>	2/6/2006	Professions and occupations; creating Drug Reimportation Act; codification; effective date. 2-07-06 Second Reading referred to Appropriations and Budget	Steele(H)

<u>HB2844</u>	2/6/2006	Professions and occupations; creating Drug Reimportation Act; codification; effective date 03-07-06 CR;Do Pass Health and Human Resources Committee Coauthored by Representative(s) Hamilton, Shelton Authored by Senator Adelson (principal Senate author)	Steele(H)
<u>HB2865</u>	2/6/2006	Mental health; clarifying and modifying scope of certain definitions; repealer; codification; effective date 03-07-06 CR; Do Pass, amended by committee substitute Health and Human Resources Committee Authored by Senator Cain (principal Senate author)	Worthen(H)
<u>HB2883</u>	2/6/2006	Public health; Cervical Cancer Awareness and Treatment Program Act; codification; effective date. 02-07-06 Second Reading referred to Health and Human Services (this bill is a concern)	Steele(H)
<u>HB2907</u>	2/6/2006	Public health and safety; The Governmental Tort Claims Act; effective date. Second Reading referred to Health and Human Services 03-09-06 Engrossed, signed, to Senate First Reading	Peterson(H)
<u>HB3069</u>	2/6/2006	Public health and safety; Nursing Home Care Act; effective date. 2-07-06 Second Reading referred to Rules	Jackson(H)
<u>HCR1036</u>	5/18/2005	Concurrent resolution; veteran benefits; distribution.	Lindley(H), Bass(S)
<u>HJR1002</u>	2/7/2005	Oklahoma Constitution; ad valorem taxation; limitation on increases; ballot titles; filing. Second Reading referred to Rules. Coauthored by Representative(s) Nance, Dank. Authored by Senator Lamb (principal Senate author) General Order Coauthored by Representative(s) Billy, Liotta, Morgan (Fred), Perry, Peters, Peterson (Ron), Terrill, Tibbs Amended Resolving clause stricken Third Reading, Measure passed: Ayes: 68 Nays: 28 Referred for engrossment 3-02-06 Engrossed, signed, to Senate First Reading	Liebmann(H), Lamb(S)

<u>HR1075</u>	2/6/2006	Public safety; Silver Alert; distribution. Withdrawn from Calendar; referred to Rules Committee(original bill was HR1055,SB1053) 2-27-06 Introduced Authored by Representative Perry, Staggs	Perry(H)
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Senate bills are:

<u>SB809</u>	2/7/2005	State government; creating the Oklahoma Department on Aging. Effective date. Emergency. 02-15-06 Pending coauthorship Senator(s) Laster (may be dead) (May try and add to another bill)	Leftwich(S)
<u>SB975</u>	2/7/2005	Property; creating the Oklahoma Uniform Trust Code. Effective date. 03-17-06 H Second Reading referred to Judiciary	Laster(S), Morgan(H)
<u>SB1022</u>	2/6/2006	Revenue and taxation; sales tax exemption; authorizing exemption for sales of tickets to certain professional athletic events; emergency. Referred for engrossment Engrossed, signed, to Senate HAS read HAS adopted Measure and Emergency passed: Ayes: 41 Nays: 3 Referred for enrollment Enrolled, to House Signed, returned to Senate 03-06-06 Approved by Governor 03/06/2006	Morgan(S), Hiett(H)
<u>SB1349</u>	2/6/2006	Public health and safety; allowing nursing home facilities to install surveillance cameras with consent. Effective date. 02-07-06 Second Reading referred to Health and Human Resources	Garrison(S)
<u>SB1434</u>	2/6/2006	Public health; creating the Prescription Drug Reimportation Act. Effective date 03-07-06 Engrossed to House First Reading	Adelson(S), Steele(H)
<u>SB1615</u>	2/6/2006	Public health; expanding Medicaid benefits to assisted living residents. Effective date. Do Pass, as amended Appropriations Committee; CR filed. Title stricken. 2-23-06 coauthored by Shumate (principal House author) (layover)	Johnson(S), Shumate(H)
<u>SB1622</u>	2/6/2006	State Department of Health; clarifying statutory language. Effective date. Second Reading referred to Rules (removed)	Laster(S)

