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PROCEEDINGS

SEVENTEENTH DAY

(Wednesday, February 20, 2013)

The Senate met at 11:10 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by Senator Eltife.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present: Birdwell, Campbell, Davis, Deuell, Duncan, Ellis, Eltife, Fraser, Hancock, Hegar, Hinojosa, Huffman, Lucio, Nelson, Nichols, Patrick, Paxton, Rodríguez, Seliger, Taylor, Uresti, Van de Putte, Watson, West, Whitmire, Williams, Zaffirini.

Absent-excused: Carona, Estes, Schwertner.

The Presiding Officer announced that a quorum of the Senate was present.

The Reverend Ronnie Daniell, Canton, offered the invocation as follows:

Our Father in heaven, I thank You for the opportunity to stand in this place and call on Your holy name. I come invoking Your blessings upon this the 83rd Texas Legislature. I ask Your hand to guide in every decision made by the ladies and gentlemen who have been elected to serve the citizens of this great state. I ask that You grant Governor Perry, Lieutenant Governor Dewhurst, each Senator and Representative the knowledge and wisdom to enact and pass legislation that will make our state a safer and more prosperous place in which to live, work, and raise our families. I thank You for the freedom that we all enjoy and for those who sacrifice to provide and protect that freedom. Dear God, I ask You to forgive us of our sins and cause us to seek Your face in all we do. May You continue to bless this state and the United States of America, is my prayer. In the name of Jesus I pray. 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.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Wednesday, February 20, 2013 - 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:

HCR 49 Hilderbran
Recognizing February 20, 2013, as Texas Tech University System Day at the State Capitol.

Respectfully,

/s/Robert Haney, Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

PHYSICIAN OF THE DAY

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

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

GUEST PRESENTED

Senator Ellis was recognized and introduced to the Senate Shirley Franklin, former Mayor of Atlanta, Georgia.

The Senate welcomed its guest.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Birdwell was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Hood County delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 219

Senator Deuell offered the following resolution:

SR 219, Recognizing February 20, 2013, as Van Zandt County Day at the State Capitol.

The resolution was again read.

The resolution was previously adopted on Monday, February 18, 2013.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Deuell was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Van Zandt County delegation, accompanied by Cary Hilliard, Canton Mayor, and Marilyn Burrage, Canton Councilmember.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 73

Senator Nelson offered the following resolution:

SR 73, Celebrating Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas Legislative Day at the Capitol.

The resolution was again read.

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

The resolution was previously adopted on Monday, February 11, 2013.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Nelson was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUEST PRESENTED

Senator Lucio was recognized and introduced to the Senate Chris Boswell, Mayor of Harlingen.

The Senate welcomed its guest.

(Senator Nelson in Chair)**SENATE RESOLUTION 250**

Senator Seliger offered the following resolution:

SR 250, Recognizing February 20, 2013, as Andrews County Day at the State Capitol.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Seliger was recognized and introduced to the Senate an Andrews County delegation, accompanied by Pam Fisher, Andrews ISD Board of Trustees; Julia Wallace, Andrews Chamber of Commerce; Robert Zap, Mayor, City of Andrews; and Rodney Noble, Andrews County Auditor.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Birdwell was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Midlothian delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Uresti was recognized and introduced to the Senate his wife, Margaret Lleanna.

Senator Uresti also introduced to the Senate an Eagle Pass delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 231

Senator Rodríguez offered the following resolution:

SR 231, Recognizing February 20, 2013, as Texas Dental Association Day at the State Capitol.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Rodríguez was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Texas Dental Association delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Zaffirini was recognized and introduced to the Senate a National Junior Honor Society delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 221

Senator Duncan offered the following resolution:

SR 221, Recognizing February 20, 2013, as Texas Tech University System Day at the State Capitol.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Duncan was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Texas Tech University System delegation, accompanied by Kent Hance, Chancellor; Lawrence Schovanec, Interim President; Kliff Kingsbury, Coach; Kirby Hocutt, Athletics Director; and Brian May, President, Angelo State University.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 238

Senator Watson offered the following resolution:

SR 238, Recognizing February 18 through 22, 2013, as Texas Technology Week.

The resolution was again read.

