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PROCEEDINGS

TWENTY-NINTH DAY

(Tuesday, March 22, 2011)

The Senate met at 11:11 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, Watson, Wentworth, West, Whitmire, Williams, Zaffirini.

Absent-excused: Van de Putte.

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

Rabbi Eliezer Langer, Congregation Tiferet Israel, Austin, offered the invocation as follows:

Scripture teaches: When there is no plan, the city falls. However, salvation may be found in much counsel. *Avinu Shebashamyim*, heavenly Father, we are today at an unprecedented time in history. We are still numb and in shock from the devastation and cruel loss of life from natural disasters and unnatural, brutal terrorism. The challenge as temporal leaders is how, at a time of shrinking budgets and increasing needs, to equitably allocate our limited resources for the greatest good. You, our officials, must make agonizing choices that are hard and, yes, at times, even painful. We yearn for Your hand, O Lord, to show us the way, as You once showed the children of Israel the way through the Red Sea and the wilderness to the promised land. We are fallible creatures. We all have our good sides and our bad, our nobler and our baser instincts. Lord, grant our elected leaders the wisdom to deploy their noblest and most selfless instincts as they counsel together to consider and plan for the future of our great state. Let them be ever conscious that they, as leaders, are responsible not only to the voters but also to You. Heavenly Father, as the psalmist said so long ago: If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do its builders labor on it. If the Lord does not protect the city, all the efforts to protect it will be in vain. Heavenly Father, bless and shed Your spirit on the counsels of our leaders, inspire them to act with wisdom and compassion, bless their efforts with moral success, and grant us all that the decisions on the great issues

discussed in this august Chamber result in a Texas whose citizens will enjoy peace, prosperity, safety, and mutual respect, thereby deserving of Your continued blessing. 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.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

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

March 21, 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 State University System Board of Regents for terms to expire February 1, 2017:

Jaime R. Garza
San Antonio, Texas
(replacing Ron Blatchley of Bryan whose term expired)

Maria "Rossanna" Salazar
Austin, Texas
(replacing Robert Wilkinson of Dallas whose term expired)

Donna N. Williams
Arlington, Texas
(Ms. Williams is being reappointed)

To be members of the Commission on Jail Standards for terms to expire January 31, 2017:

Allan D. Cain
Carthage, Texas
(replacing Albert Black of Austin whose term expired)

Stanley Egger
Tuscola, Texas
(Commissioner Egger is being reappointed)

Michael M. Seale
Houston, Texas
(Dr. Seale is being reappointed)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/Rick Perry
Governor

PHYSICIAN OF THE DAY

Senator Nichols was recognized and presented Dr. Ron McMurry of Jasper as the Physician of the Day.

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

(President Pro Tempore Ogden in Chair)**INTRODUCTION OF
BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS POSTPONED**

The President Pro Tempore 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 Estes was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Parker County delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 537

Senator Wentworth offered the following resolution:

SR 537, Commending Ray Benson on being named the 2011 Texan of the Year by the Texas Legislative Conference.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Wentworth was recognized and introduced to the Senate Ray Benson, 2011 Texan of the Year; Julian Read, member of the Texas Legislative Conference Advisory Committee; Bob Gray, Government Affairs Committee Chair; and Michelle Valles.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Zaffirini was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Harmony Science Academy delegation. She also introduced a group of advocates from the FocusDriven organization.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUESTS PRESENTED

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

The Senate welcomed its guests.

(Senator Eltife in Chair)

SENATE RESOLUTION 515

Senator Ogden offered the following resolution:

SR 515, Commending the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University on the occasion of its centennial.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING CALL

The Presiding Officer at 11:33 a.m. announced the conclusion of morning call.

SENATE BILL 832 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Rodriguez and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **SB 832** at this time on its second reading:

SB 832, Relating to voter eligibility and registration in El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1.

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: Van de Putte.

SENATE BILL 832 ON THIRD READING

Senator Rodriguez moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 832** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

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

Nays: Wentworth.

Absent-excused: Van de Putte.

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 832**, 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 832** 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.

WENTWORTH

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

Absent-excused: Van de Putte.

(President Pro Tempore Ogden in Chair)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 313 ON SECOND READING**

On motion of Senator Seliger and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 313** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 313, Relating to priority groundwater management areas.

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: Van de Putte.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 313 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Seliger moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 313** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

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

Nays: Wentworth.

Absent-excused: Van de Putte.

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 313**, 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 313** 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.

WENTWORTH

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

Absent-excused: Van de Putte.

SENATE BILL 240 ON SECOND READING

Senator Huffman moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 240** at this time on its second reading:

SB 240, Relating to examination requirements for certain applicants for a license to practice medicine.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Ogden asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on suspension of the regular order of business.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Nays: Ogden.

Absent-excused: Van de Putte.

