

SIXTH DAY

(CONTINUED)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2005

PROCEEDINGS

AFTER RECESS

The Senate met at 10:34 a.m. and was called to order by the President.

PHYSICIAN OF THE DAY

Senator Nelson was recognized and presented Dr. Justin Bartos of North Richland Hills as the Physician of the Day.

The Senate welcomed Dr. Bartos and thanked him for his participation in the Physician of the Day program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS EXTENDED

The President, on behalf of the Senate, extended birthday greetings to Senator Barrientos. Today he is 39 and holding. (Laughter)

RECESS

On motion of Senator Whitmire, the Senate at 10:40 a.m. recessed until 2:30 p.m. today.

AFTER RECESS

The Senate met at 2:43 p.m. and was called to order by Senator Armbrister.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

July 20, 2005

The Honorable President of the Senate
Senate Chamber
Austin, Texas

Mr. President:

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has taken the following action:

THE HOUSE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

HCR 31, In memory of Kristopher Dale Byers of Paris.

Respectfully,

/s/Robert Haney, Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

AT EASE

Senator Shapleigh moved that the Senate at 2:44 p.m. stand At Ease subject to the call of the Chair.

The motion prevailed without objection.

IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The President at 5:23 p.m. called the Senate to order as In Legislative Session.

SENATOR ANNOUNCED PRESENT

Senator Lucio, who had previously been recorded as "Absent-excused," was announced "Present."

(Senator Armbrister in Chair)

SENATE RESOLUTION 140

Senator Shapiro offered the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, First Called Session, 2005, That Senate Rule 12.03, be suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08, to enable the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on **HB 2**, relating to public education and public school finance matters; imposing criminal penalties, to consider and take action on the following matters:

(1) Senate Rule 12.03(4), is suspended to permit the committee to incorporate a new Subsection (e-1) to proposed Section 11.203, to read as follows:

(e-1) For the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2005, the amount set aside under Subsection (e) may not exceed \$3.6 million. This subsection expires August 31, 2007.

Explanation: The change is necessary to limit the amount that may be spent to pay the costs of administering the school leadership pilot program for principals for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2005.

(2) Senate Rule 12.03(4), is suspended to permit the committee to incorporate a new section in the bill, numbered as SECTION 2A.13, to read as follows:

SECTION 2A.13. Effective September 1, 2006, Subchapter I, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.4031 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.4031. A SALARY SUPPLEMENT FOR CERTAIN RETIREMENT-ELIGIBLE CLASSROOM TEACHERS. (a) The amounts specified by this section are in addition to amounts to which a classroom teacher is entitled under Section 21.402.

(b) A classroom teacher, other than an employed retiree, is entitled to an annual salary supplement equal to:

(1) \$1,000 for a year in which the sum of the teacher's age and years of service credit in the Teacher Retirement System of Texas equals at least 80 but less than 85;

(2) \$2,000 for a year in which the sum of the teacher's age and years of service credit in the Teacher Retirement System of Texas equals at least 85 but less than 90;

(3) \$3,000 for a year in which the sum of the teacher's age and years of service credit in the Teacher Retirement System of Texas equals at least 90 but less than 95; and

(4) \$4,000 for a year in which the sum of the teacher's age and years of service credit in the Teacher Retirement System of Texas equals at least 95.

(c) If a person is entitled to a salary supplement under a provision of Subsection (b) for only part of a year, the amount of the salary supplement shall be prorated accordingly.

(d) The Teacher Retirement System of Texas, at the request of the agency, may release information to the agency about a member of the retirement system or a retiree that the executive director of the retirement system finds is necessary to determine a person's eligibility for a salary supplement under this section. The information remains confidential after the information is released to the agency as authorized by this section. The agency may disclose whether an employee is entitled to a supplement and the amount of the supplement to which the employee is entitled but may not release other information provided by the retirement system.

(e) A school district is entitled to state funds in an amount equal to the sum of the salary supplements to which classroom teachers employed by the district are entitled under this section. Funding a school district receives under this section is in addition to any funding the district receives under Chapter 42. The commissioner shall distribute funds under this section with the Foundation School Program payment to which the district is entitled as soon as practicable after the end of the school year as determined by the commissioner. A district to which Chapter 41 applies is entitled to funding under this section. The commissioner shall determine the timing of the distribution of funds to a district that does not receive Foundation School Program payments.