<u>SB1640</u>	2/6/2006	Public health; authorizing residential care homes to participate in a program for unused prescription drugs. Effective date. 03-06-06 Engrossed to House First Reading	Johnson(S), Balkman
<u>SB1646</u>	2/6/2006	Revenue and taxation; providing deduction for taxpayers who provide percentage of support for certain relatives. Effective date. First Reading Authored by Senator Laster Second Reading referred to Finance Reported Do Pass as amended Finance committee; pending CR Pending authorship Representative(s) Peterson (Pam) Reported Do Pass, as amended Finance Committee; CR filed Title stricken coauthored by Peterson (Pam) (principal House author) General Order, Considered Measure passed: Ayes: 45 Nays: 0 Referred for engrossment 03-02-06 Engrossed to House First Reading	Laster(S), Peterson(H)
<u>SB1655</u>	2/6/2006	Revenue and taxation; providing income tax exemption for certain federal civil service retirees. Effective date. Do Pass, as amended Finance Committee; CR filed. Title stricken. coauthored by Jolley, Laughlin, Reynolds. coauthored by Banz (principal House author). coauthored by Cargill, Case, Lindley General Order, Considered Measure passed: Ayes: 46 Nays: 0 Referred for engrossment 03-06-06 Engrossed to House First Reading	Leftwich(S), Banz(H)
<u>SB1665</u>	2/6/2006	Revenue and taxation; exempting items of clothing and footwear from state and local sales taxes for certain time period; modifying apportionment of sales tax. Effective date. Emergency. Do Pass, as amended Finance Committee; CR filed. coauthored by Corn. coauthored by Piatt (principal House author). 03-08-06 Engrossed to House First Reading	Gumm(S), Piatt(H)
<u>SB1679</u>	2/6/2006	State government; creating the Oklahoma State Aging Agency. Effective date. Referred to Appr/Sub-Human Services 02-07-06 (may be dead)	Johnson(S)

<u>SB1707</u>	2/6/2006	Sex offenders; providing sex offenders registry to Commissioner of Health. Effective date. Emergency. 02-27-06 Do Pass, as amended Health and Human Resources Committee; CR filed. Title stricken. coauthored by Duncan (principal House author)	Myers(S), Duncan(H)
<u>SB1738</u>	2/6/2006	State government; relating to prescription assistance for medically indigent residents; modifying procedures. Emergency 03-06-06 Engrossed to House First Reading	Paddack(S), Terrill(H)
<u>SB1748</u>	2/6/2006	Crimes and punishments; creating the Identity Theft Protection Act. Effective date. 02-13-06 Do Pass, amended by committee substitute Judiciary committee; CR filed. Title stricken. coauthored by Lawler. coauthored by Ingmire (principal House author)	Bass(S), Ingmire(H)
<u>SB1754</u>	2/6/2006	Sex offenders; creating Neighborhood Protection Against Sex Offenders Act. Effective date. Emergency. 03-06-06 Engrossed to House First Reading	Coffee(S), Balkman(H)
<u>SB1793</u>	2/6/2006	Crimes and punishments; prohibiting the exploitation of elderly persons; providing for penalties. Effective date. Emergency. 03-09-06 General Order, Considered coauthored by Johnson (Constance) Measure and Emergency passed: Ayes: 42 Nays: 0 Referred for engrossment	Justice(S), Richardson(H)
<u>SB1818</u>	2/6/2006	Motor vehicles; relating to proof of financial responsibility; clarifying language. Effective date. 02-07-06 Second Reading referred to Rules (Dormant measure)	Brogdon(S)
<u>SB1841</u>	2/6/2006	Crimes and punishments; prohibiting abuse and lewd molestation of the elderly. Effective date. Emergency. Referred to Appr/Sub-Public Safety and Judiciary (Dead)	Garrison(S)

