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PROCEEDINGS

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## FOURTEENTH DAY

(Tuesday, February 24, 2015)

The Senate met at 11:02 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Burton, Campbell, Creighton, Ellis, Eltife, Estes, Fraser, Garcia, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffines, Huffman, Kolkhorst, Lucio, Nelson, Nichols, Perry, Rodríguez, Schwertner, Seliger, L. Taylor, V. Taylor, Uresti, Van de Putte, Watson, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

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

The Reverend Chasz Parker, Christian Community Action, Lewisville, offered the invocation as follows:

Almighty God, thank You for Your many blessings given to our State of Texas and its residents. Thank You for the freedoms we experience and the privileges we have as citizens of Texas and the United States. I pray for the men and women of this Texas Senate, be present with them as they debate and discuss the issues of this session. Guide them to make decisions in accord with Your will, give them wisdom that they will establish justice and provide opportunities to all through the legislation they will consider and pass. I especially pray for those struggling in the cold that they may find shelter and warmth and for those traveling in it, safety. I pray, too, for those in human services and law enforcement who will be Your support for those in need. I pray this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Senator Whitmire moved that the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day be dispensed with and the Journal be approved as printed.

The motion prevailed without objection.

## RESOLUTION SIGNED

The President announced the signing of the following enrolled resolution in the presence of the Senate: **SCR 14**.

## SENATE RESOLUTION 251

Senator Perry offered the following resolution:

**SR 251**, Recognizing February 24, 2015, as Lubbock Day.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

### **GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Perry was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Lubbock Chamber of Commerce delegation: Board Chair Jay Jacobus, Board Chair-elect Beth Bridges, and Government and Community Relations Vice-chair David Park, accompanied by City Councilmembers Karen Gibson and Latrelle Joy.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

### **SENATE RESOLUTION 168**

Senator West offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize February 24, 2015, as Texas Grammy Music Day at the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Texas' unique musical heritage has enriched the state, the nation, and the world; the birthplace of distinctive musical styles such as Texas Country and Tejano, Texas has a rich history of producing culturally significant artists and musicians from every musical genre; and

WHEREAS, The Recording Academy, the organization responsible for the Grammy Awards, established a Texas chapter to serve the Texas music community in 1998; artists and music professionals from Texas were nominated for 35 awards and won 13 awards at the 57th Annual Grammy Awards; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Music Office was created by the Texas Legislature to promote and support the state's music industry; live music festivals in Texas generate hundreds of millions of dollars annually in economic activity for the state, and nearly 150,000 jobs in the state are estimated to be tied to the music industry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the music industry and the important role it plays in the lives of Texans and proclaim February 24, 2015, Texas Grammy Music Day at the Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of the music industry in Texas and as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

**SR 168** was read and was adopted without objection.

### **GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator West was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Texas Chapter of The Recording Academy delegation: Flaco Jiménez, Theresa Jenkins, Gilbert Velasquez, Craig Hella Johnson, and David Jiménez.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

### **SENATE RESOLUTION 105**

Senator Kolkhorst offered the following resolution:

**SR 105**, Recognizing Washington County Day on February 24, 2015.

The resolution was again read.

The resolution was previously adopted on Wednesday, February 4, 2015.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Kolkhorst was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Washington County Day delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 86**

Senator Nelson offered the following resolution:

**SR 86**, Recognizing February 23 and 24, 2015, as Denton County Days.

NELSON  
ESTES

The resolution was again read.

The resolution was previously adopted on Tuesday, February 3, 2015.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Nelson was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Denton County Days delegation: County Judge Mary Horn and County Commissioners Hugh Coleman and Andy Eads.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Schwertner was recognized and introduced to the Senate representatives of the Texas Nurses Association, the Licensed Vocational Nurses Association of Texas, and other nursing organizations.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 253**

Senator Seliger offered the following resolution:

**SR 253**, Recognizing Texas PTA for their work on behalf of the children of Texas.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Seliger was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Texas PTA delegation, accompanied by President Leslie Boggs.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Uresti was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Crockett County delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Kolkhorst, joined by Senator Uresti, was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Texas Future Farmers of America Association delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE**

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Tuesday, February 24, 2015 - 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 PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:**

**HCR 58** Bonnen, Dennis  
Commemorating the life of Charlie Brown.

Respectfully,

/s/Robert Haney, Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives**SENATE RESOLUTION 73**

Senator Eltife offered the following resolution:

**SR 73**, Recognizing residents of Tyler, Kilgore, and Longview on the occasion of East Texas Coalition Day.

The resolution was again read.

