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PROCEEDINGS

THIRTY-FIRST DAY

(Continued)

(Monday, April 28, 2025)

AFTER RECESS

The Senate met at 11:21 a.m. and was called to order by President Pro Tempore Creighton.

Elder Alan Latta, Generations Church of Granbury, Granbury, offered the invocation as follows:

Our Father in heaven, almighty and awesome God, we call out to You today. Hallowed be Your name, Lord, we express the praise and honor due to You and You alone. Your kingdom come, Lord, we recognize Your authority and we cry out for more of Your leadership in our lives, corporately and personally. Your will be done, Lord, we know sometimes what we do is not aligned with Your will. Lord, make Your will known to us. May righteousness reign in this place and in our lives. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on Earth as it is in heaven. Lord, we pray that for the United States, we pray that for Texas, we pray that for Austin, we pray that for our homes, and we pray that especially for this meeting today, may Your will be done. Give us this day our daily bread. Lord, we thank You for our prosperity and for Your provision in our lives. Give us wisdom today with all of our resources, and forgive us our debts. Lord, help us recognize our wrongdoings and, Lord, may we turn from every ounce of any possible personal wickedness as we forgive our debtors. Lord, help us to reconcile with one another and repent of any unforgiveness or bitterness that is in existence in our lives and hearts. And do not lead us into temptation, Lord, lead us away from wrongdoing. Help us to spot things that would be the wrong direction, but deliver us from the evil one. Lord, remove all evilness from our hearts, from our lives, from our minds, from our relationships, from our careers, and from our politics. We ask these things in Your name, Lord. For Yours is the kingdom, Lord, humble us and free us from rebellion and pride. May we recognize that ultimately You are lord. Yours is the kingdom and the power. Lord, we ask for Your strength to enable us to do Your will today, and the glory. Lord, we know that life is not about us and our fame, but it's about Your people, it's about You, Lord. You get all the glory forever and ever. Lord, we recognize life's brevity and Your longevity.

Help us to think beyond the now, but to think long term. Give us wisdom. And as we close this brief prayer, Lord, I pray let freedom ring but truth be louder. Amen, in Jesus' name.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Monday, April 28, 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 29

Gerdes

Relating to water losses reported by certain municipally owned utilities to the Texas Water Development Board; authorizing administrative penalties.

HB 50

Jones, Venton

Relating to informed consent for certain screening tests.

HB 116

Dutton

Relating to grounds for the involuntary termination of the parent-child relationship.

HB 125

Slawson

Relating to the creation of the Tarleton State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

HB 140

Noble

Relating to the creation of the child and adult protective investigations advisory committee in the Department of Family and Protective Services.

HB 145

King

Relating to risk mitigation planning and associated liability for providers of electric service; providing an administrative penalty.

HB 155

Raymond

Relating to the confidentiality of certain autopsy records.

HB 171

Guillen

Relating to the certificate of medical examination for chemical dependency and the duration of court-ordered treatment for a person with a chemical dependency.

HB 227

Vasut

Relating to the designation of a portion of Farm-to-Market Road 521 in Brazoria County as the Clarence "BB" Sasser Medal of Honor Highway.

HB 255

Guillen

Relating to the definitions of certain terms for purposes of the exemption from ad valorem taxation of farm products in the hands of the producer.

HB 363 Bell, Keith

Relating to the filing with the county clerk of certain counties of a draft of a petition requesting the creation of a municipal utility district.

HB 368 Landgraf

Relating to a prohibition on remotely controlling electronic devices of certain individuals and to the criminal prosecution of that conduct.

HB 420 Bell, Keith

Relating to the meeting places for the board of directors of certain special districts.

HB 491 Thompson

Relating to certain civil penalties collected for violations of laws regulating massage therapy.

HB 609 Vasut

Relating to the cleaning of a structure used to grow oysters for cultivated oyster mariculture.

HB 630 Vasut

Relating to certificates of title for certain outboard motors.

HB 745 Vasut

Relating to an exemption from jury service for certain crime victims or close relatives of deceased crime victims.

HB 767 Bell, Cecil

Relating to the designation of the portion of State Highway 249 in Montgomery County as the Paul P. Mendes Memorial Parkway.

HB 913 Frank

Relating to certain state hospital names and the management of state hospitals.

HB 917 Spiller

Relating to a district or county attorney participating as counsel in certain proceedings.

HB 1135 Isaac

Relating to temporary vehicle tags and the offense of tampering with a governmental record.

HB 1188 Manuel

Relating to the provision of information regarding a local intellectual and developmental disability authority to the parents or guardians of certain special education students.

HB 1238 Guillen

Relating to the inspection of the location of a proposed Class I injection well.

HB 1242 Guillen

Relating to the designation of a portion of U.S. Highway 281 as the Ernesto Soliz Cantu Memorial Highway.

- HB 1261** Cunningham
Relating to the disposition of abandoned or unclaimed property seized by a peace officer.
- HB 1285** Geren
Relating to inspections and examinations by the Railroad Commission of Texas of certain sites and facilities conducted using unmanned aircraft.
- HB 1318** Guillen
Relating to a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide water or sewer service in an area incorporated or annexed by a municipality.
- HB 1404** Harris
Relating to the designation of County Road 1250 in Navarro County as part of the state highway system.
- HB 1495** Morales, Eddie
Relating to the prohibited release of personal information collected during the jury selection process.
- HB 1507** Ashby
Relating to tuition and fee exemptions for firefighters enrolled in certain courses at public institutions of higher education.
- HB 1606** Metcalf
Relating to notice provided to a retail electric customer of the procedure for requesting vegetation management near a transmission or distribution line.
- HB 1708** Landgraf
Relating to the designation of a portion of State Highway 302 in Ector County as the Trooper Kevin Ramirez Vasquez Memorial Highway.
- HB 1748** Darby
Relating to the appointment of spoken language interpreters for certain court proceedings.
- HB 1851** Morales, Eddie
Relating to the disposition of certain surplus motor vehicles and other law enforcement equipment by the Texas Facilities Commission to certain school districts.
- HB 1905** King
Relating to notice to the Texas A&M Forest Service of a prescribed burn to be conducted by the Parks and Wildlife Department.
- HB 1922** Dean
Relating to the accrual of a cause of action for purposes of certain laws governing certain construction liability claims.
- HB 2002** Darby
Relating to the eligibility of an organization to receive surplus agricultural products under certain grants awarded by the Department of Agriculture.
- HB 2003** Harris

Relating to provision to the Texas Department of Transportation of information regarding certain high-speed rail projects.

HB 2067 Paul

Relating to declination, cancellation, or nonrenewal of insurance policies.

HB 2147 VanDeaver

Relating to remotely conducting depositions, hearings, and other proceedings in juvenile cases.

HB 2198 Bell, Keith

Relating to the designation of a portion of State Highway 34 in Kaufman County as the Officer Jacob Candanoza Memorial Highway.

HB 2249 Bernal

Relating to the establishment of the Texas Teacher Recruitment Scholarship Program.

HB 2355 Fairly

Relating to the disclosure or release of certain information received by the attorney general regarding an application for compensation from the crime victims' compensation fund.

HB 2358 Noble

Relating to training required or offered by the Health and Human Services Commission for long-term care facility surveyors, personnel, and providers and ICF-IID program providers.

