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PROCEEDINGS

FORTY-EIGHTH DAY

(Continued)

(Sunday, June 1, 2025)

AFTER RECESS

The Senate met at 2:42 p.m. and was called to order by the President.

Pastor Jared Douglas, First Red Oak Church, Red Oak, offered the invocation as follows:

Heavenly Father, we humbly come before You today and acknowledge that You are God, and we are not. You are the creator of all, You are sovereign over all, and You are the redeemer for all who trust in the finished work of Your son, Jesus Christ. Father, we thank You for allowing us to live in this great nation and we thank You for all of those who have served and who currently are serving in our Armed Forces. We pray for Your continued blessing and protection on them and over them. Father, we also thank You for the privilege that we have to live in the great State of Texas, and we thank You for those in this room today who serve our state in their elected positions. I pray specifically for them today that You would give them the wisdom, discernment, and courage they need to make the best decisions that are set before them. I pray that You would help them to always remember that they are not only accountable to those that they represent, but most importantly, they are accountable to You for the choices and decisions they make. I pray that in light of this reality, they would faithfully and diligently fulfill their roles and responsibilities to the best of their abilities. Lord, I pray that Your hand of blessing and protection would be upon them, and I pray that they would not just seek to be leaders who serve, but more importantly, help them to strive to be servants who lead for the good of the people and for the glory of Your name. And I pray all of these things in the name that is above all names, the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Sunday, June 1, 2025 - 1

The Honorable President of the Senate
Senate Chamber

Austin, Texas

Mr. President:

I am directed by the house to inform the senate that the house has taken the following action:

THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SB 1 (107 Yeas, 21 Nays, 1 Present, not voting)

Respectfully,
/s/Stephen Brown,
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator West was recognized and introduced to the Senate his staff member Kelvin Bass, accompanied by his wife, Sheila Carter Bass; his daughter, LaJoi Bass; daughter-in-law, Raymsha Bass; and grandson, Cameron Bass Jr.

The Senate welcomed its guests and congratulated Kelvin Bass on his retirement.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL 293

Senator Huffman moved that the Senate respectfully request that the House take up for consideration the Senate's request to recede from a House amendment and concur in the alternative Senate amendment to SB 293 as presented in SR 695.

Senator Huffman further moved that the Senate ask for a conference on the pending matters of disagreement on SB 293 if the House chooses to not act upon the Senate's request pursuant to SR 695; and that the President be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

The motions prevailed.

The President asked if there were any motions to instruct the conference committee on **SB 293** before appointment.

Senator West moved to instruct the conference committee to not consider any non-germane amendments.

The motion prevailed without objection.

Accordingly, the President announced the appointment of the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Huffman, Chair; Bettencourt, Menéndez, Schwertner, and West.

AT EASE

The President at 3:22 p.m. announced the Senate would stand At Ease subject to the call of the Chair.

IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The President at 3:37 p.m. called the Senate to order as In Legislative Session.

SENATE RESOLUTION 686

Senator Zaffirini offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the exemplary service of Secretary of the Senate Patsy Spaw and her outstanding staff, whose dedication, professionalism, and tireless efforts are vital to the success of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Patsy Spaw has long served the State of Texas with distinction, providing steady leadership and an uncompromising commitment to excellence that sets a high standard for public service in the Texas Senate; her perfect attendance record during legislative sessions throughout the years is a testament to her faithful and unwavering dedication to the Senate, and in addition to her official duties as secretary, she has long devoted her time and energy to serving as a leader and esteemed member of the National Conference of State Legislatures; and

WHEREAS, Supporting Secretary Spaw is a team of Senate officers and department directors and their staffs who contribute immeasurably to the smooth functioning of the chamber; these individuals include Mark Garcia, Auditor; Nicole Albers, Calendar Clerk; Rebecca McAadoo, Assistant Calendar Clerk; Patience Worrel, Enrolling Clerk; Jeff Hedges, Assistant Enrolling Clerk; Lourdes Litchfield, Journal Clerk; Michelle Hill, Assistant Journal Clerk; Jill Turetsky, Director of Media Services; Michelle Fultz, Payroll Officer; Delicia Sams, Director of Human Resources; Joe Calvo, Senate Postmaster; Mike Campbell, Director of Publications and Printing; Laura Winsheimer, Director of Purchasing and Supply; David Mauzy, Director of Senate Research; Austin Osborn, Sergeant-at-Arms; Matt Peabody, Doorkeeper; Briana Hernandez, Office Manager; Greg Gaitan, Director of Support Services; Monica Partida, Director of Staff Services; in addition, key Senate staff members such as Nanci Longoria and Lauren Williams, Administrative Assistants to Secretary Spaw; Scott Caffey, Committee Coordinator; Jessica Flynn, Messengers Supervisor; Amanda Bookout, Travel Coordinator; Dante Hill, Manager and Executive Chef of the Lieutenant Governor's Reception Room; and Anthony Hernandez, Supervisor of the Senate Porters, have each played important roles in ensuring the Senate runs effectively and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, The Senate also recognizes with deep appreciation the many other staff members in each Senate department, whose hard work, diligence, and behind-the-scenes efforts have been indispensable to the operations of the Texas Senate; and

WHEREAS, Together, Secretary Spaw and her devoted team uphold the most honorable ideals of public service and embody the spirit of cooperation, excellence, and integrity that defines the Texas Senate; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby honor Secretary of the Senate Patsy Spaw and her entire staff for their many valuable contributions to the legislative process and commend them on their loyal and continued service to the State of Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Secretary Spaw and her staff as an expression of highest regard and gratitude from the Texas Senate.

