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AUSTIN, TEXAS

PROCEEDINGS

TWENTY-SECOND DAY

(Tuesday, March 8, 2011)

The Senate met at 11:07 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

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

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

Pastor Sonny Foraker, First Baptist Church, Pearland, was introduced by Senator Jackson and offered the invocation as follows:

Loving heavenly Father, almighty God, we come to You in this hour asking for Your blessing and help as we are gathered together as Your servants. We pray for guidance in the matters at hand and ask that You would clearly show each of these legislators how to conduct their work with a spirit of cooperation, enthusiasm, and diligence. Give each the desire to find ways to excel in their work and that they will encourage each other to excellence. We ask that You help us to challenge each other to reach higher and farther to be the best we can for this great state, our country, and for Your kingdom. May the matters discussed serve as a catalyst to move us forward and cause us to advance and see prosperous growth in all areas of the lives of Texans. I ask this on behalf of these men and women who serve our great state in the name of our lord and savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

The motion prevailed without objection.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Tuesday, March 8, 2011 - 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 15 Miller, Sid
Relating to providing a sonogram before an abortion; providing penalties.

Respectfully,

/s/Robert Haney, Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

RESOLUTION SIGNED

The President announced the signing of the following enrolled resolution in the presence of the Senate: **SCR 23**.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following Message from the Governor was read and was referred to the Committee on Nominations:

March 7, 2011
Austin, Texas

TO THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND 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 Southern University Board of Regents for terms to expire as indicated:

To Expire February 1, 2015:

Marilyn A. Rose
Houston, Texas
(replacing Tracye McDaniel of Houston who resigned)

To Expire February 1, 2017:

Gary Bledsoe
Austin, Texas
(Mr. Bledsoe is being reappointed)

Samuel L. Bryant
Austin, Texas
(Mr. Bryant is being reappointed)

Richard Knight, Jr.
Dallas, Texas
(Mr. Knight is being reappointed)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Rick Perry
Governor

PHYSICIAN OF THE DAY

Senator Jackson was recognized and presented Dr. David Armbruster of Pearland as the Physician of the Day.

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

**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.

SENATE RESOLUTION 446

Senator Nelson offered the following resolution:

SR 446, Proclaiming March 8, 2011, as Nurse Day at the Capitol.

The resolution was again read.

The resolution was previously adopted on Monday, March 7, 2011.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Nelson was recognized and introduced to the Senate representatives from the Texas Nurses Association.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 441

Senator Jackson offered the following resolution:

SR 441, Recognizing March 8, 2011, as Brazoria County Day at the State Capitol.

JACKSON
HUFFMAN

The resolution was again read.

The resolution was previously adopted on Monday, March 7, 2011.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Jackson, joined by Senator Huffman, was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Brazoria County delegation: Vicki Melass, Kyler Cole, Dr. Millicent Valek, Joy Weiner, and Debbie Pennington.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Fraser was recognized and introduced to the Senate members of Leadership Temple.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Senator Deuell 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:

Judge, 244th Judicial District Court, Ector County: James Marion Rush, Ector County.

Judge, 76th Judicial District Court, Camp, Morris, and Titus Counties: Kerry Dan Woodson, Titus County.

Members, Board of Directors, Angelina and Neches River Authority: Dominick Benedict Bruno, Cherokee County; Keith Drewery, Nacogdoches County; James E. Hughes, Newton County.

Members, Board, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles: Clifford Ernest Butler, Titus County; Ramsay Howze Gillman, Harris County; Laura Ryan Heizer, Harris County; Blake William Ingram, Dallas County; Cheryl E. Johnson, Galveston County; Victor Rodriguez, Hidalgo County; William Marvin Rush, Guadalupe County; Victor Thomas Vandergriff, Tarrant County; John H. Walker, Harris County.

Presiding Officer, Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority: Scott Anthony McLaughlin, El Paso County.

Commissioner, Texas Department of Insurance Division of Workers' Compensation: Roderick A. Bordelon, Travis County.

Members, Board of Directors, Lower Neches Valley Authority: Mary Cleveland, Hardin County; Jimmie R. Cooley, Tyler County; Kathleen Thea Jackson, Jefferson County.