HB 2415 Cole

Relating to the designation of a portion of Farm-to-Market Road 969 in Travis County as the Senior Police Officer Lewis "Andy" Traylor Memorial Highway.

HB 2457 Meyer

Relating to the designation of a portion of U.S. Highway 287 in Wilbarger County as the Molly Mullens Mile.

HB 2495 Dutton

Relating to certain rights of the sole managing conservator of a child in relation to the child's enrollment in school.

HB 2546 Tepper

Relating to vehicles eligible for replacement under the clean school bus program.

HB 2723 Cunningham

Relating to the requirement that a person submit an application for an exemption from ad valorem taxation for certain property used for human burial.

HB 2735 Cunningham

Relating to a prohibition on e-cigarette advertising in certain locations.

HB 2763 Guillen

Relating to the designation of a Texas Department of Transportation building in Starr County as the Eduardo "Eddie" Gracia, Jr., P.E., Area Engineer and Maintenance Facility.

HB 2765 Guillen

Relating to the Rural Economic Development and Investment Program and the Texas economic development fund.

HB 2798 Plesa

Relating to disclosures and other requirements concerning virtual currency kiosk transactions; authorizing a fee.

HB 2818 Capriglione

Relating to the artificial intelligence division within the Department of Information Resources.

HB 3228 Lambert

Relating to the inclusion of recycling or disposal provisions in certain lease agreements of wind or solar power facilities.

HB 3240 Guerra

Relating to the establishment of the Texas geothermal energy production policy council.

HB 3307 Noble

Relating to the continuing education required in order for a person to renew the person's agreement with the comptroller of public accounts to serve as an arbitrator in an appeal through binding arbitration of an appraisal review board order determining a protest.

HCR 29 Lopez, Janie

Designating April as Counseling Awareness Month for a 10-year period ending in 2035.

Respectfully,

/s/Stephen Brown,
Chief Clerk

House of Representatives

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

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

April 25, 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 Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners for terms to expire February 1, 2031:

Jason L. Bernal

New Braunfels, Texas

(replacing Asia Rodgers of Fort Worth whose term expired)

David T. Marsden
Weatherford, Texas
(replacing Dolores Saenz-Davila of Mission whose term expired)

Jennifer B. Swords
Eules, Texas
(Ms. Swords is being reappointed)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Greg Abbott
Governor

April 25, 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 appointment:

To be the Presiding Judge of the Sixth Administrative Judicial Region for a term to expire four years from the date of qualification:

Kirsten B. Cohoon
Boerne, Texas
(replacing Stephen B. "Steve" Ables of Kerrville whose term expired)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Greg Abbott
Governor

April 25, 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 Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology for terms to expire February 1, 2031:

Faraz A. Khan, M.D.
Houston, Texas
(Dr. Khan is being reappointed)

Regan Landreth
Salado, Texas
(Ms. Landreth is being reappointed)

James K. "Ken" Stout
Ropesville, Texas
(replacing Carol Waddell of West whose term expired)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Greg Abbott
Governor

April 28, 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 Texas Medical Board for terms to expire April 13, 2031:

Devinder S. Bhatia, M.D.
Houston, Texas

(Dr. Bhatia is being reappointed)

Luisa del Rosal
Dallas, Texas

(Ms. Del Rosal is being reappointed)

James S. "JD" Distefano, D.O.
College Station, Texas

(Dr. Distefano is being reappointed)

Mary K. "Kelly" Green, M.D.
Marble Falls, Texas

(replacing Satish Nayak, M.D. of Andrews whose term expired)

Tomeka R. Moses Herod
Allen, Texas

(Ms. Herod is being reappointed)

Roberto D. "Robert" Martinez, M.D.
Edinburg, Texas

(Dr. Martinez is being reappointed)

Jason K. Tibbels, M.D.
Bridgeport, Texas

(Dr. Tibbels is being reappointed)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Greg Abbott
Governor

April 28, 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 State Board for Educator Certification for terms to expire as indicated:

To Expire February 1, 2029:

Latisha D. Andrews

Houston, Texas

(replacing Scott R. Muri, Ed.D. of Odessa who resigned)

To Expire February 1, 2031:

Adam J. Booth

Leander, Texas

(replacing Josue Tamarez Torres of Forney whose term expired)

Wanda H. "Jean" Streepey

Dallas, Texas

(Ms. Streepey is being reappointed)

Tara Turk-Zafran

Houston, Texas

(replacing Tommy L. Coleman of Livingston whose term expired)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Greg Abbott

Governor

PHYSICIAN OF THE DAY

Senator Campbell was recognized and presented Dr. Rachele Hamblin of San Antonio as the Physician of the Day.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION 453

Senator Birdwell offered the following resolution:

SR 453, In memory of Stanley C. Parker.

The resolution was read.

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

In honor of the memory of Stanley C. Parker, the text of **SR 453** will be printed in the *Senate Journal* upon adjournment of this legislative day.

Senator Birdwell was recognized and introduced to the Senate family members of Stanley C. Parker including his wife, Valerie Parker; his son, Austin Parker; and his daughter, Jessica Parker.

The Senate welcomed its guests and extended its sympathy.

SENATE RESOLUTION 461

Senator Sparks offered the following resolution:

SR 461, In memory of Charles Floyd Cosper.

The resolution was read.

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

In honor of the memory of Charles Floyd Cosper, the text of **SR 461** will be printed in the *Senate Journal* upon adjournment of this legislative day.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered:

SR 450 by Blanco, Congratulating Dr. Richard D. Pineda on his retirement from The University of Texas at El Paso.

SR 451 by Blanco, Recognizing April 25, 2025, as Dark Sky Day.

SR 452 by Schwertner, In memory of Kurt Robert Lentz.

SR 454 by Kolkhorst, Recognizing April 16, 2025, as Refugio County Day.

SR 457 by West, In memory of Edna Belle Pemberton.

SR 458 by West, Recognizing May 9, 2025, as Provider Appreciation Day.

SR 459 by Hancock, Recognizing the veterans of the United States Armed Forces who served during the Vietnam War.

SR 464 by Campbell, Commending Laura Koerner for her service as mayor pro tem of Fair Oaks Ranch.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS POSTPONED

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

There was no objection.

SENATE BILL 1433 ON SECOND READING

Senator Bettencourt moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 1433** at this time on its second reading:

SB 1433, Relating to the assertion of legislative privilege by the attorney general in certain legal challenges to the constitutionality of state statutes.

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 and was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 21, Nays 10. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 2570 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Flores moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 2570** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 2570, Relating to a legal justification for the use of force with a less-lethal force weapon by a correctional facility guard or a peace officer.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6.

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

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

The bill was read second time and 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.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 2570 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Flores moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 2570** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

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

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

Nays: Cook, Gutierrez, Johnson, Menéndez, West.

The bill was read third time and was passed 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.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 2692 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Hancock moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 2692** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 2692, Relating to the filing of an appeal regarding certain water, drainage, or sewer rates with the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Eckhardt and J. Hinojosa 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, J. Hinojosa.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 2692 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Hancock moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 2692** 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, Cook, Creighton, Flores, Gutierrez, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Eckhardt, J. Hinojosa.

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

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1558 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Perry moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 1558** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 1558, Relating to the liability of nonprofit entities contracted with the Department of Family and Protective Services or with a single source continuum contractor to provide community-based care or child welfare services.

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.