The resolution was previously adopted on Monday, February 2, 2015.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Eltife was recognized and introduced to the Senate an East Texas delegation: Smith County Judge Joel Baker and Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce Board Chair Charles Hill.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**INTRODUCTION OF  
BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS POSTPONED**

The President announced that the introduction of bills and resolutions on first reading would be postponed until the end of today's session.

There was no objection.

**FAREWELL WISHES EXTENDED**

Senator Zaffirini, joined by Senators Campbell, Uresti, Lucio, Huffman, Whitmire, Estes, Fraser, Ellis, Rodriguez, Seliger, Eltife, Garcia, V. Taylor, Hinojosa, Birdwell, Schwertner, Nelson, and L. Taylor, was recognized and, on behalf of the Senate, extended farewell wishes to Senator Van de Putte, who addressed the Senate.

**REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED**

On motion of Senator Lucio and by unanimous consent, the remarks by Senator Van de Putte were ordered reduced to writing and printed in the *Senate Journal* as follows:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members, and thank you for recognizing me for the last time on this Senate floor. We are all so very blessed to be part of a legacy blazed long ago in this most deliberative body. The Texas Senate is a place where you work hard, and you work hard to find common ground despite the political differences. We're family here, and we're family here forever. We're united in this most sacred Chamber in times of ecstatic joy and in times of the deepest personal sorrows. And I want to say thank you to my Senate brothers and sisters because you have held me and Pete and our family up in your prayers in the most difficult of times, and for that I am eternally grateful. Over the past 24 years, I have seen the civility and the humanity of this Legislature prevail in the toughest of times. In fact, as Texans, we know we do our best work in the toughest of times. And I see how people of integrity and commitment can accomplish incredible feats. I'm grateful to have worked with each of you, and in that work to make our state a better place to live, a better place to learn, a better place to retire, and for our children and, yes, mostly for our grandchildren. Many of you know that's probably the biggest reason of all. It's what we do here matters, and it's about that next generation. I am forever thankful to the Dean of the Senate, John Whitmire, who always manages to remind us to put a face on it, that what we do here matters to the families, not just in our own beloved districts but throughout the state. To Senator Zaffirini, who is such a dear friend and who has shown us not only how to do things properly but how to do things with compassion, your expertise on, certainly, early childhood and on higher education, on both spectrums, on people with disabilities, will forever stay in my heart and mind. With Senator Ellis, you are the warrior of justice, and one of the most compelling acts that I have ever seen happened on this floor during Senator Ellis' tenure. It was the time when we were looking at the James Byrd Act, and we were looking at how this state treats its people. It was a tough battle, and I watched then-Senator Haywood, who had a physical condition that barely allowed him to talk and walk. Senator Haywood sat next to me, and you didn't have the votes, Senator, to bring that bill up. And I watched him come over and pass me by, and as he shuffled, very difficultly, to your side of the Chamber, he told me, Watch this. And he went and he told you that he would be your vote to bring that bill. It was an amazing moment, and when he came back, I gave him a hug. It was such a struggle for him just to walk. And he said, You know, it may not have been the right thing politically, but it's the right thing to do. And that's what we're all about, doing the right thing for healthier students, Senator Nelson. Doing the right thing for students who have dropped out, and that's where I've worked with Senator West, with Senator Fraser to make sure that our infrastructure of electricity is reliable and affordable, with Senator Estes, absolutely the champion of our small businesses and