Members, Parks and Wildlife Commission: Thomas Dan Friedkin, Harris County; Dan Allen Hughes, Bee County; Richard R. Scott, Hays County.

Commissioner, Public Utility Commission of Texas: Donna L. Nelson, Williamson County.

Members, Board of Directors, Sabine River Authority: Cary McClure Abney, Harrison County; Connie Wade, Gregg County; Constance M. Ware, Harrison County.

Member, Sabine River Compact Administration: Jerry F. Gipson, Gregg County.

Member, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality: Carlos Rubinstein, Williamson County.

Member, Texas Facilities Commission: Betty Pinckard Reinbeck, Austin County.

NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS

Senator Deuell 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 RESOLUTION 435

Senator Shapiro offered the following resolution:

SR 435, Recognizing March 8, 2011, as Collin County Day at the State Capitol.

SHAPIRO
ESTES

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Shapiro, joined by Senator Estes, was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Collin County delegation: Camille Ussery, Chair, Plano Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; Dr. Jon Lineberger, Chair, Frisco Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; Carol Sandoval, Chair, Allen-Fairview Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; Billy Leonard, Chair, McKinney Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; and County Judge Keith Self.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 452

Senator Uresti offered the following resolution:

SR 452, Recognizing March 8, 2011, as Crockett County Day at the State Capitol.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Uresti was recognized and introduced to the Senate Crockett County Judge Fred Deaton and Crockett County Commissioners Eligio Martinez, Randy Branch, Pleas Childress, and Frank Tambunga.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Shapiro was recognized and introduced to the Senate Knowledge Is Power Program representatives and co-founder, Mike Feinberg.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The President acknowledged the presence of Licia Green-Ellis, wife of Senator Ellis.

The Senate welcomed its guest.

(President Pro Tempore Ogden in Chair)**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Hegar was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Victoria County delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 413

Senator Hinojosa offered the following resolution:

SR 413, Recognizing March 8, 2011, as Edinburg Day at the State Capitol.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Hinojosa, joined by Senator Lucio, was recognized and introduced to the Senate an Edinburg delegation: Richard H. Garcia, Mayor; Alma A. Garza, Councilmember; Johnny Rodriguez, Chair, Edinburg Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; Dr. Robert S. Nelsen, President of The University of Texas–Pan American.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

On motion of Senator Whitmire and by unanimous consent, the Senate at 11:50 a.m. agreed to adjourn, upon completion of the introduction of bills and resolutions on first reading, until 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

SENATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

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

SB 17 by Carona

Relating to the regulation of residential mortgage loan servicers; providing an administrative penalty.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 25 by Nelson, Huffman

Relating to the Interstate Health Care Compact.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 273 by Uresti

Relating to the powers and duties of certain public improvement districts.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 652 by Hegar

Relating to governmental entities subject to the sunset review process.

To Committee on Government Organization.

SB 653 by Whitmire, Hegar, Hinojosa

Relating to abolishing the Texas Youth Commission and the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission and transferring the powers and duties of those agencies to the newly created Texas Juvenile Justice Department and to the functions of the independent ombudsman for the Texas Youth Commission.

To Committee on Government Organization.

SB 654 by Whitmire, Hegar

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Public Finance Authority.

To Committee on Government Organization.

SB 655 by Hegar

Relating to the abolition of the Railroad Commission of Texas, the creation of the Texas Oil and Gas Commission, and the transfer of the powers and duties of the railroad commission to the oil and gas commission.

To Committee on Government Organization.

SB 829 by Patrick

Relating to the provision of certain professional services by certain governmental entities.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 901 by Hegar

Relating to approval from the Department of State Health Services for disposal of ambulances purchased with certain grant funds.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 902 by Patrick

Relating to participation by private school students in University Interscholastic League sponsored activities.

To Committee on Education.