<u>SB1850</u>	2/6/2006	Public health; modifying powers and duties of the Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators; deleting authority of qualified mental retardation professionals. Effective date 03-08-06 General Order, Amended Title stricken Measure passed: Ayes: 43 Nays: 0 Notice served to reconsider vote on measure Adelson	Cain(S), Denney(H)
<u>SB1887</u>	2/6/2006	Public health; creating additional staffing ratios for Alzheimer units in nursing facilities. Effective date. Do Pass, as amended Appropriations Committee; CR filed. Title stricken. 03-09-06 Engrossed to House First Reading	Capps(S), Walker(H)
<u>SB1971</u>	2/6/2006	Public health; exempting certain State Department of Health fees from limitations. Effective date. Do Pass, amended by committee substitute Health and Human Resources committee; CR filed. coauthored by Peters (principal House author) General Order, Considered Measure passed: Ayes: 44 Nays: 0 Referred for engrossment 03-06-06 Engrossed to House First Reading (Hospice)	Riley(S), Peters(H)
<u>SB2016</u>	2/6/2006	Revenue and taxation; relating to income tax; modifying amount of exemption for specified retirement benefits based on filing status. Effective date. Do Pass, as amended Finance Committee; CR filed. Title stricken. coauthored by Ford, Mazzei. 03-08-06 Engrossed to House First Reading	Gumm(S), Dorman(H)
<u>SB2017</u>	2/6/2006	Poor persons; extending the Strategic Planning Committee on the Olmstead Decision; creating the Oklahoma Persons with Disabilities Transition Act. Effective date. Do Pass as amended Appropriations committee; pending CR Reported 03-09-06 Measure passed: Ayes: 43 Nays: 0 Referred for engrossment	Johnson(S)

NSHC SELECTS TOP FIVE SENIOR ISSUES

The National Silver Haired Congress recently concluded its ninth annual session in Alexandria, Virginia. The Silver Senators and Silver Representatives selected the "TOP FIVE" priorities from 70 of their resolutions.

The "TOP FIVE" senior issues are:

1. Reauthorization and funding of the Older Americans Act (OAA),
2. Extending the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan deadline to Dec. 31.
3. Seniors dental care integrated with primary Health Care.
4. National Background Check and Registry for Health Caregivers,
5. Action on recommendations from the Whitehouse Conference on Aging last December.

The "Top Five" issues have been communicated to the leadership of the Congress and the President. The Silver Haired delegates are to also present them to Congressmen, media and any group willing to listen.

The Baby Boomers began turning 60 years of age this year. Over the next 18 years, 78 million will follow. The numbers of seniors needing medical care, medicines and other services will be growing much faster than previously.

The Older Americans Act created in 1965 provides numerous services to seniors including nutrition sites and home delivered *meals*. The Whitehouse Conference on Aging also put this first. The Part D (Drugs) of Medicare has penalties for late enrollment. Those deadlines need to be postponed at least to December 31, 2006.

The mid-year meeting will be in Las Vegas, Nevada, August 21-22, Pat Porter obtained a NSHC website. www.natlshc.org.

The Silver Senators and Silver Representatives are elected from the states in the same numbers as federal Congressmen. They are nonpartisan and non-political to represent all seniors 60 years of age or older, The NSHC was recognized by Congress in 1994.

Theo Crawley, Weleetka, Oklahoma, was elected a NSHC Board alternate. Others attending were Marilyn Williams, Edmond; John and Sue Terneus, Yukon; Charles Watson, Chickasha and Roy Watson, Ada.

Elections for Oklahomans to the next NSHC will be April 28, 2006, through the Area Aging Agencies. Five Silver Representatives for two years from the five Congressional Districts and one Silver Senator for the whole state for a four year term are open.