Senator Perry offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **CSSB 1558** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 84.0068(b), Civil Practice and Remedies Code (page 1, line 35), strike "the negligence" and substitute "an act or omission".

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 84.0068(b), Civil Practice and Remedies Code (page 1, line 37), strike "for each person" and substitute "at the time of the act or omission giving rise to the claim".

(3) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 84.0068(b)(1), Civil Practice and Remedies Code (page 1, line 38), between "checks" and "as" insert "for the person".

(4) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 84.0068(c)(1), Civil Practice and Remedies Code (page 1, line 60), between "Subsection (b)" and the underlined semicolon, insert "at the time of the act or omission giving rise to the claim".

(5) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 84.0068(d), Civil Practice and Remedies Code (page 2, lines 7 through 9), strike "a person who is an employee or volunteer of the entity or a caregiver providing services on behalf of".

The amendment to **CSSB 1558** 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 1558 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: Eckhardt.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1558 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 1558** 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 1574 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Zaffirini moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 1574** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 1574, Relating to a centers of excellence program developed by the Texas Judicial Council for certain justices and judges.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Hagenbuch and Hughes 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: Hagenbuch, Hughes, Parker.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 1574 ON THIRD READING

Senator Zaffirini moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 1574** 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, Cook, Creighton, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Hagenbuch, Hughes.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

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

Nays: Hagenbuch, Hughes, Parker.

SENATE BILL 3031 ON SECOND READING

Senator Huffman moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 3031** at this time on its second reading:

SB 3031, Relating to the punishment for the offense of aggravated assault.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6.

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

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

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5.

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

Nays: Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Menéndez, Zaffirini.

SENATE BILL 3031 ON THIRD READING

Senator Huffman moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 3031** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

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

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

Nays: Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Menéndez, Zaffirini.

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

SENATE BILL 512 ON SECOND READING

Senator Kolkhorst moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 512** at this time on its second reading:

SB 512, Relating to prohibiting the imposition of a monetary fine or penalty for a violation of a money services business's terms of service agreement; providing a civil penalty.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Gutierrez 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:

Present-not voting: Gutierrez.

SENATE BILL 512 ON THIRD READING

Senator Kolkhorst moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 512** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0, Present-not voting 1.

Present-not voting: Gutierrez.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0, Present-not voting 1. (Same as previous roll call)

(Senator Blanco in Chair)

SENATE BILL 527 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Schwertner and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **SB 527** at this time on its second reading:

SB 527, Relating to health benefit coverage for general anesthesia in connection with certain pediatric dental services.

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.

SENATE BILL 527 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 **SB 527** 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 1756 ON SECOND READING

Senator Birdwell moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 1756** at this time on its second reading:

SB 1756, Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to use certain tax revenue for hotel and convention center projects and other qualified projects.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6.

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

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

The bill was read second time.

Senator Birdwell offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **SB 1756** (senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 351.1015(m), Tax Code (page 1, line 29), after the underlined period, add "This subsection may not be construed to prohibit a municipality from pledging or committing revenue under this section for a subsequent qualified project that is authorized by an act of the legislature that becomes law on or after January 1, 2026."

(2) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 351.102(a-1), Tax Code (page 1, line 32), between "municipality" and "may", insert "with a population of more than 1.5 million".

(3) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 351.102(a-1), Tax Code (page 1, line 39), after the underlined period, add "This subsection may not be construed to prohibit a municipality with a population of more than 1.5 million from pledging or committing revenue under Subsection (a) for the payment of principal of or interest on bonds or other obligations for the acquisition, construction, remodeling, or rehabilitation of a historic hotel structure if the pledge or commitment of revenue for that purpose is authorized by an act of the legislature that becomes law on or after January 1, 2026."

(4) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 351.102(b-1), Tax Code (page 1, line 45), after the underlined period, add "This subsection may not be construed to prohibit a municipality from pledging or committing revenue under Subsection (b) for a subsequent hotel project that is authorized by an act of the legislature that becomes law on or after January 1, 2026."

(5) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 351.102(b-2), Tax Code (page 1, line 51), between "project" and the underlined period, insert "unless that hotel project is authorized by an act of the legislature that becomes law on or after January 1, 2026".

(6) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 351.1021(f), Tax Code (page 2, line 2), after the underlined period, add "This subsection may not be construed to prohibit a municipality from pledging or committing revenue under this section for a subsequent multipurpose convention center facility project that is authorized by an act of the legislature that becomes law on or after January 1, 2026."

(7) In SECTION 4 of the bill, in added Section 351.1022(f), Tax Code (page 2, line 9), after the underlined period, add "This subsection may not be construed to prohibit a municipality from pledging or committing revenue under this section for a subsequent hotel project that is authorized by an act of the legislature that becomes law on or after January 1, 2026."

(8) In SECTION 5 of the bill, in added Section 351.106(d), Tax Code (page 2, line 18), after the underlined period, add "This subsection may not be construed to prohibit a municipality from pledging or committing revenue under this section for a qualified project that is authorized by an act of the legislature that becomes law on or after January 1, 2026."

(9) In SECTION 7 of the bill, providing transition language (page 2, lines 22 and 23), strike "or committed under Subchapter B or C, Chapter 351, Tax Code" and substitute ", committed, or authorized by a municipality under Subchapter B or C, Chapter 351, Tax Code, including an obligation relating to a qualified project under Section 351.1015 of that code".

(10) Strike SECTION 8 of the bill, providing the effective date (page 2, lines 29 through 33), and substitute the following:

SECTION 8. This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

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

SECTION _____. Section 351.155(c), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) A municipality may pledge or commit revenue under this section for only one qualified project. After a municipality pledges or commits revenue under this section for a qualified project, the municipality may not ever again pledge or commit revenue for a qualified project. This subsection may not be construed to prohibit a municipality from pledging or committing revenue under this section for a qualified project that is authorized by an act of the legislature that becomes law on or after January 1, 2026.

The amendment to **SB 1756** 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 1756 as amended was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

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

Nays: Cook, Gutierrez.

SENATE BILL 1756 ON THIRD READING

Senator Birdwell moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 1756** 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, Eckhardt, Flores, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Cook, Gutierrez.

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

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 2900 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Kolkhorst and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 2900** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 2900, Relating to a review of certain advisory entities under the jurisdiction of the comptroller of public accounts and to the repeal or redesignation of certain of those entities.

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 2900 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Kolkhorst moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 2900** 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.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1924 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Creighton moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 1924** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 1924, Relating to the enforcement of certain criminal offenses on school property.

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 West offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **CSSB 1924** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 5 of the bill, in amended Section 37.144(a), Education Code (page 2, line 8), strike "may" and substitute "shall [~~may~~]".

(2) In SECTION 5 of the bill, in amended Section 37.144(a), Education Code, between "filed" and "under" (page 2, lines 10 and 11), insert "or a citation is issued".

(3) In SECTION 5 of the bill, in amended Section 37.144(a), Education Code, between "services," and "or" (page 2, line 30), insert "mental health services,".

(4) In SECTION 6 of the bill, amending Section 37.145, Education Code (page 2), strike lines 40 through 58 and substitute the following:

Sec. 37.145. CITATION OR COMPLAINT. (a) If a child fails to comply with or complete graduated sanctions under Section 37.144, or if the school district is not required [~~has not elected~~] to adopt a system of graduated sanctions under that section:

(1) subject to Subsection (a-3), the school may file a complaint against the child with a criminal court in accordance with Section 37.146; or

(2) a peace officer, law enforcement officer, or school resource officer may issue a citation to the child.