SB 903 by Patrick, Hinojosa

Relating to the punishment for certain intoxication offenses.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 904 by Patrick, Birdwell, Hinojosa, Ogden, Uresti

Relating to the eligibility of certain overseas voters to receive a full ballot.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 905 by Patrick, Deuell, Hegar, Hinojosa, Seliger, Wentworth, Whitmire

Relating to the application of certain concealed handgun license laws to statewide elected officials, certain current and former members of the legislature, and certain state employees.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 906 by Patrick

Relating to the powers and duties of the Texas Medical Board.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 907 by Seliger

Relating to the management, operation, rulemaking authority, and oversight of groundwater conservation districts.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 909 by Nichols

Relating to the discharge of a surety's liability on a bail bond in a criminal case.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 910 by Lucio

Relating to certain state attorneys called into active duty military service.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 911 by Lucio

Relating to the investigation of firefighters and police officers.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 913 by Estes

Relating to the transmission of records regarding over-the-counter sales of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and norpseudoephedrine and a person's civil liability for certain acts arising from the sale of those products.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 914 by Wentworth

Relating to the applicability to certain regional water districts of provisions concerning bond approval by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 915 by Wentworth

Relating to the ad valorem taxation of manufactured homes.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 916 by Wentworth

Relating to ad valorem tax lien transfers.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 917 by Wentworth

Relating to emergency service districts.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 918 by Wentworth

Relating to immunity for reporting insurance fraud.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 919 by Ellis

Relating to the adoption of the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 920 by Deuell

Relating to the composition of the Finance Commission of Texas.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 921 by Deuell

Relating to regulation of traffic in a conservation and reclamation district by a commissioners court.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 922 by Deuell

Relating to the designation of a segment of State Highway 243 in Van Zandt County as the Veterans Memorial Parkway.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 923 by Deuell

Relating to certain premises that may be covered by a winery permit.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 925 by Ellis, Gallegos

Relating to judicial review of a decision to terminate certain federal housing assistance.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 926 by Watson

Relating to the creation of the Pilot Knob Municipal Utility District No. 1; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 927 by Watson

Relating to the creation of the Pilot Knob Municipal Utility District No. 2; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 928 by Watson

Relating to the creation of the Pilot Knob Municipal Utility District No. 3; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 929 by Watson

Relating to the creation of the Pilot Knob Municipal Utility District No. 4; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 930 by Watson

Relating to the creation of the Pilot Knob Municipal Utility District No. 5; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 931 by Williams

Relating to the determination of incompetency in criminal cases.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 932 by Williams

Relating to oyster shells and an oyster shell recovery and replacement program.
To Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

SB 933 by Ellis

Relating to the electronic submission of certain documents to the attorney general and the submission of certain documents by the attorney general; imposing certain fees.
To Committee on Open Government.

SB 934 by Williams

Relating to the enforcement of tax laws; providing a criminal penalty.
To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 935 by Seliger

Relating to the method of delivery of certain notices sent by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
To Committee on Open Government.

SB 936 by Williams

Relating to the law governing the Lower Neches Valley Authority; providing authority to issue bonds.
To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 938 by Lucio

Relating to required workers' compensation insurance coverage for building and construction contractors.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 939 by Lucio

Relating to creating an offense for engaging in certain conduct relating to cockfighting and to the criminal and civil consequences of committing that offense.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 941 by Watson

Relating to a study regarding school district practices in selecting sites for new school campuses.
To Committee on Education.

SB 942 by Watson

Relating to the creation and financing of the Lakeway Regional Medical Center Defined Area in Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 17; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds.
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 944 by Jackson

Relating to the creation of an advisory committee to make recommendations to the commissioner of insurance regarding certain automobile insurance claims.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 945 by Patrick

Relating to authorizing a public junior college to award an associate degree to a student enrolled in a four-year public institution of higher education who previously attended the junior college.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 946 by Patrick

Relating to the small-sized district adjustment under the public school finance system.

To Committee on Education.

SB 947 by Patrick

Relating to granting limited state law enforcement authority to certain criminal investigators of the United States and to other federal law enforcement personnel.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 949 by Ellis

Relating to the first day of instruction in certain school districts that provide additional days of instruction financed with local funds.

To Committee on Education.