The resolution was previously adopted on Tuesday, February 19, 2013.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Watson was recognized and introduced to the Senate TechAmerica delegates and business and technology leaders.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUEST PRESENTED

Senator Campbell, joined by Senators Van de Putte, Zaffirini, and Uresti, was recognized and introduced to the Senate Nelson Wolff, Bexar County Judge.

The Senate welcomed its guest.

SENATE RESOLUTION 256

Senator Van de Putte offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is especially proud to join Senator Eduardo Lucio and his wife, Herminia, as they celebrate the 45th anniversary of their marriage; and

WHEREAS, High school sweethearts Eddie and Minnie Lucio wed on February 21, 1968, and in the intervening years, they have remained constant in their commitment to each other and to the institution of marriage and its principles of love, commitment, and mutual devotion; and

WHEREAS, Eddie graduated from Pan American College in Edinburg and worked as a teacher before serving in various elected offices, including Cameron County treasurer, Cameron County commissioner, and state representative, culminating in his election to the Texas Senate; Minnie graduated from business school, worked as a job placement counselor and business recruiter, and established an employment training program; and

WHEREAS, Eddie and Minnie's already deep and special bond was only strengthened with the addition of their loving family, Lynda Ann Lucio Cisneros and her husband, Carlos, and Eddie Lucio III and his wife, Jaime, who have blessed them with countless cherished memories and with their beautiful grandchildren, Carlos, Alejandro, Anna Lynda, Olivia Rose, and Eddie Lucio IV, who is due to arrive this summer; and

WHEREAS, Eddie and Minnie are a power couple who are active in their beloved hometown of Brownsville and who have devoted themselves to community service; Minnie works with the Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley and other charitable organizations, and Senator Lucio is involved with several religious organizations and is an altar server at Immaculate Conception Cathedral; and

WHEREAS, Wedding anniversaries are a time for much celebration, recollection, and reflection, and the long and happy union of Eddie and Minnie Lucio is truly a testament to the values of hope and commitment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby pay tribute to Senator Eduardo Lucio and Herminia Lucio on the grand occasion of their 45 years of wedded bliss and extend to them sincere best wishes for many more years of love, prosperity, and joy; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Senator Eddie Lucio and Minnie Lucio as an expression of highest esteem and affection from the Texas Senate.

SR 256 was read and was adopted without objection.

SENATE RESOLUTION 222

Senator Duncan offered the following resolution:

SR 222, Recognizing Texas PTA for their work on behalf of the children of Texas.

(Senator Eltife in Chair)

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Duncan was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Texas Parent Teacher Association delegation, accompanied by Karen Slay, President.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 152

Senator Nelson offered the following resolution:

SR 152, Proclaiming February 20, 2013, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Advocacy Day at the Capitol.

The resolution was again read.

The resolution was previously adopted on Monday, February 11, 2013.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Nelson was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Advocacy Day delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 249

Senator Van de Putte offered the following resolution:

SR 249, Recognizing February 21, 2013, as Viva San Antonio Day at the State Capitol.

The resolution was again read.

The resolution was previously adopted on Tuesday, February 19, 2013.

SESSION TO CONSIDER EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

The Presiding Officer announced the time had arrived to consider executive appointments to agencies, boards, and commissions. Notice of submission of these names for consideration was given yesterday by Senator Hegar.

Senator Hegar moved confirmation of the nominees reported yesterday by the Committee on Nominations.

The Presiding Officer asked if there were requests to sever nominees.

There were no requests offered.

NOMINEES CONFIRMED

The following nominees, as reported by the Committee on Nominations, were confirmed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 0.

Absent-excused: Carona, Estes, Schwertner.

Members, Board of Directors, Angelina and Neches River Authority: Louis Alan Bronaugh, Angelina County; Patricia E. Dickey, Houston County; Julie Evelyn Dowell, Smith County.

Commissioners, Board of Pilot Commissioners for Galveston County Ports: Vandy Anderson, Galveston County; W. Bradshaw Boney, Galveston County; Linda Raedene Rounds, Galveston County.

Chair, State Board of Education: Barbara Calhoun Cargill, Montgomery County.

