

BOYS STATE BUDGET FINALLY PASSED

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Yesterday morning, the state budget finally passed. The government has been re-opened and the delegates worked one last day on passing bills, legislature, improving cities and counties. The Budget excluded 100,000 dollars for the Killdozer that was introduced yesterday and reallocated the funds into areas that would support the fire crisis in Eisenhower County, Pershing County, and Patton County.

Last night, due to the inability for the government agree on the proposed budget, the government went under a shutdown. The resulting verdicts of the meeting caused conflicting views on the capability of the government. House of Representatives Davis Griffey explained the circumstances leading up to the government shutdown.

"Last night, we had a joint session between the House and the Senate. So both legislative bodies were there. We were working on the budget. First that started out with some legitimate concerns, especially with reallocating money from the overfunded Special Education Department and some of the other overfunded areas. Those statues would've been put in. But the budget still wasn't passed. And I think some of that was due to the fact that some individuals indeed wanted a



GOVERNOR Dalton White discusses the budget with the Boys State Legislature. Photo Credit Todd Vogts

government shutdown," Griffey said.

Individuals have agreed that the budget proposed from the day before was an adequate proposal and thus feel a sense of resentment to the result of the meeting. Senator Weston Curnow expressed his sentiments for the failure for the original budget proposal.

"Frankly, I think it was a well done budget. The governor in his cabinet spend that much time on a budget in a bill, I think they've really put care and thought into it," Curnow said.

Today, the House and the Senate reconvened to amend the budget proposal and hurried to provide an acceptable proposal and end the government shutdown.

"The only amendment that we made today from the government's original budget was that we took an

amount of money we put half of that into national garden, around half of that into things throughout the government that could help with the fire," Curnow said.

Increased cooperation enabled a budget to be finally passed. Rep. Griffey explained that he believed a new sense of responsibility enabled the group to focus on stopping the government shutdown.

"Well, today we had someone who came in and spoke in front of a joint session. We had a 32nd moment of silence for D-day. And then we had a guest speaker come in and explain the problems with Killdozer, and I think that set everyone in the direction of focusing on helping the state out," Griffey said. (Cont. on Page 2)

Patton Bouncing Back after Fire

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The wildfire that occurred Wednesday impacted many counties in extreme ways. Many cities across Pershing, Eisenhower, and Patton county are working together to repair damages caused by the fire to make the process

smoother.

The city of Klassen was greatly affected by the wildfire that spread across Pershing, Eisenhower, and Patton county. Gage Puckett, a member of Klassen's city council, described their process for recovery after the fire.

"Currently we're just working on ordinances that could boost our economy, we're hoping to get people back on their feet, get them either homes or jobs back, and just fix whatever we got damaged," Puckett said.

The city of O'leary, however, was not in the same conditions as other cities. Liam O'Leary, the mayor of O'leary, told The Delegate about how they communicated with other cities affected and their plans for the future.

"We talked to Eisenhower, we talked to two cities up there, they're both a thousand dollars in debt. These guys are around a thousand dollars in debt, we are a thousand dollars up so we're actually doing kinda well compared to the others," O'Leary said.

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Bringing Boys State Beyond K-State

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As the end to the eighty-second session of Boys State of Kansas draws nearer to a close, it is important to remember why we are here. We were not just here to get away for a week and work in government positions, it was a way for us to learn important life skills. Boys State of Kansas is a way for young men to learn leadership skills along with learning more about the government and how it works. The big question many delegates need to think about now is how they will use these skills in the real world.

The mission statement of Kansas Boys State is clear: “Boys State provides a relevant, interactive, problem-solving experience in leadership and teamwork that develops self identity, promotes mutual respect and instills civic responsibility.”

The most simple of these is to instill civic responsibility. Boys State of Kansas wants its delegates to get more active in their community by assigning mock-government positions and situations. Delegates in the past have used the skills they learned to make an impact in their real government,

such as Alejandro Rangel-Lopez who worked to bring more polls to Dodge City and even served as a plaintiff in a case against the City’s government, and it is hoped that delegates from this current session will also help make Kansas better.

Promoting mutual respect is also a major point of the Boys State of Kansas. Throughout the entire week, delegates are forced to work with people they do not necessarily agree with in any way. This reflects the real world. The experience helps people to work and compromise with others they don’t agree with politically, and not dealing with it aggressively.

Developing self identity is an important thing to do, and Kansas Boys State also focuses on this. The experience as a whole helps delegates learn more about themselves, learning what they stand for and how much they are willing to fight for what they believe in.

Delegates are implored to keep in mind the lessons they have learned from Boys State, and use them in their own communities. Boys State takes great pride in their alumnis’ involvement in the world.

Budget (Cont.)

Yet despite all popular opposition to the shutdown, there may have been hidden benefits. Especially with the fires that have started around the counties, the extra time given to amend the budget has given time for the government to adjust to the numerous recent issues that have arose.

“I think that the government shutdown was

both a blessing and a curse at the time. It’s a blessing in the way that if we had opened up and signed the budget for all those people who had to have access to those funds, we would have lost Pershing County, Eisenhower county, Patten county. They would have a lost resources needed from the budget to deal with the fires,” Griffey said.

Extortion Trial Ends in Charges for House Leader

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During the early morning operation hours of Thursday’s workday, the Kansas Highway Patrol arrested the House Minority leader. From that point, he was escorted from the House and taken to face trial. The Minority Leader was charged with extortion, blackmail, and racketeering.

The case began at 10:00 with the attorneys of the plaintiffs playing an audio clip in their opening statement which was not a standard practice, but the judges dismissed the mistake. The prosecution called Representative Harrison Dollar to be first called to the stand, and he confessed his distrust with the subject’s leadership.

“I would say that the defendant was one to want power at all costs, would want everyone to band, even at the expense of throwing away his own

morality and what was right,” Dollar said.

Much of the trial focused on audio interviews from the media and screenshots showing texts from a private group chat with all Nationalist House members. However, both sides had reports of the minority leader supporting or opposing extortion. To some, the case seemed like it could go on forever.

The trial continued until 11:00 and then resumed at 1:00. Halfway through the day’s second operations period, the case closed and the judges decided his fate. He was charged with only one of the six charges applied to him, extortion. While the court gave him no punishment, they designated the House to vote and decide to keep him in leadership or not. After a quick vote, the House nearly unanimously voted the Minority Leader in.

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