SB 951 by Davis

Relating to the registration and compulsory inspection of certain street rods and custom vehicles.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 952 by Davis

Relating to the use of electronic means for the delivery of ad valorem tax bills to certain property owners and agents.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 953 by Whitmire

Relating to the conditions for granting an occupational license to certain persons, the monitoring of those persons by a local community supervision and corrections department, and the fees associated with department services.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 954 by Gallegos

Relating to the authority of certain counties to appoint, contract for, or employ physicians, dentists, or other health care providers for county jails.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 955 by Gallegos

Relating to the authority of counties to appoint, contract for, or employ physicians, dentists, or other health care providers for county jails.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 956 by Seliger

Relating to the creation of the Northern Dallam County Groundwater Conservation District; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 957 by Birdwell

Relating to the clarification of terminology relating to the Waco Center for Youth.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 958 by Wentworth

Relating to the regulation of dangerous wild animals.
To Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

SB 959 by Wentworth

Relating to toll collection and enforcement.
To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 960 by Wentworth

Relating to the waiver of the disqualification of a convicted felon from serving as independent executor of a decedent's estate.
To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 962 by Uresti

Relating to the conduct of investigations, prepayment reviews, and payment holds in cases of suspected fraud, waste, or abuse in the provision of health and human services.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 963 by Uresti

Relating to certification of a person as eligible for disabled parking privileges.
To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 964 by Uresti

Relating to the punishment for theft and certain fraud offenses committed against a disabled individual.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 965 by Uresti

Relating to the creation of the Bureau for Economic Development of the Border Region.
To Committee on International Relations and Trade.

SB 966 by Uresti

Relating to high school diplomas for certain military veterans.
To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations.

SB 967 by Nelson

Relating to the use of telemonitoring in the medical assistance program.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 968 by Nelson

Relating to certain costs used to fund court-appointed volunteer advocate programs.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 969 by Nelson

Relating to the establishment of the Public Health Funding and Policy Advisory Committee within the Department of State Health Services.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 970 by Rodriguez

Relating to information included in a searchable state revenue and expenditure database maintained by the comptroller.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 971 by Hinojosa

Relating to an emergency public service messaging network.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 972 by Hinojosa

Relating to the taking of a defendant's bail bond by county jailers.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 973 by Hinojosa

Relating to the reformation of the sentences of juveniles convicted of capital felonies after being transferred to criminal court.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 974 by Hinojosa

Relating to permitted uses of image comparison technology by the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 975 by Hinojosa

Relating to the operation of dropout recovery programs by certain public junior colleges in partnership with school districts.

To Committee on Education.

SB 976 by Hinojosa

Relating to the supervised reentry into the community of certain inmates nearing their date of discharge from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 977 by Hinojosa

Relating to the imposition and use of the municipal hotel occupancy tax by certain eligible central municipalities.

To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 978 by Hinojosa

Relating to procedures for the dissolution of the Hidalgo County Water Improvement District No. 3.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 980 by Carona, Van de Putte

Relating to communications services and markets.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 982 by Carona

Relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas in relation to extended service areas and toll-free local calling areas.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 983 by Carona

Relating to the elimination of certain requirements for certain customer-specific communications contracts.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 984 by Carona

Relating to the elimination of certain tariff filing requirements for telecommunications providers.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 985 by Carona

Relating to the regulation of Voice over Internet Protocol service.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 986 by Carona

Relating to deregulation of certain telecommunications markets and companies.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 987 by Hegar

Relating to the term of office and qualifications for a director of the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 988 by Van de Putte

Relating to the creation of a cybersecurity, education, and economic development council.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 989 by Eltife

Relating to the replacement or transfer of certain retail wine stock sold for off-premises consumption.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 990 by Carona

Relating to regulation of high occupancy vehicle lanes operated, managed, or maintained by a regional transportation authority; providing penalties.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 991 by Carona

Relating to the administration of the Texas Enterprise Fund and the Texas emerging technology fund and of awards from those funds.

To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 992 by Lucio

Relating to allocation of loans made under the owner-builder loan program.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 993 by Uresti

Relating to certain arrangements to provide care for a child during an investigation of abuse or neglect.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 994 by Ogden

Relating to imposing costs on conviction in certain drug cases to support law enforcement.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 995 by Fraser

Relating to the sale of souvenir bottles of distilled spirits by the holder of a distiller's and rectifier's permit.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 996 by Nichols

Relating to establishing a pill splitting program to reduce health plan costs for certain public employees.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 997 by Shapiro

Relating to the public inspection of an application for a ballot to be voted early by mail.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 998 by Seliger

Relating to the creation of a groundwater conservation district in a priority groundwater management area.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 999 by Eltife

Relating to maximizing federal funding of extended unemployment benefits.

