



# ***HOT TOPIC ISSUES***

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## ***Pro Tem-designate Senator Greg Treat names chairs, vice chairs for Senate standing committees***

Activity continues to pick up at the Oklahoma Senate as we draw nearer to the start of the 2019 legislative session. The pace of new bills being filed is picking up, and Senate President Pro Tempore-designate Greg Treat made a big announcement about the new committee chairs of Senate standing committees.

Since February 2019 marks the beginning of a new Legislature (the 57<sup>th</sup> Legislature), the Senate will see new committee chairs.

Pro Tem-designate Treat said there is great optimism at the Capitol heading into 2019 and that the women and men he appointed to serve as committee chairs “will do great work for the Senate, for their constituents, and for the entire state of Oklahoma.”

Serving as committee chair is a big deal in the Senate and comes with a lot of responsibility. Not only do committee chairs run meetings, ensuring an orderly process and that senators have adequate time to discuss and vet bills.

The chairs and vice chairs, who run meetings if committee chairs are absent or presenting a bill, for Senate standing committees are:

### **Agriculture and Wildlife Committee:**

- Senator Casey Murdock, R-Felt, chair
- Senator Roland Pederson, R-Burlington, vice chair

### **Appropriations Committee**

- Senator Roger Thompson, R-Okemah, chair
- Senator Dave Rader, R-Tulsa, vice chair

### **Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee**

- Senator James Leewright, R-Bristow, chair
- Senator Joseph Silk, R-Broken Bow, vice chair

### **Education Committee**

- Senator Gary Stanislawski, R-Tulsa, chair
- Senator Joe Newhouse, R-Broken Arrow, vice chair

**Energy Committee**

- Senator Mark Allen, R-Spiro, chair
- Senator Lonnie Paxton, R-Tuttle, vice chair

**Finance Committee**

- Senator Stephanie Bice, R-Oklahoma City, chair
- Senator Chuck Hall, R-Perry, vice chair

**General Government Committee**

- Senator Nathan Dahm, R-Broken Arrow, chair
- Senator Tom Dugger, R-Stillwater, vice chair

**Health and Human Services Committee**

- Senator Jason Smalley, R-Stroud, chair
- Senator Greg McCortney, R-Ada, vice chair

**Judiciary Committee**

- Senator Julie Daniels, R-Bartlesville, chair
- Senator Darcy Jech, R-Kingfisher, vice chair

**Public Safety Committee**

- Senator Wayne Shaw, R-Grove, chair
- Senator Lonnie Paxton, vice chair

**Retirement and Insurance Committee**

- Senator Marty Quinn, R-Claremore, chair
- Senator Ron Sharp, R-Shawnee, vice chair

**Rules Committee**

- Senator Greg McCortney, chair
- Senator Mark Allen, vice chair

**Transportation Committee**

- Senator Rob Standridge, R-Norman, chair
- Senator Micheal Bergstrom, vice chair

**Veterans and Military Affairs Committee**

- Senator Frank Simpson, chair
- Senator Larry Boggs, R-Wilburton, vice chair