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AUSTIN, TEXAS

PROCEEDINGS

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY

(Monday, March 12, 2007)

The Senate met at 1:42 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

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

Absent-excused: Gallegos.

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

Chaplain Greg Schannep, Grace Bible Church, Harker Heights, offered the invocation as follows:

Dear God, we are thankful for the beauty of our state, for open spaces, for freedom to move around and travel, for many natural resources, for fresh water, for green grass, trees, flowers, animals, birds, and nature in all of its magnificence and splendor. We take so much for granted. Forgive us. We know that every good and perfect gift comes from You. Our state is home to millions of people, and order, progress, and prosperity continue to rely upon effective, skillful, and dedicated leadership. We pray for wisdom and strength for our government leaders, may they be aware of our prayerful support. We pray for all Members of the Senate of the great State of Texas as they deliberate on critical issues. We pray also for their families. May our leaders take time with their loved ones to create a positive, loving atmosphere in their homes and to build good family relationships. And, Lord, bless their staffs, who combine with the hundreds of civil servants to assist in the leadership of our great state. We pray that our elected officials will always be mindful of the essential qualities necessary to provide good leadership and that they will be servant leaders who serve people with integrity, sound morals, strong principles, and compassion. May their influence be positive, morally sound, inspirational, and filled with compassion, love, and respect. May more and more of our leaders seek Your face and secure a personal knowledge of Your love and presence in their hearts. Thank You for their personal commitment and dedication. They have made numerous sacrifices to be our leaders. They balance

budgets, enact laws and regulations, develop a vision for the days and years ahead, and help create an exciting future for our state. Yet our leaders are human and have limitations. But, God, we know that You are almighty and awesome, and so we ask that You bless them, and God bless Texas. In Your name I pray. Amen.

Senator Whitmire moved that the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of Wednesday, March 7, 2007, be dispensed with and the Journal be approved as printed.

The motion prevailed without objection.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 8

On motion of Senator Janek, Senator Seliger will be shown as Co-author of **SB 8**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 10

On motion of Senator Nelson, Senator Hegar will be shown as Co-author of **SB 10**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 89

On motion of Senator Van de Putte, Senator Zaffirini will be shown as Co-author of **SB 89**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 118

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senator Ellis will be shown as Co-author of **SB 118**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 127

On motion of Senator Shapleigh, Senator Deuell will be shown as Co-author of **SB 127**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 129

On motion of Senator West, Senator Ellis will be shown as Co-author of **SB 129**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 156

On motion of Senator Shapiro, Senator Janek will be shown as Co-author of **SB 156**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 368

On motion of Senator Ellis, Senator Janek will be shown as Co-author of **SB 368**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 375

On motion of Senator Shapleigh, Senator Ellis will be shown as Co-author of **SB 375**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 673

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senators Patrick and West will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 673**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 714

On motion of Senator Fraser, Senator Harris will be shown as Co-author of **SB 714**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 750

On motion of Senator Deuell, Senator Lucio will be shown as Co-author of **SB 750**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 782

On motion of Senator Deuell, Senator Lucio will be shown as Co-author of **SB 782**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 789

On motion of Senator Hegar, Senator Ellis will be shown as Co-author of **SB 789**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 807

On motion of Senator Whitmire, Senators Ellis and Wentworth will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 807**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 825

On motion of Senator Nichols, Senator Eltife will be shown as Co-author of **SB 825**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 834

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senator Shapleigh will be shown as Co-author of **SB 834**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 836

On motion of Senator Duncan, Senator Shapiro will be shown as Co-author of **SB 836**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 837

On motion of Senator Watson, Senators Ellis, Shapleigh, and Wentworth will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 837**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 851

On motion of Senator Wentworth, Senator Watson will be shown as Co-author of **SB 851**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 866

On motion of Senator Watson, Senator Hegar will be shown as Co-author of **SB 866**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 874