Explanation: The change is necessary to entitle a classroom teacher who is eligible for retirement, other than an employed retiree, to a salary supplement.

(3) Senate Rule 12.03(2), is suspended to permit the committee to omit "by negotiated rulemaking as provided by Chapter 2008, Government Code" added in proposed Section 21.458(c), Education Code.

Explanation: The change is necessary to permit the commissioner to adopt rules relating to teacher mentor qualifications in the manner provided by Chapter 2001, Government Code.

(4) Senate Rule 12.03(4), is suspended to permit the committee to incorporate a new section in the bill, numbered as SECTION 2B.095, to read as follows:

SECTION 2B.095. Subchapter C, Chapter 7, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 7.061 to read as follows:

Sec. 7.061. SUBPOENA. (a) The commissioner may issue a subpoena to compel the attendance and testimony of a witness or the production of materials relevant to an audit or investigation under this title.

(b) A subpoena may be issued throughout the state and may be served by any person designated by the commissioner.

(c) If a person fails to comply with a subpoena issued under this section, the commissioner, acting through the attorney general, may file suit to enforce the subpoena in a district court in Travis County or in the county in which the audit or investigation is conducted. The court shall order compliance with the subpoena if the court finds that good cause exists to issue the subpoena.

Explanation: The change is necessary to permit the commissioner to issue a subpoena to compel the attendance and testimony of a witness or the production of materials relevant to an audit or investigation under Title 2, Education Code.

(5) Senate Rule 12.03(4), is suspended to permit the committee to incorporate a new section in the bill, numbered as SECTION 2B.16, to read as follows:

SECTION 2B.16. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.0022 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.0022. CURRICULUM REVIEW; ALIGNMENT WITH INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM. (a) The State Board of Education shall adopt a five-year cycle for reviewing the essential knowledge and skills of each subject of the required curriculum under Section 28.002.

(b) The State Board of Education may not modify the curriculum in a manner intended to benefit:

(1) a specific publisher of instructional materials, as those terms are defined by Section 31.002; or

(2) another vendor of educational products or technology.

(c) It is the intent of the legislature that the State Board of Education continue to align instructional materials approved under Chapter 31 with the required curriculum. The agency shall develop the state assessment program under Subchapter B, Chapter 39, in alignment with the required curriculum.

Explanation: The change is necessary to require the State Board of Education to adopt a five-year cycle for reviewing the essential knowledge and skills of each subject of the state-required curriculum and to align approved instructional materials with the state-required curriculum.

(6) Senate Rule 12.03(1), is suspended to permit the committee to change the text of proposed Section 44.011(b), Education Code, to read as follows:

(b) For purposes of this section, whether an expenditure is an expenditure for direct instructional activities shall be determined in accordance with standards and definitions adopted by the National Center for Education Statistics of the United States Department of Education.

Explanation: The change is necessary to provide the method by which an expenditure is determined to be an expenditure for direct instructional activities.

(7) Senate Rule 12.03(4), is suspended to permit the committee to incorporate a new section in the bill, numbered as SECTION 2C.12, to read as follows:

SECTION 2C.12. Section 44.0071, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) Each fiscal year, a school district shall compute and report to the commissioner:

(1) the percentage of the district's total available revenue [~~expenditures~~] for the preceding fiscal year that was [~~were~~] used to fund direct instructional activities; [~~and~~]

(2) the percentage of the district's total available revenue for the preceding fiscal year that was used to fund direct instructional activities related to courses that are subject to assessment under Subchapter B, Chapter 39; and

(3) the percentage of the district's full-time equivalent employees during the preceding fiscal year whose job function was to directly provide classroom instruction to students, determined by dividing the number of hours spent by employees in providing direct classroom instruction by the total number of hours worked by all district employees.

(a-1) The commissioner by rule shall determine the manner in which a district's total available revenue for purposes of this section is computed.

Explanation: The change is necessary to require each school district to report the percentage of total available revenue, rather than the district's total expenditures, used to fund direct instructional activities and report the percentage of total available revenue used to fund direct instructional activities related to courses assessed under the state assessment program.