ZAFFIRINI

HAGENBUCH

MIDDLETON

ALVARADO	HALL	MILES
BETTENCOURT	HANCOCK	NICHOLS
BIRDWELL	A. HINOJOSA	PARKER
BLANCO	J. HINOJOSA	PAXTON
CAMPBELL	HUFFMAN	PERRY
COOK	HUGHES	SCHWERTNER
CREIGHTON	JOHNSON	SPARKS
ECKHARDT	KING	WEST
FLORES	KOLKHORST	PATRICK
GUTIERREZ	MENÉNDEZ	

SR 686 was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Zaffirini, joined by Senators Hughes, Nichols, Huffman, Birdwell, Campbell, Hancock, Schwertner, Creighton, Perry, Kolthorst, Hall, Bettencourt, Menéndez, Miles, and the President, was recognized and introduced to the Senate Secretary of the Senate Patsy Spaw, accompanied by Auditor Mark Garcia, Calendar Clerk Nicole Albers, Assistant Calendar Clerk Rebecca McAdoo, Enrolling Clerk Patience Worrel, Assistant Enrolling Clerk Jeff Hedges, Journal Clerk Lourdes Litchfield, Assistant Journal Clerk Michelle Hill, Director of Media Services Jill Turetsky, Payroll Officer Michelle Fultz, Director of Human Resources Delicia Sams, Senate Postmaster Joe Calvo, Director of Publications and Printing Mike Campbell, Director of Purchasing and Supply Laura Winsheimer, Director of Senate Research David Mauzy, Sergeant-at-Arms Austin Osborn, Doorkeeper Matt Peabody, Office Manager Briana Hernandez, Director of Support Services Greg Gaitan, Director of Staff Services Monica Partida, Administrative Assistants Nanci Longoria and Lauren Williams, Committee Coordinator Scott Caffey, Messengers Supervisor Jessica Flynn, Travel Coordinator Amanda Bookout, Manager and Executive Chef of the Lieutenant Governor's Reception Room Dante Hill, Supervisor of the Senate Porters Anthony Hernandez, and Senate central staff members in the gallery.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

(President Pro Tempore Creighton in Chair)

AT EASE

The President Pro Tempore at 4:36 p.m. announced the Senate would stand At Ease subject to the call of the Chair.

IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The President Pro Tempore at 5:13 p.m. called the Senate to order as In Legislative Session.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Sunday, June 1, 2025 - 2

The Honorable President of the Senate
Senate Chamber

Austin, Texas

Mr. President:

I am directed by the house to inform the senate that the house has taken the following action:

THE HOUSE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

HCR 132 Craddick

In memory of former Midland mayor Carroll Morgan Thomas.

HCR 154 Craddick

In memory of Deputy Jessie Ray Perez of the Dawson County Sheriff's Office.

HCR 158 Lowe

Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II.

HCR 159 Lowe

Commemorating the 190th anniversary of the Battle of Gonzales.

HCR 160 Lowe

Commemorating the 190th anniversary of the Battle of Goliad.

HCR 161 Lowe

Commemorating the 180th anniversary of the admission of Texas into the Union.

HCR 162 Lowe

Commemorating the 190th anniversary of the establishment of the Republic of Texas.

HCR 163 Lowe

Commemorating the 190th anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto.

HCR 164 Lowe

Commemorating the 190th anniversary of the signing of the Treaties of Velasco.

SCR 54 Schwertner

Sponsor: Hunter

Instructing the enrolling clerk of the senate to make a correction in S.B. No. 2268.

THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HB 2017 (96 Yeas, 38 Nays, 1 Present, not voting)

HB 2885 (101 Yeas, 27 Nays, 1 Present, not voting)

Respectfully,

/s/Stephen Brown,

Chief Clerk

House of Representatives

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Sunday, June 1, 2025 - 3

The Honorable President of the Senate
Senate Chamber

Austin, Texas

Mr. President:

I am directed by the house to inform the senate that the house has taken the following action:

THE HOUSE HAS GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE SENATE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

SB 293

House Conferees: Leach - Chair/Geren/Hunter/Moody/Rose

THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HB 5246 (83 Yeas, 52 Nays, 2 Present, not voting)

SB 8 (89 Yeas, 52 Nays, 1 Present, not voting)

Respectfully,

/s/Stephen Brown,
Chief Clerk

House of Representatives

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

The President Pro Tempore announced the signing of the following enrolled bills and resolutions in the presence of the Senate after the captions had been read:

HB 2, HB 6, HB 14, HB 20, HB 121, HB 126, HB 127, HB 149, HB 223, HB 300, HB 500 (Signed subject to Art. III, Sec. 49a, Texas Constitution), **HB 549, HB 1314, HB 1973, HB 2011, HB 2067, HB 2525, HB 2731, HB 2854, HB 3071, HB 3333, HB 3372, HB 3556, HB 3595, HB 3689, HB 4081, HB 4144, HB 4187, HB 4623, HB 4690, HB 5646, HB 5666, HB 5677, HB 5682, HCR 88, HCR 137, HCR 153, HCR 166, HCR 167, HCR 168.**

**SENATE RULE 8.02 SUSPENDED
(Referral to Committee)**

On motion of Senator Kolkhorst and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 8.02 was suspended to take up **HCR 157** for consideration at this time.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 157

The President Pro Tempore laid before the Senate the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The city of Rockport boasts an abundance of natural beauty, including pristine coastal waters that are home to a rich diversity of marine life; and

WHEREAS, The redfish, also known as the red drum, is a prized species that thrives in the waters surrounding Rockport, attracting anglers from across the state and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Renowned for its size and its willingness to take most kinds of bait, the redfish is a rewarding quarry that can be pursued through a variety of means, including surf and pier fishing, wade angling, and saltwater fly fishing; and

WHEREAS, Rockport's unique coastal environment provides ideal conditions for redfish, contributing to the city's reputation as one of Texas' premier locations for fishing enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS, The area's flourishing redfish population has not only bolstered local tourism and recreation but has contributed significantly to conservation and sustainability efforts in the region; and

WHEREAS, The city of Rockport and its residents have demonstrated a strong commitment to preserving and promoting the natural resources that help make the area a fishing haven, ensuring that future generations can continue to enjoy this treasured activity; and

WHEREAS, Rockport's enduring popularity as a fishing destination is a testament to the city's rich heritage, vibrant community, and enduring connection to the coastal waters that define its character; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby designate Rockport as the official Redfish Capital of Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally passed by the legislature.

KOLKHORST

HCR 157 was read.

On motion of Senator Kolkhurst and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

(President in Chair)

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON SENATE BILL 1610 ADOPTED

Senator Perry called from the President's table the Conference Committee Report on **SB 1610**. The Conference Committee Report was filed with the Senate on Saturday, May 31, 2025.

On motion of Senator Perry, the Conference Committee Report was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Nays: Eckhardt.

SENATE RESOLUTION 718

Senator Perry offered the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, That Senate Rule 12.03 be suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on House Bill 46 (the medical use of low-THC cannabis under and the administration of the Texas Compassionate-Use Program; requiring registration) to consider and take action on the following matter:

Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the house or senate version of the bill in proposed SECTION 15 of the bill, by adding Section 169.003(c), Occupations Code, to read as follows:

(c) A physician may prescribe more than one package in a 90-day period.

Explanation: The change is necessary to clarify that a physician may prescribe more than one package of low-THC cannabis to a patient in a 90-day period.

