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PROCEEDINGS

THIRTIETH DAY

(Wednesday, April 23, 2025)

The Senate met at 11:13 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by President Pro Tempore Creighton.

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

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

Rabbi Kelly Levy, Congregation Beth Israel, Austin, offered the invocation as follows:

M'kor HaChayim, source of life and strength, we ask for Your continued presence with the elected officials of the Texas State Senate and to sustain them as they continue the crucial work of serving and protecting the people of this great state. We ask You to give them strength as they persevere through this challenging legislative session. God, be with them as they continue to help all Texans, especially the most vulnerable amongst us, those who struggle with financial hardship, physical and emotional illnesses, and those laden with various challenges. Guide our leaders to care for all people in our state, to remember that each person was created *B'tzelem Elohim*, in the image of God. As Rabbi Simeon ben Zoma once said, Who is the wise one? The person who learns from all people. Who is honored? The person who honors the created beings. May we all work together, elected officials and residents of this beautiful state to honor all of humanity and keep learning from one another. And may we continue to fill our state with love as beautiful as a bluebonnet, as warm as the sun in summer, and as bold as the drivers on I-35. Amen.

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

The motion prevailed without objection.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following Messages from the Governor were read and were referred to the Committee on Nominations:

April 23, 2025

Austin, Texas

TO THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION:

I ask the advice, consent and confirmation of the Senate with respect to the following appointments:

To be members of the Red River Authority of Texas Board of Directors for terms to expire August 11, 2029:

Jerry Dan Davis
Wellington, Texas

Michael R. "Mike" Sandefur
New Boston, Texas

Joe L. Ward
Telephone, Texas

The individuals listed above are being reappointed.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Greg Abbott
Governor

April 23, 2025

Austin, Texas

TO THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION:

I ask the advice, consent and confirmation of the Senate with respect to the following appointments:

To be members of the Nueces River Authority Board of Directors for terms to expire as indicated:

To Expire February 1, 2027:

Shannon Tindol Freund
Beeville, Texas

(replacing Elizabeth P. Aliseda, O.D. of Beeville who resigned)

To Expire February 1, 2031:

Jane D. Bell
Corpus Christi, Texas

(Ms. Bell is being reappointed)

Lisa Greenberg Molute

Corpus Christi, Texas

(Ms. Greenberg is being reappointed)

Olen R. "Feller" Hughs
Barksdale, Texas
(replacing John K. "Keith" Crow of Barksdale whose term expired)

Daniel L. "Danny" Kelley
Karnes City, Texas
(replacing David E. Purser of Karnes City whose term expired)

Daniel R. "Dan" Suckley
Corpus Christi, Texas
(replacing Dane C. Bruun of Corpus Christi whose term expired)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Greg Abbott
Governor

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Hagenbuch was recognized and introduced to the Senate Texas Woman's University athletes including gymnasts Caroline Bowns and Emma Brkljacic, Pioneer Pride dancers Leslie Nunez and Olivia Arce, and basketball players Ashley Ingram and Kayla Glover, accompanied by Chancellor Carine Feyten and Athletic Director Sandee Mott.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

PHYSICIAN OF THE DAY

Senator Flores was recognized and presented Dr. Jesse Hickland of Belton as the Physician of the Day.

The Senate welcomed Dr. Hickland and thanked him for his participation in the Physician of the Day program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

SENATE RESOLUTION 424

Senator Johnson offered the following resolution:

SR 424, Recognizing April 23, 2025, as Balch Springs Day at the State Capitol.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Johnson was recognized and introduced to the Senate a City of Balch Springs delegation including Mayor Carrie Gordon, City Councilmember Tartisha Hill, City Manager Charles Fenner, Dallas County Constable Deanna Hammond, and Balch Springs Industrial and Economic Development Corporation Board members Rodney Taylor and Gwendolyn Gardner.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

(President in Chair)
GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Menéndez, joined by Senator Gutierrez, was recognized and introduced to the Senate a St. Mary's University delegation including President, Dr. Winston Erevelles and students Layla Dickerson, Diana De Leon, Andrew Ponce, and Erick Madrid.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 49

The President laid before the Senate the following resolution:

SCR 49, Recognizing Austin Oaks Church on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

ECKHARDT

The resolution was read.

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

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Eckhardt was recognized and introduced to the Senate an Austin Oaks Church delegation including Pastor Brandon Zieske, Pastor BJ Forgyson, and Marian Wallace.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

BILL SIGNED

The President announced the signing of the following enrolled bill in the presence of the Senate after the caption had been read: **SB 569**.