Members, Board of Directors, Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority: Zoe Milian Barinaga, Harris County; Stanley Craig Cromartie, Galveston County; Lamont Edward Meaux, Chambers County.

Members, Board of Directors, Lower Neches Valley Authority: Matthew McDade Phelan, Jefferson County; Jordan William Reese, Jefferson County; James Olan Webb, Hardin County.

Member, Board of Directors, North Texas Tollway Authority: William David Elliott, Fannin County.

Director, Office of State-Federal Relations: Jason Kevin Patteson, Travis County.

Secretary of State: John Thomas Steen, Bexar County.

Commissioner, Pecos River Compact Commission: Frederic H. S. Tate, Presidio County.

Members, Board of Directors, Red River Authority of Texas: Nathan James Bell, Lamar County; Montford T. Johnson, Randall County; Billy Mayfield McCraw, Fannin County.

Members, Board of Directors, San Jacinto River Authority: John Dallas Eckstrum, Montgomery County; Joseph Lawrence Stunja, Harris County.

Members, Board of Trustees, Teacher Retirement System of Texas: Thelma Karen Charleston, Harris County; Joseph Victor Colonna, Dallas County; R. David Kelly, Collin County; Anita Ann Smith Palmer, Wichita County.

Commissioners, Texas Animal Health Commission: Brandon Henry Bouma, Hale County; Thomas G. Kezar, Hays County; Ernesto Antonio Morales, Medina County; Michael Louis Vickers, Brooks County.

Members, Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission: Richard H. Dolgener, Andrews County; Eric Joseph Doyal, Harris County; Milton B. Lee, Bexar County; Linda Kay Lane Morris, McLennan County; John Matthew Salsman, Brazos County; Robert C. Wilson, Caldwell County.

Members, Board of Directors, Texas Mutual Insurance Company: Jay L. Eisen, Jefferson County; Delia Maria Reyes, Denton County; John Dayton Swanson, Denton County.

Members, Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners: Enrique Castro, El Paso County; Janet L. Gallagher, Travis County; Ricardo Jose Guerra, Travis County.

Members, Texas Veterans Commission: John Kevin Ellzey, Ellis County; Richard Alexander McLeon, Victoria County.

Member, Veterans' Land Board: Alan L. Johnson, Cameron County.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS POSTPONED

The Presiding Officer 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 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 16

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article III, Texas Constitution, provides that neither house of the legislature may adjourn for more than three days without the consent of the other house; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas, That each house grant the other permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on Wednesday, February 20, 2013, and ending on Monday, February 25, 2013.

WHITMIRE

SCR 16 was read.

On motion of Senator Whitmire, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 0.

Absent-excused: Carona, Estes, Schwertner.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

On motion of Senator Whitmire and by unanimous consent, the Senate at 12:10 p.m. agreed to adjourn, upon completion of the introduction of bills and resolutions on first reading, until 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 25, 2013.

SENATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

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

SB 21 by Williams

Relating to drug screening or testing as a condition for the receipt of unemployment compensation benefits by certain individuals.

To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 200 by Patrick, Nichols

Relating to the continuation and functions of the State Pension Review Board.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 501 by West

Relating to venue for certain alleged violations or offenses under the Water Safety Act.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 502 by West

Relating to procedures for the placement of children with certain relatives or other designated caregivers.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 503 by West

Relating to the establishment of the Expanded Learning Opportunities Council to study and make recommendations concerning expanded learning opportunities for public school students.

To Committee on Education.

SB 504 by Deuell

Relating to eliminating the requirement that certain schoolchildren be screened for abnormal spinal curvature.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 505 by Deuell

Relating to an exemption from the licensing requirement for certain persons who measure or fit orthoses under the supervision of certain licensed health care practitioners.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 506 by Watson

Relating to an exemption from registration and regulation requirements for steam cookers.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 507 by Watson, Eltife

Relating to public and private facilities and infrastructure.