SENATE BILL 240 ON THIRD READING

Senator Huffman moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 240** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

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

Yeas: Birdwell, Carona, Davis, Deuell, Duncan, Ellis, Eltife, Estes, Fraser, Gallegos, Harris, Hegar, Hinojosa, Huffman, Jackson, Lucio, Nelson, Nichols, Patrick, Rodriguez, Seliger, Shapiro, Uresti, Watson, West, Whitmire, Williams, Zaffirini.

Nays: Ogden, Wentworth.

Absent-excused: Van de Putte.

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 240**, 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 240** 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.

WENTWORTH

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Nays: Ogden.

Absent-excused: Van de Putte.

(President in Chair)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 576 ON SECOND READING**

On motion of Senator Eltife and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 576** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 576, Relating to reports filed with the comptroller regarding certain alcoholic beverage sales; providing a penalty.

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: Van de Putte.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 576 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Eltife moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 576** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

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

Nays: Wentworth.

Absent-excused: Van de Putte.

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 576**, 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 576** 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.

WENTWORTH

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

Absent-excused: Van de Putte.

SENATE BILL 493 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Fraser and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **SB 493** at this time on its second reading:

SB 493, Relating to the idling of motor vehicles.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Fraser offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **SB 493** (senate committee printing) in SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 382.0191(b), Health and Safety Code (page 1, line 18), between "engine" and "that", by inserting "or liquefied or compressed natural gas engine".

The amendment to **SB 493** was read and was adopted by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 except as follows:

Absent-excused: Van de Putte.

On motion of Senator Fraser and by unanimous consent, the caption was amended to conform to the body of the bill as amended.

SB 493 as amended 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: Van de Putte.

SENATE BILL 493 ON THIRD READING

Senator Fraser moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 493** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

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

Nays: Wentworth.

Absent-excused: Van de Putte.

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 493**, 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 493** 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.

WENTWORTH

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

Absent-excused: Van de Putte.

SENATE BILL 461 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Williams and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **SB 461** at this time on its second reading:

SB 461, Relating to the design and issuance of license plates for United States paratroopers.

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: Van de Putte.

SENATE BILL 461 ON THIRD READING

Senator Williams moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 461** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

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

Nays: Wentworth.

Absent-excused: Van de Putte.

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 461**, 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 461** 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.

WENTWORTH

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

Absent-excused: Van de Putte.

SENATE BILL 411 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Estes and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **SB 411** at this time on its second reading:

SB 411, Relating to the amount of wine certain wineries may sell directly to consumers.

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: Van de Putte.

SENATE BILL 411 ON THIRD READING

Senator Estes moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 411** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

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

Nays: Wentworth.

Absent-excused: Van de Putte.

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 411**, 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 411** 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.

WENTWORTH

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

Absent-excused: Van de Putte.

SENATE BILL 777 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Williams and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **SB 777** at this time on its second reading:

SB 777, Relating to re-creating the scholarship trust fund for fifth-year accounting students as a trust fund outside the state treasury.

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: Van de Putte.

SENATE BILL 777 ON THIRD READING

Senator Williams moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 777** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

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

Nays: Wentworth.

Absent-excused: Van de Putte.

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 777**, 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 777** 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.

WENTWORTH

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

Absent-excused: Van de Putte.

SENATE RESOLUTION 481

Senator Ogden offered the following resolution:

SR 481, In memory of Val Shepperd of Austin.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Ogden, **SR 481** was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

In honor of the memory of Val Shepperd, the text of the resolution is printed at the end of today's *Senate Journal*.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Ogden was recognized and introduced to the Senate Colleen Forrest, Val Shepperd's soul mate and partner; Pat Shepperd, his mother; Corey Shepperd, his brother; Cody Shepperd, his nephew; and Vicki Bothner, his sister.

The Senate welcomed its guests and extended its sympathy.

RESOLUTION SIGNED

The President announced the signing of the following enrolled resolution in the presence of the Senate: **HCR 47**.

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:

Member, Assistive and Rehabilitative Services Council: Judy Castle Scott, Dallas County.

Commissioner, Canadian River Compact Commission: James Edward Herring, Potter County.

Member, Board of Directors, North Texas Tollway Authority: Robert Kelly Shepard, Parker County.

Independent Ombudsman, Office of Independent Ombudsman for State Supported Living Centers: George Peter Bithos, Travis County.

Member, State Commission on Judicial Conduct: David Bradford Gaultney, Montgomery County.

Members, State Soil and Water Conservation Board: Larry D. Jacobs, Montgomery County; Joe L. Ward, Fannin County.

Member, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission: Jose Cuevas, Midland County.

Members, Texas Board of Criminal Justice: Lawrence James Gist, Jefferson County; Thomas Richard Mechler, Randall County; Leopoldo R. Vasquez, Harris County.

Members, Texas Historical Commission: Earl Paul Broussard, Travis County; Matthew Ferdinand Kreisle, Travis County; Frank Thomas Perini, Taylor County; Judy Carolyn Richardson, Burleson County; Daisy Sloan White, Harris County.