On motion of Senator Van de Putte, Senator Uresti will be shown as Co-author of **SB 874**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 28

On motion of Senator Wentworth, Senators Ellis and Janek will be shown as Co-authors of **SJR 28**.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

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

Austin, Texas
March 9, 2007

TO THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION:

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

To be a member of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists for a term to expire October 31, 2011:

Donna Lord Black
Fulshear, Texas

(Ms. Black is replacing Stephanie Sokolosky of Wichita Falls whose term expired)

To be members of the Texas School Safety Center Board for terms to expire February 1, 2008:

Daniel Riley Griffith II
Pflugerville, Texas

(replacing Charles Brawner of Katy whose term expired)

Vivian R. King
Houston, Texas

(replacing Gigi Edwards Bryant of Austin whose term expired)

To be a member of the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation for a term to expire January 31, 2013:

Phil W. Worley
Bruni, Texas

(replacing James R. Langabeer of Edinburg whose term expired)

To be a member of the Board of Pilot Commissioners for Galveston County for a term to expire February 1, 2011:

Edward A. Janek
Galveston, Texas

(Mr. Janek is being reappointed)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/Rick Perry
Governor

Austin, Texas
March 12, 2007

TO THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION:

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

To be Judge of the 433rd Judicial District Court, Comal County, pursuant to SB 1189, 79th Legislature, Regular Session, for a term until the next General Election and until his successor shall be duly elected and qualified:

Dibrell "Dib" W. Waldrip
New Braunfels, Texas 78130

Respectfully submitted,
/s/Rick Perry
Governor

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER
Austin, Texas
March 12, 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 110, Commemorating the 30th anniversary of the Assistance League of Austin.

HCR 118, Welcoming Lieutenant General Ricardo S. Sanchez home to Texas following his retirement from the U.S. Army.

SCR 32, Declaring March 7, 2007, Texas Southern University Day at the State Capitol.

SCR 34, Granting the legislature permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on Wednesday, March 7, 2007, and ending on Monday, March 12, 2007.

Respectfully,
/s/Robert Haney, Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

PHYSICIAN OF THE DAY

Senator Whitmire, on behalf of Senator Gallegos, was recognized and presented Dr. Rosanne Popp of Houston as the Physician of the Day.

The Senate welcomed Dr. Popp 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 Nelson offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas recognizes March of 2007 as Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Deep vein thrombosis, a serious medical condition, affects approximately two million Americans every year; complications from this usually preventable medical condition take up to 200,000 American lives each year; and

WHEREAS, Deep vein thrombosis occurs when a blood clot forms in one of the large veins, usually in the lower limbs, which leads to partially or completely blocked circulation and may result in a fatal pulmonary embolism; and

WHEREAS, Pulmonary embolism causes more deaths each year than breast cancer and AIDS combined and is the leading cause of maternal death associated with childbirth; fatal pulmonary embolism may be the most preventable cause of hospital death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Some of the risk factors for deep vein thrombosis include cancer and certain heart or respiratory diseases; the condition can also be triggered by hospitalization, pregnancy, obesity, or restricted mobility caused by long-distance travel; and

WHEREAS, According to a survey conducted by the American Public Health Association, 74 percent of Americans are unaware of deep vein thrombosis; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby recognize the importance of raising public awareness of the threat and causes of deep vein thrombosis and declare March of 2007 Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in support of Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month.

SR 453 was read and was adopted without objection.

GUEST PRESENTED

Senator Nelson was recognized and introduced to the Senate Melanie Bloom representing Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month.

The Senate welcomed its guest.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Nelson was recognized and introduced to the Senate students and their professor from the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Janek was recognized and introduced to the Senate ninth-grade students from Port Arthur, accompanied by their teachers.

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.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING CALL

The President at 1:59 p.m. announced the conclusion of morning call.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 90 ON SECOND READING**

On motion of Senator Van de Putte and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 90** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 90, Relating to the establishment of a pilot program to provide a ballot by electronic mail to military personnel serving overseas.

