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PROCEEDINGS

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## FIFTH DAY

(Friday, February 19, 2021)

The Senate met at 12:00 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

The President stated that due to hazardous road conditions throughout the state, he advised Members to stay in their districts.

The President observed the absence of a quorum.

Senator Nelson offered the invocation as follows:

Heavenly Father, as we bow our heads, we pray for the protection of all our citizens. We ask that You watch over those who have been working around the clock to help their fellow Texans, utility crews, police and firefighters, the health care workers taking care of our most vulnerable. We give thanks for the extraordinary acts of kindness we have witnessed, Texans helping out those in need, checking in on the elderly, sharing food, water, and shelter with others. We see Your hand in that compassion. We ask for Your wisdom as we work to serve the people of this state. Guide us through these difficult times. Help us make the right decisions to protect their health and safety. In the book of Psalms (9:9-10), we are reassured that You, Lord, are a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know Your name trust You, O Lord, because You have never deserted those who seek Your help. We thank You and ask all of these things in Your holy and precious name. Amen.

## SENATE BILL 161 WITHDRAWN

The following letter was received by the Secretary of the Senate:

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Senator Royce West

District 23

February 11, 2021

Patsy Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate  
Capitol Building  
Room 2E.22  
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Ms. Spaw "Patsy,"

My best wishes to you for a safe and productive 87th Legislative Session. We are all better able to serve the 29 million citizens of Texas because of what you do.

After consulting with the Calendar Clerk, please accept this letter as my official request to withdraw the filing of SB161, The George Floyd Act. There was an error on our part in its filing. On a day in the very near future, this important legislation will be filed again with the support of my Texas Senate colleagues.

If you have questions or need to speak with me personally, please know that I am at your disposal this and every other day.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Our best for Texas!

/s/Royce West  
Texas Senate  
District 23

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Senator Nelson, the Senate at 12:03 p.m. adjourned until 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 23, 2021.