To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 508 by Watson

Relating to the conversion of the West Travis County Public Utility Agency to the Hill Country Regional Water Authority and to the creation of the Hill Country Regional Water Authority; providing authority to issue revenue bonds or notes; granting the power of eminent domain; providing an administrative penalty; providing authority to impose fees.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 509 by Williams, Whitmire

Relating to the establishment by school districts of a school security district; authorizing school district taxes for crime prevention measures.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 510 by Nichols

Relating to passing certain vehicles on a highway; providing a penalty.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 511 by Whitmire

Relating to the commitment of certain juveniles to local post-adjudication secure correctional facilities in certain counties and to the release under supervision of those juveniles.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 512 by Carona

Relating to the specialized telecommunications assistance program.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 513 by Davis

Relating to the regulation of saltwater pipelines by the Railroad Commission of Texas.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 514 by Davis

Relating to the installation, maintenance, operation, and relocation of saltwater pipeline facilities.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 515 by Eltife, Birdwell, Lucio, Van de Putte, Watson, Whitmire

Relating to the sale of malt liquor, ale, and beer by the holder of a brewpub license.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 516 by Eltife, Lucio, Van de Putte, Watson, Whitmire

Relating to the distribution of ale by certain brewers.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 517 by Eltife, Lucio, Van de Putte, Watson, Whitmire

Relating to the distribution of beer by certain manufacturers.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 518 by Eltife, Birdwell, Lucio, Van de Putte, Watson, Whitmire

Relating to the authority of certain brewers and manufacturers to sell beer and ale to ultimate consumers.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 519 by Deuell

Relating to the definition of autism and other pervasive developmental disorders.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 520 by Paxton

Relating to allowing persons acquiring a new residence homestead to receive an ad valorem tax exemption on the homestead in the year in which the property is acquired.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 521 by Paxton, Campbell, Lucio

Relating to the provision of and parental approval for a student's participation in human sexuality and family planning instruction in public schools.

To Committee on Education.

SB 522 by Estes

Relating to contested cases held under the Administrative Procedure Act.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 523 by Rodríguez

Relating to the issuance of permits for dairy farming in certain areas of the state.

To Committee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security.

SB 524 by Rodríguez

Relating to a study regarding the prohibition of dairy farming in certain areas of the state.

To Committee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security.

SB 525 by Rodríguez

Relating to physical activity requirements for students in public schools.

To Committee on Education.

SB 526 by Rodríguez

Relating to a prohibition on certain law enforcement inquiries regarding the nationality or immigration status of a victim of or witness to a criminal offense.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 527 by Rodríguez

Relating to the detention by local law enforcement agencies of certain persons subject to federal immigration detainers.

To Committee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security.

SB 528 by Rodríguez

Relating to examination requirements for wards and proposed wards in certain guardianship matters.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 529 by Ellis

Relating to the creation of the offense of installation, transfer, use, or possession of an automated sales suppression device or phantom-ware.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 530 by Birdwell, Hinojosa, Uresti, Van de Putte

Relating to the inclusion of the emblem of the veteran's branch of service on Disabled Veteran specialty license plates.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 531 by Duncan

Relating to self-insurance funds established by governmental units.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 532 by Van de Putte, Campbell, Davis, Huffman, Lucio

Relating to the prosecution and punishment of offenses related to trafficking of persons and to certain protections for victims of trafficking of persons.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 533 by Zaffirini

Relating to a review of cost savings to state agencies and institutions of higher education under energy savings performance contracts.

To Committee on Government Organization.

SB 534 by West

Relating to requiring permanency planning meetings for certain children in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 535 by West

Relating to exemptions from the sales and use tax for certain energy-efficient products.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 536 by Hinojosa

Relating to regulation of greenhouse gas emissions by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 537 by Deuell, Campbell, Schwertner

Relating to minimum standards for abortion facilities.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 538 by Rodríguez

Relating to the repeal of the offense of homosexual conduct.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 539 by Paxton

Relating to the classification of certain entities as primarily engaged in retail trade for purposes of the franchise tax.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 540 by Carona

Relating to the regulation, registration, and certification of inspectors for elevators, escalators, and related equipment.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 541 by Watson

Relating to annual reports regarding federal funding for state agencies.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 542 by Watson

Relating to alternative dispute resolution methods regarding educational services for students with disabilities, including individualized education program facilitation.

To Committee on Education.

SB 543 by Seliger

Relating to the authority of the Midland County Hospital District of Midland County, Texas, to employ and commission peace officers.
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 544 by Hancock

Relating to the transportation allotments provided under the Foundation School Program to school districts that permit students to select a campus of attendance.
To Committee on Education.

