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PROCEEDINGS

FOURTH DAY

(Tuesday, January 23, 2007)

The Senate met at 10:10 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present: Averitt, Brimer, Deuell, Duncan, Ellis, Eltife, Estes, Fraser, Harris, Hegar, Jackson, Janek, Lucio, Nelson, Nichols, Ogden, Patrick, Seliger, Shapiro, Shapleigh, Uresti, Van de Putte, Watson, Wentworth, West, Whitmire, Williams, Zaffirini.

Absent-excused: Carona, Gallegos, Hinojosa.

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

Rabbi Brian Strauss, Congregation Beth Yeshurun, Houston, offered the invocation as follows:

Our God and God of our ancestors: we ask Your blessings for our state, for its government, for its leaders and advisors, and for all who exercise just and rightful authority. Teach them insights from Your Bible, that they may administer all affairs of state fairly, that peace and security, happiness and prosperity, justice and freedom may forever abide in our midst. Creator of all flesh, bless all the inhabitants of our land with Your spirit. May citizens of all races and creeds forge a common bond in true harmony to banish hatred and bigotry and to safeguard the ideals and free institutions that are the pride and glory of our state. May this land, under Your providence, be an influence for good throughout the world, uniting all people in peace and freedom, helping them to fulfill the vision of Your prophet: "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they experience war anymore." And let us say: Amen.

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

The motion prevailed without objection.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

On motion of Senator Whitmire, Senator Carona was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Whitmire, Senator Gallegos was granted leave of absence for today on account of illness.

On motion of Senator Whitmire, Senator Hinojosa was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business.

PHYSICIAN OF THE DAY

Senator Hegar was recognized and presented Dr. Henry Boehm of Brenham as the Physician of the Day.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION 17

Senator Zaffirini offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the members of the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association and the association's president, Richard R. Valls, Jr., on their successful annual planning of the celebration of Washington's Birthday in Laredo; and

WHEREAS, Every year, the citizens of Laredo celebrate the birthday of the Father of Our Country; the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association sponsors the celebration to pay tribute to the memory of George Washington and to his virtues and his patriotism; the 110th Celebration will take place from January 18 through February 18, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Since its beginning as a two-day event in 1898, the Washington's Birthday Celebration gradually has evolved into a grand celebration entailing numerous events in the United States and in Mexico; spectators and participants enjoy marching bands and floats, spectacular fireworks displays, food, games, and entertainers from both sides of the border; and

WHEREAS, The yearly celebrations exemplify the spirit and enthusiasm of Laredoans and the pride they take in their city and country; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend the members of the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association on their patriotism and their dedication and extend best wishes to them for a joyous 110th birthday celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the association as an expression of highest regard from the Texas Senate.

SR 17 was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Zaffirini was recognized and introduced to the Senate members of the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association representing the Society of Martha Washington: James Notzon, portraying George Washington, and Adrienne Treviño, portraying Martha Washington; representing the Princess Pocahontas Council: Kristian Martinez, portraying Princess Pocahontas, and Brian Moreno, portraying Chief Four Arrows; the four Abrazo Children: Raquel Irene Barrientos Cardenas (U.S.), Luke Bently Lambert (U.S.), Dariela Maria Gomez Lozano (Mexico), and Maximiliano Arguinedegui Mounetou (Mexico); and Richard R. Valls, Jr., President.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS POSTPONED

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

There was no objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Whitmire was recognized and introduced to the Senate the following members of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston: Leonard Goldstein, Steve Finkleman, Lee Wunsch, Margo Ackerman, and Lisa Yoram, accompanied by a delegation of members.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

FLOOR PRIVILEGES GRANTED

Pursuant to the previous suspension of Senate Rule 2.02, the following members of Senator Madla's family were granted floor privileges and seated at Senator Lucio's desk: Helen Madla, Dr. Frank Madla III, Nnette Madla, Marci Madla, Ralph Madla, Mary Anne Cruz, Hope McAnulty, and Michelle Madla LaCourse, accompanied by Brandon Brigance, Toni Barcellona, Taylor LaCourse, Jeanell LaCourse, Cody LaCourse, Melissa de la Garza, Mike de la Garza, Macaela de la Garza, and McKenzie de la Garza, who were also guests of the Senate.

SENATE RESOLUTION 25

Senator Van de Putte offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Mary Cruz, who died on November 24, 2006, at the age of 81; and

WHEREAS, Mary Cruz lived a life of dignity and integrity and gave unselfishly to others; she was always there to listen, and her valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew her; and

WHEREAS, Known for her warmth and generosity, she often took the time to wipe away a tear or to offer a hug if needed; and

WHEREAS, Mary Cruz was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who always put her family's needs before her own; she will continue to live in the hearts and minds of those she left behind, and her memory will be cherished forever by her family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family and friends of Mary Cruz on her tragic passing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family as an expression of profound sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mary Cruz.