SR 718 was read and was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL 46 ADOPTED

Senator Perry called from the President's table the Conference Committee Report on **HB 46**. The Conference Committee Report was filed with the Senate on Saturday, May 31, 2025.

On motion of Senator Perry, the Conference Committee Report was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 56

The President laid before the Senate the following resolution:

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 46 has been adopted by the house of representatives and the senate and is being prepared for enrollment; and

WHEREAS, The bill contains a technical error that should be corrected; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas, That the enrolling clerk of the house of representatives be instructed to make the following corrections to the enrolled version of House Bill No. 46:

In SECTION 15 of the bill, in amended Section 169.003(a)(3)(A), Occupations Code (page 10, between lines 8 and 9), immediately following added subparagraph (xi), insert the following appropriately numbered subparagraph and renumber subsequent subparagraphs of that paragraph accordingly:

() Crohn's disease or other inflammatory bowel disease;

PERRY

SCR 56 was read.

On motion of Senator Perry and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

SENATE RULE 8.02 SUSPENDED (Referral to Committee)

On motion of Senator Hancock and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 8.02 was suspended to take up for consideration **HCR 146** at this time.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 146

The President laid before the Senate the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Texas Legislative Medal of Honor was established to recognize gallant and intrepid service by a member of the state or federal military forces, and it is fitting that U.S. Army veteran Rickey Dudley Wittner be awarded this prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, A native of Houston, Rickey Wittner enlisted in the U.S. Army in August 1969 and underwent helicopter training at Fort Eustis, Virginia, before beginning his service in the Vietnam War with the U.S. Army 242nd Assault Support Helicopter Company, 269th Aviation Battalion; and

WHEREAS, On July 10, 1970, Specialist Fourth Class Wittner was serving as crew chief on a helicopter that was resupplying river patrol boats near Dau Tieng, Vietnam; the aircraft was struck by heavy enemy fire, and the subsequent crash and explosion seriously injured all passengers on board, with Specialist Wittner being thrown from the helicopter; without regard for his own safety, he repeatedly entered the flaming wreckage to rescue those trapped inside; demonstrating remarkable bravery, he sustained severe burns on his hands while extinguishing flames on the clothing of those he rescued, and his efforts ultimately helped save the lives of 12 people; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his actions that day, Specialist Wittner was awarded the Soldier's Medal for heroism; he also received the Purple Heart and the Air Medal; following the completion of his active-duty army service in 1975 at the rank of Specialist Fifth Class, he joined the U.S. Army Reserve, transferring to the Texas Army National Guard headquarters company in Marshall as a member of the 5th Battalion, 112th Armor; in 1987, he was honorably discharged at the rank of sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Rickey Wittner distinguished himself through his acts of extraordinary courage, patriotism, and selflessness in the Vietnam War, and it is indeed fitting that he be honored with the highest military award conferred by the State of Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby direct the governor of the State of Texas to award the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor to U.S. Army veteran Rickey Dudley Wittner in recognition of his valiant military service.

HANCOCK

HCR 146 was read.

On motion of Senator Hancock and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

(Senator Flores in Chair)

(SENATE RULE 8.02 SUSPENDED)

(Referral to Committee)

On motion of Senator Hancock and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 8.02 was suspended to take up for consideration **HCR 149** at this time.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 149

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Texas Legislative Medal of Honor was established to recognize gallant and intrepid service by a member of the state or federal military forces, and it is fitting that U.S. Navy SEAL Nathan Gage Ingram of Roanoke be posthumously recognized with this prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Born on March 22, 1996, Gage Ingram was a graduate of Byron Nelson High School in Trophy Club and Texas Tech University; he answered his nation's call to duty by enlisting in the United States Navy in 2019; after completing SEAL qualification training, he joined one of the most elite fighting forces in the world and attained the rank of Special Warfare Operator Petty Officer 2nd Class; and

WHEREAS, On January 11, 2024, Petty Officer Ingram and the other members of SEAL Team 3 were tasked with carrying out a raid on a cargo ship carrying Iranian missile components bound for Houthi militants in Yemen; he was serving as team lead communicator during the hazardous nighttime operation that took place in rough seas off the coast of Somalia; while waiting to board the cargo ship, he saw a member of his unit fall into the water; without regard for his own safety, he jumped into the sea to attempt a rescue but was unable to locate his fellow SEAL amid the five- to eight-foot swells; Petty Officer Ingram grabbed hold of a ladder on the target vessel but rather than climbing to safety, he again tried to find his teammate until being swept away by a wave; both men were lost at sea; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Ingram was posthumously promoted to Special Warfare Operator First Class, and he has been honored with the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for his extraordinary heroism; he was also the recipient of the Navy "E" Ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; the 27-year-old Texan left behind a loving family to treasure his memory, including his wife, Jewel Ingram, his mother and stepfather, Kristi and Danny Hughes, his father, Chet Ingram, his sister, Jaci Ingram, and his stepsiblings, Tyler Hughes and Deidra Mytopher; and

WHEREAS, A young man of uncommon courage and patriotism, Nathan Gage Ingram made the ultimate sacrifice in service to his nation, and he is truly deserving of our state's highest military award for valor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby direct the governor of the State of Texas to posthumously award the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor to U.S. Navy SEAL Nathan Gage Ingram in recognition of his valiant military service.

HANCOCK

HCR 149 was read.

On motion of Senator Hancock and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON
SENATE BILL 2900 ADOPTED**

Senator Kolkhorst called from the President's table the Conference Committee Report on **SB 2900**. The Conference Committee Report was filed with the Senate on Saturday, May 31, 2025.

On motion of Senator Kolkhorst, the Conference Committee Report was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 55

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1964 has been adopted by the senate and the house of representatives and is being prepared for enrollment; and

WHEREAS, The bill contains a technical error that should be corrected; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas, That the enrolling clerk of the senate be instructed to make the following correction:

In SECTION 5 of the bill, in added Section 2054.711(c), Government Code, as amended on third reading by Floor Amendment No. 1 by Capriglione, strike "AI" and substitute "an artificial intelligence system".

PARKER

SCR 55 was read.

On motion of Senator Parker and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

SENATE RESOLUTION 706

Senator West offered the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, That Senate Rule 12.03 be suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on Senate Bill 650 (requiring the use of electronically readable information to verify a purchaser's age in the retail sale of alcoholic beverages) to consider and take action on the following matter:

Senate Rule 12.03(2) is suspended to permit the committee to omit text not in disagreement in proposed SECTION 2 of the bill, by omitting added Section 109.61(a-1)(1)(A)(i), Alcoholic Beverage Code. The omitted text reads:

(i) a package store permit;

Explanation: The change is necessary to require the holder of a package store permit to visually inspect and access electronically readable information on a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or other identification certificate for the purpose of verifying a purchaser's age in the retail sale of an alcoholic beverage on the premises of the package store for off-premises consumption.