SB 545 by Hancock

Relating to the peace officers authorized to operate an authorized emergency service vehicle used to conduct a police escort.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 546 by Williams

Relating to continuing education requirements and a registration exemption for county tax assessor-collectors.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 547 by Hancock

Relating to the applicability of certain laws to open-enrollment charter schools.
To Committee on Education.

SB 548 by Hancock

Relating to the abolishment of the office of public insurance counsel.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 549 by Williams

Relating to penalties for engaging in organized criminal activity.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 550 by Uresti

Relating to the determination that a voter is deceased.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 551 by Uresti

Relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue to enhance and upgrade sports facilities in certain municipalities.
To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 552 by Uresti

Relating to an application filed with a county commissioners court to revise a subdivision plat; authorizing a fee.
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 553 by Uresti

Relating to certain high school students serving as early voting clerks in an election.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 554 by Campbell

Relating to the penalty for theft of an official ballot or official carrier envelope for an election.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 555 by Davis

Relating to provisions in protective orders regarding pets and other companion animals; providing a penalty.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 556 by Davis

Relating to the duties of the Texas Crime Stoppers Council to encourage individuals to report criminal activity related to trafficking of persons.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 557 by Davis

Relating to a voluntary contribution to the fund for veterans' assistance when applying for a driver's license or personal identification certificate.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations.

SB 558 by Davis

Relating to the rights of victims of sexual assault.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 559 by Duncan

Relating to the remittance dates of certain taxes and fees and the allocation dates of certain state money.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 560 by Ellis

Relating to authorization for biweekly installment payments for the compensation of certain justices, judges, and district attorneys.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 561 by Lucio

Relating to a study regarding school district transportation services and state and local resources available to fund those services.

To Committee on Education.

SB 562 by Carona

Relating to the license qualifications and continuing education requirements for polygraph examiners.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 563 by Hegar

Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to honor recipients of the Defense Superior Service Medal.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 564 by Hegar

Relating to the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 536; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 565 by Ellis, Deuell

Relating to the accommodation of pedestrians, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, children, senior citizens, users of public transportation, movers of commercial goods, and motorists on streets and highways.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 566 by Eltife, Nichols

Relating to the establishment of a pharmacy school at The University of Texas at Tyler.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 567 by Watson, Nichols

Relating to rates for water service, to the transfer of functions relating to the economic regulation of water and sewer service from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, and to the duties of the Office of Public Utility Counsel regarding the economic regulation of water service.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 568 by Watson

Relating to the registration of voters at a polling place and related procedures; modifying the penalty for the offense of false statement on a voter registration application.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 569 by Carona

Relating to the examination requirements for an insurance adjuster license.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 570 by Deuell

Relating to the appointment of reserve peace officers by a fire marshal.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 571 by Deuell

Relating to the exemption from sales and use taxes of certain health care supplies.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 572 by Taylor

Relating to the sale and purchase of shark fins or products derived from shark fins; creating an offense.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 573 by Patrick

Relating to equal opportunity for access by private and parochial school students to certain University Interscholastic League sponsored activities.

To Committee on Education.

SB 574 by Patrick

Relating to the option of providing electronic recordings of proceedings in the municipal court of record for the City of Houston.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 575 by Duncan

Relating to the offense of the unauthorized duplication of certain recordings.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 576 by Duncan

Relating to the abolishment of the small claims courts.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 577 by Duncan

Relating to filling vacancies in appellate judicial offices by appointment, partisan elections for all judicial offices, and nonpartisan elections for the retention or rejection for all judicial offices.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 578 by Duncan

Relating to use of countywide polling places for certain elections.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 579 by Rodríguez

Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund capital projects on the El Paso campus of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 580 by Rodríguez

Relating to license examination attempt limits for physicians.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 581 by Carona

Relating to procedures for securing the deposit of public funds.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 582 by Davis

Relating to swimming pool alarms and exit alarms for certain single-family homes; providing a civil penalty.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 583 by Carona

Relating to the use of and disbursements from the universal service fund.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 584 by Hegar

Relating to a volume-based exemption from reporting requirements for accidental discharges or spills from wastewater facilities.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 585 by Hegar

Relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue to enhance and upgrade sports facilities in certain municipalities.

