

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 7

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7 Bice, Brecheen, Dahm,
8 Daniels, David, Dossett,
9 Dugger, Fields, Floyd, Fry,
10 Griffin, Holt, Jech, Kidd,
11 Leewright, Loveless,
12 Marlatt, Matthews,
13 McCortney, Newberry,
14 Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson,
15 Pemberton, Pittman, Pugh,
16 Quinn, Rader, Scott, Sharp,
17 Shaw, Silk, Simpson,
18 Standridge, Stanislawski,
19 Thompson, Treat and Yen

20 AS INTRODUCED

21 A Resolution imposing punishment upon Senator Ralph
22 Shortey for disorderly behavior pursuant to the
23 provisions of Section 30 of Article V of the Oklahoma
24 Constitution.

WHEREAS, Section 30 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution
states that "each House may determine the rules of its proceedings,
punish its members for disorderly behavior, and with the concurrence
of two-thirds, expel a member." Further, acting pursuant to such
authority, the Senate has enacted its rules for the 56th Oklahoma

1 Legislature and such rules delineate rights and privileges granted
2 to members of the Senate.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
4 OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

5 THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Section 30 of Article V of
6 the Oklahoma Constitution and pursuant to the rules of the Oklahoma
7 State Senate, the Senate hereby imposes the following punishment
8 upon Senator Ralph Shortey for disorderly behavior:

9 1. Senator Shortey's positions as vice-chair of the Committee
10 on Energy and the Subcommittee on Select Agencies of the
11 Appropriations Committee are hereby suspended;

12 2. Senator Shortey's membership on the Committee on Retirement
13 and Insurance, Committee on Judiciary and Committee on
14 Appropriations are hereby suspended;

15 3. Senator Shortey's authority to designate an executive
16 assistant pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rule 3-4 is hereby
17 suspended and his executive assistant is hereby placed under the
18 direct supervision of the Chief Operating Officer of the Senate;

19 4. Senator Shortey is hereby directed to immediately return
20 custody of his state-owned laptop computer and any other state-owned
21 property in his possession to the Senate;

22 5. Senator Shortey shall no longer be authorized to occupy his
23 office in Room 412 of the State Capitol or his assigned parking
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1 space in the west parking lot of the Capitol, in conjunction with
2 the provisions of subsection E of Senate Rule 2-4;

3 6. The provisions of Senate Rule 6-5 are hereby suspended to
4 remove Senator Shortey's name as author or coauthor of any
5 legislation under the control of the Senate. Any other member of
6 the Senate may assume principal authorship or coauthorship of any
7 such legislation as provided in the Senate Rules;

8 7. The allowances for expenses of the office and postage, and
9 for mileage and other travel expenses, granted to Senator Shortey
10 are hereby suspended;

11 8. All pages scheduled as of March 15, 2017, under the
12 sponsorship of Senator Shortey for the remainder of the 2017
13 legislative session shall be under the sponsorship of the President
14 Pro Tempore, and no additional pages shall be scheduled under the
15 sponsorship of Senator Shortey for the remainder of the 2017
16 legislative session.

17 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate reserves the right to further
18 exercise its powers pursuant to the provisions of Section 30 of
19 Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution or any other provision of law
20 or rule.

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