**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 calendar.

There was no objection.

SENATE RESOLUTION 428

Senator Middleton offered the following resolution:

SR 428, In memory of Marie Flickinger.

The resolution was read.

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

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

In honor of the memory of Marie Flickinger, the text of **SR 428** will be printed in the *Senate Journal* upon adjournment of this legislative day.

Senator Middleton, joined by Senator Bettencourt and the President, was recognized and introduced to the Senate family of Marie Flickinger including her husband, David Flickinger, and her son, Fred Flickinger.

The Senate welcomed its guests and extended its sympathy.

MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED

At the request of Senator Middleton, the Senate observed a moment of silence in honor of the memory of Marie Flickinger.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING CALL

The President at 12:01 p.m. announced the conclusion of morning call.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 1413 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Nichols and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 1413** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 1413, Relating to the procedure for amending or revoking certificates of public convenience and necessity issued to certain water utilities.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 1413 ON THIRD READING

Senator Nichols moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 1413** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

SENATE BILL 1583 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Blanco and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **SB 1583** at this time on its second reading:

SB 1583, Relating to management plans adopted by groundwater conservation districts.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Blanco offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **SB 1583** (senate committee report) in SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 36.1071(b-2), Water Code (page 1, line 40), between "Section 36.1083(b)" and the underlined comma, by inserting "and until the district issues a final order

under Section 36.1083(n) or, if the desired future condition is found to be unreasonable in the final order, a new desired future condition is adopted under Section 36.108 or 36.1083(p)".

The amendment to **SB 1583** was read and was adopted by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1.

SB 1583 as amended was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

SENATE BILL 1583 ON THIRD READING

Senator Blanco moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 1583** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

SENATE BILL 23 ON SECOND READING

Senator Bettencourt moved to suspend Senate Rule 5.14 and the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 23** at this time on its second reading:

SB 23, Relating to an increase in the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district of the appraised value of the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled and the protection of school districts against certain losses in local revenue.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Johnson asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on suspension of the regular order of business.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment except as follows:

Nays: Johnson.

SENATE BILL 23 ON THIRD READING

Senator Bettencourt moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 23** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Nays: Johnson.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1. (Same as previous roll call)

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 85 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Bettencourt and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 5.14 and the regular order of business were suspended to take up for consideration **SJR 85** at this time on its second reading:

SJR 85, Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district of the market value of the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled.

The resolution was read second time and was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 85 ON THIRD READING

Senator Bettencourt moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SJR 85** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The resolution was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

(Senator Flores in Chair)

SENATE BILL 2774 ON SECOND READING

Senator A. Hinojosa moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 2774** at this time on its second reading:

SB 2774, Relating to the classification of certain entities as primarily engaged in retail trade for purposes of the franchise tax.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Hughes, Kolkhorst, and Perry asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on suspension of the regular order of business.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment except as follows:

Nays: Hughes, Kolkhorst, Perry.

SENATE BILL 2774 ON THIRD READING

Senator A. Hinojosa moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 2774** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed 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, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Schwertner, Sparks, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Hughes, Kolkhorst, Perry.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3. (Same as previous roll call)

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Blanco was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Destination El Paso delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 29 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Blanco and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **SCR 29** at this time on its second reading:

SCR 29, Designating El Paso as the official Boot Capital of Texas for a 10-year period ending in 2035.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 1643 ON SECOND READING

Senator Schwertner moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 1643** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 1643, Relating to prior approval of certain property and casualty insurance rate increases or decreases.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 5, Present-not voting 1.

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

Nays: Creighton, Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Kolkhorst.

Present-not voting: Miles.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 5, Present-not voting 1. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1643 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Schwertner moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 1643** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 5, Present-not voting 1.

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

Nays: Creighton, Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Kolkhorst.

Present-not voting: Miles.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 5, Present-not voting 1. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1642 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Schwertner moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 1642** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 1642, Relating to the administration of the Texas Department of Insurance, including the appointment of the state commission of insurance.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Hancock and Sparks asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on suspension of the regular order of business.

Senator Miles asked to be recorded as "Present-not voting" on suspension of the regular order of business.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment except as follows:

Nays: Hancock, Sparks.

Present-not voting: Miles.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1642 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Schwertner moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 1642** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 2, Present-not voting 1.