SR 706 was read and was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON SENATE BILL 650 ADOPTED

Senator West called from the President's table the Conference Committee Report on **SB 650**. The Conference Committee Report was filed with the Senate on Saturday, May 31, 2025.

On motion of Senator West, the Conference Committee Report was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

Yeas: Alvarado, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Cook, Creighton, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Johnson, King, Menéndez, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Hughes, Kolkhorst, Middleton.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Sunday, June 1, 2025 - 4

The Honorable President of the Senate

Senate Chamber

Austin, Texas

Mr. President:

I am directed by the house to inform the senate that the house has taken the following action:

THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HB 119 (101 Yeas, 36 Nays, 1 Present, not voting)

HB 3642 (135 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Present, not voting)

HB 3909 (127 Yeas, 9 Nays, 1 Present, not voting)

SB 15 (78 Yeas, 57 Nays, 1 Present, not voting)

SB 568 (126 Yeas, 6 Nays, 1 Present, not voting)

SB 1405 (102 Yeas, 36 Nays, 1 Present, not voting)

SB 2308 (134 Yeas, 4 Nays, 1 Present, not voting)

SB 2878 (136 Yeas, 2 Nays, 1 Present, not voting)

SB 2900 (107 Yeas, 28 Nays, 1 Present, not voting)

SB 3059 (104 Yeas, 31 Nays, 2 Present, not voting)

Respectfully,

/s/Stephen Brown,

Chief Clerk

House of Representatives

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL 1545 ADOPTED

Senator Parker called from the President's table the Conference Committee Report on **HB 1545**. The Conference Committee Report was filed with the Senate on Saturday, May 31, 2025.

On motion of Senator Parker, the Conference Committee Report was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

(President in Chair)**SENATE RULE 8.02 SUSPENDED
(Referral to Committee)**

On motion of Senator Menéndez and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 8.02 was suspended to take up for consideration **HCR 155** at this time.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 155

The President laid before the Senate the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The city of San Antonio shares a proud bond with the military that has spanned more than three centuries, and the city's enduring links to the United States armed forces are central to its culture and economy; and

WHEREAS, Dating back to the establishment of San Antonio de Bxar Presidio in 1718, the city has been home to a consistent military presence; San Antonio's development into an important center for the U.S. service branches dates to the early 1900s, when Fort Sam Houston became a major site for training and operations; today, San Antonio has one of the highest concentrations of military bases in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Joint Base San Antonio, the largest base within the U.S. Department of Defense, is a consolidation of Fort Sam Houston, Camp Bullis, Lackland Air Force Base, and Randolph Air Force Base; serving as a hub for training, innovation, and support, JBSA employs more than 100,000 people and contributes \$53.2 billion to the state's economy annually; moreover, Fort Sam Houston includes Brooke Army Medical Center, the DOD's largest medical center and only Level I Trauma Center; and

WHEREAS, With one of the nation's largest active and retired military populations, San Antonio offers a wealth of resources to support this community, including education and job training initiatives and a vast network of health care services; in addition, the city's culture of military appreciation is reflected in the myriad events it hosts in honor of the men and women who serve, including elaborate ceremonies on Veterans Day and Memorial Day and parades and activities during Fiesta San Antonio; moreover, the city features a number of museums and sites that enable visitors to better appreciate the rich history of the military in San Antonio, including the U.S. Army Medical Department Museum and the Fort Sam Houston Museum and Quadrangle; and

WHEREAS, The City of San Antonio has demonstrated tangible support for the military by securing and investing over \$115 million in grants for infrastructure, force protection, resiliency, family and veteran employment, and aviation safety; in addition, the city has worked closely with members of the Texas Legislature to advocate for enhanced protection for San Antonio's military installations; and

WHEREAS, Through its steadfast commitment to supporting the U.S. armed forces and the active duty service members and veterans who have carried out its vital mission, San Antonio has long been known as Military City USA, and it is indeed fitting that the city be officially accorded this same title for the State of Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby designate San Antonio as Military City Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally passed by the legislature.

MENÉNDEZ

HCR 155 was read.

On motion of Senator Menéndez and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON
SENATE BILL 1660 ADOPTED**

Senator Huffman called from the President's table the Conference Committee Report on **SB 1660**. The Conference Committee Report was filed with the Senate on Saturday, May 31, 2025.

On motion of Senator Huffman, the Conference Committee Report was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON
HOUSE BILL 145 ADOPTED**

Senator Schwertner called from the President's table the Conference Committee Report on **HB 145**. The Conference Committee Report was filed with the Senate on Saturday, May 31, 2025.

On motion of Senator Schwertner, the Conference Committee Report was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON
SENATE BILL 268 ADOPTED**

Senator Perry called from the President's table the Conference Committee Report on **SB 268**. The Conference Committee Report was filed with the Senate on Saturday, May 31, 2025.

On motion of Senator Perry, the Conference Committee Report was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 19, Nays 12.

Yeas: Alvarado, Bettencourt, Blanco, Creighton, Eckhardt, Hall, Hancock, Huffman, Hughes, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Paxton, Perry, Sparks, West.

Nays: Birdwell, Campbell, Cook, Flores, Gutierrez, Hagenbuch, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Menéndez, Parker, Schwertner, Zaffirini.

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON
HOUSE BILL 2516 ADOPTED**

Senator Schwertner called from the President's table the Conference Committee Report on **HB 2516**. The Conference Committee Report was filed with the Senate on Saturday, May 31, 2025.

On motion of Senator Schwertner, the Conference Committee Report was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

On motion of Senator Campbell and by unanimous consent, the remarks by Senators Perry, Campbell, and Schwertner regarding the Conference Committee Report for **SB 268** were ordered reduced to writing and printed in the *Senate Journal*.

The remarks will be printed in an addendum to this day's Journal.

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON
HOUSE BILL 2885 ADOPTED**

Senator Schwertner called from the President's table the Conference Committee Report on **HB 2885**. The Conference Committee Report was filed with the Senate on Friday, May 30, 2025.

On motion of Senator Schwertner, the Conference Committee Report was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

Yeas: Alvarado, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Cook, Creighton, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Schwertner, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Hughes, Perry, Sparks.

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON
SENATE BILL 2753 ADOPTED**

Senator Hall called from the President's table the Conference Committee Report on **SB 2753**. The Conference Committee Report was filed with the Senate on Saturday, May 31, 2025.