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:

Absent-excused: Gallegos.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 90 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Van de Putte moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 90** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Nays: Wentworth.

Absent-excused: Gallegos.

Reason for Vote

Senator Wentworth submitted the following reason for vote on suspension of the Constitutional Three-day Rule:

I cast a "No" vote on the procedural motion to suspend the Constitutional Rule requiring that bills be read on three several days in order to take up and consider **CSSB 90**, because in my judgment no circumstance exists in this case to justify the extraordinary act of suspending a requirement of the Texas Constitution. The suspension of this Constitutional Rule has the direct and immediate effect of denying the people of Texas knowledge and notice of the passage of this measure until it has already been finally passed on third reading. Were we to have followed the requirement of the Texas Constitution, third reading and a vote on **CSSB 90** would have occurred on the next legislative day, allowing for Texans to have learned through news reports of our second reading vote exactly what we had tentatively passed.

Third reading and a vote on the next legislative day would also have allowed our professional staff an opportunity overnight to make sure any amendments passed on second reading are technically correct.

/s/Jeff Wentworth
Senator, District 25

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Absent-excused: Gallegos.

SENATE BILL 331 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Carona and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **SB 331** at this time on its second reading:

SB 331, Relating to the maximum length for certain vehicles.

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:

Absent-excused: Gallegos.

SENATE BILL 331 ON THIRD READING

Senator Carona moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 331** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Nays: Wentworth.

Absent-excused: Gallegos.

Reason for Vote

Senator Wentworth submitted the following reason for vote on suspension of the Constitutional Three-day Rule:

I cast a "No" vote on the procedural motion to suspend the Constitutional Rule requiring that bills be read on three several days in order to take up and consider **SB 331**, because in my judgment no circumstance exists in this case to justify the extraordinary act of suspending a requirement of the Texas Constitution. The suspension of this Constitutional Rule has the direct and immediate effect of denying the people of Texas knowledge and notice of the passage of this measure until it has already been finally passed on third reading. Were we to have followed the requirement of the Texas Constitution, third reading and a vote on **SB 331** would have occurred on the next legislative day, allowing for Texans to have learned through news reports of our second reading vote exactly what we had tentatively passed.

Third reading and a vote on the next legislative day would also have allowed our professional staff an opportunity overnight to make sure any amendments passed on second reading are technically correct.

/s/Jeff Wentworth
Senator, District 25

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Absent-excused: Gallegos.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 82 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Van de Putte moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 82** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 82, Relating to safety regulations for certain public school extracurricular activities.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Nays: Ogden.

Absent-excused: Gallegos.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 1. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 82 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Van de Putte moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 82** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 2.

Yeas: Averitt, Brimer, Carona, Deuell, Duncan, Ellis, Eltife, Estes, Fraser, Harris, Hegar, Hinojosa, Jackson, Janek, Lucio, Nelson, Nichols, Patrick, Seliger, Shapiro, Shapleigh, Uresti, Van de Putte, Watson, West, Whitmire, Williams, Zaffirini.

Nays: Ogden, Wentworth.

Absent-excused: Gallegos.

Reason for Vote

Senator Wentworth submitted the following reason for vote on suspension of the Constitutional Three-day Rule:

I cast a "No" vote on the procedural motion to suspend the Constitutional Rule requiring that bills be read on three several days in order to take up and consider **CSSB 82**, because in my judgment no circumstance exists in this case to justify the extraordinary act of suspending a requirement of the Texas Constitution. The suspension of this Constitutional Rule has the direct and immediate effect of denying

the people of Texas knowledge and notice of the passage of this measure until it has already been finally passed on third reading. Were we to have followed the requirement of the Texas Constitution, third reading and a vote on **CSSB 82** would have occurred on the next legislative day, allowing for Texans to have learned through news reports of our second reading vote exactly what we had tentatively passed. Third reading and a vote on the next legislative day would also have allowed our professional staff an opportunity overnight to make sure any amendments passed on second reading are technically correct.