VAN DE PUTTE
LUCIO

SR 25 was read.

SENATE RESOLUTION 24

Senator Van de Putte offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Aleena Virginia Jimenez was a familiar figure around the Texas Capitol; a beautiful and precocious five-year-old, she was the beloved granddaughter of Senator Frank Madla and often accompanied him while the Legislature was in session; and

WHEREAS, Aleena was a sociable little girl whose radiant smile and sparkling eyes lit up any room and captured the heart of everyone who met her; she had boundless energy and found great joy in life; and

WHEREAS, Aleena was born in San Antonio on October 17, 2001; sadly, she died on November 25, 2006, following the fire that took the life of her devoted grandfather and great-grandmother; and

WHEREAS, Though her parents deeply mourn the death of their precious child, their hearts are filled with the memory of the happiness their daughter brought into their lives and into the lives of all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, The loss of Aleena, her grandfather, and her great-grandmother is a profound tragedy for the Madla and Jimenez families; it is also a loss deeply felt by the members of this chamber, who loved Aleena, and who join her family in mourning her death; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Aleena Virginia Jimenez: her mother, Marci Madla; her father, Raul Jimenez III; her grandparents, Helen Madla and Rosemary Jimenez; and her great-grandparents, Irma Arranaga, Mary Jimenez, and Epimena Madla; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her 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 Aleena Virginia Jimenez.

VAN DE PUTTE
LUCIO

SR 24 was read.

SENATE RESOLUTION 23

Senator Lucio offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins Texans across the state in mourning the loss of the Honorable Frank L. Madla, Jr., who died November 24, 2006, at the age of 69; and

WHEREAS, Born in Helotes, Texas, on January 23, 1937, Frank Madla was a highly distinguished, longtime state lawmaker whose career spanned more than three decades and included service in both the Texas House of Representatives and the Texas Senate; and

WHEREAS, Following a 10-year career as a schoolteacher, Frank Madla joined the Texas House of Representatives in 1973 and quickly became known as an outspoken advocate for health care and education issues; after 20 years of service in the House, he was elected to the Texas Senate, where he served with distinction for the next 13 years; and

WHEREAS, His leadership in the Senate included his longstanding, valuable service as chairman of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee; during the 79th Legislature, he also served as a member of the State Affairs, Finance, Natural Resources, and Transportation and Homeland Security Committees; he was a member of the Joint Committee on Oversight of the Edwards Aquifer and was a member of the Select Committee on Agriculture and Coastal Resources; he served as president pro tempore ad interim following the 79th Regular Session and was Governor for a Day on April 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Senator Madla was dedicated to his work as a lawmaker and received numerous accolades throughout his legislative career; his honors included the Lifetime Achievement Award from The University of Texas at San Antonio Hispanic Research Center and the Advocacy Leadership Award from the Texas Hospital Association; he was named Legislator of the Year by the Association of Rural Communities in Texas and Outstanding Legislator by the Texas Police Chiefs Association; and

WHEREAS, Noted for his political courage and bold decision making, his legislative efforts were a reflection of his heart and his values, and he represented Senate District 19 with skill and loyalty; and

WHEREAS, He carried legislation to improve the wine industry in Texas and to establish a new Toyota manufacturing plant in San Antonio, adding billions of dollars to the state's economy; he helped San Antonio to establish SeaWorld and a new Spurs' arena, and he was dedicated to taking care of the rural portions of his Senate district; he considered his crowning legislative accomplishment to be the passage of his bill authorizing the creation of the South Side Texas A&M University campus and his pivotal role in gaining legislative approval of bond funding for the project; and

WHEREAS, Senator Madla was an exemplary gentleman who was highly respected for his many achievements on behalf of the citizens of his district and on behalf of his state; in 2006, he received Bexar County's highest honor, the Hidalgo, for his 33 years of outstanding service in the legislature; and

WHEREAS, Well known for his dedication to his family and his community, he gave unselfishly of his time to others; he was exceptionally generous and often helped the poor and the otherwise needy; he was a deeply religious man and was a member of the Catholic faith; and

WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Madla, Sr., and was joined in death by his much beloved granddaughter, Aleena Virginia Jimenez and by his mother-in-law, Mary Cruz; and

WHEREAS, Frank Madla was devoted to his wife, Helen, and was beloved for his warmth and wisdom, and his family and friends will continue to live with deeply cherished memories of his life and his many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Frank L. Madla, Jr.: his beloved wife, Helen Madla; his mother, Epimena Madla; his son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Frank Madla III and Nnette; his daughter, Marci Madla; his stepgranddaughter, Crystal Torres; his brother, Ralph Madla; his sister, Mary Ellen Ibarra; and his nieces and nephews; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of 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 Frank Madla, Jr.