Members, Board of Regents, Texas Southern University: Gary Lynn Bledsoe, Travis County; Samuel Lee Bryant, Travis County; Richard Knight, Dallas County; Marilyn Agatha Rose, Harris County.

Members, Texas Veterans Commission: Richard Alexander McLeon, Victoria County; Daniel Patrick Moran, Harris County; James Henry Scott, Bexar County.

Members, Board of Regents, Texas Woman's University: Deborah Sue Gibson, Harris County; Melissa D. Tonn, Dallas County; Mary Pincoffs Wilson, Travis 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 RULES SUSPENDED
(Posting Rules)

On motion of Senator Ellis and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a) and Senate Rule 11.18(a) were suspended in order that the Committee on Government Organization might meet and consider the following bills today:

SB 644, SB 646, SB 655.

SENATE RULE 11.13 SUSPENDED
(Consideration of Bills in Committees)

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN

On motion of Senator Whitmire and by unanimous consent, the Senate at 12:17 p.m. agreed to adjourn, in memory of Val Shepperd, 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, filed on or before Friday, March 11, 2011, were introduced, read first time, and referred to the committees indicated:

SB 1326 by Watson

Relating to procedures applicable to adoption of the public school curriculum by the State Board of Education.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1327 by Watson

Relating to the confidentiality of information obtained by a compliance office of an institution of higher education.

To Committee on Open Government.

SB 1328 by Watson

Relating to optional dispute resolution methods for school districts and parents of students seeking or receiving special education services.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1329 by Watson

Relating to the prosecution of the offense of online harassment.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1330 by Watson

Relating to the driver safety courses for individuals under the age of 25 and to the driving course requirements for those individuals when receiving deferred adjudication of certain traffic offenses.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 1331 by Watson

Relating to criminal offenses regarding the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by a minor and providing alcoholic beverages to a minor.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1332 by Deuell

Relating to the waiver and release of a mechanic's, contractor's, or materialman's lien or payment bond claim.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1333 by Deuell

Relating to a supplemental payment for retirees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas and the unfunded actuarial liabilities allowed under that system.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1334 by Deuell

Relating to the dismissal of complaints against property tax professionals.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1335 by Deuell

Relating to certification requirements for certain property tax professionals.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1336 by Van de Putte

Relating to charitable immunity of a licensed marriage and family therapist.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1337 by Van de Putte

Relating to the operation and regulation of certain consolidated insurance programs; providing administrative penalties.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1338 by Eltife

Relating to the membership, powers, and duties of the State Preservation Board.

To Committee on Administration.

SB 1339 by West

Relating to the authority of advanced practice registered nurses to make medical diagnoses and to prescribe and order prescription drugs and devices.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1340 by Carona

Relating to the creation of the Energy Efficiency Council and to statewide energy efficiency; providing penalties.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1341 by Seliger

Relating to the participation by a taxing unit in a suit to compel an appraisal review board to order a change in an appraisal roll.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1342 by Seliger

Relating to the use of bingo proceeds by licensed authorized organizations, including the use of proceeds to provide health insurance or health insurance benefits to certain employees.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1343 by Eltife

Relating to archeological cemeteries.

To Committee on Administration.

SB 1344 by Davis

Relating to the dedication of certain unclaimed state lottery prize money to support education.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1345 by Davis

Relating to the crediting of appropriated funds from the collection of taxes imposed on the sale of sporting goods.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1346 by Davis

Relating to the deposit of fees for oversize and overweight vehicle permits in the state highway fund.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 1347 by Van de Putte

Relating to the exclusion of certain flow-through funds by qualified courier and logistics companies in determining total revenue for purposes of the franchise tax.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1348 by Van de Putte

Relating to higher education curriculum review teams to review public school curriculum standards for college readiness purposes.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 1349 by Van de Putte

Relating to a requirement that a person hold a license issued by the appropriate state agency to be employed as a marriage and family therapist by a school district.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1350 by Watson

Relating to land excluded from the Hill Country Priority Groundwater Management Area.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1351 by Watson

Relating to the civil service status of emergency medical services personnel in certain municipalities.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1352 by Watson

Relating to the powers of certain hospital districts regarding district properties and facilities.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1353 by Eltife, Deuell, Fraser, Huffman, Nichols, Williams

Relating to certain claims against persons licensed as real estate brokers and salespersons.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1354 by Carona, Rodriguez

Relating to the regulation of off-premise signs in the unincorporated area of a county.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 1355 by Duncan

Relating to allowing for countywide polling places as an alternative election system.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1356 by Estes

Relating to the repeal of certain laws regulating the registration of animal tattoo marks with the Department of Public Safety.

To Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

SB 1357 by Estes

Relating to the redemption and impoundment of estrays.

To Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

SB 1358 by Lucio

Relating to electronically transmitting a warrant for emergency detention.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1359 by Harris

Relating to the DNA database at the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1360 by Harris

Relating to the treatment of tick-borne diseases.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1361 by Estes

Relating to the audit report exemption for districts created pursuant to the Water Code.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1362 by Lucio

Relating to county building code standards for new residential construction; providing a penalty.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1363 by Lucio

Relating to authorizing certain counties and municipalities to regulate land development; providing a penalty.

To Committee on International Relations and Trade.

SB 1364 by Lucio

Relating to authorizing certain border counties and municipalities in those counties to regulate land development; providing a penalty.

To Committee on International Relations and Trade.

SB 1365 by Ellis, Gallegos, Hegar, Huffman, Nichols, Patrick, Whitmire, Williams

Relating to the distribution of money appropriated from the national research university fund.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 1366 by West

Relating to the prosecution and registration of, and regulation concerning, sex offenders in this state.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1367 by West

Relating to the publication of a list of certain residential property claimed without record title.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1368 by West

Relating to the authority of a co-owner of residential property to encumber the property.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1369 by West

Relating to the boundaries and financing of a public improvement district.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1370 by West

Relating to meetings and records of and certain information provided by or concerning a property owners' association.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1371 by Carona

Relating to the regulation of the towing, booting, and storage of vehicles.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 1372 by Carona

Relating to the renewal of electrical sign apprentice licenses.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1373 by Carona

Relating to the regulation of manufactured housing.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1374 by Carona

Relating to the regulation of weather modification operations.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1375 by Estes

Relating to who may participate in certain local option elections to prohibit or authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1376 by Shapiro

Relating to prohibiting the sale and use of certain radar interference devices; creating an offense.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 1377 by Lucio

Relating to the amount of certain general obligation bonds authorized to be issued to provide financial assistance for colonia access roadway projects to serve border colonias.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1378 by Nichols

Relating to the authority of the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Tribe to commission peace officers.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1379 by Whitmire

Relating to a deferred retirement option for certain members of the Employees Retirement System of Texas.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1380 by Ellis

Relating to designating October as Disability History and Awareness Month.

To Committee on Administration.

SB 1381 by Ellis

Relating to the requirement that certain mammography reports contain information regarding supplemental breast cancer screening.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1382 by Wentworth

Relating to limitations on awards in an adjudication brought against a local governmental entity for breach of contract.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1383 by Shapiro, Patrick

Relating to an appraisal and professional development system for public school principals.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1384 by Lucio

Relating to the interest rate on a refund of ad valorem taxes made following the final determination of an appeal that decreases a property owner's tax liability.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1385 by Lucio

Relating to the authority of the chief appraiser of an appraisal district or the collector for a taxing unit to waive penalties for failing to file certain documents.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1386 by Lucio

Relating to the refusal to register motor vehicles by a county assessor-collector or the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 1387 by Gallegos

Relating to the composition of the governing body of certain regional planning commissions.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1388 by Gallegos

Relating to certain prohibited dealings between a wholesaler and retailer of alcoholic beverages.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1389 by Gallegos

Relating to safety training for employees of certain contractors with a governmental entity.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1390 by Gallegos

Relating to the eligibility of the Texas ChalleNGe Academy to receive Foundation School Program funding.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1391 by Gallegos

Relating to refinancing low-rate home loans involving natural disaster recovery funds.

To Subcommittee on Flooding and Evacuations.

SB 1392 by Lucio

Relating to authorizing counties and municipalities to regulate land development; providing a penalty.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1393 by Seliger

Relating to the use of contracts by local governments to purchase electricity.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1394 by Williams

Relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Transportation to approve safety standards for high-speed rail; authorizing a fee.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 1395 by Williams

Relating to the administration, financing, and use of the State Infrastructure Bank.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 1396 by Patrick

Relating to measures to increase cost efficiency at public institutions of higher education and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, including the elimination of certain reporting and other requirements imposed on institutions or the coordinating board.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 1397 by Patrick

Relating to creation of a study committee for the Interstate Health Care Compact.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1398 by Patrick

Relating to verification of precinct and ballot styles during the public testing of direct recording electronic voting machine systems.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1399 by Patrick

Relating to the regulation of foundation repair contractors; providing a penalty.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1400 by Patrick

Relating to the regulation of certain private security companies and occupations.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1401 by Williams

Relating to the organization, governance, duties, and functions of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 1402 by Williams

Relating to motor vehicles; providing penalties.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 1403 by Seliger

Relating to the administration to public school students in certain grades of state-administered assessment instruments.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1404 by Hinojosa

Relating to the deadline for filing a suit to compel an appraisal review board to change an appraisal roll.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1405 by Hinojosa

Relating to the right of a person exempt from registration as a property tax consultant who files a protest with the appraisal review board on behalf of a property owner to receive notices from the board regarding the property subject to the protest.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1406 by Hinojosa

Relating to county regulation of property maintenance; imposing a penalty.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1407 by Lucio