(8) Senate Rule 12.03(2), is suspended to permit the committee to omit the text of proposed Section 44.073, Education Code, as follows:

Sec. 44.0073. INSTRUCTIONAL COSTS. (a) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Direct instructional costs" includes a school district's expenses related to instruction, instructional resources and media services, curriculum development, instructional staff development, instructional leadership, school leadership, and evaluation and counseling services.

(2) "Indirect instructional costs" includes:

(A) a school district's expenses related to social work services, health services, student transportation, food services, facility maintenance and operations, security and monitoring services, and data processing services; and

(B) payments to another district under the public education grant program under Subchapter G, Chapter 29, payments to another district that is a member of a shared services arrangement, payments to a fiscal agent, and payments under Section 37.012 to a juvenile justice alternative education program.

(b) For purposes of school district financial accountability, the agency shall identify each district's direct and indirect instructional costs for the preceding fiscal year and make that information available to the public on the agency's Internet website.

Explanation: The change is necessary to remove the provision of the bill that requires the Texas Education Agency to make information relating to direct and indirect instructional costs, as defined by that provision, available to the public and permit the continuation of current law.

(9) Senate Rule 12.03(4), is suspended to permit the committee to incorporate a new section in the bill, numbered as SECTION 2E.391, to read as follows:

SECTION 2E.391. Subchapter A, Chapter 32, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 32.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.008. TECHNOLOGY GRANTS. (a) From amounts appropriated for the purpose, the commissioner shall make grants as provided by this section to school districts on behalf of eligible campuses and to eligible open-enrollment charter schools. A grant under this section must be in the amount of \$300 for each student enrolled at an eligible campus or eligible open-enrollment charter school.

(b) To be eligible for a grant under this section, a public school must:

(1) be identified by the agency as meeting the goals of the long-range plan for technology under Section 32.001; and

(2) certify to the commissioner that the school will commit to using, for a purpose specified by Subsection (c), other funds available to the school in an amount equal to \$50 for each student enrolled at the school.

(c) A grant under this section may be used only to:

(1) provide for the purchase by public schools of:

(A) wireless electronic mobile computing devices or other technology devices that convey instruction;

(B) productivity software and hardware, including writing, computation, presentation, printing, and communication tools;

(C) electronic learning software aligned with the essential knowledge and skills adopted by the State Board of Education under Section 28.002;

(D) library and other research tools;

(E) electronic assessment tools;

(F) electronic learning tools to improve communications among students, teachers, school administrators, parents, and the community; and

(G) classroom and school management systems;

(2) provide professional development for teachers to integrate the tools and solutions described by Subdivision (1); and

(3) acquire other infrastructure, components, and technologies necessary to support and enhance student performance.

(d) To receive a grant under this section, a school district or open-enrollment charter school must apply in the time and manner specified by commissioner rule. A grant under this section is for a period of two school years and may be renewed as provided by commissioner rule. The commissioner shall ensure that public schools that are awarded grants under this section reflect the demographic and geographic diversity of this state.

Explanation: The change is necessary to provide for technology grants for school districts on behalf of eligible campuses and to eligible open-enrollment charter schools.

(10) Senate Rule 12.03(4), is suspended to permit the committee to incorporate a new section in the bill, numbered as SECTION 3.24, to read as follows:

SECTION 3.24. Section 44.004, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b), (e), and (i) and adding Subsections (b-1) and (b-2) to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (b-2), the [The] president shall provide for the publication of notice of the budget and proposed tax rate meeting in a daily, weekly, or biweekly newspaper published in the district. If no daily, weekly, or

biweekly newspaper is published in the district, the president shall provide for the publication of notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the district's central administrative office is located. Notice under this subsection shall be published not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day before the date of the hearing.

(b-1) The notice of the public meeting to discuss and adopt the budget and the proposed tax rate may not be smaller than one-quarter page of a standard-size or a tabloid-size newspaper, and the headline on the notice must be in 18-point or larger type.

(b-2) Instead of publishing notice in the manner prescribed by Subsection (b), a school district may publish the required notice on its Internet website not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day before the date of the hearing. A school district that publishes notice under this subsection must have a link on its Internet website that is clearly identified as the link to the public notice for the budget and proposed tax rate meeting.