(a-1) A peace officer, law enforcement officer, or school resource officer must attach to a citation issued under Subsection (a)(2):

(1) a sworn statement by a person with personal knowledge of the underlying facts giving rise to probable cause to believe that an offense has been committed; and

(2) a statement from a school employee stating:

(A) whether the child is eligible for or receives special services under Subchapter A, Chapter 29; and

(B) the graduated sanctions, if required under Section 37.144, that were imposed on the child before the complaint was filed.

(a-2) For a school offense described by Section 37.144(a-1), the school shall file a complaint against the child with a criminal court in accordance with Section 37.146 unless the school knows that a peace officer, law enforcement officer, or school resource officer has issued a citation to the child for the alleged offense.

(a-3) The school may not file a complaint against a child with a criminal court in accordance with Section 37.146 for a school offense if the school knows that a peace officer, law enforcement officer, or school resource officer has issued a citation to the child for the alleged offense.

(5) In SECTION 6 of the bill, in added Section 37.145(b), Education Code (page 2, line 61), strike "(a)(1)" and substitute "(a)(2)".

(6) In SECTION 6 of the bill, in added Section 37.145(c), Education Code (page 2), strike lines 65 and 66 and substitute the following:

(a)(2) or a school that files a complaint against a child under Subsection (a)(1) or (a-2) shall immediately provide to the parent of

The amendment to **CSSB 1924** 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.

Senator West offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 2

Amend **CSSB 1924** (senate committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION ____ . Subchapter J, Chapter 45A, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Articles 45A.4621 and 45A.465 to read as follows:

Art. 45A.4621. CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS RELATED TO SCHOOL OFFENSES; CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS CLOSED. (a) In this article, "child" and "school offense" have the meanings assigned by Section 37.141, Education Code.

(b) Information relating to a citation issued to or complaint filed against a child for a school offense:

(1) except as provided by Subsection (c), is confidential and not subject to public disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code; and

(2) may not be disclosed by the child's school to any individual other than the child's parent or person standing in parental relation.

(c) Information described by Subsection (b), except for a child's personally identifying information, may be disclosed for legislative purposes under Section 552.008, Government Code.

(d) A court in which a complaint is filed or a case is pending against a child for a school offense must ensure that the name or other personally identifying information of the child is not publicly disclosed, including on the court's docket.

(e) Notwithstanding any other law, proceedings of a case involving a school offense by a child who is 15 years of age or younger may not be open to the public.

(f) A court record, including a finding of guilt or innocence by the court, for a case involving a school offense by a child must be sealed on final judgment and remain confidential.

Art. 45A.465. EXPUNCTION OF RECORDS RELATED TO SCHOOL OFFENSE. (a) In this article, "school offense" has the meaning assigned by Section 37.141, Education Code.

(b) An individual who has been convicted of a school offense or has had a complaint for a school offense dismissed is entitled to an expunction of the conviction or complaint and records relating to the conviction or complaint on the earliest of the following dates:

(1) the date on which the individual graduates from high school or obtains a high school equivalency certificate; or

(2) the date on which the individual is no longer eligible to attend a public school under Section 25.001, Education Code.

(c) The school district at which an individual who was convicted of or against whom a complaint was filed for a school offense was enrolled at the time of the offense shall notify the court in which the individual was convicted or the complaint was filed of the individual's eligibility for expunction on the earliest of the dates described by Subsection (b).

(d) Regardless of whether the individual has filed a petition for expunction, the court in which the individual was convicted or a complaint for a school offense was filed shall order the conviction, complaints, verdicts, sentences, and other documents relating to the offense, including any documents in the possession of a public school or law enforcement agency, to be expunged from the individual's record.

(e) After entry of the order, the individual is released from all disabilities resulting from the conviction or complaint, and the conviction or complaint may not be shown or made known for any purpose.

The amendment to **CSSB 1924** 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. 2.

Senator West offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 3

Amend **CSSB 1924** (senate committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION ____. Subchapter C, Chapter 37, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 37.0851 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.0851. RESTRICTIONS ON ARREST OF CHILD. A peace officer, law enforcement officer, or school resource officer:

(1) may not, in plain view of students of a school district, arrest a child for an offense committed on property under the control and jurisdiction of the district unless the child poses an immediate threat to the child's self, a teacher, or a student; and

(2) must comply with Section 37.0021(j) in making an arrest of a child for an offense described by Subdivision (1).

The amendment to **CSSB 1924** 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. 3.

CSSB 1924 as amended was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 23, Nays 8.

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

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

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 1924 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 **CSSB 1924** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6.

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

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

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 23, Nays 8.

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

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

SENATE BILL 2018 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Paxton and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **SB 2018** at this time on its second reading:

SB 2018, Relating to the strong families credit against certain taxes for entities that contribute to certain organizations.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Paxton offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **SB 2018** (senate committee report) by striking all below the enacting clause and substituting the following:

SECTION 1. Chapter 171, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subchapter P to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER P. STRONG FAMILIES TAX CREDIT

Sec. 171.801. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "At-risk family" has the meaning assigned by Section 137.002, Human Resources Code.

(2) "Designated contribution" means a monetary contribution to an eligible organization that the contributor designates at the time of contribution as being made for the purpose of the strong families credit.

(3) "Eligible organization" means an organization determined to be an eligible organization under this subchapter.

(4) "State campaign manager" and "state policy committee" have the meanings assigned by Section 659.131, Government Code.

(5) "Strong families credit" means the tax credit established under this subchapter.

Sec. 171.802. ELIGIBILITY FOR CREDIT. A taxable entity that makes a designated contribution that meets the requirements of this subchapter is eligible to apply for a strong families credit in the amount and under the conditions provided by this subchapter against the tax imposed under this chapter.

Sec. 171.803. QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION. (a) An organization is an eligible organization under this subchapter if the organization:

(1) is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as an organization described by Section 501(c)(3) of that code;

(2) is authorized to transact business in this state;

(3) has provided the following in this state for at least three years preceding the organization's receipt of the organization's initial designated contribution:

(A) comprehensive case management services for at-risk families based on an assessment of family strengths and needs, including assisting families in achieving self-sufficiency and stability and encouraging workforce participation; or

(B) services and resources to assist fathers in learning and improving parenting skills and being more engaged in their children's lives through in-school programs and online resources;

(4) does not directly or indirectly provide abortion services, or offer information related to abortion services; and

(5) has not received, either directly or indirectly through a contractor, more than 50 percent of its total annual revenue from this state or a political subdivision of this state in the preceding state fiscal year.

(b) To remain an eligible organization, an organization must submit each calendar year the following information in the manner prescribed by the comptroller:

(1) a description of the qualifying services and resources provided by the organization;

(2) the total number of individuals served through the services and resources described by Subdivision (1) during the previous calendar year and the number of those individuals served and provided with resources that year using designated contributions;

(3) outcomes for services and resources described by Subdivision (1);

(4) the organization's financial information;

(5) the organization's contact information;

(6) a statement, signed under penalty of perjury by an officer of the organization, that the organization meets all criteria to qualify as an eligible organization, has fulfilled the requirements for the previous calendar year, and intends to fulfill the requirements for the next calendar year; and

(7) any other documentation necessary to verify eligibility or compliance with this section.