/s/Jeff Wentworth
Senator, District 25

Senator Van de Putte moved to postpone further consideration of the bill to Wednesday, March 14, 2007.

The motion prevailed.

Question — Shall **CSSB 82** be read third time?

RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

The President announced the signing of the following enrolled resolutions in the presence of the Senate:

HCR 54, HCR 56, HCR 63, HCR 75, HCR 79, HCR 100, HCR 135.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 378 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Wentworth and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 378** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 378, Relating to the use of force or deadly force in defense of a person.

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:

Absent-excused: Gallegos.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Senator Jackson submitted the following report from the Committee on Nominations:

We, your Committee on Nominations, to which were referred the following appointments, have had same under consideration and report them back to the Senate with a recommendation that they be confirmed:

Commissioner, Canadian River Commission: Richard McDonald, Potter County.

Member, Judicial Districts Board: Craig T. Enoch, Travis County.

Members, Lavaca-Navidad River Authority Board of Directors: Paul Koop Littlefield, Jackson County; David Martin Muegge, Jackson County; Kay W. Simons, Jackson County.

Member, Manufactured Housing Board: Carlos Z. Amaral, Collin County.

Members, Real Estate Research Advisory Committee: James Michael Boyd, Harris County; Catarina Gonzales Cron, Harris County; Jacquelyn K. Hawkins, Travis County; D. Marc McDougal, Lubbock County; Barbara A. Russell, Denton County; Ronald Charles Wakefield, Bexar County.

Rio Grande Compact Commissioner for Texas: Patrick R. Gordon, El Paso County.

Director, Rio Grande Regional Water Authority Board of Directors: Glenn D. Wilde, Willacy County.

Members, Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners: Robert "Gary" Gray, Midland County; Phillip B. Palmer, Ph.D., Taylor County; Daniel Reyna, McLennan County.

Members, Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists: Charles Thomas Hallmark, Robertson County; Ronald L. Kitchens, Gillespie County; Barbara O. Roeling, Travis County; Gregory Clayton Ulmer, Harris County.

Member, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality: H. S. Buddy Garcia, Travis County.

Members, Texas Real Estate Commission: Troy C. Alley, Jr., Dallas County; John D. Eckstrum, Montgomery County; Tom C. Mesa, Jr., Harris County.

NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS

Senator Jackson gave notice that he would tomorrow at the conclusion of morning call submit to the Senate for consideration nominations to agencies, boards, and commissions of the state.

SENATE BILL 831 REREFERRED

Senator Ellis submitted a Motion In Writing requesting that **SB 831** be withdrawn from the Committee on Business and Commerce and rereferred to the Committee on Government Organization.

The Motion In Writing prevailed without objection.

SENATE RULE 8.02 SUSPENDED (Referral to Committee)

Senator Whitmire moved to suspend Senate Rule 8.02 to take up for consideration **SCR 41** at this time.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Duncan asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on the suspension of Senate Rule 8.02.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 41

The President laid before the Senate the following resolution:

