

FIRST DAY

(CONTINUED)

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2005

PROCEEDINGS

AFTER RECESS

The Senate met at 1:30 p.m. and was called to order by the President.

The Reverend Ron Curtis, First Baptist Church, Leander, offered the invocation as follows:

Father, we praise You today for Your goodness and Your faithfulness. We acknowledge Your presence in our lives, and we thank You for revealing Yourself to us. Father, I thank You for Your sovereignty that established this wonderful country and this great state. I ask You to guide the men and women of the Senate and our entire government. Please give them wisdom and courage to follow Your will as they serve the citizens of Texas. Lord, we pray for unity to be pursued and experienced. May all of the agendas that are before us give way to Your agenda. We thank You for loving and sustaining us, and we humble ourselves before Your mighty hand. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SENATOR ANNOUNCED PRESENT

Senator Ellis, who had previously been recorded as "Absent-excused," was announced "Present."

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following Message from the Governor was read and was filed with the Secretary of the Senate:

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM
STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

MESSAGE

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH TEXAS LEGISLATURE, FIRST CALLED SESSION:

WHEREAS, the people of Texas through their state constitution have placed the power to call the legislature into special session in the hands of the chief executive officer of the state; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Seventy-Ninth Texas Legislature, First Called Session, have now convened to consider items presented to them by the governor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK PERRY, Governor of the State of Texas, by the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section 8 and Article III, Section 40 of the Texas Constitution, do hereby present the following subject matter to the Seventy-Ninth Texas Legislature, First Called Session for consideration:

Legislation to provide ad valorem tax relief and protect taxpayers.

Legislation and a constitutional amendment to increase the homestead ad valorem tax exemption.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this ____ day of June, 2005.

/s/Rick Perry
Governor of Texas

(seal)

ATTESTED BY:

/s/Roger Williams
Secretary of State

RESOLUTION SIGNED

The President announced the signing of the following enrolled resolution in the presence of the Senate: **HCR 11.**

SENATE BILLS AND RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING

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

SB 41 by Hinojosa

Relating to the use of sales tax revenue to pay or secure certain municipal public securities.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 42 by Lucio

Relating to a study regarding instructional facilities.

To Committee on Education.

SB 43 by Barrientos

Relating to increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes to \$30,000 and correspondingly adjusting the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homesteads of certain persons.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 44 by Barrientos

Relating to property tax relief for residential tenants.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 45 by Duncan

Relating to state and certain local fiscal matters; providing civil and criminal penalties.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 46 by Armbrister

Relating to authorizing the state to operate video lottery at racetracks, to the operation of video lottery by certain Indian tribes, and to the authority of the Texas Lottery Commission; providing penalties.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 47 by Ellis

Relating to an education and training program on handling the arrest of a foreign national.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 48 by Hinojosa

Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for The University of Texas–Pan American for construction and renovation to accommodate institutional growth.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 49 by Hinojosa

Relating to the issuance of revenue bonds for Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi.

To Committee on Finance.

SJR 8 by Barrientos

Proposing a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes to \$30,000 and providing for a corresponding adjustment of the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homesteads of certain persons.

To Committee on Finance.

RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

Memorial Resolutions

SR 8 by Lucio, In memory of Dwayne E. Tyner of Brownsville.

SR 10 by West, Honoring the life of Henry Miller Morgan.

SR 11 by Barrientos, In memory of James Jarrell "Jake" Pickle.

SR 17 by Ellis, In memory of Madelyn Parsons Lord of Houston.

Welcome and Congratulatory Resolutions

SR 2 by Barrientos, Recognizing George Tamayo on the occasion of his retirement.

SR 3 by Barrientos, Recognizing Christi Carletti on the occasion of her retirement.

SR 4 by Ogden, Congratulating the baseball team of Thorndale High School in Thorndale for winning a state championship title.

SR 5 by Duncan, Commending Richard Van Ness Homan for his contributions to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and to the state.

SR 6 by Duncan, Recognizing Jane S. Allison on the occasion of her retirement.

SR 7 by Shapiro, Congratulating Kyle and Shannon Janek on the birth of their son, James Luke Janek.

SR 9 by West, Recognizing the Concord Missionary Baptist Church of Dallas on the occasion of its 30th anniversary.

SR 12 by Ellis, Commending Lavergne Schwender for being named the executive director of the Greater Harris County 9-1-1 Emergency Network board of managers.

SR 13 by Ellis, Commending the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston for its contributions to its community.

SR 14 by Ellis, Welcoming the Connectional Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church to the City of Houston.

SR 15 by Ellis, Commending Maurice Fleming for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

SR 16 by Ellis, Commending Michael Fleming for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

SR 18 by Ellis, Commending Maya Rockeymoore for her contributions to the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation.

SR 19 by Shapiro, Recognizing Texans Can! academies on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the founding school.

RECESS

On motion of Senator Whitmire, the Senate at 2:20 p.m. recessed, in memory of Peggy Blazek Brinkman of Austin, former assistant to the Secretary of the Senate, and Master Sergeant Robert Horrigan of Austin, until 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 29, 2005.