that creativity, Senator Lucio, your work on behalf of children with autism and nutrition, Senator Seliger, on education and how to find a pathway for all of our students. Senator Eltife and Senator Nichols, you understand school finance because you know that in particularly those rural areas they face the same challenges of access as they do in parts of my district that are very urban. Senator Huffman, I have joined with you, and now I leave you the challenge of combating human trafficking. You understood from the beginning that this was modern day slavery, and I leave you that portfolio, and I know that you will carry it well. To Senator Garcia, who brings a wealth and understanding that you've got to give folks the head start, your work in early college high schools, I will miss our work, but I know that at the local level they are benefiting with an increased quality of life and options for our students. To Senators Birdwell, Chuy Hinojosa, Senator Campbell, Senator Rodríguez, Senator Perry, Senator Uresti, Senator Taylor, thank you for being full partners in our effort to make Texas the number one state for veterans and their families and for active duty military and their families. I know, also, that my interface and our working together with Senator Hancock, Senator Taylor, with Senator Schwertner, with Senator Creighton, and my good friend, Lois Kolkhorst, I know that you will continue this Senate tradition of understanding that we work for that common good. To our newer Members, I know that my decision to leave to return home to my beloved San Antonio leaves us with not establishing that strong friendship. But know that when you are here in the Texas Senate, you form those lifelong bonds. And, Governor Patrick, I will never forget our work together to improve our schools, to improve that curriculum, to have a quality of our charter schools on behalf of the children of this great state. And although I had the opportunity to travel across this state and learn of all of the communities, let me tell you, I stand always as your full partner in the love for this state. You are at the dais now, and I know that you will wield that gavel with compassion for the best interest of the people of this state. President Abraham Lincoln once said, Nearly all men can stand adversity but if you really want to test a man's character give him power. This Senate Chamber and each Member has immense power, and that's why I'm reminded of the scripture that I leave inscribed in the Bible that's in each of our Senate desks. I leave this for Senator-elect José Menéndez, it's from Proverbs 3:27, Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due when it is in your power to act. That's been my guiding post and sentiment and scripture. We are very powerful in this body, individually and collectively. And it is about the goodness in that power for the people. Together, we have crafted many great policies, but we also know that these great feats take more than just us. It would not have been possible without the success and work of the hidden wiring of this Senate, and that is our hard-working staff. The folks who stand up here, the people who are all a part of the Senate, you make it look so easy, and you correct things when we've totally messed it up parliamentary-wise. Thank you for your diligence, for your love of this state. For our Senate staff and our personal staff, I know that I have former

staff members who are here today. All of them have, some of them are still at the Capitol and others have joined in convincing and bringing information, as lobby members now, to the Members of the Senate. Members, we receive the acclaim but it's the staff who also brave the long hours and the sleepless nights in service to our state. To our families, and you're right, it is about our families, I want to say a special thank you and deepest love to my husband, Pete, to my mom, Belle, who is not here. She is in the hospital. She is recovering from surgery. To my brothers and sisters, our children, my nieces and nephew, and, if you would indulge me, would our family and friends who are here today, would you please rise so I can say thank you for making sure that the home team is taken care of. All of my family and staff, *gracias*. What we do here improves the lives of Texans, but few of you know if it wasn't for the people who are also on the third rail of the Senate floor. Each of you in the Capitol press corps has that awesome responsibility to take the stories from under this pink dome to the people. You have that responsibility to keep us on track, to find out where we're having the mistakes, and to point out where we can do it better. Thank you for the job that you do and the diligence that those of you who fill those seats will have, and that as others join that table, that they will take to heart. Finally, nothing is possible without the confidence of the people in my hometown, San Antonio, because it is all about the quality of life in our communities. And I thank my fellow San Antonians for allowing me the privilege and the honor of being their voice here at the State Capitol for almost a quarter of a century. I am thankful for our strong faith and our continuance in the words, In God We Trust. God bless all of you, God bless our Texas, *Dios y Tejas*. It's been an honor to serve with you, alongside of you, for the people of this great state.

