

THIRD DAY

MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2005

PROCEEDINGS

The Senate met at 1:30 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present: Armbrister, Averitt, Barrientos, Brimer, Deuell, Duncan, Ellis, Eltife, Estes, Fraser, Gallegos, Harris, Hinojosa, Jackson, Janek, Lindsay, Lucio, Madla, Nelson, Ogden, Seliger, Shapiro, Shapleigh, Staples, Van de Putte, Wentworth, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

Absent-excused: Carona, Williams.

The President announced that a quorum of the Senate was present.

The Reverend Al Magness, Anderson Mill Baptist Church, Austin, offered the invocation as follows:

Father, it says in Your word that You will give us shepherds to feed us with knowledge and understanding. Today, I ask that You give these trusted leaders and their staff the knowledge and understanding they will need to make the decisions which are not just best for a few, but which are good for all. Raise up those who need to be raised up and sit down those who need to be sat down. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Senator Whitmire moved that the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of Thursday, July 28, 2005, be dispensed with and the Journal be approved as printed.

The motion prevailed without objection.

PHYSICIAN OF THE DAY

Senator Janek, on behalf of Senator Wentworth, was recognized and presented Dr. Beverly Nuckols of New Braunfels as the Physician of the Day.

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

On motion of Senator Whitmire, Senator Carona was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Whitmire, Senator Williams was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business.

SENATE RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING

The following resolution was introduced, read first time, and referred to the committee indicated:

SJR 9 by Ogden

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing a uniform statewide property tax for public education, abolishing school district property taxes for maintenance purposes, and authorizing a limited school district property tax for educational enrichment if approved by the voters of the district.

To Committee on Finance.

SENATE RULES SUSPENDED

(Posting Rules)

On motion of Senator Shapiro and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a) and Senate Rule 11.18(a) were suspended in order that the Committee on Education might meet and consider **SB 8** tomorrow.

MOTION TO RECESS

On motion of Senator Whitmire and by unanimous consent, the Senate at 2:04 p.m. agreed to recess, in memory of Wallace L. Luthy of Kingwood, pending receipt of committee reports, until 1:00 p.m. Thursday, August 4, 2005.

RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

Memorial Resolution

SR 34 by Ellis, In memory of John E. Cook of the Rio Grande Valley.

Congratulatory Resolutions

SR 29 by Whitmire, Congratulating Raymond Earl and Mary Louise McKinney on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

SR 30 by Ellis, Recognizing Marvis L. Jackson on the occasion of his retirement.

SR 31 by Ellis, Recognizing Garden of Glory Community Church in Houston on the occasion of its Community Block Party.

SR 32 by Ellis, Recognizing Cherie Bridges and Harold William Patrick on the occasion of their marriage.

SR 33 by Ellis, Commending Jodi Colleen Ingersoll on the occasion of her graduation from Texas Tech University.

SR 35 by Ellis, Commending Walter Sloan for his service to his neighborhood association.

(Tuesday, August 2, 2005)

RECESS

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate at 10:00 a.m. recessed, in memory of Wallace L. Luthy of Kingwood, until 1:00 p.m. Thursday, August 4, 2005.