On motion of Senator Hall, the Conference Committee Report was adopted 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.

(Senator Flores in Chair)

**SENATE RULE 8.02 SUSPENDED
(Referral to Committee)**

On motion of Senator Nichols and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 8.02 was suspended to take up for consideration **HCR 148** at this time.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 148

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate the following resolution:

WHEREAS, A vibrant southeast Texas community, Bridge City has become known as a premier destination for a food that's synonymous with good times and good eating: the corn dog; and

WHEREAS, Bridge City has a rich history of bringing people together through events and festivals that foster a spirit of hospitality and camaraderie; corn dogs are an especially popular food at these gatherings, and attendees line up to procure the sweet-and-savory treat, which is made by coating a hot dog in cornmeal batter, deep-frying it, and serving it on a stick for easy consumption while strolling; and

WHEREAS, The origin of this classic American snack food is a matter of debate, but it has become a signature delicacy in Bridge City; local vendors and food establishments are renowned for their expertise in crafting delicious corn dogs, and they have become beloved enterprises that are frequented by locals and visitors alike; a number of the proprietors operate on a daily basis so that enthusiasts don't have to wait for a special event to enjoy a tasty dog; and

WHEREAS, Whether eaten with ketchup, mustard, or more exotic toppings, the corn dog is an all-American favorite, and it has become an iconic specialty and a source of civic pride for the residents of Bridge City; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby designate Bridge City as the official Corn Dog Capital of Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally passed by the legislature.

NICHOLS

HCR 148 was read.

On motion of Senator Nichols and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

SENATE RESOLUTION 713

Senator Hughes offered the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, That Senate Rule 12.03 be suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on House Bill 40 (relating to the business court) to consider and take action on the following matters:

(1) Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the house or senate version of the bill in proposed SECTION 56 of the bill, adding Section 25A.021, Government Code, to read as follows:

Sec. 25A.021. ACTIONS COMMENCED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2024. (a) Notwithstanding Section 8, Chapter 380 (H.B. 19), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, a civil action commenced before September 1, 2024, that is within the jurisdiction of the business court may be transferred to and heard by the business court on an agreed motion of a party and permission of the business court under rules adopted by the supreme court for the purpose. When adopting rules under this section, the supreme court shall:

(1) prioritize complex civil actions of longer duration that have proven difficult for a district court to resolve because of the other demands on the district court's caseload;

(2) consider the capacity of the business court to accept the transfer of the action without impairing the business court's efficiency and effectiveness in resolving actions commenced on or after September 1, 2024; and

(3) ensure the facilitation of the fair and efficient administration of justice.

(b) This section expires September 1, 2035.

Explanation: This change is necessary to allow civil actions commenced before September 1, 2024, to be transferred to and heard by the business court on the agreement of the parties and with the permission of the business court.

(2) Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the house or senate version of the bill in proposed SECTION 72 of the bill, by adding nonamendatory transition language to read as follows:

SECTION 72. Except as provided by Section 25A.021, Government Code, as added by this Act, the changes in law made by this Act apply only to civil actions commenced on or after September 1, 2024.

Explanation: This change is necessary to allow civil actions commenced before September 1, 2024, to be transferred to and heard by the business court under Section 25A.021, Government Code, as proposed in SECTION 56 of the bill.

SR 713 was read and was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 24, Nays 7.

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

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

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL 40 ADOPTED

Senator Hughes called from the President's table the Conference Committee Report on **HB 40**. The Conference Committee Report was filed with the Senate on Saturday, May 31, 2025.

On motion of Senator Hughes, the Conference Committee Report was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 24, Nays 7.

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

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

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON SENATE BILL 2217 ADOPTED

Senator Hughes called from the President's table the Conference Committee Report on **SB 2217**. The Conference Committee Report was filed with the Senate on Saturday, May 31, 2025.

On motion of Senator Hughes, the Conference Committee Report was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5.

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

Nays: Alvarado, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Miles.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL 119 ADOPTED

Senator Hughes called from the President's table the Conference Committee Report on **HB 119**. The Conference Committee Report was filed with the Senate on Saturday, May 31, 2025.

On motion of Senator Hughes, the Conference Committee Report was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Nays: Eckhardt.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL 493 ADOPTED

Senator Hughes called from the President's table the Conference Committee Report on **HB 493**. The Conference Committee Report was filed with the Senate on Saturday, May 31, 2025.

On motion of Senator Hughes, the Conference Committee Report was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 23, Nays 8.

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

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

SENATE RESOLUTION 702

Senator Hughes offered the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, That Senate Rule 12.03 be suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on House Bill 3642 (the designation of portions of the state highway system as memorial highways, to certain memorial markers on certain highways, and to the installation of highway signs for certain cultural attractions) to consider and take action on the following matter:

Senate Rule 12.03(2) is suspended to permit the committee to omit text not in disagreement in proposed SECTION 4 of the house engrossment of the bill by omitting added Section 225.255, Transportation Code, and the corresponding provision of the bill as the bill was amended by the senate. The omitted text reads:

Sec. 225.255. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) The portion of U.S. Highway 67 in Dallas and Ellis Counties between its intersection with U.S. Highway 287 and its intersection with Interstate Highway 20 is designated as the Eddie Bernice Johnson Memorial Highway. The designation is in addition to any other designation.

(b) Subject to Section 225.021(c), the department shall:

(1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Eddie Bernice Johnson Memorial Highway and any other appropriate information; and

(2) erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

Explanation: The text is omitted as no longer necessary because another bill, Senate Bill 2790, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, governing the same substance has passed both houses.

SR 702 was read and was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON
HOUSE BILL 3642 ADOPTED**

Senator Hughes called from the President's table the Conference Committee Report on **HB 3642**. The Conference Committee Report was filed with the Senate on Saturday, May 31, 2025.

On motion of Senator Hughes, the Conference Committee Report was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON
HOUSE BILL 2963 ADOPTED**

Senator Hall called from the President's table the Conference Committee Report on **HB 2963**. The Conference Committee Report was filed with the Senate on Saturday, May 31, 2025.

On motion of Senator Hall, the Conference Committee Report was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON
SENATE BILL 2024 ADOPTED**

Senator Perry called from the President's table the Conference Committee Report on **SB 2024**. The Conference Committee Report was filed with the Senate on Saturday, May 31, 2025.