Relating to importation and shipment of alcoholic beverages for personal consumption.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1408 by Lucio

Relating to the administrative fee on the importation of certain alcoholic beverages for personal consumption.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1409 by Lucio

Relating to importation and shipment of alcoholic beverages for personal consumption.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1410 by Duncan

Relating to reporting student enrollment in tech-prep programs and evaluating tech-prep consortia.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1411 by Hegar

Relating to exemptions from the sales tax for certain firearms, hunting equipment, ammunition, and firearm or hunting accessories for a limited period.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1412 by Hegar

Relating to the permitting of certain small commercial development sewage collection, treatment, and disposal systems as on-site sewage disposal systems.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1413 by Hegar

Relating to the authority of certain counties to impose a county hotel occupancy tax and to the rate of the tax.

To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1414 by Duncan

Relating to sexual abuse and child molestation training for volunteers and employees of certain programs for minors held on campuses of institutions of higher education; providing penalties.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 1415 by Williams

Relating to the suitability of certain annuity transactions.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1416 by Hinojosa

Relating to the creation of the offense of possession, manufacture, transportation, repair, or sale of a tire deflation device; providing criminal penalties.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1417 by Hinojosa

Relating to the limitation of liability of certain landowners.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1418 by Hinojosa

Relating to filling certain vacancies on the governing body of certain home-rule municipalities.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1419 by Hinojosa

Relating to the establishment by the Texas Forensic Science Commission of a DNA laboratory audit program.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1420 by Hinojosa, Hegar, Nichols

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Department of Transportation; providing penalties.

To Committee on Government Organization.

SB 1421 by Nelson

Relating to the awarding of grants provided by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.

To Committee on Open Government.

SB 1422 by Nelson

Relating to coordinated county transportation authorities; creating an offense.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 1423 by Van de Putte

Relating to adding certain synthetic compounds to Penalty Group 2 of the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1424 by Wentworth

Relating to the issuance of cease and desist orders by the Texas Medical Board.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1425 by Wentworth

Relating to certain deposits in a construction account.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1426 by West

Relating to the notice given a juvenile concerning the sealing of the juvenile's records in a juvenile adjudication.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1427 by West

Relating to eligibility to file for compensation by persons wrongfully imprisoned.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1428 by Ogden

Relating to authorizing the designation of an area adjacent to a state highway project as a transportation finance zone, and authorizing the revenue from the state sales and use taxes imposed in the zone to be deposited in a revolving fund and used to repay financial assistance provided from the fund for highway projects.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1429 by Hinojosa

Relating to regulating certain persons that generate or transport scrap tires; providing a civil penalty.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1430 by Duncan

Relating to the regulation of certain exclusive provider benefit plans.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1431 by Carona

Relating to the functions of insurance holding company systems.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1432 by Carona

Relating to the operation of the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association and to the resolution of certain disputes concerning claims made to that association.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1433 by Carona

Relating to insurer receivership.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1434 by Carona

Relating to certain low-income weatherization programs.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1435 by Lucio

Relating to the possession of fish in the tidal water of this state.

To Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

SB 1437 by Van de Putte

Relating to the administration of certain immunizations or vaccinations by a pharmacist.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1438 by Van de Putte

Relating to the program for impaired pharmacists and disciplinary proceedings conducted by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1439 by Van de Putte

Relating to a criminal defendant's incompetency to stand trial, to certain related time credits, and to the maximum period allowed for restoration of the defendant to competency.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1440 by Ellis

Relating to the requirement to prepay ad valorem taxes as a prerequisite to determining certain motions or protests and the authority of an appraisal review board to determine compliance with the requirement.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1441 by Ellis

Relating to the correction of an ad valorem tax appraisal roll.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1442 by Shapiro

Relating to the application requirements for a local project permit.

To Committee on Open Government.

SB 1443 by Zaffirini

Relating to the mailing of notices, decisions, and reports by the Texas Ethics Commission.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1444 by Zaffirini

Relating to the amount of a tuition equalization grant.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 1445 by Zaffirini

Relating to the contents of reports of political contributions and expenditures.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1446 by Zaffirini

Relating to modifications of eligibility criteria, processes, and systems used in certain state benefits programs designed to improve efficiency.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1447 by Zaffirini

Relating to the regulation of chemical dependency counselors.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1448 by Zaffirini

Relating to consent for treatment for chemical dependency in a treatment facility and required training for the facility's intake personnel.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1449 by Zaffirini

Relating to an alternative method of satisfying certain licensing and program participation requirements for chemical dependency treatment facilities.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1450 by Zaffirini

Relating to the regulation of crafted precious metal dealers; providing a criminal penalty.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1451 by Zaffirini

Relating to direct campaign expenditures by corporations and labor organizations.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1452 by Zaffirini

Relating to unannounced on-site surveys of Home and Community-based Services provider homes.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1453 by Lucio

Relating to the authority of a pharmacist to accelerate refills.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1454 by Lucio

Relating to the membership and duties of the interagency obesity council.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1455 by Carona

Relating to the protection of trade secrets.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1456 by Carona

Relating to the reasonable relation of qualified transactions to particular jurisdictions.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1457 by Harris

Relating to administrative procedures for title insurance hearings, licensing, and enforcement.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1458 by Harris

Relating to a study regarding the reenactment of the franchise tax credit for research and development expenditures.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 1459 by Harris

Relating to prohibiting certain private transfer fees and the preservation of private real property rights; providing penalties.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1460 by Harris

Relating to energy savings performance contracts.
To Committee on Government Organization.