LUCIO
VAN DE PUTTE

SR 23 was read.

The Honorable Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, was introduced and addressed the Senate.

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

On motion of Senator Van de Putte and Senator Lucio, **SR 25**, **SR 24**, and **SR 23** were adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

VIDEO RELEASE POLICY WAIVED

On motion of Senator Brimer and by unanimous consent, the Senate policy that governs the release of recordings of the Senate proceedings was waived in order to grant the request of Senator Madla's family for a DVD of today's session.

AT EASE

The President at 11:08 a.m. announced the Senate would stand At Ease subject to the call of the Chair.

IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The President at 11:19 a.m. called the Senate to order as In Legislative Session.

RESOLUTION SIGNED

The President announced the signing of the following enrolled resolution in the presence of the Senate: **SCR 10**.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER
Austin, Texas
January 23, 2007

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 37, Honoring Mark R. Warren for his service as president of the Texas Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors.

HCR 38, Granting permission to the YMCA Youth and Government Program to use the legislative chambers and other Capitol Complex facilities.

Respectfully,

/s/Robert Haney, Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

MOTION TO ADJOURN

On motion of Senator Whitmire and by unanimous consent, the Senate at 11:25 a.m. agreed to adjourn, in memory of Mary Cruz, Aleena Virginia Jimenez, and the Honorable Frank Madla, Jr., of San Antonio, upon completion of the introduction of bills and resolutions on first reading, until 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

SB 1 by Ogden

General Appropriations Bill.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 2 by Ogden

Relating to making appropriations to the Texas Education Agency for the purpose of school district property tax rate reductions.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 21 by Nelson

Relating to the imposition of additional inspection and background and criminal history check requirements for day-care centers.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 22 by Nelson

Relating to long-term care insurance and a partnership for long-term care program.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 23 by Nelson

Relating to promoting the purchase and availability of health coverage.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 24 by Nelson

Relating to reimbursement under the state Medicaid program for certain health care services provided through telemedicine.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 25 by Nelson

Relating to the availability of an automated external defibrillator at high school athletic events.
To Committee on Education.

SB 26 by Nelson

Relating to establishing an advance directive registry.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 27 by Nelson

Relating to a pilot program to educate nursing home residents about advance care planning.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 28 by Nelson

Relating to transferable physician orders for life-sustaining and related treatment.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 29 by Nelson

Relating to creation of a minimum data set for the collection of information on health professionals by the statewide health coordinating council.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 30 by Nelson

Relating to the eligibility of certain aliens for a license to practice medicine in this state.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 31 by Nelson

Relating to the creation and administration of the rural physician training scholarship program.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 32 by Nelson

Relating to a registry of allied health professionals.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 33 by Nelson

Relating to hepatitis B vaccination for students enrolled in certain health-related courses of study in an institution of higher education.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 34 by Nelson

Relating to a nutrition policy for public schools.

To Committee on Education.

SB 35 by Nelson

Relating to a purchasing preference for contractors who provide foods of higher nutritional value and who do not provide foods containing trans fatty acids.

To Committee on Government Organization.

SB 36 by Nelson

Relating to the examination of certain applicants for a license to practice medicine.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 37 by Nelson

Relating to the duties of the office of the ombudsman within the Health and Human Services Commission.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 38 by Nelson

Relating to the composition of the Interagency Coordinating Council for HIV and Hepatitis.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 39 by Nelson

Relating to a cancer drug donation program.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 40 by Nelson

Relating to electronic health information.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 41 by Nelson

Relating to the disaster-related responsibilities of certain state agencies in health care.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 42 by Nelson

Relating to the development of consumer information and protection policies and to purchasing by the Texas Lottery Commission.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 43 by Nelson, Fraser

Relating to the modification of an order establishing the conservatorship of a child or providing for the possession of or access to a child based on military deployment.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 44 by Nelson, Shapiro

Relating to the provision of intervention or counseling services to certain persons who have committed family violence and to a process for accrediting those services.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 45 by Nelson

Relating to the definition of serious bodily injury for the purposes of criminal prosecutions.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 46 by Nelson

Relating to certain fees charged for the impoundment and storage of a recovered stolen vehicle.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 47 by Nelson

Relating to certain requirements relating to an application for a marriage license and an affidavit of an absent applicant for a marriage license and to the maintenance of marriage and divorce indexes by the bureau of vital statistics; providing penalties.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 48 by Nelson

Relating to the confidentiality of certain personal information maintained by a county clerk.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 49 by Zaffirini

Relating to exempting books purchased by university and college students from the sales tax for a limited period.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 50 by Zaffirini, Shapleigh, Uresti

Relating to early childhood education.