(c) The comptroller may consult with the state campaign manager and state policy committee to determine the manner in which an organization must demonstrate that the organization is an eligible organization for purposes of this subchapter.

Sec. 171.804. DUTIES OF ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION. (a) An eligible organization shall:

(1) conduct a local, state, and national criminal background check for all individuals working directly with children in a program funded by designated contributions that includes the use of:

(A) a commercial multistate and multijurisdiction criminal records locator or other similar commercial nationwide database; and

(B) the national sex offender registry database maintained by the United States Department of Justice or a successor agency;

(2) spend all designated contributions, other than the amount described by Subdivision (3), to provide services or resources for residents of this state;

(3) spend no more than five percent of the total dollar amount of designated contributions on administrative expenses; and

(4) annually submit to the comptroller a copy of the eligible organization's most recent Form 990 filed with the Internal Revenue Service.

(b) On receipt of a designated contribution, an eligible organization shall provide the entity making the contribution with a certificate of contribution that includes:

(1) the entity's name;

(2) the eligible organization's name;

(3) the entity's federal employer identification number, if applicable;

(4) the entity's state taxpayer identification number, if applicable;

(5) the amount of the designated contribution; and

(6) the date the designated contribution was made.

Sec. 171.805. AMOUNT OF CREDIT; LIMITATION ON TOTAL CREDITS. (a) Subject to Subsections (b) and (c), the amount of a taxable entity's credit for a report is equal to the lesser of:

(1) the amount of designated contributions made to eligible organizations during the period covered by the report; or

(2) the amount of franchise tax due for the report after applying all other applicable credits.

(b) A taxable entity may not apply for a credit for a report in connection with more than \$1 million in designated contributions.

(c) The total amount of strong families credits awarded may not exceed \$5 million each year.

Sec. 171.806. CARRYFORWARD. (a) If a taxable entity is eligible for a credit that exceeds the limitation under Section 171.805(a), the entity may carry the unused credit forward for not more than five consecutive reports.

(b) A carryforward is considered the remaining portion of a credit awarded to a taxable entity that cannot be claimed on a report because of the limitation under Section 171.805(a).

Sec. 171.807. APPLICATION FOR CREDIT. (a) The comptroller may award a credit to a taxable entity that applies for the credit under this subchapter if the taxable entity is eligible for the credit and the credit is available under Section 171.805(c).

(b) A taxable entity must apply for the credit in the manner prescribed by the comptroller and include with the application any information requested by the comptroller to determine whether the entity is eligible for the credit under this subchapter. The comptroller may adopt rules prescribing the application process for the credit, including rules prescribing:

(1) a process by which the credit is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis;

(2) an enrollment period with application deadlines to submit an application for the credit;

(3) a requirement that a taxable entity must apply for the credit using an electronic application; and

(4) the information required to be submitted with the application for the credit, including the certificate of contribution described by Section 171.804(b).

(c) The comptroller may rely on an audited cost report provided by a taxable entity in awarding a credit under this subchapter.

(d) A taxable entity may not apply for an amount of credit greater than the amount determined under Section 171.805(a)(1) or (b), as applicable.

(e) A taxable entity may be awarded an amount of credit less than the total amount of credit to which the entity would otherwise be entitled if awarding the entity the total amount of credit would exceed the limitation under Section 171.805(c).

(f) The comptroller shall notify a taxable entity in writing of the amount of credit, if any, awarded to the entity.

(g) The award or denial of a credit under this subchapter and the amount of any credit awarded is not a contested case under Chapter 2001, Government Code.

(h) Subject to the limitations prescribed by this subchapter, a taxable entity may claim the amount of credit awarded by the comptroller on the report originally due after the entity receives the notice described by Subsection (f).

Sec. 171.808. CREDIT FOR DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTION MADE BY MEMBER OF COMBINED GROUP OR TIERED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT.

(a) A credit under this subchapter for designated contributions made by a member of an affiliated group that files a combined report under Section 171.1015 must be

claimed on the combined report required by Section 171.1014 for the group, and the combined group is considered the taxable entity making the designated contribution for purposes of this subchapter.

(b) An upper tier entity that includes the total revenue of a lower tier entity for purposes of computing its taxable margin as authorized by Section 171.1015 may claim the credit under this subchapter for designated contributions made by the lower tier entity to the extent of the upper tier entity's ownership interest in the lower tier entity. No more than \$1 million in credit awarded for designated contributions made during the period on which a report is based may be claimed on the report.

Sec. 171.809. ASSIGNMENT PROHIBITED; EXCEPTION. A taxable entity may not convey, assign, or transfer a strong families credit awarded under this subchapter to another taxable entity unless substantially all of the assets of the taxable entity are conveyed, assigned, or transferred in the same transaction.

Sec. 171.810. RULES. The comptroller may adopt rules and procedures necessary to implement, administer, and enforce this subchapter.

Sec. 171.811. EXPIRATION. (a) This subchapter expires January 1, 2029.

(b) The expiration of this subchapter does not affect the carryforward of a credit under Section 171.806 or those credits for which a taxable entity is eligible after the date this subchapter expires based on designated contributions made before that date.

SECTION 2. (a) A taxable entity may apply for a credit under Subchapter P, Chapter 171, Tax Code, as added by this Act, only for a designated contribution made on or after June 1, 2026.

(b) Subchapter P, Chapter 171, Tax Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a report originally due on or after June 1, 2026.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect June 1, 2026.

The amendment to **SB 2018** 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 2018 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 2018 ON THIRD READING

Senator Paxton moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 2018** 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Monday, April 28, 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 107 Simmons

Relating to the establishment of the sickle cell disease registry.

HB 658 Tepper

Relating to the carrying of weapons by community supervision and corrections department officers, juvenile probation officers, and certain retired law enforcement officers and to criminal liability for taking a weapon from certain of those officers.

HJR 99 Harris

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property consisting of animal feed held by the owner of the property for sale at retail.

SJR 3 Huffman Sponsor: Craddick

Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the establishment of the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, establishing the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund to provide money for research on and prevention and treatment of dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders in this state, and transferring to that fund \$3 billion from state general revenue.
(Committee Substitute)

SJR 18 Perry Sponsor: Capriglione

Proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of a tax on the realized or unrealized capital gains of an individual, family, estate, or trust.
(Amended)

Respectfully,

/s/Stephen Brown,
Chief Clerk

House of Representatives

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 2111 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Zaffirini moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 2111** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 2111, Relating to legal representation of indigent persons in this state and to proceedings before a magistrate including the appointment of counsel for an indigent defendant.

The motion prevailed.

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

The bill was read second time.

Senator Zaffirini offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **CSSB 2111** (senate committee report) by striking SECTIONS 9 and 10 of the bill, amending Section 79.037(a), Government Code, and adding Section 79.038, Government Code (page 6, line 50, through page 7, line 38), and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.

The amendment to **CSSB 2111** 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 2111 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: Hughes, Middleton.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 2111 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Zaffirini moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 2111** 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, Cook, Creighton, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Hughes, Middleton.

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

RECESS

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, the Senate at 1:58 p.m. recessed until 2:20 p.m. today.

AFTER RECESS

The Senate met at 2:52 p.m. and was called to order by Senator Birdwell.

**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.

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The Motion In Writing was read and prevailed without objection.