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

Nays: Hancock, Sparks.

Present-not voting: Miles.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 2, Present-not voting 1. (Same as previous roll call)

SENATE BILL 826 ON SECOND READING

Senator Parker moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 826** at this time on its second reading:

SB 826, Relating to the operation of a motor vehicle in a school crossing zone while intoxicated; increasing a criminal penalty.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Eckhardt asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on suspension of the regular order of business.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment except as follows:

Nays: Eckhardt.

SENATE BILL 826 ON THIRD READING

Senator Parker moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 826** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Nays: Eckhardt.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1. (Same as previous roll call)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 1257 ON SECOND READING

Senator Hughes moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 1257** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 1257, Relating to required health benefit plan coverage for gender transition adverse effects and reversals.

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

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

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

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

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1883 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Bettencourt moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 1883** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 1883, Relating to the approval of land use assumptions, capital improvement plans, and impact fees.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5.

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

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

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1883 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Bettencourt moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 1883** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5.

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

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

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 2024 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Perry moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 2024** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 2024, Relating to a prohibition on marketing, advertising, or selling certain e-cigarette products; creating a criminal offense.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Cook asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on suspension of the regular order of business.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Perry offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **CSSB 2024** (senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike added Section 161.0876(b)(2)(G), Health and Safety Code (page 1, line 58), and substitute the following:

(G) a toy;

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike added Section 161.0876(b)(3), Health and Safety Code (page 1, line 59), and substitute the following:

(3) that was manufactured in China; or

(4) that contains or is mixed with any cannabinoids, alcohol, kratom, kava, mushrooms, or a derivative of any of those items.

(3) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 161.081(1-a)(A), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1-a) (A) "E-cigarette" means:

(i) an electronic cigarette or any other device that simulates smoking by using a mechanical heating element, battery, or electronic circuit to deliver nicotine or other substances to the individual inhaling from the device; or

(ii) a consumable liquid solution or other material aerosolized or vaporized during the use of an electronic cigarette or other device described by this subdivision, regardless of whether the liquid solution or material contains nicotine.

The amendment to **CSSB 2024** was read and was adopted by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 except as follows:

Nays: Eckhardt.

CSSB 2024 as amended was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment except as follows:

Nays: Cook.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 2024 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Perry moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 2024** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Nays: Cook.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 240 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Middleton moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 240** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 240, Relating to the designation and use of certain spaces and facilities according to biological sex; authorizing a civil penalty and a private civil right of action.

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

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

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

The bill was read second time.

Senator Gutierrez offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **CSSB 240** (senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter B, Chapter 151, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 151.056 to read as follows:

Sec. 151.056. LIMITATION ON DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS RELATING TO TELEHEALTH OR MAILED PRESCRIPTIONS. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a health care provider or pharmacist may not be subject to disciplinary action by a licensing authority or held civilly liable solely for prescribing, dispensing, or delivering a prescription drug through telehealth or mail order to a person located in this state if:

(1) the provider is licensed and acting within the scope of lawful practice in another state;

(2) the prescription is issued in compliance with the laws of the state in which the prescriber is located; and

(3) the drug is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

(b) The receipt of a legally prescribed medication by a patient located in this state through telehealth consultation or mail delivery may not serve as the sole basis for initiating an investigation or enforcement action by a state agency.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the unlawful practice of medicine or pharmacy within this state.

The amendment to **CSSB 240** was read and failed of adoption by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 20.

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

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

CSSB 240 was passed to engrossment 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Wednesday, April 23, 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 PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

HB 14 Harris

Relating to support for the development of the nuclear energy industry.

HB 36 Bowers

Relating to the monitoring of certain family violence offenders, the provision of resources for family violence victims, and the collection of information about conditions of bond imposed in family violence cases and certain other criminal cases.

HB 43 Kitzman

Relating to the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority and certain programs administered by the authority.

HB 136 Hull

Relating to Medicaid coverage and reimbursement for lactation consultation services.

HB 206 Craddick

Relating to a limitation on a county's authority to require a cash bond before approving the construction of a pipeline.

HB 805 Cortez

Relating to a study by the Public Utility Commission of Texas on the interconnection of electric transmission service facilities with the United Mexican States.

HB 1130 Isaac

Relating to liability of a cavern entity for injuries arising from certain activities.