On motion of Senator Perry, the Conference Committee Report was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Nays: Cook.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Sunday, June 1, 2025 - 5

The Honorable President of the Senate

Senate Chamber
Austin, Texas

Mr. President:

I am directed by the house to inform the senate that the house has taken the following action:

THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HB 40 (95 Yeas, 39 Nays, 2 Present, not voting)

HB 46 (128 Yeas, 12 Nays, 1 Present, not voting)

HB 493 (90 Yeas, 44 Nays, 2 Present, not voting)

HB 705 (127 Yeas, 10 Nays, 2 Present, not voting)

HB 1545 (122 Yeas, 13 Nays, 1 Present, not voting)

HB 2516 (132 Yeas, 5 Nays, 2 Present, not voting)

HB 2963 (132 Yeas, 6 Nays, 2 Present, not voting)

SB 268 (79 Yeas, 46 Nays, 2 Present, not voting)

SB 650 (82 Yeas, 57 Nays, 2 Present, not voting)

SB 1540 (128 Yeas, 9 Nays, 2 Present, not voting)

SB 1610 (121 Yeas, 16 Nays, 2 Present, not voting)

SB 1660 (109 Yeas, 25 Nays, 1 Present, not voting)

SB 2024 (96 Yeas, 35 Nays, 2 Present, not voting)

SB 2217 (130 Yeas, 7 Nays, 2 Present, not voting)

SB 2753 (84 Yeas, 45 Nays, 3 Present, not voting)

SB 2972 (97 Yeas, 39 Nays, 1 Present, not voting)

Respectfully,

/s/Stephen Brown,
Chief Clerk

House of Representatives

SENATE RESOLUTION 708

Senator Creighton offered the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, 2025, That Senate Rule 12.03 be suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on Senate Bill 2972 (expressive activities at public institutions of higher education) to consider and take action on the following matters:

(1) Senate Rule 12.03(1) is suspended to permit the committee to change, alter, or amend text not in disagreement in proposed SECTION 2 of the bill, in amended Section 51.9315(d)(2), Education Code, by striking "[~~content neutral,~~]" and substituting "content-neutral,".

Explanation: The change is necessary to clarify that restrictions on expressive activities must employ content-neutral criteria.

(2) Senate Rule 12.03(2) is suspended to permit the committee to omit text not in disagreement in proposed SECTION 2 of the bill, at the end of amended Section 51.9315(d)(2), Education Code, by omitting "and".

Explanation: The change is necessary to remove unnecessary language.

SR 708 was read and was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 9.

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

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

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON SENATE BILL 2972 ADOPTED

Senator Creighton called from the President's table the Conference Committee Report on **SB 2972**. The Conference Committee Report was filed with the Senate on Saturday, May 31, 2025.

On motion of Senator Creighton, the Conference Committee Report was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 9.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Sunday, June 1, 2025 - 6

The Honorable President of the Senate

Senate Chamber

Austin, Texas

Mr. President:

I am directed by the house to inform the senate that the house has taken the following action:

THE HOUSE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

SCR 56

Perry

Sponsor: King

Instructing the enrolling clerk of the house of representatives to make corrections in H.B. No. 46.

Respectfully,
/s/Stephen Brown,
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON
SENATE BILL 1637 WITHDRAWN**

Senator King withdrew the Conference Committee Report on **SB 1637**.

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON
SENATE BILL 1637 DISCHARGED**

On motion of Senator King and by unanimous consent, the Senate conferees on **SB 1637** were discharged.

Question: Shall the Senate concur in the House amendment to **SB 1637**?

Senator King moved to concur in the House amendment to **SB 1637**.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

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

Nays: Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered:

SR 54 by King, Congratulating Vincent Hancock for winning two medals at the 2024 Summer Olympic Games.

SR 55 by King, Congratulating Conner Lynn Prince for winning the silver medal at the 2024 Summer Olympic Games.

SR 58 by King, Congratulating Austen Jewell Smith for winning two medals at the 2024 Summer Olympic Games.

SR 59 by King, In memory of Alvin Henry Boenker III.

SR 222 by Menéndez, Alvarado, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Cook, Creighton, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, West, and Zaffirini, In memory of former State Senator and Representative Joe J. Bernal of San Antonio.

SR 259 by Eckhardt, Alvarado, Cook, J. Hinojosa, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, and West, Recognizing members of the Hindu faith who are celebrating Holi on March 14, 2025.

SR 394 by Zaffirini, Blanco, Gutierrez, A. Hinojosa, and J. Hinojosa, Recognizing the Texas-Mexico border as vital to the economy, education, and character of the state.

SR 478 by Eckhardt, In memory of Carlton Carl.

SR 667 by Hughes, In memory of Mack Carl Easley Sr.

SR 668 by Hughes, In memory of Linda Annette Current.

SR 669 by Hughes, In memory of Dorothy Jean Thornton Keasler.

SR 670 by Hughes, In memory of Sandra Dean Erwin Davis.

SR 671 by Hughes, In memory of David Lawrence Murphy.

SR 672 by Huffman, In memory of Karen Anntoinette Richard.

SR 673 by Hughes, In memory of Laura Ruth Tedford.

SR 674 by Hughes, In memory of Janita Ann Barnes.

SR 675 by Paxton, In memory of James N. Muns.

SR 676 by Paxton, In memory of Betty Bell Muns.

SR 677 by Paxton, In memory of Isabel "Chavela" McClaugherty.

SR 678 by Hughes, Recognizing Buchanan First Baptist Church on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

SR 679 by Hughes, In memory of Jimmy Doyle Byrum.

SR 680 by Hughes, In memory of Mary Pollard Heines.

SR 681 by Hughes, Congratulating The University of Texas at Tyler softball team on winning a national championship.

SR 682 by Hughes, In memory of Frances Elaine Cowen.

SR 683 by Hughes, In memory of Tory Charles Daniels.

SR 684 by Hughes, In memory of Ginger Rose Holland.

SR 685 by Hughes, Congratulating Pleasant Grove High School on its success at the Spring 2025 JEA/NSPA National High School Journalism Convention.

SR 688 by Hughes, Recognizing Stephanie Nelson on the occasion of her retirement.

SR 689 by Hughes, In memory of Douglas Mitchel Sapp.

SR 690 by Hughes, In memory of Gerald Mack Bennett.

SR 691 by Hughes, In memory of John Claiborne Peacock Sr.

SR 692 by Menéndez, Recognizing the legislative interns in the office of State Senator José Menéndez for their service during the 89th Legislative Session.

SR 693 by Menéndez, Recognizing the San Antonio Coalition for Veterans and Families for its service to the military community.

SR 694 by Zaffirini, Recognizing Dennis Nixon for his 50 years of service at IBC Bank.

SR 696 by Hughes, In memory of C. D. Tedford.

