

Tort reform proposals to be decided by pissing contest

OKLAHOMA CITY (OP) – In a rare display of bipartisan cooperation, House Majority Leader Larry Adair, D-Stilwell and House Minority Floor Leader Todd Hiett, R-Kellyville, announced that Oklahoma lawsuit reforms would be settled through a legislative pissing contest.

Tort reform has been a hot-button issue since a Wall Street Journal editorial accused Oklahoma of offering “jackpot justice.” The debate has deeply divided the legislature, with Republicans claiming reform is necessary to promote economic development and Democrats

saying the legislation would curb the rights of the injured.

“Oklahoma wants lawsuit reform, but the Democrats are blocking the process to protect their trial lawyer cohorts,” Hiett said. “We’ve offered plan after plan, only to see our proposals gutted in conference committees.”

“We just hope this will shut them up,” Adair said.

The pissing contest is a legislative procedure outlined in Article 28, Section 10 of the state constitution, in between the part that defines the ignition point of kerosene and the provisions

that cover how many hours a child can work underground. It states, in part, that, “in the case of a breakdown in the political process, issues may be decided by a urinary confrontation.” The next 40 pages of the state constitution govern the rules of the contest, including regulations for distance, duration, and “the crossing of streams.”

The contest is scheduled to take place next week between Adair and Hiett. Oklahoma Supreme Court Chief Justice Hardy Summers will serve as the official judge. In preparation for the showdown, Adair and Hiett say they have raised their fluid intake from 12 to 24 beers per day.

Attorney General files restraining order against lawmaker’s mustache

OKLAHOMA CITY (OP) – On Monday, Oklahoma Attorney General Drew Edmondson announced that he had filed a restraining order against the mustache of Rep. Larry Rice, D-Pryor.

“Rice’s facial hair is out of control,” said Edmondson. “We feel that, if it is allowing to grow unchecked, it threatens to consume the House.”



Rep. Larry Rice,
D-Pryor

Edmond said the action was necessary to protect Rep. Joe Eddins, D-Vinita, who sits next to Rice in the House and has been assaulted by the mustache on various occasions.

“I’m not saying he has to shave it but something has to be done. I can’t see anything from my desk anymore, and it’s like voting in a straw hut.” Eddins said.

In a previous filing, the attorney general successfully restrained the mustache of Rep. Gred Piatt, D-Ardmore.

He said he is considering taking action against the goatee of Sen. Charles Ford, R-Tulsa, as well as filing suit against the soup-strainer of destruction worn by Rep. Mike Mass, D-Hartshorne

Legislator confirmed to be Marilyn Manson

OKLAHOMA CITY (OP) – House Republicans were shocked to learn that one of their own, Rep. Tad Jones, R-Claremore, had previously fronted 90’s shock-rock band Marilyn Manson.

In his rock-and-role heyday, Manson was renown for his satanic imagery and explicit lyrics. The star fell from prominence in the late 90s, the victim of post-Columbine fallout and overshadowed by the rise of such provocative acts as Eminem and Creed.

Changing his name to Tad Jones, “the most boyish, innocent-sounding name I could think of,” Manson was elected to the District 9 seat in 1998.

As a performer, Manson was renown for his on-stage antics, including stunts featuring goats’ blood, blow-up dolls and strap-on dildos.



Rep. Tad Jones,
R-Claremore...



... and in concert at
the MTV Music Awards

As the House minority whip, Jones has authored legislation regarding school district elections and the use of golf carts on city streets.

He says his day as the quasi-satanic musician are behind him, though he may still cover himself in blood during House debate.

‘Frustrated’ Meacham puts governor in time-out

OKLAHOMA CITY (OP) – Citing the need “to get some work done around here,” Department of Finance Director Scott Meacham put Gov. Brad Henry in time-out Wednesday.

“I’m just frustrated right now,” Meacham said of the action. “I’m trying to broker delicate deals between tobacco retailers, tribes, horse racers and others, and he’s jumping up and down bugging me to take him to Sonic. I didn’t want to bring him to work with me, but Susan (Meacham’s wife) had to go out of town and so

now he’s following me around the Capitol.”

Meacham put Henry in time-out for 20 minutes while he worked on gathering support for legislation that would raise the sales tax on tobacco.

“I feel a little guilty about it,” Meacham said, “but I really needed to concentrate. I’ve got a job to do here and, if I let him run around this place, he’d just end up giving a press conference or something.”

Meacham said that, to make it up to the governor, he would take him to Sonic after work.