To Committee on Education.

SB 51 by Zaffirini

Relating to leave for junior college district or university system employees who are physically assaulted while on duty.

To Subcommittee on Higher Education.

SB 52 by Zaffirini

Relating to the compulsory school attendance age.

To Committee on Education.

SB 53 by Zaffirini

Relating to the civil liability of an employer or former employer of a mental health services provider who engages in the sexual exploitation of a patient or former patient.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 54 by Zaffirini, Averitt, Shapleigh

Relating to health benefit plan coverage for certain prosthetic devices, orthotic devices, and related services.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 55 by Zaffirini

Relating to registration and regulation of certain discount health plans; providing penalties.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 56 by Zaffirini

Relating to prohibiting human cloning and other uses of human tissue by institutions of higher education; providing penalties.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 57 by Zaffirini

Relating to the priority given to the hearing by trial courts of certain ad valorem tax matters.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 58 by Zaffirini

Relating to the collection and analysis of information relating to certain sexual offenses.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 59 by Zaffirini, Carona

Relating to the authority of certain law enforcement agencies to establish a checkpoint on a highway or street to determine whether persons are driving while intoxicated.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 60 by Zaffirini

Relating to the securing of a child passenger in a motor vehicle.
To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 61 by Zaffirini

Relating to the performance of the functions of the governing body of a political subdivision in the event of a disaster.
To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 62 by Zaffirini

Relating to the creation of the individual development account program to provide savings incentives and opportunities to eligible low-income individuals and households.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 63 by Zaffirini

Relating to the powers of the commissioners court of certain counties that have no incorporated municipality.
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 64 by Zaffirini

Relating to the reporting of political contributions accepted or political expenditures made near an election; providing a civil penalty.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 65 by Zaffirini

Relating to reconstituting the system benefit fund as a trust fund and to uses of the fund.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 66 by Zaffirini

Relating to the construction of cattle guards on county roads.
To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 67 by Averitt

Relating to eligibility for and the administration of the child health plan program.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 68 by Deuell

Relating to the prosecution, punishment, and supervision of certain sex offenders and to certain crimes involving sex offenders.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 69 by Lucio

Relating to the employment of certified counselors by school districts.
To Committee on Education.

SB 70 by Lucio

Relating to the financing of school district instructional facilities and assistance with the payment of a school district's existing debt.
To Committee on Education.

SB 71 by Lucio

Relating to creation of an inflation adjustment to salaries for classroom teachers and certain other professional staff employed by school districts.

To Committee on Education.

SB 72 by Lucio

Relating to the establishment of the Worksite Wellness Advisory Board and the implementation of worksite wellness policies at state agencies.

To Committee on Government Organization.

SB 73 by Lucio

Relating to a statewide initiative regarding the prevention and treatment of obesity-related health concerns.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 74 by Lucio

Relating to the creation of an address confidentiality program to assist victims of family violence, sexual assault, or stalking in maintaining confidential addresses.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 75 by Shapiro

Relating to penalties for certain repeat and habitual felony sex offenders.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 76 by Shapiro

Relating to the prosecution of the offense of violation of a civil commitment order by a sexually violent predator.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 77 by Shapiro

Relating to the eligibility of a defendant who is convicted of certain violent crimes for jury-recommended community supervision.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 78 by Shapiro

Relating to the creation of the offense of continuous sexual abuse of a child, the prosecution and punishment of that offense, and the consequences of a conviction for that offense.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 79 by Shapiro

Relating to the applicability of certain sex offender registration statutes.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 80 by Shapiro

Relating to the monitoring of certain high-risk sex offenders.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 81 by Van de Putte

Relating to eligibility for and the administration of the child health plan program.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 82 by Van de Putte

Relating to safety regulations for certain public school extracurricular activities and the availability of automated external defibrillators at certain public school campuses and events.

To Committee on Education.

SB 83 by Hinojosa

Relating to political contributions and expenditures; providing civil and criminal penalties.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 84 by Hinojosa

Relating to increasing the maximum amount of the local option residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation by a taxing unit from 20 percent to 30 percent.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 85 by Hinojosa

Relating to a moratorium and other limitations on increases in designated tuition charged by public institutions of higher education.

To Subcommittee on Higher Education.