HB 1147 Gámez

Relating to the establishment by the Texas Workforce Commission of a workplace soft skills training pilot program.

HB 1732 Hernandez

Relating to the regulation of massage therapy.

HB 1846 Walle

Relating to the establishment of the Electric Truck Advisory Council.

HB 2176 Harless

Relating to the composition and duties of a court security committee.

HB 3114 Geren

Relating to the view of the State Capitol.

SB 365 Eckhardt

Sponsor: Howard

Relating to the period for which an applicant for admission as an undergraduate student to a public institution of higher education is entitled to an academic fresh start.

SB 1786 Creighton

Sponsor: VanDeaver

Relating to public higher education.

(Committee Substitute)

Respectfully,

/s/Stephen Brown,
Chief Clerk

House of Representatives

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 42
ON SECOND READING**

Senator Hughes moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SCR 42** at this time on its second reading:

SCR 42, Urging the state to adopt the policy to recognize two sexes, male and female.

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

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

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

The resolution was read second time and was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11. (Same as previous roll call)

SENATE RULE 5.14(a) SUSPENDED

(Intent Calendar)

(Motion In Writing)

Senator Zaffirini submitted the following Motion In Writing:

Mr. President:

I move suspension of Senate Rule 5.14, the Intent Calendar Rule, in order to move the Intent Calendar deadline to 4 p.m. today.

ZAFFIRINI

The Motion In Writing was read and prevailed without objection.

SENATE BILL 1539 ON SECOND READING

Senator Bettencourt moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 1539** at this time on its second reading:

SB 1539, Relating to requirements and procedures in the contest of an election on a proposed constitutional amendment.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Cook and Eckhardt asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on suspension of the regular order of business.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Bettencourt offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **SB 1539** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In Section 1 of the bill, strike the recital (page 1, lines 24 and 25) and substitute the following: "Section 233.014, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsections (c), (d), (f), and (h) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:"

(2) In Section 1 of the bill, in amended Section 233.014, Election Code (page 1, between lines 36 and 37), insert the following:

(c-1) The trial court must ensure that a written ruling on a pretrial motion before the court is entered not later than the 30th day after the date the motion is filed.

(d) The trial date may not be earlier than the 45th day after the date of the contested election except [nor later than the 180th day after the date of the contested election. The trial date may be earlier than the 45th day after the date of the contested election] at the request of the contestant. The trial court must ensure the judgment of the court is not filed later than the 180th day after the date of the contested election.

(3) In Section 1 of the bill, in amended Section 233.014, Election Code (page 1, between lines 41 and 42), insert the following:

(h) If a contestant files an appeal of the contest, the appellate court must ensure that the action is brought to final disposition not later than the 60th [~~180th~~] day after the date the judgment becomes final.

The amendment to **SB 1539** was read and was adopted by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1.

SB 1539 as amended was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment except as follows:

Nays: Cook, Eckhardt.

SENATE BILL 1539 ON THIRD READING

Senator Bettencourt moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 1539** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

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

Nays: Cook, Eckhardt.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2. (Same as previous roll call)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Wednesday, April 23, 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:

HB 26 Hull

Relating to requiring contracts with Medicaid managed care organizations to permit the organizations to offer nutrition support services in lieu of other state Medicaid plan services.

HB 467 Bell, Keith

Relating to the procedure for the dissolution of the Cedar Creek Hospital District and the disposition of district money.

HB 484 Lalani

Relating to the use of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and tobacco products on the campus of a public institution of higher education.

HB 538 Bernal

Relating to student access to certain academic records; authorizing a fee.

HB 1041 Turner

Relating to the insurable interest of certain persons providing care to individuals with disabilities in the life of those individuals.

HB 1154 Gámez

Relating to the establishment of a skilled labor task force by certain local workforce development boards.

HB 1442 Howard

Relating to the Internet broadcast or recording of certain open meetings.

HB 1644 Oliverson

Relating to the use, possession, delivery, or manufacture of testing equipment that identifies the presence of a substance listed in Penalty Group 1-B or xylazine.

HB 1718 Plesa

Relating to the definition of "closing" for purposes of certain private activity bonds.

HB 2027 Vasut

Relating to the authority of the Brazoria County Commissioners Court to execute tax abatement agreements for property within the Port Freeport district.

HB 2118 Cain

Relating to the issuance of oversize or overweight permits for vehicles transporting agricultural commodities during or preceding a disaster.