SB 1461 by Lucio

Relating to the creation of the disaster reconstruction coordination office within the governor's office; creating the disaster contingency account.
To Committee on International Relations and Trade.

SB 1462 by Lucio

Relating to the enforcement of subdivision platting requirements in certain counties near the international border of this state.
To Committee on International Relations and Trade.

SB 1463 by Hinojosa

Relating to the processing fee charged for a dishonored payment device.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1464 by Williams

Relating to transferring certain functions of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation.
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1465 by Williams

Relating to the administration of certain housing and energy assistance programs.
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1466 by Lucio

Relating to the powers and duties of the Vehicle and Watercraft Crime Prevention Authority and to the creation of the vehicle and watercraft crime prevention account.
To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 1467 by Lucio

Relating to the assessment, collection, and distribution of a county or municipal occupation tax on certain coin-operated machines.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1468 by Lucio

Relating to the eligibility of persons to participate in the public sale of certain real property and the purchase of that property; providing a penalty.
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1469 by Lucio

Relating to the authority of the board of trustees to set rates for certain municipal utility systems.
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1470 by Lucio

Relating to the designation of a segment of U.S. Highway 77/83 and State Highway 4 as Jaime Zapata Memorial Boulevard.
To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 1471 by Hinojosa

Relating to land reclamation projects using tires.
To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1472 by Shapiro

Relating to the coordinated dissemination of online information regarding the operation and performance of certain for-profit educational entities.
To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1473 by Hinojosa

Relating to the expunction of records and files relating to a person's arrest.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1474 by Gallegos

Relating to the grievance procedure for firefighters and police officers in certain municipalities.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1475 by Shapiro

Relating to environmental and public health protections regarding smelter facilities at which lead-acid battery recycling activities are conducted.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1476 by Hegar

Relating to the minimum continuing legal education requirements for an attorney employed in the executive branch of state government.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1477 by Hegar

Relating to differential pay and benefits for certain employees of emergency services districts who are members of the military.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations.

SB 1478 by Hegar

Relating to permit review timelines of the surface mining and reclamation division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1479 by Hegar

Relating to the coordination of uranium mining permitting activities by the Railroad Commission of Texas and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1480 by Hegar

Relating to the regulation of exotic aquatic species by the Parks and Wildlife Department; providing penalties.

To Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

SB 1481 by Seliger

Relating to allowing driver education courses to be delivered by course providers.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 1482 by Wentworth

Relating to the priority of ad valorem tax liens and certain security interests.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1483 by Shapiro

Relating to the state virtual school network and virtual high schools.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1484 by Shapiro

Relating to authorizing open-enrollment charter schools to be awarded academic distinction designations.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1485 by West

Relating to the authority of a school district to implement a school bus monitoring system that records images, including images of vehicles that pass a stopped school bus; providing for the imposition of penalties.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 1486 by West

Relating to requirements regarding public school accountability.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1487 by West

Relating to the regulation of career schools and colleges and requiring the Texas Workforce Commission to submit a report to the legislature.

To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1488 by West

Relating to the purchasing and contracting practices of junior college districts; providing criminal penalties.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 1489 by Whitmire

Relating to jurisdiction for the offenses of truancy and failure to attend school.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1490 by Uresti

Relating to the recording of proceedings and the issuance of a warrant to take physical custody of a child in certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship; creating an offense.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1491 by Uresti

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

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1492 by Uresti

Relating to the election of directors of the Real-Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1493 by Uresti

Relating to the qualifications of directors of a defense base management authority.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations.

