

SECOND DAY

(CONTINUED)

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2005

PROCEEDINGS

AFTER RECESS

The Senate met at 12:38 p.m. and was called to order by President Pro Tempore Madla.

SENATORS ANNOUNCED PRESENT

Senators Deuell and West, who had previously been recorded as "Absent-excused," were announced "Present."

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Shapleigh was recognized and introduced to the Senate Dr. Poempida Hidayatullah, Vice-treasurer, Central Executive Board Functional Group, and Roy B. B. Janis, House of Representatives, Republic of Indonesia, accompanied by Joan Gibbons, interpreter.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 9

Senator Zaffirini offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join citizens across the state in recognizing the 40th anniversary of Medicaid, which is being celebrated July 30, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid is a cooperative venture funded jointly by federal and state governments to assist the states in furnishing medical assistance to certain individuals and families with low incomes, most of whom would otherwise go without health care or rely on charity; and

WHEREAS, More than 2.6 million Texas senior citizens, children, pregnant women, persons with disabilities and low-income families have access to lifesaving medical care each year under Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid provides funds that help seven out of every 10 nursing home residents, provides prenatal care for half of the children born in Texas and provides health insurance for hundreds of thousands of Texans who could not get private insurance at any price, such as persons with disabilities; Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program insure one of every three Texas children; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid is vital to our state and local economies, as it is the number one source of federal funds in Texas' state budget and assures tax dollars are returned to Texas; Medicaid funds help underwrite costs for training doctors, nurses and other health care providers and make community services, such as trauma care, available to all Texans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby recognize Medicaid for the critical role it plays in the health care of this state's most vulnerable citizens; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of appreciation from the Texas Senate.

SR 9 was again read.

The resolution was previously adopted on Tuesday, July 26, 2005.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Zaffirini was recognized and introduced to the Senate Anne Dunkelberg, Assistant Director, Center for Public Policy Priorities; Raul Acosta, Medicaid community care waiver client, and his assistant, Pansy Case; Beth Atherton, Executive Director, insure-a-kid; and the Reverend Tom Heger, Saint John's Presbyterian Church; accompanied by a delegation of Medicaid workers.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

July 28, 2005

The Honorable President of the Senate

Senate Chamber

Austin, Texas

Mr. President:

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has taken the following action:

THE HOUSE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

HCR 12, Honoring U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel A. Bentley Nettles of College Station for his service to his country.

Respectfully,

/s/Robert Haney, Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

SENATE RULE 11.13 SUSPENDED (Consideration of Bills in Committees)

On motion of Senator Lucio and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.13 was suspended to grant all committees permission to meet while the Senate is meeting today.

**SENATE RULES SUSPENDED
(Posting Rules)**

On motion of Senator Duncan and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a) and Senate Rule 11.18(a) were suspended in order that the Committee on State Affairs might meet and consider **HB 11** today.

RECESS

On motion of Senator Armbrister, the Senate at 12:55 p.m. recessed until 1:30 p.m. today.

AFTER RECESS

The Senate met at 2:31 p.m. and was called to order by the President.

AT EASE

The President at 2:32 p.m. announced the Senate would stand At Ease subject to the call of the Chair.

IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The President at 7:06 p.m. called the Senate to order as In Legislative Session.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

On motion of Senator Armbrister and by unanimous consent, the Senate at 7:11 p.m. agreed to adjourn, in memory of Michelle Miller Rozzell, upon completion of the introduction of bills and resolutions on first reading, until 1:30 p.m. Monday, August 1, 2005.

AT EASE

The President at 7:12 p.m. announced the Senate would stand At Ease subject to the call of the Chair.

(Friday, July 29, 2005)

IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The President at 1:03 p.m. called the Senate to order as In Legislative Session.

SENATE BILLS AND RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING

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

SB 8 by Shapiro

Relating to public education and public school finance matters; imposing criminal penalties.

To Committee on Education.

SB 32 by Barrientos, Armbrister

Relating to the designation of a portion of State Highway 130 in Williamson, Travis, Caldwell, and Guadalupe Counties as the Pickle Parkway.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 33 by Williams

Relating to certain limitations on the ad valorem tax rates of certain taxing units.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 34 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 35 by Jackson

Relating to the creation of municipal management districts by certain small municipalities; providing authority to impose an assessment or sales and use tax, and to issue bonds.
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 36 by Madla

Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds or other obligations to fund capital projects at public institutions of higher education.
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 an adjustment of the limitation on the total amount of taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect the increased exemption amount and changes in school district ad valorem tax rates.
To Committee on Finance.

RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

Memorial Resolutions

SR 24 by Lucio, In memory of Margaret M. Clark of Brownsville.

SR 25 by Lucio, In memory of Anita Aleman of McAllen.

SR 26 by West, In memory of Jessie Payne Barbee of Dallas.

Welcome and Congratulatory Resolutions

SR 13 by Shapleigh, Recognizing William Ruiz, Jr., of El Paso on the occasion of his retirement.

SR 14 by West, Commending LeDaniel E. Bradshaw for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

SR 15 by West, Commending Edward K. Evans for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

SR 16 by West, Commending Steven T. Mitchell for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

SR 17 by Wentworth, Commending Jocelyn Levi Straus of San Antonio for receiving the 2005 Laura Bush Service and Education Award.

SR 18 by Shapleigh, Recognizing Dolores Briones for her service to the citizens of El Paso and El Paso County.

SR 19 by Ellis, Recognizing Saint Mary of the Purification Montessori School in Houston on the occasion of its Founders Day celebration.

SR 20 by Ellis, Recognizing the members of the class of 1955 of Phillis Wheatley High School in Houston on the occasion of their reunion.

SR 21 by Ellis, Congratulating Sandra and Ernesto Chavarria on the occasion of their 27th wedding anniversary.

SR 22 by Ellis, Recognizing the members of the Houston Chapter of the Crockett Colored High/Ralph J. Bunche Alumni, Ex-Students, and Teachers Association on the occasion of their 2005 reunion.

SR 23 by Barrientos, Welcoming the citizens of Gibraltar who are visiting Texas and the City of Austin.

SR 27 by West, Congratulating recording artist KEM on the release of his second album.

SR 28 by Zaffirini, Recognizing New Creation Christian Fellowship in Windcrest on the occasion of its 20th anniversary.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate at 1:05 p.m. adjourned, in memory of Michelle Miller Rozzell, until 1:30 p.m. Monday, August 1, 2005.

APPENDIX

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

July 28, 2005

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND TRADE — **SJR 6, SB 30**

