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PROCEEDINGS

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY

(Thursday, May 8, 2025)

The Senate met at 5:28 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by Senator Flores.

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

The Presiding Officer announced that a quorum of the Senate was present.

Senator King offered the invocation as follows:

Father in heaven, on these days where we're kind of getting tired, it's towards the end of the session, almost to the weekend, too, we feel that fatigue. But at the same time just help us to always remember what a tremendous honor and privilege it is to get to serve You and serve our constituents in this body. And we just thank You for that privilege. We just pray that each day we would just focus on trying to do what we know to be right in Your eyes. When sometimes we're having difficulty working through that and figuring it out, please just give us the wisdom and the knowledge and the understanding and the patience to get to the right answer. We pray for our families. This time of the session, for them, they're missing us more. They see the chores piling up at home and where they've been having to carry the load for us, particularly our spouses. And so, we just pray for Your blessings for them and for Your care and encouragement for them. And we just thank You, again, for the privilege of serving here. Help us to remember that joy is always a choice and that we always choose to be joyful and upbeat in everything we do. We ask all these things in Jesus' name. 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.

HOUSE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

The following bills and resolutions received from the House were read first time and referred to the committees indicated:

- HB 180** to Committee on Border Security.
- HB 223** to Committee on State Affairs.
- HB 610** to Committee on Education K-16.
- HB 1027** to Committee on Health and Human Services.
- HB 1178** to Committee on Education K-16.
- HB 1237** to Committee on Natural Resources.
- HB 1506** to Committee on State Affairs.
- HB 1535** to Committee on Local Government.
- HB 1585** to Committee on Local Government.
- HB 1610** to Committee on Administration.
- HB 1615** to Committee on Administration.
- HB 1620** to Committee on Administration.
- HB 1639** to Committee on Health and Human Services.
- HB 1813** to Committee on Education K-16.
- HB 1902** to Committee on Criminal Justice.
- HB 2026** to Committee on Transportation.
- HB 2035** to Committee on Health and Human Services.
- HB 2071** to Committee on Health and Human Services.
- HB 2248** to Committee on Business and Commerce.
- HB 2492** to Committee on Criminal Justice.
- HB 2513** to Committee on Veteran Affairs.
- HB 2522** to Committee on Transportation.
- HB 2703** to Committee on Administration.
- HB 2802** to Committee on Finance.
- HB 3033** to Committee on Finance.
- HB 3546** to Committee on State Affairs.
- HB 3719** to Committee on Business and Commerce.
- HB 3751** to Committee on Transportation.
- HB 3778** to Committee on Business and Commerce.
- HB 3800** to Committee on Economic Development.
- HB 4284** to Committee on State Affairs.
- HB 4464** to Committee on Business and Commerce.
- HB 4488** to Committee on Finance.
- HB 4529** to Committee on Health and Human Services.
- HB 4655** to Committee on Health and Human Services.
- HB 4666** to Committee on Health and Human Services.
- HB 4751** to Committee on Business and Commerce.
- HB 4753** to Committee on Local Government.
- HB 4850** to Committee on Economic Development.
- HB 4877** to Committee on Business and Commerce.
- HB 4885** to Committee on Criminal Justice.
- HB 4996** to Committee on Criminal Justice.
- HB 5342** to Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 5667 to Committee on Criminal Justice.

HCR 7 to Committee on Administration.

HCR 86 to Committee on Administration.

HCR 92 to Committee on Administration.

HCR 98 to Committee on Border Security.

HCR 126 to Committee on Administration.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS POSTPONED

The Presiding Officer announced that the introduction of bills and resolutions on first reading would be further postponed until the end of today's calendar.

There was no objection.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING CALL

The Presiding Officer at 5:36 p.m. announced the conclusion of morning call.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 383 ON THIRD READING

Senator Middleton moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 383** at this time on its third reading and final passage:

CSSB 383, Relating to the interconnection to the ERCOT power grid of certain coastal facilities for the provision of electric service.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 9.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks.

Nays: Alvarado, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, West, Zaffirini.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 9. (Same as previous roll call)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 715 ON THIRD READING

Senator Sparks moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 715** at this time on its third reading and final passage:

CSSB 715, Relating to reliability requirements for certain electric generation facilities.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 19, Nays 12.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hagenbuch, Hall, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks.