WHEREAS, It is desirable to adopt by resolution various rules and policies regarding the operation of joint committees to supplement, and reconcile differences between, the senate and house rules of procedure; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby confirms the proclamation of the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of representatives creating the Joint Select Committee on the Operation and Management of the Texas Youth Commission; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the co-chairs of the joint select committee, acting jointly and within two weeks of the proclamation, prepare and present to the presiding officers a proposal for budget and staffing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the co-chairs be directed to use to the greatest extent possible the existing staff and administrative resources of committee members, standing committees, officers of the senate and house, and legislative service agencies; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the presiding officers of each house jointly review the budget and staffing proposal, adopt budgetary and staffing allocations, and determine the manner in which the joint select committee is to be funded; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the joint select committee co-chairs, acting by mutual agreement, have authority to create and appoint subcommittees or affiliated advisory panels and to designate respective chairs for each, contingent on the advance approval of the presiding officers for the creation and appointment of subcommittees or advisory panels containing membership external to the committee; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the joint select committee, and its subcommittees and advisory panels, convene at the call of the respective co-chairs or chairs; provided that the committee, its subcommittees, and its advisory panels may not convene in a public hearing or other meeting for the transaction of business unless public notice has been posted by the respective co-chairs or chairs at the locations specified by the senate and house rules of procedure for posting of notice of standing committee meetings at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing or meeting; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the preceding clause be construed, for purposes of Section 551.046, Government Code, as a joint rule of the senate and house of representatives controlling the posting of notice for the joint select committee and its subcommittees and advisory panels, in lieu of required posting with the secretary of state; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the joint select committee have authority to issue process as provided by Sections 301.024-301.027, Government Code, provided that any motion for the issuance of process must receive the record vote of at least two-thirds of the committee members present and voting, a quorum being present; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the joint select committee have authority to meet in executive session for the limited purpose of examining a witness or deliberating, considering, or debating a decision, provided that no decision may be made or voted on except in a meeting that is open to the public; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the joint select committee be entitled to accept grants and donations as provided by Subsections (b) and (c), Section 301.032, Government Code, and that, on expiration of the committee, any unexpended funds remaining from a grant or donation be transferred in equal proportions to the accounts of the senate and house of representatives unless otherwise provided by the grantor or donor; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the joint select committee have all other powers and duties provided to special committees by Subchapter B, Chapter 301, Government Code, and the senate and house rules of procedure; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the operating account for the joint select committee and any grants and donations that the committee may receive be administered by the Texas Legislative Council; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the joint select committee use the February 2006 edition of the procedures manual for joint committees, which establishes requirements as to printing needs, accounting procedures, ultimate disposition of records, and other administrative and financial matters until a new edition is published by the Texas Legislative Council; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas Legislative Council be authorized to reimburse the senate and house of representatives for expenses incurred by members of the senate and house for transportation, meals, lodging, and incidentals for travel on official business of the joint select committee; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the final report of the joint select committee be approved by a majority of the voting membership of the committee; dissenting voting members may attach statements to the final report subject to any limitations specified in the rules adopted by the committee; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the joint select committee expires on January 13, 2009.

WHITMIRE

SCR 41 was read.

On motion of Senator Whitmire, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 2.

Yeas: Averitt, Brimer, Carona, Deuell, Eltife, Estes, Fraser, Harris, Hegar, Hinojosa, Jackson, Janek, Lucio, Nelson, Nichols, Ogden, Patrick, Seliger, Shapiro, Shapleigh, Uresti, Van de Putte, Watson, Wentworth, West, Whitmire, Williams, Zaffirini.

Nays: Duncan, Ellis.

Absent-excused: Gallegos.

SENATE RULE 11.13 SUSPENDED
(Consideration of Bills in Committees)

On motion of Senator Ellis and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.13 was suspended to grant the Committee on Government Organization permission to meet while the Senate was meeting today.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

On motion of Senator Whitmire and by unanimous consent, the Senate at 3:10 p.m. agreed to adjourn, in memory of Eliseo B. Vega of Port Isabel, 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, filed on or before Friday, March 9, 2007, were introduced, read first time, and referred to the committees indicated:

SB 11 by Carona

Relating to homeland security; providing a penalty.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 915 by Brimer

Relating to the powers and duties of, and the entities reviewed by, the Sunset Advisory Commission.

To Committee on Government Organization.

SB 916 by Shapleigh

Relating to the review and functions of the Veterans' Land Board.

To Committee on Government Organization.

SB 917 by Shapleigh

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Veterans Commission.

To Committee on Government Organization.