To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1000 by Eltife, Hinojosa, Van de Putte, Williams

Relating to self-directed and semi-independent status of the Texas Real Estate Commission; making an appropriation.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1278 by Ogden

Relating to making supplemental appropriations and giving direction and adjustment authority regarding appropriations.

To Committee on Finance.

SJR 28 by Rodriguez

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SJR 29 by Ogden

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the provision of free textbooks to students attending private primary and secondary schools in this state.

To Committee on Finance.

SJR 30 by Ogden

Proposing a constitutional amendment dedicating certain revenue derived from any increases in taxes on motor fuel to the repayment of certain transportation-related state debt.

To Committee on Finance.

SJR 37 by Van de Putte

Proposing a constitutional amendment to repeal the provision that requires the automatic resignation of certain county, municipal, or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office.

To Committee on State Affairs.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 101

On motion of Senator Van de Putte, Senator West will be shown as Co-author of **SB 101**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 190

On motion of Senator Nelson, Senator Huffman will be shown as Co-author of **SB 190**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 257

On motion of Senator Carona, Senators Birdwell, Nichols, and Patrick will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 257**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 316

On motion of Senator Whitmire, Senator Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SB 316**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 321

On motion of Senator Hegar, Senator Shapiro will be shown as Co-author of **SB 321**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 894

On motion of Senator Duncan, Senator Estes will be shown as Co-author of **SB 894**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1053

On motion of Senator Hinojosa, Senator Lucio will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1053**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1118

On motion of Senator Hinojosa, Senator Lucio will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1118**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1211

On motion of Senator Van de Putte, Senator Hegar will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1211**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 33

On motion of Senator Hinojosa, Senator Lucio will be shown as Co-author of **SJR 33**.

RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

Memorial Resolutions

SR 451 by Deuell, In memory of Chauncy Ryan Mays.

SR 458 by Ellis, In memory of Ruth Natalie Carter Carroll of Houston.

SR 460 by Lucio, In memory of Cresencio V. "Queche" Hinojosa, Jr., of the Rio Grande Valley.

Welcome and Congratulatory Resolutions

SR 434 by Shapiro, Congratulating Mike Smith on being named the chief investigator with the Collin County Criminal District Attorney's Office.

SR 436 by Davis, Congratulating Williams-Pyro, Incorporated, on being named the winner of the United States Small Business Administration's Tibbetts Award.

SR 439 by Watson, Recognizing Norman Douglas Brown on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

SR 440 by Estes, Welcoming members of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas on the occasion of Firefighter Legislative Day at the State Capitol on March 23, 2011.

SR 442 by Nelson, Commending Leadership Colleyville for promoting civic leadership and volunteerism.

SR 443 by Nelson, Welcoming the citizens of Little Elm on the occasion of Little Elm Day at the State Capitol.

SR 450 by Ellis, Recognizing the *Houston Forward Times* newspaper on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

SR 457 by Birdwell, Welcoming the members of Leadership Hillsboro to the State Capitol on February 23, 2011.

SR 459 by Lucio, Honoring the late Eliseo B. "Cheo" Vega on the occasion of the dedication of the Port Isabel municipal court named in his honor.

SR 461 by Lucio, Recognizing Gregorio Gonzalez of the Rio Grande Valley on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

Official Designation Resolutions

SR 386 by Van de Putte, Celebrating March 8, 2011, as UTSA Day at the Capitol.

SR 444 by Nelson, Recognizing March of 2011 as Professional Social Work Month.

SR 456 by Birdwell, Recognizing March 10, 2011, as Corsicana and Navarro County Day at the State Capitol.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate at 12:05 p.m. adjourned 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 8, 2011

STATE AFFAIRS — **SB 43, SB 85, SB 247, SB 361, SB 367, SB 426, SB 428, CSSB 115, CSSB 328**

RESOLUTIONS ENROLLED

March 7, 2011

SCR 23, SR 326, SR 385, SR 412, SR 433, SR 437, SR 438, SR 441, SR 445, SR 446, SR 448, SR 449

SENT TO SECRETARY OF STATE

March 8, 2011

SCR 23