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PROCEEDINGS

SECOND DAY

(Thursday, June 2, 2011)

The Senate met at 1:14 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present: Birdwell, Davis, Deuell, Duncan, Ellis, Eltife, Estes, Fraser, Gallegos, Harris, Hegar, Hinojosa, Huffman, Jackson, Lucio, Nelson, Nichols, Ogden, Patrick, Rodriguez, Seliger, Shapiro, Uresti, Van de Putte, Watson, West, Whitmire, Williams, Zaffirini.

Absent-excused: Carona, Wentworth.

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

The Reverend John Wright, First United Methodist Church, Austin, offered the invocation as follows:

O God, You are the ruler of the kings of the Earth (Revelation 1:5), the judge of nations and governments, and for that reason we call ourselves into Your holy presence with reverence and due caution, knowing that we must answer to a higher standard than party allegiance or the ballot box. Holy one, You have called the women and men in this august chamber to such a great responsibility—to be shepherds of the people of Texas—shepherds who can walk with the people and feel their pain and share their joys, who can dream their dreams and work with them to turn those dreams into reality. And into the hands of these shepherd-leaders, great God, You have placed the vast and abundant resources of this great state for them to manage. So, we humbly ask You to grant them wisdom and courage to make prudent and compassionate and generous decisions, so that when they stand before You to give an account of their stewardship, You will not have cause to say to any one of them what You once said to the shepherd-rulers of Israel through the prophet Ezekiel: You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured, you have not brought back the strayed, you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them. (Ezekiel 34:4) O God, You know how men and women of good conscience and profound faith can honestly differ over the proper means to a common goal. But we ask You to unite these men and women, beyond the push and pull of special interests, in commitment to the goal of providing for the general welfare of the people of Texas to the best

of their ability, especially in the issues coming before this special session. In all that they do, keep in their minds the words of the prophet Micah that what You require, O Lord, is to do justice, to love mercy and compassion, and to walk humbly with You as their God. (Micah 6:8) All this I humbly pray in the name of the one true God, who, in all the great religious traditions, is the defender of the poor and the champion of those at the margins of every society. Amen.

Senator Whitmire moved that the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day be dispensed with and the Journal be approved as printed.

The motion prevailed without objection.

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 Wentworth was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business.

MOTION TO RECESS

On motion of Senator Whitmire and by unanimous consent, the Senate at 1:21 p.m. agreed to recess, upon completion of the introduction of bills and resolutions on first reading, the receipt of messages, and the receipt of committee reports, until 3:30 p.m. Friday, June 3, 2011.

RECESS

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate at 10:59 a.m. Friday, June 3, 2011, recessed until 3:30 p.m. today.

APPENDIX

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committee reports were received by the Secretary of the Senate in the order listed:

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FINANCE — SB 1, CSSB 2