SB 1494 by Uresti

Relating to reporting to the Texas Judicial Council the election or appointment of certain municipal officers.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1495 by Uresti

Relating to payment of out-of-network ambulatory surgery benefits by certain health benefit plans.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1496 by Uresti

Relating to scope and validity of correction instruments in the conveyance of real property.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1497 by Shapiro

Relating to certain responsibilities of education research centers and to a joint advisory board for education research centers.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 1498 by Watson

Relating to idling the diesel engine of a school bus while the bus is parked at a public school or in a school crossing zone.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 1499 by Watson

Relating to advancement of college readiness in the public school curriculum through evaluations and recommendations of vertical teams composed of faculty members of institutions of higher education.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 1501 by Watson

Relating to energy and efficiency conservation programs administered by the Texas Public Utility Commission.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1502 by West

Relating to changing the composition of a board of a property owners' association in certain circumstances.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1503 by Huffman

Relating to procedures regarding certain criminal defendants who are or may be persons with mental illness or mental retardation.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1504 by Seliger, Hinojosa

Relating to the disposal of nonparty compact low-level radioactive waste at the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact waste disposal facility.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1505 by Uresti

Relating to the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of a real property interest in oil or gas in place.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1506 by Uresti

Relating to the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of a real property interest in oil and gas in place.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1507 by Ellis

Relating to the collection of certain foreclosure data by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1508 by Ellis

Relating to the right of certain debtors to elect to mediate a dispute before the debt is accelerated or a contract lien on real property is foreclosed; providing civil penalties.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1509 by Carona

Relating to inspections and license renewals by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1510 by West

Relating to creation of the Texas Health Insurance Connector.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1511 by West

Relating to the preparation, certification and working conditions of educators.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1512 by Deuell

Relating to fees for process server certification.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1513 by Deuell

Relating to sign regulations applicable to certain signs in an area annexed by the municipality.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 1514 by Deuell

Relating to the creation of municipal courts of record in the city of Mesquite.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1515 by Deuell, Van de Putte

Relating to motor vehicle inspections that employ remote sensing equipment.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1516 by Deuell

Relating to the collection of artifacts from public waterways.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1517 by Van de Putte

Relating to the sterilization of dogs and cats; providing a penalty.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1518 by Eltife

Relating to the powers and duties of the Texas Historical Commission; imposing a penalty.

To Committee on Administration.

SB 1519 by Uresti

Relating to the definition of tangible personal property.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1520 by Uresti

Relating to the consideration of applications for permits for certain commercial solid waste processing or treatment facilities.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1521 by Uresti

Relating to the distribution of money appropriated from a municipal court building security fund

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1522 by Hinojosa

Relating to the entering of a plea in a criminal case by a defendant confined in a penal institution.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1523 by Hinojosa

Relating to the liability of the state for a violation of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1524 by Hinojosa

Relating to the payment and distribution of consumer assistance funds in an action by the attorney general.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1525 by Hinojosa

Relating to the district court records archive fee.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1526 by Hinojosa

Relating to discovery in a criminal case.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1527 by Hinojosa

Relating to the monitoring of compliance with low-income and moderate-income housing ad valorem tax exemptions.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1528 by Hinojosa

Relating to taxation of property owned or controlled by a public facility corporation.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1529 by Hinojosa

Relating to the date by which law enforcement agencies must report arrests to the Department of Public Safety.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1530 by Hinojosa

Relating to procedures for certain persons charged with certain new offenses or an administrative violation of a condition of release from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice on parole or to mandatory supervision.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1531 by Hinojosa

Relating to the amount of a surcharge assessed on conviction of certain offenses relating to the operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated against the driver's license of persons who complete an alcohol or drug treatment program.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 1532 by Hinojosa

Relating to a photograph on a personal identification certificate, driver's license, or commercial driver's license.

To Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

SB 1533 by Hinojosa

Relating to restrictions on school districts making available to students food containing industrially produced trans fat.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1534 by Shapiro

Relating to the operation and certification of career schools or colleges.

To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1535 by Watson

Relating to unclaimed property.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1536 by Watson

Relating to retirement under public retirement systems for employees of certain municipalities.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1537 by Watson

Relating to the fiscal note associated with certain proposed state agency rules.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1538 by Watson

Relating to the abolition of the Texas Facilities Commission and the transfer of its duties to the General Land Office.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1539 by Watson

Relating to the goal of installing additional capacity for generating renewable energy.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1540 by Watson

Relating to the size of paper supplies and filing cabinets that may be purchased by the legislature and legislative agencies.

To Committee on Administration.

SJR 39 by Lucio

Proposing a constitutional amendment regarding the authorization of certain general obligation bonds or notes to provide financial assistance to counties for roadway projects to serve colonias.

To Committee on Finance.

SJR 40 by Lucio

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing a county to regulate land development if approved by a majority vote in a countywide election.

To Committee on International Relations and Trade.

SJR 41 by Hinojosa

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 24 months or less.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SJR 42 by Ogden

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit the Texas Transportation Commission, subject to legislative review and approval, to designate the area adjacent to a state highway project as a transportation finance zone and authorizing the revenue from the state sales and use taxes imposed in the zone to be deposited in a revolving fund and used to repay financial assistance provided from the fund for certain purposes.

To Committee on Finance.

SJR 43 by Rodriguez

Proposing a constitutional amendment to establish certain principles and procedures for the drawing of congressional districts.

To Committee on Redistricting.

SJR 44 by Ellis

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant one or more reprieves in a capital case.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SJR 45 by Duncan

Proposing a constitutional amendment for filling vacancies in appellate judicial offices by appointment, for partisan elections for all judicial offices, and for subsequent nonpartisan retention elections for all judicial offices.

