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## Republicans amend Bible to remove inconvenient passages *Golden Rule, Beatitudes among sections deemed incompatible with GOP agenda*

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One week into the 50th Legislative Session, House Republicans have forced through a bill that would amend the New Testament of the Holy Bible. Rep. John Trebilcock, R-Broken Arrow, said the changes were necessary to remove certain contradictions with orthodox GOP ideology.

"Clearly, it's embarrassing that so many aspects of our platform are opposed to key Christian principles. Saturated as we are in Social Darwinist special-interest money, we feel it would be easier and more efficient to simply amend the Bible" said Trebilcock.

Among the passages to be edited is Matthew 7:1, commonly referred to as "The Golden Rule." Traditionally, this verse admonishes readers to treat others as they would like to be treated. However, under the Republican package, the line would be modified to specifically exclude homosexuals.

"This is America. (Homosexuals) can do whatever they want in their

own homes," said Sen. James Williamson, R-Tulsa, who will carry the bill in the Senate. "However, once they try to get me to treat them with the same dignity and respect that I would expect myself, then we have a problem."

Williamson says another troublesome section is Matthew 5:1-12, also known as "The Beatitudes." In these brief sayings, Jesus comforts people who would be omitted from Republican proposals, such as the poor, the sick and the meek.

Under the republican amendments, "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice: for they shall have their fill" has been changed to, "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice, up until \$300,000, for thine Legislative Leaders have not agreed to any 'moratorium' on tort reform, and plan to make the issue a major component of our platform in the upcoming session."

Trebilcock said that, in future legislation, Republicans would move to Old Testament revision, seeking to expand the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah to cover liberal voters.

## Hiett irritated that governor has apparently grown a pair

OKLAHOMA CITY (OP) – According to sources within the House of Representatives, House Speaker Todd Hiett, R-Kellyville, is dismayed that Gov. Brad Henry has grown a pair of brass round ones.

"I'm not pleased with it," said Hiett.

Upon the GOP takeover of the Oklahoma Legislature in the November elections, Republicans were expected to whip out their legislation in the face of astonished Democrats. At the time, Henry was expected to offer feeble counter proposals, including "EDGEpalooza 2005: Reaching for Excellence and Rubbing It all over our Bodies."

However, the passage of lottery and cigarette tax measures has prompted a swelling in Henry's package, and he has mobilized his mass of confidence to pre-empt Republican legislation.

Last week, Henry was seen whipping out his massive prescription drug plan at a press conference.

"You think you can roll with the big boy? Bring it on!" said Henry.

No sooner has Republicans debuted their tort reform plans than Henry slapped them upside the head with a "Tax Rebate, OCAST investment" package. School consolidation and workers comp reforms were blocked by a higher education bond issue and a sweet slice of worker's safety measures.

Despite early opposition by Henry's developing spine, Hiett says Republicans will chip away at the governor over the course of the session.

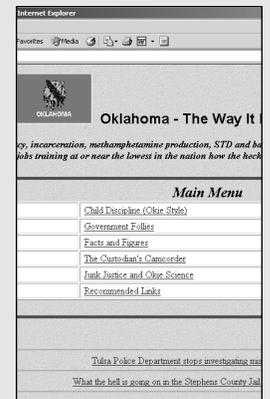
"Clearly, the governor's sizable package has presented an unexpected obstacle to our legislation" said Hiett.

However, the Speaker said that he is no stranger to ball breaking. Hiett most recently broke the traditional Speaker's Ball by banning alcohol from the event.

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## Balkman drags Toure to Room 101 to 'discuss' House rule changes

OKLAHOMA CITY (OP) – Rep. Thad Balkman, R-Norman, and Rep. Opio Toure, D-Oklahoma City, have been debating controversial changes to House rules since the first day of the session. However, negotiations are going much smoother since relocating to Room 101, a spokesman for Balkman reported.

Situated deep within the Ministry of Truth, Room 101 is often used by the Party to destroy those who would resist it. Upon exiting the room, lawmakers are often more responsive to counter-proposals.

In this case, Rep. Toure agreed that "he who controls the House controls the present, and he who controls the present controls the future."

Toure also noted that he loved Big Brother.