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Hopefully, your neighborhood is thawing out and you are beginning to get back to normal after this record-setting winter blizzard moves eastward. It will be nice to see pavement in front of our houses again, plus enjoy trash pickup and mail/paper deliveries back on schedule. I am thankful that, except suffering cabin fever, most of us survived with power to our homes and phone service to the outside world to keep us connected to family and safety services.

The first legislative session of the 53rd Legislature commenced this week. I will be sending out weekly updates through the end of our session on May 27th. If you do not want to receive these emails – please let me know.

Monday, Governor Mary Fallin gave her first State of the State speech at our joint session where she shared her priorities for the coming fiscal year as well as a summary of her executive budget. (This speech can be reviewed on her website at: <http://www.ok.gov/governor/>) We face a projected shortfall of \$600 million less than what was appropriated in the current budget year. The Governor adopted three main approaches to address this shortfall: agency cuts, savings and efficiencies, and revenue enhancements.

We have a lot of challenges ahead but I am excited to get to work. At the start of this session, we face 1168 bills and 41 joint resolutions in the Oklahoma House of Representatives while lawmakers in the Senate filed 969 bills and 44 joint resolutions.

You can use the House website at <http://www.okhouse.gov/> to keep track of bills as they move through the legislative process. Or, if you have special concerns – please email our office at jeaniemcdaniel@okhouse.gov to get answers. Use (800) 522-8502 to contact us!

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