SR 697 by Hughes, In memory of Doris Geneva Walters.

SR 698 by Hughes, In memory of Annie Rene Damm.

SR 699 by Hughes, Recognizing Sneaky Cleats Select Softball Club on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

SR 700 by Hughes, In memory of Kenneth Eugene Carter Jr.

SR 701 by Hughes, In memory of James Edward Hanlon.

SR 704 by Hughes, Congratulating the Tatum High School boys' basketball team on winning a state championship.

SR 705 by Hughes, Congratulating Jonathan Ledesma on scoring the most goals at the scholastic soccer level.

SR 707 by Johnson, Recognizing the staff and interns in the office of State Senator Nathan Johnson for their service during the 89th Legislature.

SR 710 by Hughes, In memory of Martin E. Marty.

SR 711 by Hughes, Congratulating the Carthage High School football team on winning a state championship.

SR 712 by Kolkhorst, Recognizing the Austin County 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl team for winning the Western National Roundup Championship.

SR 714 by A. Hinojosa, In memory of Arturo Eduardo Sanchez of San Antonio.

SR 716 by A. Hinojosa, In memory of Noe T. Loya Sr. of Raymondville.

SR 717 by Paxton, Recognizing The Hope Center in Plano for its service to the great State of Texas.

The resolutions were read and were adopted by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of the resolutions.

SENATE RESOLUTION 719

Senator Bettencourt offered the following resolution:

SR 719, In memory of Dave Welch.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Hall and by unanimous consent, the names of the Lieutenant Governor and Senators were added to the resolution as signers thereof.

On motion of Senator Bettencourt, the resolution was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

In honor of the memory of Dave Welch, the text of **SR 719** will be printed in the *Senate Journal* upon adjournment of this legislative day.

SENATE RESOLUTION 720

Senator Parker offered the following resolution:

SR 720, In memory of Fred Joseph Mitchell.

PARKER
HAGENBUCH

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Kolkhorst and by unanimous consent, the names of the Lieutenant Governor and Senators were added to the resolution as signers thereof.

On motion of Senator Parker, the resolution was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

In honor of the memory of Fred Joseph Mitchell, the text of **SR 720** will be printed in the *Senate Journal* upon adjournment of this legislative day.

BILLS SIGNED

The Presiding Officer announced the signing of the following enrolled bills in the presence of the Senate after the captions had been read:

SB 1 (Signed subject to Art. III, Sec. 49a, Texas Constitution), **SB 37**, **SB 260**, **SB 331**, **SB 447**, **SB 457**, **SB 506**, **SB 763**, **SB 865**, **SB 973**, **SB 1494**, **SB 1506**, **SB 1566**, **SB 1579**, **SB 1946**, **SB 2018**, **SB 2121**, **SB 2221**, **SB 2337**, **SB 2373**, **SB 2431**, **SB 2477**, **SB 2601**, **SB 2615**, **SB 2807**, **SB 2965**, **SB 3039**, **SB 3047**, **SB 3070**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 157

On motion of Senator Kolkhorst, Senator Menéndez will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HCR 157**.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

On motion of Senator Zaffirini and by unanimous consent, the Senate at 8:14 p.m. agreed to adjourn, in memory of Elizabeth Ann Seligman McCarty, Dave Welch, and Fred Joseph Mitchell, pending the receipt of messages and the completion of administrative duties, until 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

The Presiding Officer announced the signing of the following enrolled bills and resolutions in the presence of the Senate after the captions had been read:

HB 26, **HB 27**, **HB 42**, **HB 100**, **HB 117**, **HB 120**, **HB 144**, **HB 150**, **HB 252**, **HB 346**, **HB 521**, **HB 718**, **HB 783**, **HB 1056**, **HB 1094**, **HB 1178**, **HB 1211**, **HB 1234**, **HB 1240**, **HB 1397**, **HB 1690**, **HB 2038**, **HB 2240**, **HB 2243**, **HB 2512**, **HB 2594**, **HB 2844**, **HB 2853**, **HB 3000**, **HB 3073**, **HB 3133**, **HB 3233**, **HB 3619**, **HB 3697**, **HB 3783**, **HB 3848**, **HB 3866**, **HB 3963**, **HB 3966**, **HB 4112**, **HB 4211**, **HB 4236**, **HB 4464**, **HB 4638**, **HB 4749**, **HB 4751**, **HB 5509**, **HB 5560**, **HB 5616**, **HB 5624**, **HB 5658**, **HB 5680**, **HB 5696**, **HCR 76**, **HCR 84**, **HJR 7**.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, the Senate at 9:00 p.m. adjourned, in memory of Elizabeth Ann Seligman McCarty, Dave Welch, and Fred Joseph Mitchell, until 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ENROLLEDJune 1, 2025

SB 1, SB 8, SB 12, SB 15, SB 37, SB 260, SB 331, SB 379, SB 447, SB 457, SB 650, SB 763, SB 1506, SB 1540, SB 1566, SB 1610, SB 1637, SB 1660, SB 2018, SB 2024, SB 2217, SB 2337, SB 2373, SB 2587, SB 2601, SB 2900, SB 2972, SB 3047, SB 3070, SCR 56, SR 54, SR 55, SR 58, SR 59, SR 222, SR 259, SR 394, SR 478, SR 667, SR 668, SR 669, SR 670, SR 671, SR 672, SR 673, SR 674, SR 675, SR 676, SR 677, SR 678, SR 679, SR 680, SR 681, SR 682, SR 683, SR 684, SR 685, SR 686, SR 688, SR 689, SR 690, SR 691, SR 692, SR 693, SR 694, SR 696, SR 697, SR 698, SR 699, SR 700, SR 701, SR 702, SR 704, SR 705, SR 706, SR 707, SR 708, SR 710, SR 711, SR 712, SR 713, SR 714, SR 716, SR 717, SR 718, SR 719, SR 720