### SENATE RESOLUTION 220

Senator Uresti offered the following resolution:

**SR 220**, Recognizing February 24, 2015, as Viva San Antonio Day.

URESTI  
CAMPBELL  
VAN DE PUTTE

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

### GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Uresti, joined by Senators Campbell and Zaffirini, was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce delegation: Board Chair Henry Cisneros and Vice-president of Public Affairs Roger Arriaga, accompanied by San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Board Chair Al Aguilar and City Councilmember Joe Krier.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 58

The President laid before the Senate the following resolution:

**HCR 58**, Commemorating the life of Charlie Brown.

HUFFMAN

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Huffman and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted without objection.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Huffman was recognized and introduced to the Senate family and friends of the late Charlie Brown.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Eltife was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Texas Forestry Association delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Lucio was recognized and introduced to the Senate an IDEA Public Schools delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**SESSION TO CONSIDER EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS**

The President announced the time had arrived to consider executive appointments to agencies, boards, and commissions. Notice of submission of these names for consideration was given yesterday by Senator Birdwell.

Senator Birdwell moved confirmation of the nominees reported yesterday by the Committee on Nominations.

The President asked if there were requests to sever nominees.

There were no requests offered.

**NOMINEES CONFIRMED**

The following nominees, as reported by the Committee on Nominations, were confirmed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Commissioner of Insurance: David Calvin Mattax, Travis County.

Director, Office of State-Federal Relations: Jerry D. Strickland, Travis County.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 18**

The President laid before the Senate the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article III, Texas Constitution, provides that neither house of the legislature may adjourn for more than three days without the consent of the other house; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas, That each house grant the other permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on Wednesday, February 25, 2015, and ending on Monday, March 2, 2015.

WHITMIRE

**SCR 18** was read.

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

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

On motion of Senator Whitmire and by unanimous consent, the Senate at 12:42 p.m. agreed to adjourn, upon completion of the introduction of bills and resolutions on first reading, until 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

**(Senator Van de Putte in Chair)**

### **SENATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING**

The following bills and resolutions were introduced, read first time, and referred to the committees indicated:

**SB 1** by Nelson, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Burton, Campbell, Creighton, Estes, Fraser, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffines, Huffman, Kolkhorst, Lucio, Nichols, Perry, Schwertner, L. Taylor, V. Taylor, Uresti, Watson, West  
Relating to certain restrictions on the imposition of ad valorem taxes and to the duty of the state to reimburse certain political subdivisions for certain revenue loss.  
To Committee on Finance.

**SB 7** by Nelson, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Burton, Campbell, Creighton, Estes, Fraser, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffines, Huffman, Kolkhorst, Lucio, Nichols, Perry, Schwertner, L. Taylor, V. Taylor, Uresti, West  
Relating to decreasing the rates of the franchise tax.  
To Committee on Finance.

**SB 8** by Schwertner, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Burton, Campbell, Creighton, Eltife, Estes, Fraser, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffines, Huffman, Kolkhorst, Lucio, Nelson, Nichols, Perry, Seliger, L. Taylor, V. Taylor, Uresti  
Relating to the total revenue exemption for the franchise tax.  
To Committee on Finance.

**SB 636** by Zaffirini  
Relating to the creation of a task force to evaluate recreational use of rivers.  
To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

**SB 637** by Ellis  
Relating to the disqualification of certain temporary employees for unemployment compensation benefits.  
To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

**SB 638** by Nichols  
Relating to the transfer of certain state property from the Texas Department of Transportation to the Shepherd Independent School District; requiring the payment of certain transaction fees.  
To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 639** by Hancock

Relating to the ownership or operation of a motor vehicle dealership by certain manufacturers or distributors.

To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

**SB 640** by Garcia

Relating to automatic employee participation in and administration of a deferred compensation plan provided by hospital districts.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 641** by Schwertner

Relating to debit card or stored value card surcharges; providing a civil penalty.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 642** by Bettencourt

Relating to a franchise or insurance premium tax credit for contributions made to certain educational assistance organizations.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 643** by Creighton

Relating to proceedings held in auxiliary facilities outside certain county seats.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 644** by Creighton

Relating to health insurance identification cards issued by qualified health plan issuers.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 645** by Rodríguez

Relating to the creation of an advisory committee to examine and recommend revisions to any state laws pertaining to juvenile records.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 646** by Estes

Relating to actuarial certification of title insurance company reserves.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 647** by Estes

Relating to the authority of an open-enrollment charter school to commission peace officers.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 648** by Uresti, Hinojosa, Huffman

Relating to the distribution, possession, purchase, consumption, and receipt of cigarettes and tobacco products; providing penalties.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 649** by Lucio

Relating to the determination of an experience-rated employer's eligibility for a surplus credit rate under the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act.