To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 586 by Hegar

Relating to the priority of ad valorem tax liens on personal property subject to a purchase money security interest.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 587 by Hinojosa

Relating to the powers and duties of the Hidalgo County Water Control and Improvement District No. 19; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose fees and taxes.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 588 by Duncan

Relating to the Eastland Memorial Hospital District.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 589 by Hegar

Relating to the designation of certain river or stream segments as being of unique ecological value.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 590 by Deuell

Relating to a driver's license renewal appointment system for prospective anatomical gift donors.

To Committee on Transportation.

SCR 12 by Schwertner

Designating pecan pie as the official State Pie of Texas.

To Committee on Administration.

SCR 13 by Deuell

Declaring the City of Canton to be the Walking Capital of Texas.

To Committee on Administration.

SCR 15 by Uresti, Davis, Ellis, Hinojosa, Lucio, Rodríguez, Van de Putte, Watson, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini

Urging Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform.

To Committee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security.

SJR 33 by Williams, Whitmire

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing school districts to create school security districts and impose ad valorem taxes for crime prevention measures; authorizing a tax.

To Committee on Finance.

SJR 34 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 28

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senator Eltife will be shown as Co-author of **SB 28**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 173

On motion of Senator Estes, Senator Paxton will be shown as Co-author of **SB 173**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 186

On motion of Senator Carona, Senator Nelson will be shown as Co-author of **SB 186**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 515

On motion of Senator Eltife, Senator Nelson will be shown as Co-author of **SB 515**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 516

On motion of Senator Eltife, Senator Nelson will be shown as Co-author of **SB 516**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 517

On motion of Senator Eltife, Senator Nelson will be shown as Co-author of **SB 517**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 518

On motion of Senator Eltife, Senator Nelson will be shown as Co-author of **SB 518**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 532

On motion of Senator Van de Putte, Senator Birdwell will be shown as Co-author of **SB 532**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 565

On motion of Senator Ellis, Senator Davis will be shown as Co-author of **SB 565**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 6

On motion of Senator Estes, Senators Birdwell, Campbell, Fraser, Hancock, Hegar, Huffman, Lucio, Nelson, Paxton, and Seliger will be shown as Co-authors of **SCR 6**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 26

On motion of Senator Estes, Senator Campbell will be shown as Co-author of **SJR 26**.

RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

Memorial Resolution

SR 254 by Davis, In memory of Carolyn Jeanette Covington Bunting of Fort Worth.

Congratulatory Resolutions

SR 251 by Hinojosa, Recognizing Sam L. Susser for being named BorderFest's Border Texan of the Year.

SR 252 by Uresti, Celebrating Kinney County Day.

SR 253 by Ellis, Recognizing the naming ceremony of Hines Memorial Church of God in Christ in Texas City.

SR 257 by West, Recognizing Norman L. Robinson on the occasion of his 92nd birthday.

SR 258 by West, Recognizing the Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, on the occasion of the sorority's centennial.

SR 261 by Ellis, Commending David Ahmad Jackson for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

SR 262 by Watson, Commending Susan Paynter for her work in behalf of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

SR 263 by Watson, Recognizing the Austin Community Foundation on the occasion of its 35th anniversary.

SR 266 by Hegar, Congratulating the El Campo High School football team on its successful 2012 season.

Official Designation Resolutions

SR 264 by Nelson, Proclaiming February 26, 2013, Nurse Day at the Capitol.

HCR 49 (Duncan), Recognizing February 20, 2013, as Texas Tech University System Day at the State Capitol.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate at 12:28 p.m. adjourned until 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 25, 2013.

APPENDIX

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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JURISPRUDENCE — **SB 268, SB 250, SB 391, SB 390**

RESOLUTIONS ENROLLEDFebruary 19, 2013**SR 216, SR 220, SR 225, SR 230, SR 233, SR 238, SR 239, SR 241, SR 242, SR 243, SR 244, SR 245, SR 246, SR 247, SR 248, SR 249****SENT TO SECRETARY OF STATE**February 20, 2013**SCR 14**