SENATE BILL 2031 ON SECOND READING

Senator Kolkhorst moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 2031** at this time on its second reading:

SB 2031, Relating to the removal of a fence surrounding a breeder deer release site.

The motion prevailed.

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

The bill was read second time.

Senator Kolkhorst offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **SB 2031** (senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 43.361(d)(1), Parks and Wildlife Code (page 1, lines 41-42), strike "five-year testing period" and substitute "testing period of at least three years".

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 43.361(d)(1)(B), Parks and Wildlife Code (page 1, line 45), between "site" and "display", insert "on or after April 13, 2025,".

(3) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 43.361(d)(2), Parks and Wildlife Code (page 1, lines 53-54), strike "five-year testing period" and substitute "testing period of at least three years".

(4) Strike SECTION 2 of the bill, providing an effective date (page 1, line 59), and substitute the following appropriately numbered SECTION:

SECTION ____ . This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

The amendment to **SB 2031** 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 2031 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: Hall, Hughes, Perry.

SENATE BILL 2031 ON THIRD READING

Senator Kolkhorst moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 2031** 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, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Schwertner, Sparks, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Hall, Hughes, Perry.

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

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 2322 ON SECOND READING**

Senator King moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 2322** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 2322, Relating to the findings required to be made by the comptroller of public accounts in order to recommend for approval an application for a limitation on the taxable value of eligible property for school district maintenance and operations ad valorem tax purposes under the Texas Jobs, Energy, Technology, and Innovation Act.

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

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Flores, Gutierrez, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, King, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks.

Nays: Alvarado, Cook, Creighton, Eckhardt, Hughes, Johnson, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, 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)

SENATE BILL 1490 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Bettencourt and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **SB 1490** at this time on its second reading:

SB 1490, Relating to adult high school charter program funding.

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.

SENATE BILL 1490 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 1490** 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.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 227 ON SECOND READING**

On motion of Senator West and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 227** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 227, Relating to the application review process for certain delayed birth certificates.

The bill was read second time.

Senator West offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **CSSB 227** (senate committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. This Act shall be known as the Charles Edward Barton Act.

The amendment to **CSSB 227** 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 227 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 227 ON THIRD READING**

Senator West moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 227** 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.

**MOTION TO PLACE
SENATE BILL 1395 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Hall moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 1395** at this time on its second reading:

SB 1395, Relating to the membership of a school district's local school health advisory council.

Senator Hall withdrew further consideration of **SB 1395**.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1964 ON SECOND READING**

On motion of Senator Parker and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 1964** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 1964, Relating to the regulation and use of artificial intelligence systems and the management of data by governmental entities.

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 1964 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 **CSSB 1964** 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 2877 ON SECOND READING

Senator Hughes moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 2877** at this time on its second reading:

SB 2877, Relating to the penalty for the crime of election fraud; increasing a criminal 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 and was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 21, Nays 10. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 2658 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Perry moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 2658** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 2658, Relating to the production and study of brackish groundwater.

The motion prevailed.

Senators West and Zaffirini 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 2658** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Section 16.060(e)(2)(B), Water Code (page 2, line 24), strike "and".

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Section 16.060(e)(2)(C), Water Code (page 2, line 27), strike the period and substitute "; and".

(3) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Section 16.060(e)(2), Water Code (page 2, between lines 27 and 28), insert the following:

(D) a description of any area of a geologic stratum in the zone that is designated or used for wastewater injection through the use of injection or disposal wells permitted under Chapter 27.

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

SECTION _____. The Texas Water Development Board shall make any identifications of, redesignations of, or adjustments to brackish groundwater production zones as necessary to comply with the changes in law made by this Act in Section 16.060, Water Code, using staff, contractors, equipment, and data acquired by the board before September 1, 2025.

The amendment to **CSSB 2658** 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.

Senator Perry offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 2

Amend **CSSB 2658** (senate committee report) in SECTION 2 of the bill as follows:

(1) In the recital to amended Section 36.117, Water Code (page 2, line 30), between "(e-2)," and "and" insert "(e-3),".

(2) In amended Section 36.117, Water Code (page 3, between lines 49 and 50), insert the following:

(e-3) A district may cancel a previously granted exemption granted in accordance with Subsection (b)(5) and may require an operating permit for or restrict production from a well if:

(1) the person who owns or operates the well fails to:

(A) implement and maintain the monitoring system required under Subsection (e-1)(1); or

(B) submit an annual report as required under Subsection (e-1)(2); or

(2) the district finds by a preponderance of the evidence, based on data from the monitoring system required under Subsection (e-1)(1), that the production of water from the brackish groundwater production zone:

(A) is negatively impacting or is likely to negatively impact water quality in an adjacent aquifer, subdivision of an aquifer, or geologic stratum; or

(B) is causing or is likely to cause subsidence.

The amendment to **CSSB 2658** 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. 2.

Senator Perry offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 3

Amend **CSSB 2658** (senate committee report) in SECTION 2 of the bill, in amended Section 36.117(b), Water Code (page 2, line 69), by striking "the tracts" and substituting "each tract".

The amendment to **CSSB 2658** 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. 3.

Senator Perry offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 4

Amend **CSSB 2658** (senate committee report) in SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 36.117(k-1), Water Code (page 3, line 53), between "fee" and the underlined period, by inserting "greater than 10 cents per thousand gallons of transported or exported water".

The amendment to **CSSB 2658** 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. 4.

CSSB 2658 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: West, Zaffirini.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 2658 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 2658** 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, 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.

Nays: West, Zaffirini.

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

(President in Chair)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 648 ON SECOND READING**

Senator West moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 648** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 648, Relating to recording requirements for certain instruments concerning real property.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 4, Present-not voting 1.

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

Nays: Creighton, Hagenbuch, Hughes, Sparks.

Present-not voting: Menéndez.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 4, Present-not voting 1. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 648 ON THIRD READING**

Senator West moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 648** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 4, Present-not voting 1.

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

Nays: Creighton, Hagenbuch, Hughes, Sparks.

Present-not voting: Menéndez.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 4, Present-not voting 1. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 401 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Paxton moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 401** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 401, Relating to participation by non-enrolled students in University Interscholastic League-sponsored activities.

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, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, Zaffirini.

Nays: Alvarado, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Menéndez, Miles, Nichols, 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)

(Senator Perry in Chair)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 407 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Middleton moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 407** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 407, Relating to a health care facility's required policy for vaccine preventable diseases.

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

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

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

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 19, Nays 12. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 2117 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Parker moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 2117** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 2117, Relating to the establishment of the Texas Committee on Foreign Investment to review certain transactions involving certain foreign entities; creating a civil penalty.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Cook and 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: Cook, Johnson.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 2117 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 **CSSB 2117** 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, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Cook, Johnson.

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

**(President in Chair)
SENATE BILL 1718 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Sparks moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 1718** at this time on its second reading:

SB 1718, Relating to the eligibility of the National Rifle Association's Annual Meetings and Exhibits or another annual event of the National Rifle Association for funding under the major events reimbursement program.

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

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

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Hall, 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 **SB 1718** (senate committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION ____ . Section 478.0051, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), an event described by Section 478.0001(3)(BB-1) may receive funding through the program only if the event provides equal time and space for gun control advocates.

The amendment to **SB 1718** 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.

SB 1718 was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11.

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

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

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 1626 ON SECOND READING

Senator Hughes moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 1626** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 1626, Relating to censorship of or certain other interference with digital expression, including expression on social media platforms or through electronic mail messages.