HB 2468 Harris

Relating to the right of a purchaser to terminate a contract of purchase and sale of real property for failure to provide notice that the property is located in a public improvement district.

HB 2488 Bell, Keith

Relating to conducting certain contested case hearings under the Texas workers' compensation system by remote communication.

HB 2525 Darby

Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of certain property owned by a charitable organization that is engaged in providing housing and related facilities and services to persons who are at least 62 years of age.

HB 2578 Walle

Relating to landlord and tenant dispute information reported by courts and published on a publicly accessible Internet website.

HB 2596 Metcalf

Relating to the issuance of certain protective orders for certain burglary offenses.

HB 2701 Guillen

Relating to construction standards for certain recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds.

HB 2733 Canales

Relating to the prosecution of the criminal offenses of prohibited barratry and solicitation of professional employment.

HB 2894 Hickland

Relating to the provision of state aid to certain local governments disproportionately affected by the granting of ad valorem tax relief to disabled veterans.

HB 3077 Geren

Relating to reports by certain persons involved in the manufacture and distribution of alcoholic beverages for purposes of sales and use taxes.

HB 3125 Guerra

Relating to establishment by the Texas Workforce Commission of a geothermal energy workforce education and training initiative.

HB 3204 Metcalf

Relating to the Polytechnic College at Sam Houston State University, including the college's eligibility to participate in certain programs.

HB 3700 Vo

Relating to the prevention, detection, and investigation of fraud, waste, and abuse in programs administered by the Texas Workforce Commission or by the commission's contractors or grantees.

Respectfully,

/s/Stephen Brown,
Chief Clerk

House of Representatives

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 825 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Middleton moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 825** at this time on its third reading and final passage:

CSSB 825, Relating to an annual study on the economic, environmental, and financial impact of illegal immigration in this state.

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

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

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

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

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 2010 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Bettencourt moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 2010** at this time on its third reading and final passage:

CSSB 2010, Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to establish and operate a guaranteed income program.

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

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

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

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

REASON FOR VOTE

Senator Blanco submitted the following reason for vote on **CSSB 2010**:

Taxpayer dollars are finite, and they come from hardworking families who expect us to spend them wisely—on programs that deliver real, measurable results. That's why I'm voting in favor of Senate Bill 2010.

I strongly support equitable public assistance programs that are proven to help those who need it most—housing, food, healthcare, childcare, and job access. However, guaranteed income programs lack the structure and accountability needed to address the root causes of poverty.

As stewards of taxpayers' dollars, we should not be in the business of picking winners and losers through programs that lack clear structure or proven results. Directing limited resources into proven programs is the best way to build equity and stability and make a real difference for the greatest good. For these reasons, I am voting in favor of Senate Bill 2010.

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 1870 ON THIRD READING

Senator Perry moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 1870** at this time on its third reading and final passage:

CSSB 1870, Relating to municipal and county enforcement of drug and consumable hemp product laws; providing civil penalties.

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

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

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

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

RECESS

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, the Senate at 3:22 p.m. recessed until 3:45 p.m. today.

AFTER RECESS

The Senate met at 4:18 p.m. and was called to order by Senator Flores.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1727 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Perry moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 1727** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 1727, Relating to procedures related to juvenile justice proceedings, the adjudication and disposition of cases involving delinquent conduct, and certain offenses or conduct committed by a child or by a person placed in or committed to certain juvenile facilities; changing the eligibility for community supervision.

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

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

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

The bill was read second time.

Senator Perry offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **CSSB 1727** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 5 of the bill, in added Section 54.05(k), Family Code (page 3, line 34), strike "violation of probation" and substitute "conduct violating a penal law for which the child was placed on probation and the manner in which the conduct was engaged".

(2) In SECTION 5 of the bill, strike added Section 54.05(k)(4), Family Code (page 3, lines 36 through 38), and substitute the following:

(4) the protection of the victim of the conduct for which the child was placed on probation or of a family member of the victim of that conduct

(3) In SECTION 7 of the bill, in amended Section 54.052(d), Family Code (page 5, line 5), between "custody" and the period, insert "for completion of the child's sentence".

(4) In SECTION 7 of the bill, in added Section 54.052(e), Family Code (page 5, lines 10 and 11), strike "child's transfer to a department facility" and substitute "date the child is committed to the department".