SENT TO GOVERNORJune 1, 2025

SB 4, SB 6, SB 7, SB 9, SB 10, SB 17, SB 21, SB 22, SB 23, SB 25, SB 34, SB 36, SB 38, SB 40, SB 57, SB 66, SB 140, SB 204, SB 251, SB 261, SB 413, SB 437, SB 456, SB 467, SB 500, SB 509, SB 510, SB 512, SB 519, SB 527, SB 612, SB 614, SB 646, SB 667, SB 672, SB 705, SB 710, SB 748, SB 766, SB 777, SB 785, SB 790, SB 800, SB 823, SB 826, SB 850, SB 857, SB 863, SB 869, SB 876, SB 904, SB 905, SB 918, SB 924, SB 926, SB 955, SB 968, SB 974, SB 1049, SB 1055, SB 1084, SB 1137, SB 1164, SB 1188, SB 1191, SB 1198, SB 1207, SB 1230, SB 1233, SB 1243, SB 1266, SB 1281, SB 1300, SB 1302, SB 1307, SB 1313, SB 1318, SB 1333, SB 1335, SB 1362, SB 1398, SB 1400, SB 1433, SB 1448, SB 1467, SB 1504, SB 1522, SB 1558, SB 1563, SB 1567, SB 1580, SB 1596, SB 1621, SB 1644, SB 1718, SB 1723, SB 1758, SB 1760, SB 1833, SB 1838, SB 1858, SB 1862, SB 1896, SB 1923, SB 1957, SB 2073, SB 2155, SB 2167, SB 2177, SB 2206, SB 2232, SB 2321, SB 2366, SB 2367, SB 2368, SB 2398, SB 2405, SB 2406, SB 2407, SB 2480, SB 2501, SB 2515, SB 2520, SB 2589, SB 2610, SB 2778, SB 2781, SB 2786, SB 2790, SB 2885, SB 2986, SB 2995, SB 3048, SB 3050, SB 3052, SB 3053, SB 3056, SCR 3, SCR 9, SCR 18, SCR 30, SCR 53

**In Memory
of
Elizabeth Ann Seligman McCarty
Senate Resolution 89**

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Elizabeth Ann Seligman McCarty, who died on November 7, 2024, at the age of 72; and

WHEREAS, A fourth-generation New Mexican, Elizabeth "Betty" Seligman was born in Albuquerque on September 29, 1952; she graduated from Highland High School in 1970, and she went on to earn her nursing degree from the University of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Betty began her nursing career at MD Anderson Cancer Hospital in Houston, where she met her adoring husband, Christopher McCarty; after moving to Brenham, she continued her vocation at several area clinics and medical centers; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary citizen and beloved member of her community, Betty devoted more than two decades of service and developed many lasting friendships as the mobile district director for State Senator Lois Kolkhorst and as the Kolkhorst campaign accountant; and

WHEREAS, She raised her children, Thomas Randolph McCarty and Molly McCarty Gonzales, by loving example, and her four grandchildren, Tyler, Madison, Everett, and Rory, enriched her life immeasurably; and

WHEREAS, Above all, Betty McCarty treasured time spent with her family, and she enjoyed taking weekend trips to the casino and was noted for the attentive care she provided to injured wildlife; she inspired her many friends and loved ones through her generosity and her joyful spirit, and she leaves behind memories that will long be cherished by all who were privileged to share in her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Elizabeth Ann Seligman McCarty; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Betty McCarty.

KOLKHORST	HAGENBUCH	MIDDLETON
ALVARADO	HALL	MILES
BETTENCOURT	HANCOCK	NICHOLS
BIRDWELL	A. HINOJOSA	PARKER
BLANCO	J. HINOJOSA	PAXTON
CAMPBELL	HUFFMAN	PERRY
COOK	HUGHES	SCHWERTNER

CREIGHTON
ECKHARDT
FLORES
GUTIERREZ

JOHNSON
KING
KOLKHORST
MENÉNDEZ

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In Memory**of****Dave Welch****Senate Resolution 719**

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Pastor Dave Welch; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Dave Welch was the founder and executive director of the Houston Area Pastor Council, the Texas Pastor Council, and the United States Pastor Council; for four decades, he held leadership positions at notable religious organizations, including roles as founding executive director of the Christian Coalition of Washington, national field director of the Christian Coalition, and executive director of Vision America; and

WHEREAS, The Houston Area Pastor Council was launched under the guidance of Pastor Welch in 2003, and it has grown to involve more than three hundred pastors; it has been used in cities throughout the nation as a model for the grassroots development of interracial, interdenominational teams of pastors who are mutually committed to promoting Biblical principles in the home, the church, and the community through ministry in their local churches; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Welch served at the forefront of interactions between the church and members of government at the city, state, and national levels; many leaders in Texas government, including state senators and the lieutenant governor, worked with Pastor Welch for the better part of two decades, and his commitment to faith, family, and freedom reflected the highest ideals of the Lone Star State; and

WHEREAS, Dave grew up in a patriotic working-class family in the State of Washington; he was ordained by Grace International, and he was a licensed minister with the Church of God in Christ; he and his wife, Valerie, were married for 42 years, and they were blessed with six children and twenty grandchildren, who enriched their lives immeasurably; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Pastor Dave Welch; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Pastor Dave Welch.

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**In Memory
of
Fred Joseph Mitchell
Senate Resolution 720**

WHEREAS, The passing of Fred Joseph Mitchell of Lewisville on April 21, 2025, at the age of 75, brought an immeasurable loss to his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, The son of Andrew Joe Mitchell and Florence Mayho Mitchell, Fred Mitchell was born in St. James, Louisiana, on January 18, 1950, and he grew up with the company of 10 siblings, Robert, Jimmy, Norman, Katherine, Herbert, Josephine, Charles, Michael, Marion, and Peter; the family moved to Grapevine before he entered school, and the girl next door, the former Bobbie Jo Benson, would become the love of his life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell attended schools in Grapevine as well as I. M. Terrell High School in Fort Worth; baptized at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Grapevine, he was a faithful parishioner and served as an altar boy and usher; he and Bobbie Mitchell were joined in matrimony at the church on October 16, 1971; and

WHEREAS, A devoted couple, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell were blessed with two children, Darin and Rhonda; their treasured family eventually grew to include two more generations; throughout Mrs. Mitchell's long career as an elected official, Mr. Mitchell was an unwavering source of support and encouragement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell was employed over the years by LTV, Engine Components, Home Interiors, Advanced Graphics, and the Lewisville Independent School District; while quiet and unassuming by nature, he was always quick to help others feel better by offering a kind word, a hug, or a little joke; he was an avid fisherman and loved to watch races at the Texas Motor Speedway; and

WHEREAS, Although Fred Mitchell is deeply missed, those who held him dear will forever remember the warmth and generosity he brought into their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Texas Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Fred Joseph Mitchell and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his wife, Bobbie Mitchell; to his children, Darin Mitchell and his wife, Tonia, and Rhonda Reinacher and her husband, Keith; to his siblings, Norman Mitchell, Katherine Dennis, Herbert Mitchell, Josephine Winfield, Charles Mitchell, Michael Mitchell, Marion Blueitt, and Peter Mitchell; to his nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Fred Mitchell.

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