(e) A person who owns taxable property in a school district is entitled to an injunction restraining the collection of taxes by the district if the district has not complied with the requirements of Subsections (b), (b-1), and (b-2)~~[(e),] and [(d), and]~~, if applicable, Subsection (i), and the failure to comply was not in good faith. An action to enjoin the collection of taxes must be filed before the date the school district delivers substantially all of its tax bills.

(i) A school district that uses a certified estimate, as authorized by Subsection (h), may adopt a budget at the public meeting designated in the notice prepared using the estimate, but the district may not adopt a tax rate before the district receives the certified appraisal roll for the district required by Section 26.01(a), Tax Code. After receipt of the certified appraisal roll, the district must publish a revised notice and hold another public meeting before the district may adopt a tax rate that exceeds:

(1) the rate proposed in the notice prepared using the estimate; or

(2) the district's rollback rate determined under Section 26.08, Tax Code, if applicable, using the certified appraisal roll.

Explanation: This change is necessary to prescribe the requirements of the published notice of a school district's budget meeting and proposed tax rate.

(11) Senate Rule 12.03(4), is suspended to permit the committee to incorporate a new section in the bill, numbered as SECTION 7.125, to read as follows:

SECTION 7.125. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.0461 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.0461. TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE FOR SUPERINTENDENT OR PRINCIPAL. (a) The commissioner may issue a temporary certificate under this section for:

(1) assistant principal;

(2) principal; or

(3) superintendent.

(b) A candidate for certification under this section must:

(1) hold a baccalaureate or advanced degree from an institution of higher education;

(2) have significant management and leadership experience, as determined by the board of trustees of the school district that will employ the person under the temporary certificate; and

(3) perform satisfactorily on the appropriate examination prescribed under Section 21.048.

(c) A school district may require that a person who is employed by the district and who holds a certificate issued under this section complete a training program.

(d) A certificate issued to a person under this section is valid only in the school district in which the person is initially employed after receiving the certificate.

(e) A certificate issued under this section:

(1) expires on the third anniversary of the date on which the certificate was issued; and

(2) is not renewable.

(f) The commissioner shall issue a standard certificate to a person who holds a temporary certificate issued under this section if the school district employing the person under the temporary certificate:

(1) has employed the person for at least three years in the capacity for which the person seeks a standard certificate; and

(2) has recommended the person to the commissioner and favorably reviewed, primarily using objective measures of student performance and improvement in the district, the person's performance.

(g) A school district employing a person who holds a temporary certificate issued under this section must provide the person with intensive support during the person's first year of employment with the district, including:

(1) mentoring; and

(2) intensive, high-quality professional development.

Explanation: The change is necessary to permit the commissioner of education to issue a limited temporary certificate for assistant principal, principal, or superintendent.

SR 140 was read and was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 16, Nays 14.

Yeas: Armbrister, Averitt, Brimer, Carona, Deuell, Duncan, Estes, Fraser, Jackson, Janek, Nelson, Ogden, Shapiro, Staples, Wentworth, Williams.

Nays: Barrientos, Ellis, Eltife, Gallegos, Harris, Lindsay, Lucio, Madla, Seliger, Shapleigh, Van de Putte, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

Absent-excused: Hinojosa.

(President in Chair)

**MOTION TO ADOPT
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON
HOUSE BILL 2**

Senator Shapiro called from the President's table the Conference Committee Report on **HB 2**. The Conference Committee Report was filed with the Senate on Tuesday, July 19, 2005.

Senator Shapiro moved to adopt the Conference Committee Report on **HB 2**.

(Senator Armbrister in Chair)**POINT OF ORDER**

Senator Barrientos, joined by Senator West, raised a point of order against further consideration of the Conference Committee Report on **HB 2** in that Subsection (b), Sec. 11.2011, Education Code, contains language that was in neither the House nor the Senate versions of **HB 2** and was therefore in violation of Senate Rule 12.08.

POINT OF ORDER RULING

The Presiding Officer, Senator Armbrister in Chair, stated that the point of order was respectfully overruled.

REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

On motion of Senator Barrientos and by unanimous consent, the ruling by the Presiding Officer and the remarks by Senator Barrientos regarding the Conference Committee Report on **HB 2** were ordered reduced to writing and printed in the *Senate Journal* as follows:

Presiding Officer: Senator Barrientos raises a point of order against further consideration of **HB 2** on the grounds that the conference committee report is in violation of Senate Rule 12.08. This rule provides that limitations imposed on conference committees by certain provisions of Senate Rules may be suspended by a resolution passed by a majority vote of the Senate.

The Senator raises a point of order that Subsection (b), Sec. 11.2011 of the Education Code, as added by the conference committee report, contains new text which is neither in the House or Senate versions of the bill.

Subsection (a) of Sec. 11.2011 prohibits superintendents from receiving financial benefits for certain personal services. This subsection was included in both the House and Senate versions of the bill as new Subsection (e) of Sec. 11.201 of the Education Code. The new subsection creates an exception to language in Subsection (a) of Sec. 11.2011, for personal services performed by a superintendent for institutions of higher education, regional education service centers, and professional associations or organizations, provided proper disclosure is made to the school district. This exception, as Senator Barrientos points out, is not in either version of the bill.

However, the House version also contains a provision capping the salary paid to a superintendent by a district (Subsection (f), Sec. 11.201 of the Education Code). This salary cap is clearly connected to the prohibition against financial benefits for personal services as it was included in the same section of the Education Code to limit the income of superintendents. The salary cap was not included in the Senate version of the bill.

The Chair finds that the exception created by Subsection (a) relates to a matter in disagreement between the two Houses (the income of superintendents), and is a logical and reasonable adjustment of the differences. As such, there is no need for the item to be included in a resolution suspending conference committee limitations.

Accordingly, the point of order is respectfully overruled.

Senator Barrientos: I would respectfully disagree. I'm not going to appeal, we have important work to do, but I will disagree insofar as the section that is in the bill that was taken up from conference mentions not applying to personal services performed by a superintendent for an institution of higher education. That is in neither version, the House or the Senate. Also it includes an exception to whether if the superintendent provides notice to the board of trustees of the school district disclosing the agreement to perform the services is also in neither version. So I would respectfully disagree and not appeal.

POINT OF ORDER

Senator West raised a point of order that further consideration of the Conference Committee Report on **HB 2** was in violation of Senate Rule 12.03 and that the following provisions go outside the bounds and the conference committee has not been authorized to deal with them:

(1) Sections 42.2518 (Additional State Aid or Credit for Districts That Reduce Property Tax Rates), 42.2519 (Adjustment For Districts That Fail To Reduce Property Tax Rates), and 42.2520 (Professional Staff Compensation), Education Code. (pages 1 through 4 of CCR - SECTION 1A.01 of bill).

(2) Section 421.154 (Pilot program in counties bordering the Intracoastal Waterway that studies the effectiveness of career and technology education programs), Education Code.

(3) Section 42.301(b-2), Education Code, (Requires that all information relating to the computation of the cost of education index under 42.301 is public information.) (page 32 of CCR).

(4) Section 42.402, (Limitations on Aid for Certain Districts - relating to recapture) Education Code, (page 57 and 58 of CCR).

(5) Sections 41.0011 (New definition of "capped district") and 41.0012 (Recognition of Optional Homestead, Education Code, (page 59 of CCR)).

(6) SECTION 1C.03. (This Part [Part C of SECTION 1 of the bill] takes effect November 1, 2005. (page 84 of CCR)).

Question — Shall the point of order be sustained?

AT EASE

Senator Jackson at 8:18 p.m. moved that the Senate stand At Ease subject to the call of the Chair.

The motion prevailed without objection.

IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Senator Armbrister at 9:40 p.m. called the Senate to order as In Legislative Session.

Question — Shall the point of order be sustained?

POINT OF ORDER RULING

Senator West has raised a point of order against further consideration of the Conference Committee Report on **HB 2** on the ground that it violates Senate Rule 12.03, which limits actions of conference committees solely to those matters that are in disagreement between the two Houses.

All six challenges under Senator West's point of order are based on Subdivision (4) of the rule, which prohibits a conference committee from adding text on matters not included in either the House or Senate version of the bill.

The House and Senate versions of H.B. 2 contain substantially different approaches to financing the public education system. The Senate version is more reliant on modifications to current law, whereas the House version contains a dramatically different system of funding.