(5) In SECTION 7 of the bill, immediately following added Section 54.052(e), Family Code (page 5, between lines 11 and 12), insert the following:

(f) The Texas Juvenile Justice Department shall grant credit under this section for the purpose of calculating the minimum period of confinement for a child under Section 245.051(c), Human Resources Code, for time spent by the child in a secure detention facility on or after the date the child is committed to the department.

The amendment to **CSSB 1727** was read and was adopted by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1.

CSSB 1727 as amended was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 21, Nays 10.

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

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

SENATE BILL 870 ON SECOND READING

Senator Birdwell moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 870** at this time on its second reading:

SB 870, Relating to the open carrying of a handgun by a uniformed school marshal.

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

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

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

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

SENATE BILL 1963 ON SECOND READING

Senator Creighton moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 1963** at this time on its second reading:

SB 1963, Relating to a financing mechanism allowing electric utilities to obtain recovery of costs associated with a weather-related event or other natural disaster; granting authority to issue bonds.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

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

Nays: Cook, Eckhardt, Johnson, Miles.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4. (Same as previous roll call)

SENATE BILL 1963 ON THIRD READING

Senator Creighton moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 1963** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

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

Nays: Cook, Eckhardt, Johnson, Miles.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1789 ON SECOND READING**

On motion of Senator Schwertner and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 1789** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 1789, Relating to electric service quality and reliability.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Schwertner offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **CSSB 1789** (senate committee report) in SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 38.006, Utilities Code (page 2, between lines 32 and 33), by adding the following appropriately lettered subsections:

() An electric utility, municipally owned utility, or electric cooperative may implement an appropriate program to provide for the inspection, maintenance, remediation, and replacement of the utility's or cooperative's transmission and distribution poles. The program must ensure compliance with the standards adopted under this section.

() This section does not expand the commission's jurisdiction over an electric cooperative beyond the jurisdiction granted under Chapter 41. A report submitted under this section is considered a report to ensure public safety for purposes of Section 41.004.

The amendment to **CSSB 1789** was read and was adopted by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1.

CSSB 1789 as amended was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1789 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Schwertner moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 1789** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

SENATE BILL 957 ON SECOND READING

Senator Parker moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 957** at this time on its second reading:

SB 957, Relating to the creation of the criminal offense of continuous aggravated promotion of prostitution.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Eckhardt asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on suspension of the regular order of business.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment except as follows:

Nays: Eckhardt.

SENATE BILL 957 ON THIRD READING

Senator Parker moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 957** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Nays: Eckhardt.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1. (Same as previous roll call)

SENATE BILL 2626 ON SECOND READING

Senator Campbell moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 2626** at this time on its second reading:

SB 2626, Relating to ectopic pregnancies and continuing education for certain physicians and nurses regarding treatment of certain pregnancy-related conditions.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Eckhardt asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on suspension of the regular order of business.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment except as follows:

Nays: Eckhardt.

SENATE BILL 2626 ON THIRD READING

Senator Campbell moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 2626** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Nays: Eckhardt.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 844 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Hughes moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 844** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 844, Relating to procedures for changes to a zoning regulation or district boundary.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Zaffirini asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on suspension of the regular order of business.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Hall offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **CSSB 844** (senate committee printing) in SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 211.0061, Local Government Code, as follows:

(1) In Subsection (b) (1) (page 2, line 1), strike "; or" and substitute an underlined semicolon.

(2) In Subsection (b) (2) (page 2, line 2), between "(2)" and "at", insert "except as provided by Subdivision (3);".

(3) In Subsection (b) (2) (page 2, line 4), between "area" and the underlined period, insert the following:

; or

(3) at least 20 percent of the area of the lots or land immediately adjoining the area covered by the proposed change and extending 200 feet from that area if the proposed change will have the effect of allowing for the use of a building or structure for the operation of any form of gambling or sports wagering

(4) In Subsection (d) (1) (page 2, line 10), between "(b) (1)" and the underlined semicolon, insert "or (3)".

The amendment to **CSSB 844** was read and was adopted by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1.

CSSB 844 as amended was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment except as follows:

Nays: Zaffirini.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 844 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Hughes moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 844** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Nays: Zaffirini.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1. (Same as previous roll call)

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

SB 3056 by Hagenbuch

Relating to the creation of the Alluvium Ranch Municipal Management District No. 1; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 3057 by Flores

Relating to the creation of the River Ranch Municipal Utility District No. 1; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

To Committee on Local Government.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

HB 2 to Committee on Education K-16.