To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

**SB 650** by V. Taylor

Relating to audits of the music, film, television, and multimedia fund.  
To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

**SB 651** by V. Taylor

Relating to an audit of Major Events trust funds conducted by the state auditor.  
To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

**SB 652** by Schwertner

Relating to excluding a franchisor as an employer of a franchisee or a franchisee's employees.  
To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

**SB 653** by Eltife

Relating to increasing the amount of burial benefits required to be paid by an insurance carrier under the workers' compensation system.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 654** by Eltife

Relating to regulation of policy forms for certain commercial property and casualty insurance.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 655** by Eltife

Relating to own risk and solvency assessment by insurers and insurance groups; providing a penalty.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 656** by Eltife

Relating to perpetual care cemeteries.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 657** by Eltife

Relating to the appointment of the commissioners of certain financial regulatory agencies by the Finance Commission of Texas.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 658** by Rodríguez

Relating to the exemption from vehicle registration for certain farm vehicles owned by a farmers' cooperative society or marketing association.  
To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 659** by Rodríguez

Relating to state assistance for school employees uniform group health coverage.  
To Committee on Education.

**SB 660** by Rodríguez

Relating to regional coordinators within the veteran entrepreneur program.  
To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations.

**SB 661** by Estes

Relating to the confidentiality of certain information concerning service members of the state military forces.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 662** by Rodríguez

Relating to the representation of certain indigent applicants for a writ of habeas corpus.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 663** by Rodríguez

Relating to the bill of costs provided to a defendant before the costs are payable.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 664** by V. Taylor

Relating to employment termination for falsification of military record in obtaining employment or employment benefits.

To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

**SB 665** by Campbell

Relating to inclusion of a course on the founding principles of the United States in the curriculum requirements for public high school students and the posting of the founding documents of the United States in public school buildings.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 666** by Eltife

Relating to the status of a subcontractor as an employee for the purposes of workers' compensation insurance coverage.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 667** by Eltife

Relating to reinsurance, distributions, and pooling arrangements by captive insurance companies.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 668** by Schwertner

Relating to the adoption of a training manual for certain state officers.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 669** by West

Relating to state interventions and sanctions against public school campuses with unacceptable performance and the establishment of the Texas Opportunity School District for educating students at certain low-performing campuses.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 670** by Birdwell

Relating to the Texas Identification Number system.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 671** by Birdwell

Relating to the designation of Loop 567 in Granbury as the Deputy Sergeant Lance McLean Loop 567.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 672** by Kolkhorst

Relating to restrictions on the sale by a state agency of information that identifies an individual.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 673** by Perry

Relating to the funding and issuing of marriage licenses and certifications and the recognition of certain marriages.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 674** by Campbell

Relating to instruction regarding mental health, substance abuse, and youth suicide in educator training programs.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 675** by Rodríguez

Relating to social work services in public schools.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 676** by Creighton

Relating to the determination of the market value of property for ad valorem tax purposes.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 677** by Creighton

Relating to the savings incentive program for state agencies.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 678** by Nelson

Relating to coordinated county transportation authorities.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 679** by Nelson

Relating to public meetings of joint airport boards.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 680** by Nelson

Relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages in areas annexed or owned by certain municipalities.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 681** by Zaffirini

Relating to a bailiff administering the selection of names of persons for jury service.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 682** by Zaffirini

Relating to the use of hotel occupancy tax revenues in certain municipalities.

To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

**SB 683** by Hancock

Relating to the payment of certain ad valorem tax refunds.  
To Committee on Finance.

**SB 684** by L. Taylor

Relating to the designation of certain optometrists, therapeutic optometrists, and ophthalmologists as preferred providers.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 685** by Seliger

Relating to the applicability of open meetings and public information laws to the education research center advisory board.  
To Committee on Higher Education.