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

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

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

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

SENATE BILL 2206 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Bettencourt and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **SB 2206** at this time on its second reading:

SB 2206, Relating to a franchise tax credit for, and the application of sales and use taxes to, certain research and development expenses.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Bettencourt offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **SB 2206** (senate committee printing) in SECTION 1 of the bill as follows:

(1) In added Section 171.9202(a), Tax Code (page 1, lines 41 and 42), strike "line 9 or 28, as applicable," and substitute "line 48".

(2) In added Section 171.9202(d), Tax Code (page 2, lines 13 and 14), strike "line 9 or 28, as applicable," and substitute "line 48".

The amendment to **SB 2206** 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 2206 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 2206 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 2206** 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Monday, April 28, 2025 - 3

The Honorable President of the Senate
Senate Chamber
Austin, Texas

Mr. President:

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

THE HOUSE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

HJR 8 Harris

Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas nuclear development fund to support the development, construction, and operation of advanced nuclear reactor projects for dispatchable electric generation.

HJR 31 Guillen

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to define certain terms for purposes of the exemption from ad valorem taxation of farm products in the hands of the producer.

HJR 72 Noble

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the market value of a property that is the primary residence of an adult who has an intellectual or developmental disability and who must be related to the owner or trustee of the property within a certain degree by consanguinity.

HJR 98

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Applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution for the limited purpose of proposing one or more amendments to the constitution to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, to limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and to limit the terms of office of federal officials and members of Congress.

HJR 133

Turner

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a veteran who died as a result of a condition or disease that is presumed under federal law to have been service-connected.

Respectfully,

/s/Stephen Brown,

Chief Clerk

House of Representatives

SENATE BILL 1395 ON SECOND READING

Senator Hall again moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 1395** at this time on its second reading:

SB 1395, Relating to the membership of a school district's local school health advisory council.

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 Menéndez offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **SB 1395** (senate committee report) in SECTION 1 of the bill as follows:

(1) In the recital to amended Section 28.004, Education Code (page 1, line 25), strike "(d-4), and (d-5)" and substitute "and (d-4)".

(2) In added Section 28.004(a-2), Education Code (page 1, line 33), strike "Subsections (d-2) and (d-3)" and substitute "Subsection (d-2)".

(3) Strike added Sections 28.004(d-2) and (d-3), Education Code (page 1, line 51, through page 2, line 17), and substitute the following and reletter subsequent subsections and cross-references to those subsections accordingly:

(d-2) The board of trustees also may appoint one or more voting members who are persons from one or more ~~[each]~~ of the following groups ~~[or a representative from a group other than a group specified under this subsection]:~~

(1) classroom teachers employed by the district;
 (2) school counselors certified under Subchapter B, Chapter 21, employed by the district;

(3) school administrators employed by the district;

(4) ~~[district students;~~

~~(5)]~~ health care professionals licensed or certified to practice in this state, including medical or mental health professionals;

~~(5) [(6)]~~ the business community;

~~(6) [(7)]~~ law enforcement;

~~(7) [(8)]~~ senior citizens;

~~(8) [(9)]~~ the clergy;

~~(9) [(10)]~~ nonprofit health organizations; and

~~(10) [(11)]~~ local domestic violence programs.

The amendment to **SB 1395** 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.

Senator West offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 2

Amend **SB 1395** (senate committee report), in SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Subsection (d-3), as follows:

(1) On page 2, line 16, strike "and".

(2) On page 2, line 17, between "district" and the underlined period, insert the following:

; and

(4) district students

The amendment to **SB 1395** 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. 2.

SB 1395 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.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 401 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Paxton moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 401** be placed on its third reading and final passage:

CSSB 401, Relating to participation by non-enrolled students in University Interscholastic League-sponsored activities.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6.

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

Nays: Alvarado, Cook, Gutierrez, Miles, Nichols, West.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 23, Nays 8.

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

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

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1626 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 1626** be placed on its third reading and final passage:

CSSB 1626, Relating to censorship of or certain other interference with digital expression, including expression on social media platforms or through electronic mail messages.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6.

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

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

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 9.

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

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

BILLS SIGNED

The President announced the signing of the following enrolled bills in the presence of the Senate after the captions had been read: **SB 2, SB 262**.

SENATE RULE 7.07(b) SUSPENDED (Permission to Introduce) (Motions In Writing)

The following Senators submitted the following Motions In Writing:

Mr. President:

The following members hereby request to suspend Senate Rule 7.07(b) to permit the introduction of bills and resolutions as follows:

SJR 86 by Hagenbuch, Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation of property owned by certain disabled veterans.

SB 3060 by Hagenbuch, Relating to the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation to which certain disabled veterans are entitled.

SB 3061 by Creighton, Relating to the eligibility of children of certain elected officials to participate in an education savings account program.

The Motions In Writing were read and prevailed without objection.

SENATE BILL 1888 REREFERRED (Motion In Writing)

Senator Sparks submitted a Motion In Writing requesting that **SB 1888** be withdrawn from the Committee on Jurisprudence and rereferred to the Committee on State Affairs.

The Motion In Writing was read and prevailed without objection.

SENATE BILLS AND RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING

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

SB 3060 by Hagenbuch

Relating to the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation to which certain disabled veterans are entitled.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 3061 by Creighton

Relating to the eligibility of children of certain elected officials to participate in an education savings account program.

To Committee on Education K-16.

SJR 86 by Hagenbuch

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation of property owned by certain disabled veterans.

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 18** to Committee on Health and Human Services.
- HB 26** to Committee on Health and Human Services.
- HB 36** to Committee on Criminal Justice.
- HB 37** to Committee on Health and Human Services.
- HB 48** to Committee on Criminal Justice.
- HB 126** to Committee on Education K-16.
- HB 150** to Committee on Business and Commerce.
- HB 252** to Committee on Business and Commerce.
- HB 503** to Committee on Finance.
- HB 517** to Committee on Business and Commerce.
- HB 581** to Committee on State Affairs.
- HB 742** to Committee on Health and Human Services.
- HB 754** to Committee on Health and Human Services.
- HB 972** to Committee on Local Government.
- HB 1024** to Committee on Criminal Justice.
- HB 1041** to Committee on Business and Commerce.
- HB 1089** to Committee on Natural Resources.
- HB 1442** to Committee on Business and Commerce.
- HB 1562** to Committee on Business and Commerce.
- HB 1633** to Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs.
- HB 1689** to Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs.
- HB 1690** to Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs.
- HB 1696** to Committee on Transportation.
- HB 1718** to Committee on Business and Commerce.
- HB 1732** to Committee on Business and Commerce.
- HB 1741** to Committee on Criminal Justice.
- HB 2103** to Committee on Criminal Justice.
- HB 2216** to Committee on Health and Human Services.
- HB 2733** to Committee on Jurisprudence.
- HB 2884** to Committee on State Affairs.
- HB 2986** to Committee on State Affairs.
- HB 3700** to Committee on Economic Development.

SENATE RULES SUSPENDED
(Posting Rules)

On motion of Senator Hughes and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a) and Senate Rule 11.18(a) were suspended in order that the Committee on Jurisprudence might meet at 5:05 p.m. today in the Chamber at Desk 1.