Nays: Alvarado, Birdwell, Blanco, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Hancock, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, West, Zaffirini.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 17, Nays 14.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Campbell, Creighton, Hagenbuch, Hall, A. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks.

Nays: Alvarado, Birdwell, Blanco, Cook, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hancock, J. Hinojosa, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, West, Zaffirini.

SENATE BILL 945 ON THIRD READING

Senator Hughes moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 945** at this time on its third reading and final passage:

SB 945, Relating to the adoption of political shareholder proposals by insurers and insurer holding companies.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 10, Present-not voting 1.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks.

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, J. Hinojosa, Johnson, Menéndez, West, Zaffirini.

Present-not voting: Miles.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 10, Present-not voting 1. (Same as previous roll call)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 946 ON THIRD READING

Senator Hughes moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 946** at this time on its third reading and final passage:

CSSB 946, Relating to the prohibition on certain discrimination in the extension of credit to organizations based on social credit or value-based standards.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks.

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, J. Hinojosa, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, West, Zaffirini.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1999 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Hughes moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 1999** at this time on its third reading and final passage:

CSSB 1999, Relating to protection for a public employee's or student's use of terms consistent with biological sex.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks.

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, J. Hinojosa, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, West, Zaffirini.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11. (Same as previous roll call)

SENATE BILL 1957 ON THIRD READING

Senator Hagenbuch moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 1957** at this time on its third reading and final passage:

SB 1957, Relating to the eligibility of a person to serve on a civilian oversight board.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 23, Nays 8.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, Zaffirini.

Nays: Alvarado, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, West.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 23, Nays 8. (Same as previous roll call)

SENATE BILL 2138 ON THIRD READING

Senator A. Hinojosa, on behalf of Senator Creighton, moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 2138** at this time on its third reading and final passage:

SB 2138, Relating to prohibiting the investment of the permanent university fund, the Texas University Fund, or money held by a public institution of higher education in financial companies that boycott certain energy companies.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 23, Nays 8.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Alvarado, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, Nichols.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 23, Nays 8. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 2337 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Hughes moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 2337** at this time on its third reading and final passage:

CSSB 2337, Relating to the regulation of the provision of proxy advisory services.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks.

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, J. Hinojosa, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, West, Zaffirini.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 2340 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Schwertner moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 2340** at this time on its third reading and final passage:

CSSB 2340, Relating to examination of the records of filing entities and foreign filing entities by the attorney general; creating a criminal offense.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 21, Nays 10.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, West.

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, J. Hinojosa, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, Zaffirini.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 21, Nays 10. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 2615 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Middleton, on behalf of Senator Creighton, moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 2615** at this time on its third reading and final passage:

CSSB 2615, Relating to restricting remote work by employees of public institutions of higher education.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 21, Nays 10.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks.

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, West, Zaffirini.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 21, Nays 10. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 2713 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Middleton moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 2713** at this time on its third reading and final passage:

CSSB 2713, Relating to preventing discrimination in membership in a professional or trade association.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 9.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks.

Nays: Alvarado, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, West, Zaffirini.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 9. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 3016 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Bettencourt, on behalf of Senator Creighton, moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 3016** at this time on its third reading and final passage:

CSSB 3016, Relating to state preemption of municipal and county regulation on land use, structures, businesses, and related activities and municipal boundaries and annexation.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, West.

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, J. Hinojosa, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, Nichols, Zaffirini.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11. (Same as previous roll call)

SENATE RULES SUSPENDED
(Posting Rules)

On motion of Senator Kolkhorst and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a) and Senate Rule 11.18(a) were suspended in order that the Committee on Health and Human Services might meet at 6:15 p.m. today in the Press Room, 2E.9.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 205

On motion of Senator Paxton, Senator Hagenbuch will be shown as Co-author of **SB 205**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 383

On motion of Senator Middleton, Senator A. Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SB 383**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 466

On motion of Senator Paxton, Senator King will be shown as Co-author of **SB 466**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 517

On motion of Senator Middleton, Senator King will be shown as Co-author of **SB 517**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 571

On motion of Senator Bettencourt, Senators Birdwell, J. Hinojosa, and Kolkhorst will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 571**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 715

On motion of Senator Sparks, Senators A. Hinojosa, Hughes, King, and Schwertner will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 715**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 876