HB 20 to Committee on Education K-16.

HB 120 to Committee on Education K-16.

HB 142 to Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 210 to Committee on Education K-16.

HB 215 to Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 451 to Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 1022 to Committee on Education K-16.

HB 1151 to Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 1458 to Committee on Education K-16.

HB 1700 to Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 2000 to Committee on Criminal Justice.

HB 3093 to Committee on Local Government.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS EXTENDED

Senator Alvarado was recognized and, on behalf of the Senate, extended birthday greetings to Senator Blanco.

(President in Chair)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 618 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Sparks moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 618** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 618, Relating to the unlawful altering of election procedures; providing a civil penalty.

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

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

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

The bill was read second time.

Senator Sparks offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **CSSB 618** (senate committee report) in SECTION 1 of the bill as follows:

(1) In added Section 276.019(b), Election Code (page 1, line 33 and 34), strike "or discovers information", and substitute "a formal complaint".

(2) In added Section 276.019(b), Election Code (page 1, line 35), following "shall", insert "promptly".

(3) In added Section 276.019(b), Election Code (page 1, line 39), between "shall" and "send", insert "promptly".

(4) In added Section 276.019(c), Election Code (page 1, line 48), between "two" and "days", insert "business".

(5) In added Section 276.019(g), Election Code (page 2, line 12), between "election official" and the underlined comma, insert "of a political subdivision".

(6) In added Section 276.019(h), Election Code (page 2, line 16), between "produce" and "a", insert "and post on the secretary of state's publicly accessible Internet website".

(7) In added Section 276.019(h), Election Code (page 2, line 27), between "investigation" and "including", insert ",".

(8) In added Section 276.019(i), Election Code (page 2, line 35), between "a" and "complaint", insert "formal".

(9) In added Section 276.019(j), Election Code (page 2, line 42), strike ",".

(10) In added Section 276.019(j), Election Code (page 2, line 42), strike "notice" and substitute "formal complaint".

(11) In added Section 276.019(j), Election Code (page 2, line 44), strike "notice" and substitute "complaint".

(12) In added Section 276.019(j-1), Election Code (page 2, line 50), strike "notice" and substitute "formal complaint".

(13) Strike added Sections 276.019(k), (l), (m), (n), (o), (p), (q), and (r), Election Code (page 2, line 57, through page 3, line 18).

The amendment to **CSSB 618** was read and was adopted by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 except as follows:

Nays: Hall, Middleton.

CSSB 618 as amended was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 21, Nays 10.

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

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

NOTICE GIVEN FOR LOCAL AND UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

Senator Hall announced that a Local and Uncontested Calendar had been furnished to each Member of the Senate. He then gave notice that the Local and Uncontested Calendar Session would be held at 1:00 p.m. tomorrow and that all bills and resolutions would be considered on second and third reading in the order in which they were listed.

SENATE RULES SUSPENDED (Posting Rules)

On motion of Senator Hall and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a) and Senate Rule 11.18(a) were suspended in order that the Committee on Administration might meet upon adjournment today at his desk.

SENATE RULES SUSPENDED (Posting Rules)

On motion of Senator Hancock and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a) and Senate Rule 11.18(a) were suspended in order that the Committee on Veteran Affairs might meet upon adjournment today at his desk.

SENATE RULES SUSPENDED (Posting Rules)

On motion of Senator Creighton and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a) and Senate Rule 11.18(a) were suspended in order that the Committee on Education K-16 might meet at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow in Room E1.028 and consider the following bills: **SB 2847**, **SB 3039**.

SENATE RULES SUSPENDED
(Posting Rules)

On motion of Senator Schwertner and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a) and Senate Rule 11.18(a) were suspended in order that the Committee on Business and Commerce might meet at 5:05 p.m. today at his desk.

SENATE RULES SUSPENDED
(Posting Rules)

On motion of Senator Schwertner and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a) and Senate Rule 11.18(a) were suspended in order that the Committee on Business and Commerce might meet at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow in Room E1.012 and consider the following bills: **SB 705, SB 748.**

SENATE RULES SUSPENDED
(Posting Rules)

On motion of Senator Creighton and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a) and Senate Rule 11.18(a) were suspended in order that the Committee on Education K-16 might meet upon adjournment today in the Press Room, 2E.9.