SB 86 by Hinojosa

Relating to public school policies designed to prevent dating violence.

To Committee on Education.

SB 87 by Hinojosa

Relating to instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the availability and use of automated external defibrillators at public school campuses and certain athletic events.

To Committee on Education.

SB 88 by Harris

Relating to the proximity of certain sex offenders' residences to premises where children commonly gather.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 89 by Van de Putte

Relating to the residency requirements for tuition and fee exemptions for certain military personnel and their dependents.

To Subcommittee on Higher Education.

SB 90 by Van de Putte

Relating to the establishment of a pilot program to provide a ballot by electronic mail to military personnel serving overseas.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 91 by Van de Putte

Relating to point-of-sale health warnings for tobacco products.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 92 by Van de Putte

Relating to coverage of anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa as serious mental illnesses under certain group health benefit plans.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 93 by Gallegos

Relating to monitoring and controlling emissions of air contaminants under the Texas Clean Air Act; providing a penalty.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 94 by Gallegos

Relating to restrictions on the location of certain sex offenders and to notice reflecting that location.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 95 by Ellis, Hinojosa, Lucio, Shapleigh, Van de Putte, Zaffirini

Relating to the minimum wage.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 96 by Ellis

Relating to designated tuition.

To Subcommittee on Higher Education.

SB 97 by Ellis, Eltife

Relating to the elimination of the statute of limitations for certain sexual offenses committed against children.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 98 by Zaffirini

Relating to the preparation of a child impact statement for a bill or joint resolution considered by the legislature.

To Committee on Administration.

SB 99 by Zaffirini

Relating to the identification of and provision of assistance to colonias and for tracking the progress of certain state-funded projects that benefit colonias.

To Committee on International Relations and Trade.

SB 100 by Shapiro

Relating to stabilizing the amount of tuition charged to certain residents of this state by general academic teaching institutions.

To Subcommittee on Higher Education.

(Senator Nelson in Chair)

RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

Memorial Resolution

SR 47 by Ellis, In memory of Ella Mae Henderson Smith of Houston.

Welcome and Congratulatory Resolutions

SR 29 by Nelson, Recognizing Susan Simpson of White Settlement for her service to her community.

SR 31 by Averitt, Welcoming Leadership Ennis to the State Capitol.

SR 32 by Deuell, Recognizing Daurence "Buck" Grainger on the occasion of his retirement from the Mesquite Fire Department.

SR 33 by Watson, Commending Dusty Davidson for his athletic and academic accomplishments at Westlake High School in West Lake Hills.

SR 34 by Watson, Commending Justin Tucker for his athletic and academic accomplishments at Westlake High School in West Lake Hills.

SR 35 by Watson, Commending Tory Dawson for his athletic and academic accomplishments at Westlake High School in West Lake Hills.

SR 36 by Watson, Commending Thomas Johnston for his athletic and academic accomplishments at Westlake High School in West Lake Hills.

SR 37 by Watson, Commending Riley Orloff for his athletic and academic accomplishments at Westlake High School in West Lake Hills.

SR 38 by Watson, Commending David Berry for his athletic and academic accomplishments at Westlake High School in West Lake Hills.

SR 39 by Watson, Commending Eric Germann for his athletic and academic accomplishments at Westlake High School in West Lake Hills.

SR 40 by Watson, Commending Jeff Hunter for his athletic and academic accomplishments at Westlake High School in West Lake Hills.

SR 41 by Watson, Commending Andy Spears for his athletic and academic accomplishments at Westlake High School in West Lake Hills.

SR 42 by Watson, Commending Justin Wang for his athletic and academic accomplishments at Westlake High School in West Lake Hills.

SR 43 by Watson, Commending Caton Sanders for his athletic and academic accomplishments at Westlake High School in West Lake Hills.

SR 44 by Watson, Commending James Guleke for his athletic and academic accomplishments at Westlake High School in West Lake Hills.

SR 45 by Watson, Commending Nick Foles for his athletic and academic accomplishments at Westlake High School in West Lake Hills.

SR 46 by Watson, Commending Stephen Shaffer for his athletic and academic accomplishments at Westlake High School in West Lake Hills.

SR 48 by Ellis, Commending the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary for its contributions to its community.

SR 49 by Ellis, Recognizing Florida Cooper on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

SR 50 by Ellis, Recognizing Rosie Lee Rand of Houston on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate at 11:37 a.m. adjourned, in memory of Mary Cruz, Aleena Virginia Jimenez, and the Honorable Frank Madla, Jr., of San Antonio, 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:

January 23, 2007

ADMINISTRATION — **SB 259, SJR 11**