To Committee on State Affairs.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 26

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senator Rodriguez will be shown as Co-author of **SB 26**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 260

On motion of Senator West, Senator Shapiro will be shown as Co-author of **SB 260**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 348

On motion of Senator Estes, Senator Shapiro will be shown as Co-author of **SB 348**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 630

On motion of Senator Hegar, Senator Wentworth will be shown as Co-author of **SB 630**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 968

On motion of Senator Nelson, Senator Huffman will be shown as Co-author of **SB 968**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1220

On motion of Senator Hinojosa, Senator Rodriguez will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1220**.

RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

Memorial Resolutions

SR 569 by Williams, In memory of Kyle Matthew Holder of The Woodlands.

SR 570 by Williams, In memory of Beverly Stoerner Wise of Montgomery County.

SR 577 by Ellis, In memory of A. Louis Patterson III.

Congratulatory Resolutions

SR 565 by Hinojosa, Recognizing H-E-B on the occasion of its 80th year in Corpus Christi.

SR 566 by Hinojosa, Recognizing Gloria Galvan for her selection as the 2010-2011 Faculty Representative of the Year by the Texas Classroom Teachers' Association.

SR 567 by Jackson, Recognizing the Pearland High School Oilers football team for winning the 2010 Class 5A Division I state championship title.

SR 568 by Uresti, Recognizing the McCollum High School Cowboy cheerleaders for winning their third consecutive National Championship.

SR 571 by Gallegos, Recognizing Alicia Erminia Pedraza on the occasion of her 16th birthday.

SR 578 by Ellis, Commending Gabriella Denson for earning a Girl Scout Gold Award.

SR 579 by Ellis, Commending Angela Mosley for earning a Girl Scout Gold Award.

SR 580 by Nichols, Recognizing Doris Howdeshell on the occasion of her retirement from the Texas Department of Transportation.

SR 581 by Nichols, Recognizing the Texas Forestry Association on the occasion of its seedling giveaway.

SR 584 by Lucio, Recognizing Incarnate Word Academy in Corpus Christi on the occasion of its 140th anniversary.

SR 585 by Lucio, Recognizing Andres Maldonado on the occasion of his retirement from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Official Designation Resolutions

SR 558 by Estes, Recognizing March 22, 2011, as Parker County Day at the State Capitol.

SR 572 by Zaffirini, Recognizing March 23, 2011, as McMullen County Day at the State Capitol.

SR 576 by Birdwell and Davis, Celebrating March 29, 2011, as Bureson Chamber Day at the Capitol.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate at 12:50 p.m. adjourned, in memory of Val Shepperd, 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 22, 2011

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND TRADE — **CSSB 992**

BUSINESS AND COMMERCE — **SB 249, SB 855, SB 864, SB 1008, SB 1166**

BILLS ENGROSSED

March 21, 2011

SB 116, SB 304, SB 309, SB 341, SB 520, SB 647, SB 809, SB 822, SB 987

RESOLUTIONS ENROLLED

March 21, 2011

SR 491, SR 554, SR 556, SR 557, SR 559, SR 560, SR 561, SR 562, SR 563

SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

March 18, 2011

SCR 19, SCR 22

**In Memory
of
Val Shepperd
Senate Resolution 481**

WHEREAS, Officials and employees of state government lost an admired and respected friend with the passing of longtime Legislative Budget Board employee Val Shepperd of Austin on August 22, 2010, at the age of 50; and

WHEREAS, Born on November 8, 1959, in Graham and raised in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas, Val Shepperd graduated from Kansas State University in 1982 and from Auburn University in 1984, earning bachelor's and master's degrees in biology; after graduation, he went to work in the Dominican Republic and Indonesia as an aquatic biologist working on projects for the United States Agency for International Development; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shepperd later returned to Texas and joined the staff of the Legislative Budget Board as an analyst in 1998, and his ability to see the big picture while paying close attention to detail later earned him a promotion to the position of manager of the public safety and criminal justice team; well known in the legislative community for the depth of his knowledge, he was also appreciated for his warm and caring personality; and

WHEREAS, Outside the office, Mr. Shepperd was a nature lover and outdoorsman, and he delighted in scuba diving, kayaking, and taking trips to Big Bend National Park and Olympic National Park; with his partner of eight years, Colleen, he also traveled the world, visiting Thailand, the Cayman Islands, Mexico, Costa Rica, Bonaire, Australia, Canada, Egypt, and Jordan; and

WHEREAS, During his time on this earth, Val Shepperd lived a life rich in adventure and accomplishment, and he will always be remembered with great affection by all those who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Val Shepperd and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his mother, Pat; to his brothers, Scott, Dan, Mark, and Corey; to his sister, Vicki; to his soul mate and partner, Colleen; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family, and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Val Shepperd.

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