SENATE RULES SUSPENDED
(Posting Rules)

On motion of Senator Middleton and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a) and Senate Rule 11.18(a) were suspended in order that the Committee on Local Government might meet at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow in the Betty King Committee Room, 2E.20, and consider the following bills: **SB 2367, SB 3044.**

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 23

On motion of Senator Bettencourt, Senators Alvarado, Blanco, Birdwell, Campbell, Cook, Creighton, Flores, Gutierrez, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, West, and Zaffirini will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 23.**

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 240

On motion of Senator Middleton, Senators Creighton, Hagenbuch, A. Hinojosa, and King will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 240.**

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 571

On motion of Senator Bettencourt, Senator Sparks will be shown as Co-author of **SB 571.**

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 618

On motion of Senator Sparks, Senator Middleton will be shown as Co-author of **SB 618.**

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 623

On motion of Senator Schwertner, Senator Sparks will be shown as Co-author of **SB 623.**

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 826

On motion of Senator Parker, Senator Menéndez will be shown as Co-author of **SB 826**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 870

On motion of Senator Birdwell, Senator Creighton will be shown as Co-author of **SB 870**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 1283

On motion of Senator Parker, Senators Blanco and Johnson will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 1283**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1380

On motion of Senator Paxton, Senator Hagenbuch will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1380**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1383

On motion of Senator Middleton, Senator Blanco will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1383**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 1395

On motion of Senator Hall, Senators Campbell, Hagenbuch, A. Hinojosa, and Paxton will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 1395**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1402

On motion of Senator West, Senator Miles will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1402**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1643

On motion of Senator Schwertner, Senator Blanco will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1643**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1718

On motion of Senator Sparks, Senator Creighton will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1718**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1777

On motion of Senator Flores, Senator Blanco will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1777**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1791

On motion of Senator Middleton, Senator West will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1791**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 1852

On motion of Senator West, Senators Hagenbuch and Parker will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 1852**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2001

On motion of Senator King, Senator Hagenbuch will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2001**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2010

On motion of Senator Bettencourt, Senator Kolkhorst will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2010**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 2024

On motion of Senator Perry, Senators Blanco, Kolkhorst, and West will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 2024**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2349

On motion of Senator Alvarado, Senator Eckhardt will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2349**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2398

On motion of Senator Campbell, Senator Parker will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2398**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2626

On motion of Senator Campbell, Senator Creighton will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2626**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2786

On motion of Senator Creighton, Senator Parker will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2786**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2877

On motion of Senator Hughes, Senator Creighton will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2877**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2929

On motion of Senator Creighton, Senator Parker will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2929**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 42

On motion of Senator Hughes, Senators Creighton and A. Hinojosa will be shown as Co-authors of **SCR 42**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 82

On motion of Senator Johnson, Senator Blanco will be shown as Co-author of **SJR 82**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 85

On motion of Senator Bettencourt, Senators Alvarado, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Cook, Creighton, Flores, Gutierrez, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, West, and Zaffirini will be shown as Co-authors of **SJR 85**.

RECESS

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, the Senate at 5:02 p.m. recessed until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committee reports were received by the Secretary of the Senate in the order listed:

April 23, 2025

STATE AFFAIRS — **CSSB 31, CSSB 2880**

WATER, AGRICULTURE, AND RURAL AFFAIRS — **CSSB 1359, CSSB 2386**

FINANCE — **SB 771, HB 135, HB 1109**

WATER, AGRICULTURE, AND RURAL AFFAIRS — **CSSB 2844**

NATURAL RESOURCES — **SCR 48, SB 2550**

TRANSPORTATION — **CSSB 1351, SB 1423, SB 1931, SB 2245, CSSB 2589, SB 2707, SB 2807**

NATURAL RESOURCES — **CSSB 2351, CSSB 410**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE — **CSSB 659, CSSB 816, SB 2776, SB 2693, SB 2580, SB 1980, SB 1886, SB 1234, SB 739, SB 482, SB 456, SB 127, CSSB 1666**

BILLS AND RESOLUTION ENGROSSED

April 23, 2025

SB 23, SB 825, SB 826, SB 844, SB 957, SB 1413, SB 1539, SB 1583, SB 1642, SB 1643, SB 1789, SB 1870, SB 1883, SB 1963, SB 2010, SB 2024, SB 2626, SB 2774, SJR 85

BILL AND RESOLUTIONS ENROLLED

April 23, 2025

SB 365, SR 424, SR 428

SENT TO GOVERNOR

April 23, 2025

SB 503

SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

April 23, 2025

SB 14