The Chair finds that points (1), (4), and (5) of the Senator's point of order relate to new text altering and augmenting provisions of various state funding formulas in disagreement, and are reasonable adjustments of the broad differences between the two versions of the bill.

Point (2) relates to a pilot program studying the effectiveness of career and technology education programs. The Chair finds that the inclusion of this study is an adjustment of differences, effectively moderating the more aggressive approach to funding career and technology education programs accepted from the House version.

Point (3) addresses language substantially similar to language included in the Senate version. The Chair finds this matter was in disagreement, and the altered language is an adjustment of the differences.

Point (6) addresses the inclusion of a November 1, 2005, effective date for one part of the bill. Without this addition, this part of the bill would have fallen under the bill's general effective date of September 1, 2005, contained in both versions of the bill. However, the September 1 date is only possible if the bill receives a record vote of 2/3rds of the Members of the House and Senate. Otherwise, the general effective date falls 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature, resulting in less than a two-week difference with the November 1 date. The Chair finds that a minor change of an effective date does not affect the substance of the bill.

Accordingly, the Presiding Officer ruled that the point of order was respectfully overruled.

EXTENDED DEBATE

Senator Whitmire at 9:47 p.m. was recognized to speak against the adoption of the Conference Committee Report on **HB 2**.

POINT OF ORDER

Senator West at 12:00 midnight raised a point of order that according to Section 40, Article III, of the Texas Constitution, no special session shall be of longer duration than 30 days.

POINT OF ORDER RULING

The Presiding Officer, Senator Armbrister in Chair, ruled that the point of order was well-taken and sustained.

(President in Chair)**MOTION TO ADJOURN SINE DIE**

On motion of Senator Whitmire, the Senate of the 79th Legislature, 1st Called Session, at 12:00 midnight agreed to adjourn sine die, in memory of Johnny Watson of Sugar Land, subject to the completion of administrative duties.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

The President announced the signing of the following enrolled bills and resolutions in the presence of the Senate after the captions had been read:

SB 20, HB 1, HCR 19, HCR 23, HCR 30, HCR 31.

RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

Memorial Resolutions

SR 127 by Barrientos, In memory of Charles Edward Crawford of Austin.

SR 131 by Wentworth, In memory of Lucius D. Starr.

SR 133 by Wentworth, In memory of William Billings Lecznar of San Antonio.

SR 139 by Barrientos, In memory of Rafael A. "TJ" Carrillo, Jr., of Austin.

HCR 31 (Eltife), In memory of Kristopher Dale Byers of Paris.

Congratulatory Resolutions

SR 130 by Barrientos, Congratulating the women's track and field team of The University of Texas at Austin for winning the 2005 National Collegiate Athletic Association Outdoor Track and Field Championship.

SR 132 by Wentworth, Recognizing the Kendall County Fair in Boerne on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

SR 134 by Ellis, Recognizing Brooke Womble for participating in the Texas Statewide Preceptorship Program.

SR 135 by Ellis, Recognizing Sabiha Kazi for participating in the Texas Statewide Preceptorship Program.

SR 136 by Madla, Recognizing Sherryl Ann Hanks Muller of San Antonio for her contributions to the Legislature.

SR 137 by Janek and Madla, Commending Don and Sidney Faust of Houston for their philanthropic endeavors at Squirrel Creek Ranch.

SR 138 by Barrientos, Recognizing Judith Lynn and Mark G. Yudof on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.

SR 141 by Ogden, Recognizing Saint Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church on the occasion of its 110th parish anniversary.

SR 142 by West, Recognizing H. B. Bell on the occasion of his retirement.

SR 143 by Lucio, Commending Pete Smith of San Antonio for his service in the United States Army.

SR 144 by Lucio, Recognizing Philip Ahn for his contributions to our country.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

The President announced that the hour for final adjournment of the 1st Called Session of the 79th Legislature had arrived and, in accordance with a previously adopted motion, declared the 79th Legislature, 1st Called Session, adjourned sine die, in memory of Johnny Watson of Sugar Land, at 12:14 a.m. Thursday, July 21, 2005.

APPENDIX

SENT TO GOVERNORJuly 21, 2005**SB 20****SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**August 20, 2005**SB 20**