**SCR 13** by Seliger, Estes, Fraser, Hinojosa, Nichols, Perry, Uresti, Zaffirini

Urging the U.S. Congress to end the ban on crude oil exports.  
To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

**SJR 1** by Nelson, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Burton, Campbell, Creighton, Estes, Fraser, Hall, Hancock, Huffines, Huffman, Kolkhorst, Lucio, Nichols, Perry, Schwertner, L. Taylor, V. Taylor, Uresti

Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for an exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes of a portion of the market value of a residence homestead based on the median market value of all residence homesteads in the state, providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homestead of an elderly or disabled person to reflect the increased exemption amount, authorizing the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision that has adopted an optional residence homestead exemption from reducing the amount of or repealing the exemption, and prohibiting the imposition or collection of a tax on the conveyance of an interest in real property.  
To Committee on Finance.

**SJR 32** by Burton

Proposing a constitutional amendment revising the order of legislative business to permit legislative committees to consider matters during the first 60 days of a regular session.  
To Committee on Administration.

**SJR 33** by Watson

Proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit using revenues, other money, or account or fund balances dedicated by law for nondedicated general governmental purposes or for certification of appropriations for nondedicated purposes or entities.  
To Committee on Finance.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 5**

On motion of Senator Nichols, Senator Fraser will be shown as Co-author of **SB 5**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 18**

On motion of Senator Nelson, Senator Lucio will be shown as Co-author of **SB 18**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 58**

On motion of Senator Nelson, Senator V. Taylor will be shown as Co-author of **SB 58**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 96**

On motion of Senator Hinojosa, Senator Garcia will be shown as Co-author of **SB 96**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 137**

On motion of Senator Perry, Senator Kolkhorst will be shown as Co-author of **SB 137**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 351**

On motion of Senator Birdwell, Senator Perry will be shown as Co-author of **SB 351**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 487**

On motion of Senator Ellis, Senator Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SB 487**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 527**

On motion of Senator Birdwell, Senator Perry will be shown as Co-author of **SB 527**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 585**

On motion of Senator Watson, Senator Burton will be shown as Co-author of **SB 585**.

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**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 602**

On motion of Senator Hinojosa, Senator Garcia will be shown as Co-author of **SB 602**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5**

On motion of Senator Nichols, Senator Fraser will be shown as Co-author of **SJR 5**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 11**

On motion of Senator Perry, Senator Kolkhorst will be shown as Co-author of **SJR 11**.

**RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION**

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

**Memorial Resolutions**

**SCR 17** by Whitmire, Bettencourt, Creighton, Ellis, Garcia, Huffman, Kolkhorst, Nichols, and L. Taylor, In memory of former Houston mayor Bob Lanier.

**SR 250** by Hinojosa, In memory of Antonio Botello Jr.

**Congratulatory Resolutions**

**SR 235** by Van de Putte, Recognizing Vietnamese Americans for their contributions to this state.

**SR 249** by Hinojosa, Congratulating the Edinburg High School Bobcat Cheerleaders for winning a national championship.

**SR 254** by Hinojosa, Recognizing Al Ogletree for being named the 2015 Presidential Pillar.

**SR 255** by Burton, Recognizing Abel Alfonso Pena Jr. for his contributions to Templo El Buen Samaritano in Houston.

**Official Designation Resolutions**

**SR 252** by Birdwell, Recognizing February 26, 2015, as Hill County Day.

**SR 256** by Burton, Recognizing February 25, 2015, as MillerCoors Fort Worth Brewery Day.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate at 12:52 p.m. adjourned until 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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**APPENDIX**

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**RESOLUTIONS ENROLLED**

February 23, 2015

**SCR 14, SR 210, SR 211, SR 212, SR 213, SR 214, SR 215, SR 216, SR 217, SR 218, SR 219, SR 221, SR 222, SR 223, SR 224, SR 225, SR 226, SR 227, SR 228, SR 229, SR 230, SR 231, SR 233, SR 234, SR 236, SR 238, SR 239, SR 240, SR 241, SR 242, SR 243, SR 244, SR 245, SR 246, SR 247**

**SENT TO SECRETARY OF STATE**

February 24, 2015

**SCR 14**