Priority Bills of the Oklahoma Alliance on Aging for the 2006 Legislative Session

Status of Bills 3-1-06

By James Crowder

1. **SB 1793** Ron Justice Making exploitation of elderly person or disabled adult a crime. 2-15-06 Passed from Senate Appropriations Committee.
2. **SB 1850** Bernest Cain Relates to the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for nursing home administrators; requiring certain fines. 2-16-06 Passed by the Senate Health and Human Resources Committee.
3. **SB 1738** Susan Paddack Prescription drug coverage for medically indigent persons. 2-22-06 Passed Senate Appropriations Committee.
4. **SB 1434** Tom Adelson Prescription Drug Reimportation Act. 2-23-06 Passed by Senate Health and Human Resources Committee.
5. **SB 1640** Connie Johnson Authorizing residential care homes to transfer certain prescription drugs. 3-1-06 Transferred to Senate Floor Agenda.
6. **HB 2484** John Nance Allowing certain entities to transfer unused prescription drugs to certain pharmacies. 2-28-06 House passed 101-0
7. **SB 1748** Randy Bass Creating the Identity Theft Protection Act. 2-17-06 Passed Senate Judiciary Committee.
8. **SB 1707** David Meyers Sex offender registration; information to nursing homes and long-term facilities. 2-23-06 Passed Senate Health and Human Resources Committee.
9. **SB 1754** Glenn Coffee Requiring certain business to conduct background checks and verification of sex offender registration. 3-1-06 Set on Senate Floor Agenda.
10. **HB 2830** Lisa Billy Issuance of I D cards and licenses to sex offenders. 2-28-06. Passed House Corrections Committee.

**Oklahoma Silver Haired Legislature Alumni Association
Information Letter**

Date: 2-28-2006

Subject: Status of Bill

To: All Concerned

SB809 Single State Agency - Okla. Department on Aging -Senator Debbe Leftwich
Second Reading referred to Appropriations /Sub-Human Services -Was
not heard in Committee. **Status: ?????? – May try and add to
another bill**

SB1793 Senior Protection Laws -- Senator Ron Justice - First Reading, Second
Reading, Referred to Appropriations/Sub-Public Safety and Judiciary,
Amended, Do pass, Title Stricken, Emergency measure. To go before full
Senate. **Status: To go to full Senate, Has House Author**

SB 1841 Prohibiting Abuse & Lewd molestation of the elderly - Senator Earl
Garrison - First Reading, Second Reading referred to
Appropriations/Sub-Public Safety and Judiciary Was not heard in
Committee. **Status: Dead**

SB1349 Cameras in Nursing Homes - Senator Earl Garrison - First Reading,
Second Reading Referred to Health and Human Resources. Was not
heard in Committee. **Status: Dead**

SB 1818 Transportation for Senior Citizens in Rural area - Senator Randy Brogdon
– First Reading, Second Reading referred to Rules, being rewritten.
Status: Still going.

HR1055, SB1053 Silver Alert - Senator Fred Perry- Senator Barbara Staggs -
Withdrawn from Calendar, Referred to Rules, Bill Number Change to
HR1075, goes to House Floor, **Status: Still going**

HR2459 Income Tax deduction; Care of Elderly Persons - Representative Pam
Peterson – First Reading, Second Reading, Referred to Revenue and
Taxation, Do pass revenue and Taxation Committee, General Order,
Amended, Title Stricken, Third Reading, Measure Passed. Goes to Full
House Floor. **Status: Still going.**

This is the status of our bills. I hope we can get some of them through. I have 3
Legislators that have told me they want to author bills for the SHL next year. This
has been a very informative year for me so far. I hope you have all enjoyed
following our bill you wrote and voted on.

**WE ARE DOING TOGETHER WHAT NONE OF US COULD DO
SEPARATELY.**

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