SB 1102 by Duncan

Relating to financial accounting and reporting for this state and political subdivisions of this state.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1921 by Harris

Relating to the powers, duties, and composition of the governing board of the Texas Youth Commission.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

HB 3 to Committee on Natural Resources.

HB 5 to Committee on Finance.

RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

Memorial Resolutions

SR 440 by Hinojosa, In memory of Ernestine Bibbs of Corpus Christi.

SR 451 by Watson, In memory of Derrich Dimitri Pollock of Austin.

SR 459 by Lucio, In memory of Charmaine Russell Wentz of Brownsville.

SR 461 by Wentworth, Van de Putte, Watson, and Zaffirini, In memory of James E. Bauerle.

Welcome and Congratulatory Resolutions

SCR 35 by Whitmire, Honoring the Chicano/Hispanic Law Students' Association for enhancing the educational experience of its membership.

SCR 36 by Nelson, Ellis, and Watson, Recognizing United Parcel Service of America, Incorporated, on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

SR 10 by West, Deuell, and Harris, Commending Leadership Southwest for its contributions to southwest Dallas County.

SR 439 by Shapiro, Commending Corporal Matt Murray for his service to his country.

SR 441 by Ellis, Congratulating John Wesley and Shannon Michelle Hardin on the birth of their son, Clinton Cash Hardin.

SR 442 by Van de Putte, Jackson, and Janek, Commending Seaborne Challenge Corps of Texas for its contributions to the young people of Texas.

SR 444 by Jackson, Commending Private First Class Michael Fletcher of Pasadena for his service to his country.

SR 445 by Jackson, Commending Texas Chiropractic College in Pasadena for its contributions to chiropractic education.

SR 448 by Ellis, Recognizing the Kashmere Gardens Church of Christ in Houston on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

SR 450 by Watson, Commending Yoli and Orlando Arriaga for their commitment to the Austin community.

SR 452 by Nichols, Recognizing the Texas Forestry Association on the occasion of its seedling giveaway.

SR 454 by Wentworth, Recognizing Bob Lew on the occasion of his retirement as Constable of Bexar County Precinct 3.

SR 455 by Shapiro, Welcoming Irving Teen Court participants to the State Capitol.

SR 456 by Ellis, Recognizing the Lambda Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, on the occasion of its annual Evening of Brilliant Jewels.

SR 457 by Deuell, Recognizing Neil Sidney Kibbe of Marion on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

SR 460 by Carona and Shapiro, Commending the Eugene McDermott Scholars Program for its commitment to education.

HCR 39 (Jackson), Honoring the winners of the Faithful Fathering Initiative in Texas' 2006 Chick-Fil-A Dads Becoming Heroes Essay Contest.

Official Designation Resolutions

SR 438 by Lucio, Designating the City of Pharr as the first Texas Triple Crown City.

SR 443 by Ellis, Recognizing March 10, 2007, as National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in Texas.

HCR 73 (Nelson), Designating April 2007 as Child Safety Month in Texas.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate at 3:23 p.m. adjourned, in memory of Eliseo B. Vega of Port Isabel, 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:

March 12, 2007

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION — **SB 300, SB 457**

EDUCATION — **CSSB 136, CSSB 606**

JURISPRUDENCE — **SB 43, SB 304, SB 406, SB 497**

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION — **CSSB 35, CSSB 316**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — **CSSB 218, CSSB 318, SB 322, CSSB 344, CSSB 551, SB 552, SB 589, CSSB 590, SB 591**

JURISPRUDENCE — **CSSB 303, CSSB 433, CSSB 496**

VETERAN AFFAIRS AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS — **SB 251, SB 299, SB 310, CSSB 311**

JURISPRUDENCE — **CSSB 47, CSSB 291**

TRANSPORTATION AND HOMELAND SECURITY — **SB 459, SB 500, SB 545, SB 622, CSSB 125**

SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

March 10, 2007

SCR 16, SCR 22