

# SENATE JOURNAL

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AUSTIN, TEXAS

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PROCEEDINGS

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SECOND DAY

(Continued)

(Thursday, January 11, 2007)

AFTER RECESS

The Senate met at 10:45 a.m. and was called to order by the President.

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

January 11, 2007

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:

**SCR 7**, Granting the legislature permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on Thursday, January 11, 2007, and ending on Tuesday, January 16, 2007.

Respectfully,

/s/Robert Haney, Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

## CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 102

On motion of Senator Carona, Senator Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SB 102**.

## CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

On motion of Senator Carona, Senator Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SJR 7**.

### PHYSICIAN OF THE DAY

Senator Estes was recognized and presented Dr. T. David Greer of Henrietta as the Physician of the Day.

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

### RESOLUTION SIGNED

The President announced the signing of the following enrolled resolution in the presence of the Senate: **SCR 6**.

### MOTION TO RECESS AND ADJOURN

On motion of Senator Averitt and by unanimous consent, the Senate at 10:50 a.m. agreed to recess, upon conclusion of the Joint Session to canvass the votes, until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 16, 2007, for the inauguration of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

The Senate further agreed to adjourn, upon conclusion of the Joint Session for the inauguration, until 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 17, 2007.

### AT EASE

The President at 10:50 a.m. announced the Senate would stand At Ease to proceed to the House of Representatives for the Joint Session to canvass the votes.

### JOINT SESSION

(To canvass votes cast for Governor and Lieutenant Governor at the General Election)

The Senators present, escorted by the Secretary of the Senate and the Sergeant-at-Arms, proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives at 11:00 a.m. to canvass the votes cast for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor at the last General Election.

Senator Janek, Chair of the Canvass Committee, was announced, and on invitation of the Speaker, occupied a seat on the Speaker's Rostrum.

The Senators were announced and were admitted and escorted to seats prepared for them along the aisle.

Senator Janek called the Senate to order and announced a quorum present.

The Honorable Tom Craddick, Speaker of the House of Representatives, called the House to order, stated the purpose of the Joint Session, and announced a quorum of the House present.

Speaker Craddick then announced the appointment of the Joint Committee of Tellers and requested the tellers appointed, pursuant to the provisions of **SCR 6**, to come forward and receive the returns of votes cast for Governor and Lieutenant Governor at the last General Election held on November 7, 2006, which returns had been duly delivered by the Secretary of State to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Senators Janek, Chair; Ellis, Fraser, Hinojosa, Nichols, and Watson on the part of the Senate, and Representatives Harper-Brown, Chair; Creighton, Harless, Hopson, Puente, and Quintanilla on the part of the House of Representatives, then received the returns and proceeded to count the votes cast for Governor and Lieutenant Governor at the last General Election.

### AT EASE

Speaker Craddick at 11:19 a.m. announced that the Joint Session would stand At Ease awaiting the report of the Joint Committee of Tellers.

### IN JOINT SESSION

Speaker Craddick at 12:59 p.m. called the Joint Session to order.

The Joint Committee of Tellers submitted the following report which was read to the Joint Session:

### REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE TO CANVASS VOTES CAST FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Austin, Texas  
January 11, 2007

The Honorable Mario Gallegos, Jr.  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

The Honorable Tom Craddick  
Speaker of the House

Sirs:

We, the joint committee appointed by the presiding officers of the senate and house of representatives to canvass the votes cast at the last general election held in the State of Texas on November 7, 2006, for governor and lieutenant governor of the State of Texas, as shown by returns delivered to us by the secretary of state, beg leave to report that we have performed that duty and that the result of our canvass is as follows:

The votes cast for governor are as follows:

Rick Perry, Republican Party	1,716,792
Chris Bell, Democratic Party	1,310,337
James Werner, Libertarian Party	26,749
Richard "Kinky" Friedman, Independent	547,674
Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Independent	796,851
James "Patriot" Dillon	713

The votes cast for lieutenant governor are as follows:

David Dewhurst, Republican Party	2,513,530
Maria Luisa Alvarado, Democratic Party	1,617,490
Judy Baker, Libertarian Party	188,206
Others	N/A

Respectfully submitted,

JANEK, Chair  
FRASER  
NICHOLS  
WATSON

HARPER-BROWN, Chair  
PUENTE  
QUINTANILLA  
HOPSON

HINOJOSA

ELLIS

On the part of the Senate

CREIGHTON

HARLESS

On the part of the House

The report was read and was adopted unanimously by the Joint Session.

Speaker Craddick declared the Honorable Rick Perry duly, legally, and constitutionally elected Governor of the State of Texas for an ensuing term of four years.

Speaker Craddick declared the Honorable David Dewhurst duly, legally, and constitutionally elected Lieutenant Governor of the State of Texas for an ensuing term of four years.

### CONCLUSION OF JOINT SESSION

Speaker Craddick at 1:02 p.m. announced that the purpose for which the Joint Session was called had been completed.

### RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

#### Congratulatory Resolutions

**SR 5** by West, Recognizing the City of Lancaster on the occasion of its fourth annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day parade.

**SR 6** by Ellis, Commending Andrew George Trevino of Houston for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

**SR 7** by Nelson, Recognizing Oscar Garcia for being named the 2006 Fort Worth Man of the Year by the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*.

### RECESS

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, Senator Janek announced that the Senate at 1:03 p.m. would stand recessed until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 16, 2007, for the Joint Session to inaugurate the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor.

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## APPENDIX

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### SENT TO GOVERNOR

January 11, 2007

**SCR 6**