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PROCEEDINGS

SECOND DAY

(Tuesday, June 6, 2023)

The Senate met at 6:25 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present: Alvarado, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Creighton, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, LaMantia, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, Springer, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

Absent-excused: Paxton.

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

Senator Hughes offered the invocation as follows:

Father, as we gather in this beautiful, historic, majestic building on this glorious Texas evening, we say with the psalmist, I will extoll the Lord at all times. His praise will always be on my lips. I will glory in the Lord. Glorify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together. As our creator, we owe You everything and everything we can see and all those things unseen made by You, every molecule of our bodies, this beautiful creation. We just adore You for who You are and for all that You've accomplished. We confess our failure to acknowledge You and to put You first in our lives and our hearts. We thank You. We thank You for Your mercy to us, for Your goodness. We thank You for the Lord Jesus, God Himself, who loved us so much that He humbled Himself and came to this Earth and paid the awful penalty for our sins then arose again. And, Father, we thank You for Your promise to give us wisdom. We need it. We ask You for wisdom to do what's right, to see what's right. Then, we ask You for courage to do that and then humility in that process. We, You ask us to cast our burdens upon You and we do that. We have big decisions to make. People are relying on us, they're trusting us. So, for each one here, whatever our role, just give us wisdom. Put us where You want us to be. And bless our time together. We pray in Jesus' name. 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.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

SENATE RULES SUSPENDED (Posting Rules)

On motion of Senator Birdwell and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a), Senate Rule 11.13, and Senate Rule 11.18(a) were suspended in order that the Committee on Border Security might meet immediately and consider **HB 2** in the Press Room, 2E.9.

AT EASE

The President at 6:43 p.m. announced the Senate would stand At Ease subject to the call of the Chair.

IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The President at 6:54 p.m. called the Senate to order as In Legislative Session.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 2

On motion of Senator Flores, Senator Kolkhorst will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 2**.

RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

Congratulatory Resolutions

SR 1 by West, Recognizing the rededication of Daniels Cross Evans Elks Lodge 1578.

SR 2 by Johnson, Birdwell, Hancock, Hughes, and West, Recognizing the Dallas Fort Worth International Airport for receiving a 2022 ASQ award.

SR 3 by Johnson and West, Recognizing Resource Center on the occasion of its 40th anniversary.

SR 4 by Johnson and West, Recognizing Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas on the occasion of its 40th anniversary.

MOTION TO RECESS

On motion of Senator Whitmire and by unanimous consent, the Senate at 6:55 p.m. agreed to recess, pending the receipt of committee reports, until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow.

RECESS

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate at 7:30 p.m. recessed until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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BORDER SECURITY — SB 2, SB 5, SB 8, CSHB 2

RESOLUTIONS ENROLLED

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SR 1, SR 2, SR 3, SR 4