On motion of Senator Birdwell, Senator King will be shown as Co-author of **SB 876**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 945

On motion of Senator Hughes, Senator Hagenbuch will be shown as Co-author of **SB 945**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 946

On motion of Senator Hughes, Senator King will be shown as Co-author of **SB 946**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 1263

On motion of Senator Alvarado, Senators Eckhardt and Menéndez will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 1263**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1679

On motion of Senator Menéndez, Senator Paxton will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1679**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1730

On motion of Senator Hall, Senator Paxton will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1730**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1858

On motion of Senator Hagenbuch, Senator King will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1858**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1986

On motion of Senator Hall, Senator Eckhardt will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1986**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1999

On motion of Senator Hughes, Senator Kolkhorst will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1999**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 2105

On motion of Senator Blanco, Senators Flores, J. Hinojosa, and Middleton will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 2105**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2138

On motion of Senator Creighton, Senator King will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2138**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2177

On motion of Senator Hagenbuch, Senator King will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2177**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2337

On motion of Senator Hughes, Senator King will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2337**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 2373

On motion of Senator Johnson, Senators A. Hinojosa and King will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 2373**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2477

On motion of Senator Bettencourt, Senator A. Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2477**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2637

On motion of Senator Johnson, Senator Blanco will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2637**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2688

On motion of Senator Hancock, Senator King will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2688**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2781

On motion of Senator Birdwell, Senator Eckhardt will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2781**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 2794

On motion of Senator Paxton, Senators Menéndez and Parker will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 2794**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2959

On motion of Senator Menéndez, Senator Eckhardt will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2959**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 19

On motion of Senator Parker, Senators Bettencourt, Campbell, Flores, A. Hinojosa, Hughes, King, Middleton, and Paxton will be shown as Co-authors of **SCR 19**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 59

On motion of Senator Birdwell, Senator J. Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SJR 59**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE RESOLUTION 506

On motion of Senator Paxton, Senators Blanco, Parker, and Zaffirini will be shown as Co-authors of **SR 506**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 29

On motion of Senator Perry, Senator Eckhardt will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 29**.

CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE BILL 136

On motion of Senator Alvarado, Senators Eckhardt, West, and Zaffirini will be shown as Co-sponsors of **HB 136**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 166

On motion of Senator Hancock, Senator King will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 166**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 331

On motion of Senator J. Hinojosa, Senator West will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 331**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 1399

On motion of Senator Nichols, Senator West will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 1399**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 1437

On motion of Senator Menéndez, Senator Eckhardt will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 1437**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 1672

On motion of Senator Johnson, Senator West will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 1672**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 2000

On motion of Senator Nichols, Senator King will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 2000**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 3135

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senator West will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 3135**.

CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 98

On motion of Senator Birdwell, Senators Creighton and Sparks will be shown as Co-sponsors of **HJR 98**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 99

On motion of Senator Nichols, Senator West will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HJR 99**.

RECESS

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, the Senate at 6:11 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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EDUCATION K-16 — **CSSB 2058**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — **CSSB 2260**

EDUCATION K-16 — **CSSB 2928, HB 2081**

BUSINESS AND COMMERCE — **HB 4215**

NATURAL RESOURCES — **CSHB 2970**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — **CSSB 1310**

BILLS AND RESOLUTION ENGROSSED

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SB 383, SB 517, SB 571, SB 612, SB 715, SB 945, SB 946, SB 1013, SB 1117, SB 1263, SB 1957, SB 1999, SB 2138, SB 2221, SB 2337, SB 2340, SB 2373, SB 2477, SB 2587, SB 2615, SB 2633, SB 2681, SB 2713, SB 2781, SB 2782, SB 3016, SJR 59

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ENROLLED

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SB 29, SB 494, SB 530, SB 703, SB 783, SB 855, SB 906, SB 929, SB 1119, SB 1229, SB 1316, SB 1364, SB 1744, SB 1877, SB 1967, SB 1998, SB 2231, SB 2312, SR 497, SR 498, SR 505, SR 506

SENT TO GOVERNOR

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SB 29, SB 305, SB 326, SB 463, SB 494, SB 530, SB 769, SB 783, SB 856, SB 1169, SB 1238, SB 1967, SB 2196, SB 2312, SCR 29

SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

May 8, 2025

SB 262