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AUSTIN, TEXAS

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY

(Continued)

(Wednesday, January 22, 2025)

AFTER RECESS

The Senate met at 1:03 p.m. and was called to order by Senator Hughes.

Senator Birdwell offered the invocation as follows:

Father, we come before You humbly asking Your hand of protection upon those in our state that are dealing with the challenges of the weather. May I ask You for their safety and their wisdom and discernment, the safety of their families. We ask Your hand in protection across our state for wisdom and discernment for our Members of the Senate and the legislature, our state leaders, that we may be wise in how we legislate this session. We ask Your hand upon our national leaders, on President Trump and his team, the peaceful transfer of power. Give him wisdom, discernment, courage, all the things that You expect of a Godly nation. We ask these things humbly before You, in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Presiding Officer stated that due to inclement weather throughout the state, Senators and Senate staff had been advised that attendance at today's session was not essential.

RESOLUTION SIGNED

The Presiding Officer announced the signing of the following enrolled resolution in the presence of the Senate: **SCR 7**.

SENATE BILL AND RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING

The following bill and resolution were introduced, read first time, and referred to the committees indicated:

SB 1 by Huffman

General Appropriations Bill.

To Committee on Finance.

SJR 36 by Hall

Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to appropriations for the preservation and perpetuation of certain items of historical value; allowing the legislature and state agencies to accept on behalf of the state gifts of items of historical value and contributions to purchase such items.

To Committee on Administration.

MOTION TO RECESS**(Motion In Writing)**

Senator Zaffirini offered the following Motion In Writing:

Mr. President,

I move that the Senate stand in recess until 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 24th.

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The Motion In Writing was read and prevailed without objection.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES APPOINTED

The Presiding Officer announced the appointment of the following committees for the 89th Legislature:

ADMINISTRATION

Hall, Chair; A. Hinojosa, Vice-chair; Cook, Eckhardt, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton.

BORDER SECURITY

Birdwell, Chair; Flores, Vice-chair; Eckhardt, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa.

BUSINESS AND COMMERCE

Schwertner, Chair; King, Vice-chair; Blanco, Campbell, Creighton, Johnson, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Nichols, Zaffirini.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Flores, Chair; Parker, Vice-chair; Hagenbuch, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, King, Miles.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

King, Chair; Sparks, Vice-chair; Alvarado, Johnson, Schwertner.

EDUCATION K-16

Creighton, Chair; Campbell, Vice-chair; Bettencourt, Hagenbuch, A. Hinojosa, King, Menéndez, Middleton, Parker, Paxton, West.

FINANCE

Huffman, Chair; J. Hinojosa, Vice-chair; Alvarado, Bettencourt, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hall, Kolkhorst, Nichols, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, West, Zaffirini.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Kolkhorst, Chair; Perry, Vice-chair; Blanco, Cook, Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Miles, Sparks.

JURISPRUDENCE

Hughes, Chair; Johnson, Vice-chair; Creighton, J. Hinojosa, Middleton.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Bettencourt, Chair; Middleton, Vice-chair; Cook, Gutierrez, Nichols, Paxton, West.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Birdwell, Chair; Zaffirini, Vice-chair; Alvarado, Blanco, Flores, Hancock, Hughes, Parker, Sparks.

NOMINATIONS

Campbell, Chair; Hagenbuch, Vice-chair; Alvarado, Birdwell, Eckhardt, Hughes, Miles, Paxton, Sparks.

STATE AFFAIRS

Hughes, Chair; Paxton, Vice-chair; Bettencourt, Birdwell, Hall, A. Hinojosa, Middleton, Parker, Perry, Schwertner, Zaffirini.

TRANSPORTATION

Nichols, Chair; West, Vice-chair; Bettencourt, Hagenbuch, J. Hinojosa, Johnson, King, Miles, Perry.

VETERAN AFFAIRS

Hancock, Chair; Parker, Vice-chair; Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Hagenbuch, Hall, Menéndez.

WATER, AGRICULTURE, AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Perry, Chair; Hancock, Vice-chair; Birdwell, Blanco, Gutierrez, A. Hinojosa, Johnson, Kolkhorst, Sparks.

RECESS

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate at 1:07 p.m. recessed until 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 24, 2025.

APPENDIX

SENT TO SECRETARY OF STATE

January 22, 2025

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