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PROCEEDINGS

SECOND DAY

(Wednesday, November 8, 2023)

The Senate met at 3:00 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by President Pro Tempore Schwertner.

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, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, Springer, West, Zaffirini.

Absent-excused: Nichols, Whitmire.

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

Pastor Scot Wall, Capitol Commission Texas, offered the invocation as follows:

Heavenly Father, we ask that You would give us strength. We know that our strength comes from You, the one that made the heaven and the earth. We know that You can give us the strength that we need. As we have been here many days this year and we're beginning the next session, we just ask that You would show Yourself in a special way for each person and each of the Senators that are here, as well as the staff, the sergeants, and everyone that is a part of this, that we just need that strength renewed. And so, we give this time to You and trust that You will be pleased and You will strengthen us. Your son Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Senator Zaffirini 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 Zaffirini, Senator Nichols was granted leave of absence for today on account of family business.

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senator Whitmire was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business in the district.

RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

Memorial Resolution

SR 3 by Hinojosa, In memory of Hector Hugo Gutierrez.

Congratulatory Resolutions

SR 1 by Hinojosa, Recognizing Augustin Rivera Jr. for receiving the Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award from the South Texas Council of Boy Scouts of America.

SR 2 by Hinojosa, Recognizing Isaac McAllen for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

RECESS

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, the Senate at 3:02 p.m. recessed until 3:00 p.m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX

RESOLUTIONS ENROLLED

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SR 1, SR 2, SR 3