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 tomorrow in Room E1.028 to consider the following bills: **SB 111**, **SB 3061**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 31

On motion of Senator Hughes, Senator Hall will be shown as Co-author of **SB 31**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 227

On motion of Senator West, Senator Blanco will be shown as Co-author of **SB 227**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 324

On motion of Senator Kolkhorst, Senators Campbell, Hughes, King, and Schwertner will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 324**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 401

On motion of Senator Paxton, Senator A. Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SB 401**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 407

On motion of Senator Middleton, Senator A. Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SB 407**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 482

On motion of Senator Alvarado, Senator Hall will be shown as Co-author of **SB 482**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 500

On motion of Senator Sparks, Senator Blanco will be shown as Co-author of **SB 500**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 527

On motion of Senator Schwertner, Senator J. Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SB 527**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 646

On motion of Senator West, Senator Blanco will be shown as Co-author of **SB 646**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 647

On motion of Senator West, Senator A. Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SB 647**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 648

On motion of Senator West, Senator A. Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SB 648**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 735

On motion of Senator Menéndez, Senator Campbell will be shown as Co-author of **SB 735**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1137

On motion of Senator Miles, Senator West will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1137**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 1377

On motion of Senator Perry, Senators Campbell, A. Hinojosa, Huffman, Parker, and Zaffirini will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 1377**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1574

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senator Eckhardt will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1574**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1718

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

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 1802

On motion of Senator Alvarado, Senators Campbell and Menéndez will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 1802**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 1924

On motion of Senator Creighton, Senators A. Hinojosa and West will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 1924**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 2018

On motion of Senator Paxton, Senators Blanco and A. Hinojosa will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 2018**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2055

On motion of Senator West, Senator Paxton will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2055**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2111

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senator Eckhardt will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2111**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2138

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

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2434

On motion of Senator Parker, Senator Paxton will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2434**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2570

On motion of Senator Flores, Senator A. Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2570**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2611

On motion of Senator West, Senator Huffman will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2611**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2683

On motion of Senator Hughes, Senator Sparks will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2683**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2877

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

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, the Senate at 5:05 p.m. adjourned, in memory of Stanley C. Parker and Charles Floyd Cosper, until 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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EDUCATION K-16 — **CSSB 2615, CSSB 1049, CSSB 2310, CSSB 1224, CSSB 2972**

TRANSPORTATION — **CSSB 1568, CSSB 2841**

WATER, AGRICULTURE, AND RURAL AFFAIRS — **CSSB 2885**

BUSINESS AND COMMERCE — **CSSB 3016, CSSB 2858, CSSB 2610, SB 2139, CSSB 1856**

STATE AFFAIRS — **CSSB 2035**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — **SB 2308, SB 2306, SB 2041, SB 1528, SB 1681, CSSB 1141**

BUSINESS AND COMMERCE — **CSSB 2401, CSSB 2530**

ADMINISTRATION — **SCR 30, SCR 3, SB 2375, HCR 35**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — **CSSB 547, CSSB 1266, CSSB 1373, CSSB 1467, CSSB 2069, CSSB 2269, CSSB 2480, CSSB 2544, CSSB 672, CSSB 904, CSSB 2695, CSSB 2891, CSSB 2422**

VETERAN AFFAIRS — **CSSB 2543**

ADMINISTRATION — **HCR 64**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT — **SB 1854, SB 317, SB 2539, CSSB 2532, CSSB 2925, CSSB 1250**

NATURAL RESOURCES — **CSSB 2082, CSSB 2203**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — **CSSB 457, CSSB 2357**

BILLS ENGROSSED

April 28, 2025

SB 227, SB 401, SB 512, SB 527, SB 648, SB 1490, SB 1558, SB 1574, SB 1626, SB 1756, SB 1924, SB 1964, SB 2018, SB 2031, SB 2111, SB 2117, SB 2206, SB 2570, SB 2658, SB 2692, SB 2900, SB 3031

RESOLUTIONS ENROLLED

April 28, 2025

SR 450, SR 451, SR 452, SR 453, SR 454, SR 457, SR 458, SR 459, SR 461, SR 464

In Memory
of
Stanley C. Parker
Senate Resolution 453

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Stanley C. Parker, who died September 15, 2024, at the age of 65; and

WHEREAS, A native of Waco, Stan Parker was born April 28, 1959; he graduated from Richfield High School, and he married Valerie Prewett, his high school sweetheart, on August 16, 1980; and

WHEREAS, Stan found professional success as an entrepreneur, but he was better known by his passion for philanthropy and service to veterans; in 2017, he established the Stan C. Parker Foundation to provide advocacy, education, and resources to citizens in need, and the organization has supported hundreds of local veterans through initiatives such as the annual Waco Veterans Parade and the establishment of Freedom's Path Waco, a housing project for homeless veterans set to be completed in late 2025; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated Freemason, Stan held numerous leadership positions during his decades of service and membership in the organization, and he was proud to hold the highest honors in the Scottish and York Rites; and

WHEREAS, Stan and Valerie shared 44 rewarding years of marriage together; he was a devoted father to their children, Austin and Jessica, and his two grandchildren enriched his life immeasurably; and

WHEREAS, An avid outdoorsman, Stan enjoyed hunting, barbecuing, archaeology, and restoring classic cars; he was an esteemed member of the Waco community, and he will long be remembered with admiration and appreciation by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Stanley C. Parker; and, be it further

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

BIRDWELL

In Memory
of
Charles Floyd Cosper
Senate Resolution 461

WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the passing of Charles Floyd Cosper of Hereford on Sunday, April 7, 2024, at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, The son of Virgil Cosper and the former Roxie Sherman, Chuck Cosper was born in Paducah on February 15, 1939, and grew up with a sister, Janette, and brother, Bobby; he graduated from the Texas Game Warden Training Academy at Texas A&M University before embarking on a career as a game warden that spanned three decades; he was also a pilot who worked from Friona Airport as a crop sprayer and flight instructor; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Mr. Cosper was a longtime deacon at First Baptist Church and a member of the Texas Baptist Men Retiree Builders for 14 years; along the way, he served as president of Hereford Kids Inc. and the Hereford Booster Club, and he was an enthusiastic supporter of Hereford High School athletics, proudly earning recognition as the Fan of the Week; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cosper met his wife, Sue, in the seventh grade; the couple married on November 15, 1957, and went on to share a rewarding union that spanned 66 years; they became the parents of four children, Pam, Ken, Vickie, and Larry, and their family eventually grew to include 7 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; an avid outdoorsman, Mr. Cosper took pleasure in hunting, fishing, playing golf, and snow skiing; he also loved to chat with friends over an afternoon coffee; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Cosper earned the admiration and affection of innumerable people, and although he is deeply missed, his commitment to his family and his community remains a source of inspiration to all who were fortunate enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Charles Floyd Cosper and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Sue Cosper; to his children, Pam Boren and her husband, Jay, Ken Cosper and his wife, Markay, and Vickie Young and her husband, Darren; to his grandchildren, Heath Boren and his wife, Kim, J. W. Boren and his wife, Belinda, Nathan Young and his wife, Alyson, Jarrod Young and his wife, Katie, and Abbey, Jack, and Sam Cosper; to his great-grandchildren, Colby, Ava, Lilly, Brock, Emory, Isaiah, Zeke, Slade, Saylor, Sloane, Ellie, and Jake; to his sister, Janette Abraham, and her husband, Greg; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Chuck Cosper.

SPARKS

